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## THE CAMPBELL PRESS CELEBRATES ONE YEAR!



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A beautiful October weekend fueled the successful return of the 26th annual (well almost) Campbell Oktoberfest. For the first time since

members; some for the first time in more than a year. I spoke with several people telling me it was the first time they had been out any-



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# OKTOBEERFEST!



STEIN WINNER WITH DAN GORDON

where for that long. Many that attended brought their whole family; this including their grandparents so mom and dad could have a little fun. At the 'Biersch Gardens' between First and Central,



STEIN HOLDING COMPETITION

the virus changed our social gathering protocols, there was a sense of freedom in the air again, and this festival showed us that our lives might finally be back to a new semi-normal. The record crowds (of mostly unmasked people) traversed up and down Campbell Avenue over the weekend, clearly happy to see friends and family



POLKA DANCERS

I was serenaded by an accordion playing German-style polka for a costumed dance performance, and then watched festival Co-Sponsor Dan Gordon judge the stein holding competition. Local bands performed all weekend-



FIRST CALL

long on three stages spread out on the avenue, while street vendors peddled their wares to would-be buyers.



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# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Looking Northeast over Yosemite Valley

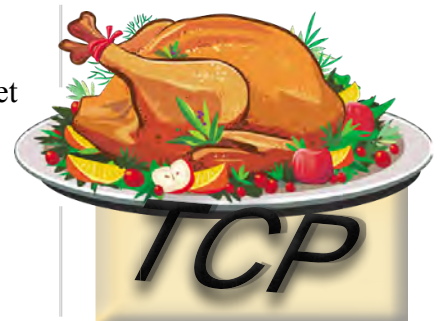
PIC OF THE MONTH

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ZUMBACISE!

The beer was flowing from one end of the street to the other, for a fun-filled four block party! Let the holiday season festivities begin!



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## WORD OF THE MONTH

### “INCONGRUENT”

In-kun-grew-unt

(adjective)

#### 1. Incompatible

“Since they began melting at different temperatures, the alloy material components appeared incongruent with each other.”



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## HAPPENINGS

### Ainsley House Fall Garden Concert Series:

Don't miss the fabulous and talented Ren Geisick (Jazz and Americana Singer / Songwriter) at the Ainsley House garden on Sunday, November 14.

Music begins at 2pm. The concert will take place outside. Tickets are \$25/person (includes 2 glasses of wine, sparkling non-alcoholic beverage, and light appetizers) and are on sale now at [www.campbellmuseums.com](http://www.campbellmuseums.com)

Holidays at the Ainsley House November 18 through December 19: The Ainsley House is ex-

cited to celebrate the Joys of the Season at the Ainsley House decorated for Christmas. The House will open for unguided walk through tours November 18. Public hours will be Thursday-Sunday, 11am-3pm. The wonderful holiday boutique will have gift items in select rooms inside the Ainsley House as well as the Carriage House. Holiday activity information and registration can be found at: [www.campbellmuseums.com](http://www.campbellmuseums.com)

Public unguided tours and Holiday Boutique: Nov 18-19/ Thurs-Sun, 11am-3pm  
Holiday pricing: Adult (\$10)/ Senior (\$8)/ Youth 7-17 (\$6)  
Photos with Santa Clause: December 4: 9am-12pm \$10/ Family, please bring your own camera  
Holiday Teas: Dec 2-5/ Dec 9-12 \$60/ general public \$50/

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## HERE'S HOWE



The anticipation and excitement of the re-opening of John D. Morgan park playground is rather understated. Nearly every day I am asked about it. I keep saying “Soon honey soon, patience is a virtue. It will be worth the wait.” For sometime now, many kids can't wait to experience this new “all-inclusive” style of park re-building. I stopped a construction worker and asked the obvious question. “We should be done very soon.” He replied. I am looking forward to

watching a full range of kids enjoy the brand new climbing structures, slides and more with even some new attractions



that weren't there before. Time will tell. Soon. Very soon.

SBI builders have recently demolished the building on Campbell Ave. between Gilman and Dillon Ave. that was once an auto store owned by

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## Campbell Recreational Events

### Storytime with Santa

Santa Claus will take time out of his busy holiday schedule to make this special annual event at the Campbell Community Center! Parents participate with their child/children. Santa will read a holiday story and children will have the opportunity to take a photo with Santa. This activity is popular and spaces are limited, so please register early! For more information or to register, visit [www.campbellca.gov/santa](http://www.campbellca.gov/santa).

### Pre-School Openings

Current Openings in the Campbell Recreation Pre-school program for the Kinder Kids (4-5.5 years) and the Kindergarten Prep (4.5-5.5 years). For more information or to register, visit [www.campbellca.gov/pre-school](http://www.campbellca.gov/pre-school).

### Thanksgiving Break Camps

Are you looking for plans for your child during the week of Thanksgiving? If so, we have a couple of camp options for you! For more information or to register click the links below.

### Art Beat Camps

Ages 5-10 years

### Week of Thanks

Monday-Wednesday  
9:00-12:00 PM, 1:00-4:00 PM

**Give Thanks** Friday 9:00-12:00 PM, 1:00-4:00 PM

### Cooking Camp

Ages 6 to 12 years

**Everything But the Turkey** Monday-Wednesday 9:00-1:00 PM

### Ainsley House

### Holiday Decorating

The Campbell Youth Commission is excited to be decorating a room at the Ainsley House this holiday

season! We would like to include local youth in our decorations and encourage all middle and high school students to submit a photo of anything that brings them joy!

Submit photos here by Nov 10th. <https://forms.gle/JY-weqFPFuV1cTTfW7>



## THEN AND NOW



A gloomy and rainy day over Campbell High School. The intersection at Winchester Blvd. and Campbell Ave only had a stop sign at that time with no traffic in sight! You can hardly see the main 2-story building behind the trees on the left where I took biology from a great teacher named Mr. Kuehnis. He made biology fun and drove a truck painted with zebra stripes. Photo courtesy: Campbell Historical Museum & Ainsley House/Susan



# Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation Begins... Part 1

N.O.W./HOW

The idea of creating a park to honor those that were instrumental in our lives and in our community is nothing new. John D. Morgan, Gomes, Stojanovich, and of course Edith Morley Park; named after beloved Park and Rec Director for her years of dedication and community leadership. So the hopes of finding a spot to honor our Veterans didn't seem too far fetched. Dan Furtado was one of the individuals who worked tirelessly to find the perfect place for all our local veterans to be honored. It began with a phone call from Mayor Furtado to Jim Free, who is the founder of The Veterans Memorial Foundation. On a cold Sunday morning in January 2007, the two veteran military men shared a laugh together over their work ethic, as they continued their search to find a spot for the Veterans Memorial. The city had no money for it at the time, but could perhaps find ways to raise some capital, and ask for donations. Jim made some calls to start a committee, and WWII Veteran George DePold was his first call. A Private at the time, George was on the initial landing force in the battle of Normandy; his job to disarm bombs and build a base

while they were still on fire, so it took some fast thinking handy work to successfully accomplish his mission. George had a lady waiting for him, and apparently how the term 'English war bride' came to be; his girl Daphne becoming the first woman to adopt the moniker. After the war, George and Daphne came to Campbell and settled in forever. Some of you may actually know their family! Next, was Dan Furtado and Ken Estep, who became a "Gold Star Dad", Mike Kotowski, artist and former Mayor of Campbell, and Bert Caro, a retired San Jose Policeman and art teacher at St. Lucy's, who came up with a rendering for a time-line wall, creating the initial vision for a memorial which soon began coming together. A committee was created, meeting once a week at Hobe's restaurant. The team worked hard on various plans, but ended with the original concept renderings that Caro had created. They still needed to secure a safe location so vandals wouldn't be an issue. They discussed having a wall display of military emblems in a quiet yet open setting, and be a place for peaceful reflection. They looked at over

twelve places that included Edith Morley Park, John D. Morgan Park and even the Community Center; which was later decided to be too active and noisy for such a sacred memorial. Bob Cass, Director of Public Works at the time, called Jim up and said there was a place he wanted him to take a look at. It was an open spot covered in ivy with a 100 year old olive tree; a branch traditionally representing a symbol of peace. It was a fairly quiet and peaceful location and it met Jim's vision. Bob asked, "What do you think of this spot?" As Jim looked around, he saw City Hall, the Civic Center, and the Police Dept. with plenty of parking nearby. Jim nodded, "Yes, this spot will work and really be the perfect place for the memorial." It was now June of that year, and within 6 months they had the stamp of approval by city leaders.

"If you build it, they will come."  
James Earl Jones -Field of Dreams

PART 2 continued next month...



## PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney

### November- The First Year Of The Campbell Press!

Halloween came and went and it's safe to say that everyone is in better "spirits" because of it.

The Campbell Press is celebrating its first year! It is important to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication from our contributing writers. Having the welcoming support of everyone involved has helped to serve this community in better ways. Together we will continue to build a more powerful voice and community platform, so we can always be in-the-know about important issues here that affect our daily lives.

Thank you for welcoming us which has been demonstrated by the strong readership. The Campbell Press has enjoyed all your encouragement with what has been done thus far. Whether its a new subscription, an ad placement, or a nice compliment left on our voicemail, the support we have received has been greatly appreciated, motivating us to continue our efforts to improve our services each and every month. It's also been a great honor to bring some of the history of this local newspaper back to life for you. The Press is here to serve this great community of neighborhoods and businesses. I have known many of you and recently

met some great people and we thank you for the camaraderie and patience with our older-style system along with a very helpful neighborly attitude. It's also confirmation and one of the reasons we brought the paper back and will continue to work harder to serve the community needs and requests. We hope to grow more each year to better serve you. We are always open to suggestions and ideas you may have and any topic you think we should know or write about to help us make this newspaper *your* newspaper.

Veterans' Day is coming up on the 11th, and for those in the Marines, you know that November 10th is the Marine Corps 246th birthday! We have so much to be grateful for, so please honor our Veterans and their families with a simple 'Thank you for your service.' An easy way to show your respect for their sacrifices they made for our American freedom, as well as our allies.

This month is the first of two parts on our Veterans Memorial Foundation Organization. (See story on this page)

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## CAMPBELL - LOS GATOS



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## NOVEMBER

### SERVICE & LEADERSHIP CLUBS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS HELP CLEAN-UP PARK

On Saturday, October 23, over 45 kids from the K-Kids Club at Blue Hills Elementary School in Saratoga and Van Meter in Los Gatos showed up to help the environment. Joined by Key Club members at Los Gatos High School, they picked up trash, no matter the size, from all around Oak Meadow Park and adjacent trails. It was especially important as there had been a huge event at Oak Meadow the day before, making it in need of a little more TLC than normal. They were joined by about 20 more adults from Kiwanis Clubs of Los Gatos, Saratoga, Willow Glen & Campbell, as well as their parents. After picking up trash for over an hour, they regrouped at the reserved pic-

nic area to have a BBQ and play some games. There were 10 pumpkins given away to the elementary students who found the 'x' on some cards that the Key Club had hidden and there was plenty of treats to be found as well. The event was so well-attended that the organizers almost ran out of food! They made it work, however, and it was a great time and learning experience for all.

The joint effort, organized by the Kiwanis Clubs of Los Gatos and Campbell, was part of a global day of community service that Kiwanis International does on the 4th Saturday of October, every year. This year was especially important, due to COVID-19 prohibi-

ing it from happening last year. "The kids learned how to help their community by picking up trash - while also learning why it is never good to litter!", said one of the mom's from Blue Hills.

Since the event was literally right before a big storm came through, it was a great day to be outside.

K-Kids Club is the student leadership club at elementary schools that is sponsored by local Kiwanis Clubs. Students learn leadership skills and community service, raising money for global and local causes as well. For more information, go to [www.lg-kiwanisgives.org](http://www.lg-kiwanisgives.org) or [www.campbellkiwanis.org](http://www.campbellkiwanis.org).

Last month started out with the our club stationed in front of the Safeway on Hamilton and Meridian Avenues on Friday and Saturday, October 1st and 2nd.

Typically, 'White Cane Days' involves asking people for donations to support sight conservation charities. In the past years, the two day event usually collects about \$1,000, but this year we totaled over \$1,700! Every penny will go to Lions affiliated charities such as 'Lions In Sight' (third world clinics), 'Lions Eye Foundation' (free eye surgeries), or 'Vista Center' (blind and visually impaired services).

On October 9th, several members participated in 'Rise Against Hunger' project at the Saint Francis Episcopal Church in San Jose. Dehydrated food products were packaged to be shipped to third world countries.

But the event that involved the most staffing and the most fun was serving beer at the Campbell Chamber of Commerce Oktoberfest! Since mother nature cooperated with temps in the 70's and 80's, its suffice to say that the beer was flowing. In fact, the booth ran out of wine by early Sunday afternoon!

On October 21st, there was an eyeglass verification event at the Vista Center. This involves determining the prescription of suitable eyeglasses and marking the information in individual plastic bags as the final step until they are sent for use in worldwide Lions clinics.

If anyone would like more information or would like to join us in any of these activities, please contact us at [wsjclions@gmail.com](mailto:wsjclions@gmail.com) or call David Kaplow at 408-982-6563. We also meet for lunch at the Denny's on Bascom Avenue near the Pruneyard on the first three Tuesdays of each month.



### Sushi Confidential; Strong Branding In South Bay Area

In the heart of downtown Campbell, is where you'll find one of the best Sushi restaurants around. This popular location with its great food, friendly service & reasonable prices, is a testament to their award winning menu. Locals, visitors and celebrities alike, all enjoy this popular 'GO-TO' place.

This First Sushi Confidential opened here in April 2012 where the Twist Cafe once stood; across from the Cardiff Lounge. Owner Randy Musterer, had a unique advantage and was one of the first to pivot early in the shutdown; closing for only one day to prepare for the new CDC guidelines. SC is growing with a location now in San Jose, concession stands at the Shark Tank and Shoreline Amphitheater. Another restaurant is soon to open in downtown Morgan Hill.

Randy had been working at Twist Cafe and when they left downtown, he renovated

the space and started with a few private events. It grew quickly after inviting the many contacts he built up through years of doing college dinner parties. He kept his day job and continued to build the business by hiring a General Manager. In 2015, he took over a location in downtown San Jose; once the Sonoma Chicken Coop.

His entrepreneurial mind was looking to partner with nearby SAP Center to bring his catering menu to the Shark Tank and he succeeded. They now have concession stands at Shoreline Amphitheater while their corporate catering events grow each year. Randy originally worked as a Biologist, but retired after 17 years. As a teen, he had a job working on fishing boats. He learned about sushi from the fisherman, and created a bond that enabled him to pay much less for it while on a student budget at Cal Poly. He then went

to fish markets where he made it and shared it with friends at college house parties. When Randy graduated, he began a career in cancer research. He continued to work part-time and learned how to perfect his sushi skills right here at Campbell and later on in Willow Glen. He learned and developed what people wanted in a sushi place; having the right choices, with the atmosphere of a sports bar. In 2010 he started a Sushi Sunday event selling tickets to aspiring people wishing to network and enjoy great sushi at the same time. When the pandemic hit, Randy's previous job in cancer research and on flu vaccine safety testing for infectious diseases gave him an advantage with Covid knowledge. He knew how to protect his employees and still run his business. Randy wasn't going to let a virus take his hard earned

business, so they followed the guidelines of the CDC. He still had to layoff 100 employees, but kept managers running the paired down organization. Randy then approached 'The Cupcake Factory' located just down the street. Since they weren't considered an essential business, he asked them to partner with him to offer their desserts and drinks for pick up. The local beer and hard liquor came from Los Gatos Soda Works. Sushi meals pack up well as "to go" food, and kids love it too! So the phone began ringing off the hook for 3-4 months because they were one of the first businesses to pivot under Covid conditions, and he slowly began to hire his employees back along with new ones. Randy hopes to open 10 to 15 more bay area locations since opening his first, and expand their brand of fresh sushi from Morgan Hill to San Francisco.

### Setting the Record Straight.

'Getting it right' These are corrections from the Cinelux Theatre article in our October 2021 issue.

First, Paul Gunsky is not a 'Jr.' since his late fathers name was 'Jack' who had started the theatre venture with Normal Paul in 1966. Norman soon bought a print shop on Winchester Blvd. that remained in his family for many years to come.

Second, Paul took over the business in 1995 and not 2019, as previously stated.

Third, The Almaden theatre complex was opened for company expansion, and not to 'give his son a job,' although his children did work at the theatres.

Lastly, there is also a Cinelux located in Brentwood, CA. Thanks to Cinelux for setting the record straight.



## THE MEDICARE ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

By now the flood of TV advertisements, Facebook pages, radio announcements, mailed postcards and pamphlets, etc. has begun. Why is there so much attention focused on Medicare enrollment? If you are currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan or a Medicare Drug Plan, this is the time to review your plan coverage. Every year there is a period known as the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) October 15 thru December 7. Every year you should review your Medicare coverage so you can change your plan coverage if needed. Advantage plan members receive information regarding plan changes such as a decrease or increase in co-pays, coinsurance, and out-of-pocket-maximums. There might be changes in the provider network (doctors, hospitals, clinics, etc.) and/or the drug formulary (list of drugs covered by your plan). You can switch plans and even drop your plan and return to Original Medicare. If you do drop your Medicare Advantage Plan, make sure you enroll in a Medicare drug plan. Medicare requires that you have drug coverage or you will be fined. Any changes made at this time become effective January 1. If you have a Medicare drug plan, (PDP) the insurance company providing the drug plan mails you an Annual Notice of Change. Even if the number or type of

prescription drugs you currently use hasn't changed, please check the notice. Changes may include an increase or decrease in monthly premiums, the annual plan deductible, the drug formulary, and/or the drug tiers, or perhaps your prescriptions may have changed. You just might lower your costs by shopping around. It's never too early to ask for help from your Medicare agent. Your agent is your advocate.

You can use the Medicare plan finder tool at: [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE to find plans in your area. Using a Medicare Insurance Agent is helpful to give you the expertise and answer all your questions instead of waiting for a Center for Medicare customer service to become available at this busy time. With Medicare drug plans, please be aware that besides monthly premiums, check to see if your pharmacy is preferred or in a network, the cost of your prescription drugs, the drug deductible, and co-pays too. Star ratings and total out of pocket expenses are important. Remember, your agent can help verify details and is always your advocate. During the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP), if you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan with drug coverage (MA-PD), you can change plans as many times as

you want. However, the last plan you choose and submit by December 7th will determine which Medicare Advantage Plan covers you effective on January 1st. Medicare drug plans can also be changed several times, however the same rule applies. The last plan you enroll in will be your Medicare drug coverage and effective January 1st. If you want to change from a Medicare Supplement and Medicare drug plan, you can enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan with drug coverage (MA-PD) also effective January 1st. The Medicare Advantage plan replaces the Medicare supplement AND drug plan. Use a knowledgeable agent to advise you regarding the rules for AEP.

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## CAMPBELL COMMUNITY TOY PROGRAM KICKS OFF ITS 37TH YEAR



The Campbell Chamber Community Foundation and its community partners have launched their efforts to kick off the 37th Annual Campbell Community Toy Program, which runs from the week of Thanksgiving through the end of the year. The annual program begins with Christmas in July, where local retail establishments display collection boxes for financial donations to the program. The collection boxes will be redistributed and remain out until the end of 2021.

In 2020, even with the extra restrictions placed on the program due to COVID, there were over 2,300 underprivileged children who qualified and received toys. Eligible families are made up of students from within the Campbell Union School District. These children in need reside in Campbell and some adjacent areas of San Jose and Los Gatos.

It is estimated that this community-based program has given back over a million dollars to those in our community who need a helping hand.

In 1984, Jane Kennedy (Campbell Mayor, 2000, 2005 & 2009) started the Campbell Community Toy Program. Since then, several organizations have worked together to keep this program alive. These partners include the Campbell Chamber, Downtown Campbell Business Association, the City of Campbell, including Campbell Police, Santa Clara County Fire Department, the Home Church, Campbell Union School District, local service groups like Rotary Community Corps, Kiwanis and many others.

This year the Community Toy Program will again be working with the American Cancer Society to support local families with children or parents who are receiving treatment and may not be able to provide gifts on their own. Last year, an additional 40-plus families



were serviced through the American Cancer Society.

Over the years, a number of community events have also been added to help support the Toy Program. These events include the Peace on Earth lighting at The Pruneyard, Carole of Lights in Downtown Campbell, Cookies & Crafts with Santa at the Community Center and Making Spirits Bright, an evening fundraising event sponsored by the Campbell Chamber at Darling-Fischer. All of the events with the exception of Making Spirits Bright have been postponed again this year due to COVID. The Making Spirits Bright event will be held on Thursday, December 9, from 5:00pm-7:30pm at Darling-Fischer.

Another fun event added last year, which will continue again this year is, Santa Claus in Coming to Town, which will take place on Saturday, December 11th and 18th, when Santa Claus is driven around Campbell neighborhoods under escort from the Campbell Police Department and Santa Clara County Fire.

Collection boxes will be placed around town beginning the week of November 22nd. Toy collection will also take place at numerous “fill-a-truck” events throughout the months of November and December. In lieu of

collecting toys at individual fire stations, as they have in past years, Santa Clara County Fire will also be establishing a number of “fill-a-truck” events.

Toys and gifts for all ages 14 and under are needed. You can drop off a new, unwrapped toy at any of the drop off locations, or you can shop from the Foundation’s Amazon Wish List. Items purchased will be delivered directly to the Campbell Community Toy Program.

Community volunteers join together to donate, gather, organize and distribute thousands of gifts through the program each year. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit the Toy Program web site for more information.

Complete information on the program is available at [www.campbelltoyprogram.com](http://www.campbelltoyprogram.com).

## Money Empowerment *by Jill* A TIME FOR GIVING



As we near the end of 2021 and dive into the holiday season, I give myself space to reflect on what I am grateful for and how I can give to others. Although, giving is a great practice year round, there is something about this season that makes it feel just a little more magical.

If giving is not part of your current financial plan, here are some tips to help make it so.

Where do you want to give? Ask yourself which organizations align with your values and why. Support organizations that feel good to you. Do some research to ensure that they are legitimate and that your gifts are distributed per your expectations.

Giving through certain charities have the added benefit of a tax write off. However, if that is not important to you, then you may find another way of helping people out.

For example, each year my family purchases bikes for children in low income households. Our neighbors get together and build these bikes. This melts our hearts to see the dedication of neighbors and the thoughts of the kids getting a brand new bike, something they never thought they would have.

Be creative when deciding where and how you choose to give and be sure it’s

something that is important to you.

What amount do you give? Give what you are comfortable giving. If you are having difficulty paying your current bills, then perhaps find a non-financial way to give. If you can swing financial gifts, then pick an amount that works for you. Giving should not cause you more money stress. Give from the heart and give what you can.

Incorporating giving funds into your budget. There are a number of ways to incorporate your giving into your budget. If you are giving to a charity then you may want to have a specific amount automatically deducted from your bank account each month, or after each paycheck.

If you prefer to give tangible items, or to give to multiple places, you may want to create a budget category for “giving” and set aside a particular amount of money each month, giving you the flexibility to give throughout the year, save for a particular one time event, or just have the money available for an unexpected way to help someone out.

Studies suggest that the act of giving is just plain good for you and others. There is always someone or some cause that could use some help.

So, if you haven’t already, add a little something into your monthly budget. If you just cannot swing it, that’s okay. I am sure you have talent or time to give in other ways.

All the best,  
Jill

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By Sergio Lopez



A major issue on the City's agenda last month was a joint study session with the Council and Planning Commission on the city's draft housing element. Here is some information from the City of Campbell about the process: "Campbell needs new housing for its current and future residents to ensure its long-term future as a community. [Campbell] is assigned a number as part of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment ... [as] determined by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, or HCD, and distributed at the local level by ... the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). Based on the methodology adopted by ABAG, the City must plan for 2,977 new housing units between 2023 and 2031."

This year's planning process differs from past ones: new state legislation carries severe penalties for cities that fail to adequately plan for new units. These penalties include legal and financial risk for cities, as well as the loss of local control. In other words, in order to ensure that Campbell residents maintain their own voice regarding these important issues, we must plan for those 2,977 new units (as well as an additional percentage of "buffer" recommended by HCD).

There are important and complex questions to be considered as part of

this process: should new housing units be spread out or concentrated in particular areas? How does housing growth intersect with the growth of jobs and businesses? I encourage you to make your voice heard on these questions and more, as all residents have experiences they can share that will ensure a better and more comprehensive process.

I was impressed by all the outreach the City had done so far: sending a postcard about the process to every mailing address on file and an email to those it had available. But while the City is dedicated to outreach, all of us can sometimes miss pieces of mail or overlook an email — so here's how you can get involved.

The City of Campbell has a dedicated webpage for upcoming events and other useful information relating to "Campbell's Plan for Housing," which you can view here: <https://campbell.generalplan.org/housing-element>. On that webpage, you'll find information about the upcoming meetings, where you can learn more and share your opinions. (Meetings are virtual and/or in-person — there are multiple options for what works best for you).

October marked the beginning of this process, but in order to draft and submit a plan on time, we have a short time frame, and currently, the fourth and final community meeting on the topic (in addition to City Council and Planning Com-

mission meetings) is scheduled for December 1st.

I'll close by offering a thought I shared at the study session: sometimes this topic is framed as a choice between whether we will allow the City of Campbell to grow or not. However, we've also received our latest census numbers, and in the past decade, the City of Campbell grew by about 10% — without corresponding growth in the number of housing units. What this tells us is that Campbell is growing regardless of the policy choices we make — but we risk overcrowding and other quality of life issues unless we make smart planning decisions.

The role of the City Council, with the help of the public, is to ensure we balance all these factors with the needs of the community — so that Campbell continues to thrive and serve all its residents.

Sergio Lopez is Councilmember for the City of Campbell. This column represents his personal views only.



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the well-known Paul Del Grande. At one time it was the only place in town for car parts and repair. The building sat empty for years and was an eyesore. The 'On The Corner Music' Hi-fi and record store that was there has moved to 1737 Park Ave, San Jose.

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I am also excited to give some well needed attention to our schools, teachers and parents, by sharing more information that affects us all. This month, we will begin a new section to promote knowledge and start a dialog about the future

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of the classroom; ongoing concerns we have for the current educational process, and the ultimate safety for our children attending. A dedicated and valued Campbell resident and grade school teacher talks about the trials and tribulations of virtual teaching

and the additional efforts it takes to succeed in these trying times. Don't miss it! Have a Wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!





## Silicon Valley's Best Downtown

by Chris Jackson

It was close for a long time: Los Gatos, Saratoga, Mountain View, and Campbell all battling it out for best downtown. Willow Glen made a strong move toward the top, and Saratoga fell back. San Jose built its downtown around the Sharks and generated quite a buzz. Murphy Ave. in Sunnyvale has always been fun, and Los Altos has an elegant downtown so big that it takes up several streets and keeps on growing!

Nevertheless, for the past couple years, it's been apparent it would be up to Campbell to dethrone Los Gatos for best downtown. This past year, the crowds who turned out for both the Boogie Music Festival Remixed in August and for Oktoberfest—both in downtown Campbell—solidified the #1 spot for Campbell.

I performed at both festivals. All the downtowns I've mentioned are dear to me, as I've seen them bring people together my whole life. I was born in San Jose, so seeing San Jose get San Pedro Square and surrounding the area going was a fun surprise for me (go Sharks!). Los Gatos is always a good time: I performed there with my guitar this past summer and the crowds were awesome, albeit, not Campbell sized. In the pic I'm smilin' because I just jammed a Doobie Brothers song with the band you see behind me, First Call, at Campbell's recent Oktoberfest. I suppose out of all the cities in the South Bay, I've played the most gigs in downtown Campbell. Bands like mine could always get gigs at The Bodega, Smokey Mountain, Puma's, The King's Head, Boswell's in the Pruneyard, and at the many festivals in downtown Campbell. The crowds were awesome, and you'd see people from San Jose, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and yes, Los Gatos at those gigs every time. They knew exactly where to go. And we knew exactly where to eat after those gigs—Taco Bravo. And it's still there! Boswell's is now the Cedar Room at the new Pruneyard Cinemas, and live music and comedy is al-



I'm smilin' because I just jammed a Doobie Brothers song with the band you see behind me, **First Call**, at Campbell's recent Oktoberfest.

ready busting out. There's even talk of some guy named Chris Jackson playing his piano or guitar there at some point.

**Ok Campbell, you win.**

Chris Jackson can be heard on 98.5 KFOX The South Bay's Classic Rock, weekdays 6am-9am



Here I am later that night in downtown Campbell at Oktoberfest, where I got my face painted before scaring the sushi. ☺

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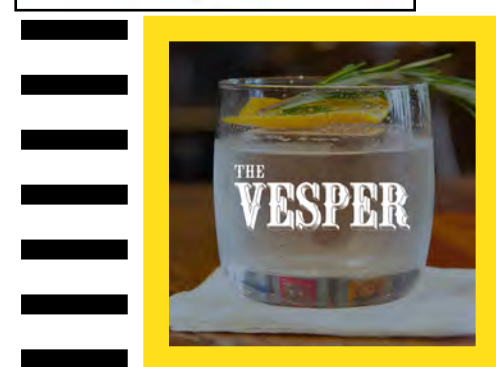
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<b>Thursday, Nov 4</b> 6:00pm Blues Jam
<b>Friday, Nov 5</b> 6:00pm Seeking Attention
<b>Saturday, Nov 6</b> 6:00pm Mitch Polzak
<b>Wednesday, Nov 10</b> 7:00pm Scotty G's Wednesday Night Blues Jam
<b>Thursday, Nov 11</b> 7:00pm Blues Jam
<b>Friday, Nov 12</b> 7:00pm Misguided Saints
<b>Saturday, Nov 13</b> 7:00pm Ghosts of Calico
<b>Wednesday, Nov 17</b> 8:00pm Knee Deep
<b>Thursday, Nov 18</b> 7:00pm Blues Jam
<b>Friday, Nov 19</b> 7:00pm Chain of Fools
<b>Saturday, Nov 20</b> 7:00pm Seven Shades of Grey
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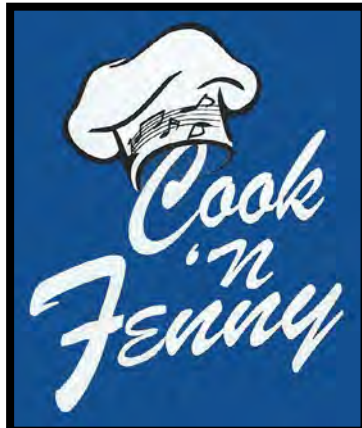
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**FRI 12** Lavender Fields



November 6th Gilroy 1-4 Church Greek Cellular



**SAT 13** Fondue Saturdays



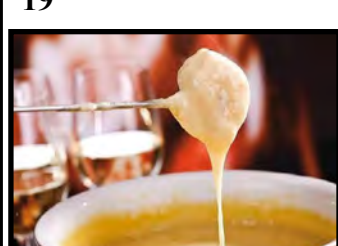
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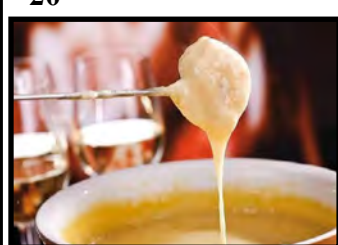
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**FRI 19** Blue House



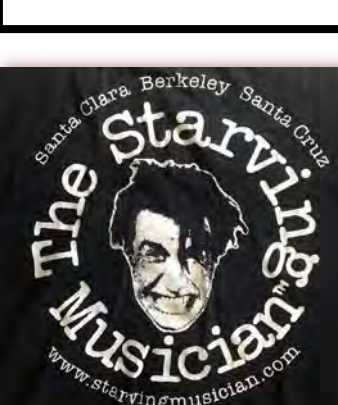
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## CHUCK E. CHEESE PIZZA TIME THEATER

NOLAN'S PLAYS OUT HIS WILD DREAMS WITH HYPER-TALENTED TEAMS

By Matthew C. Howe

### Part 3 DISNEYLAND OF THE NORTH

In the last issue I had just started to learn about many things Nolan had up his sleeve. He was a bear of a man, standing quite tall with broad shoulders yet he never intimidating in that way and was always cordial and friendly. I will never forget the time he invited the entertainment Dept. to see his Catalyst building off of Lawrence Expressway. Inside this long narrow 2-story building were several start-up ideas he was developing. It was not unlike winning a Willy Wonka golden ticket! After we entered the building, Nolan soon popped out in a black long-tailed coat and top hat spinning a shiny scepter in his hand like a drum major. It was quite a spectacle and reminded me of Gene Wilder's first appearance in the 1971 movie. The scepter had a large diamond like crystal on one end and when he held it out in front of him something this side of a miracle happened. Out from behind him appeared a 4-foot high silver robot that took voice commands from him performing various tasks... Wait... whaaaatt?? This was the first of several mind-blowing incubator company ideas housed within the walls there which included talking stuffed bears; but more on all that later. Nolan left Atari taking a multimillion dollar settlement and the rights to Chuck E Cheese along with him. Bushnell had also agreed to sign a non-compete agreement that stated he couldn't compete in the video game industry for five years; Atari knowing good and well his future intentions and the danger he imposed to them in the video game marketplace.

The first six months working for "Chucky" it seemed to be going well. I had never had a job before that I couldn't wait to get to and didn't want to leave. The entertainment department was expanding with new life. Some referred to us as the

"Disneyland of the North." At times it did have elements of a first drop on a thrill-ride coaster. I remember some key creative folks left soon after I arrived there, leaving only their legacy behind while off to seek fame and fortune. One such brilliant mind was Randy, who was a member of the Flying Karamozov Brothers. They acted out a performance filled with jokes, magic tricks on stage together while juggling bowling pins and other odd items. The perfect Vegas show.

together "live" interacting together just like a radio show. I chose to record the characters from left to right just as they were on stage. I tested all the mics multiple times going back and forth from studio and control room since I didn't have an assistant; I kept thinking back to when I was first hired when I thought I was going to be that guy yet I counted my blessings. (see our September issue) I recorded my own voice

But you couldn't help but listen to Gene. He made sure of it. One of his biggest claims to fame was writing the famous jingle for Hershey's chocolate



By now my daily responsibilities at "Chucky" were often challenging, diverse and sometimes downright when delving into the unknown. This started to be commonplace. But one of my main job responsibilities was to record the actors that voiced the characters for the shows that played in the Pizza Time Theatre restaurants. The various actors from LA and New York would soon be in that day and I still had more things to prepare for the sessions. I had come in early that day to setup the studio with 6 matching mics setup on boom stands side by side along with music stands for their scripts since they would perform the show

to the large multitrack tape machine to be sure I had it all right, and was satisfied it was all working to my satisfaction. The talent would soon start trickling in but before they did, Composer-Arranger Gene Patrick would Arrive. Speaking of characters, Gene was full of personality. A 60 year old silver-haired confident, cocky, and demanding making him somewhat intimidating and given any free moment in time, would be more than happy to rattle off his latest and greatest accomplishments. His credit list was quite impressive. I never thought my list would ever be anything compared to his, but 40 years later its an impressive who's who of music entertainers too.

bars. Some of you would remember it. It was only 11 notes and 5 pitches and was written to: "Hershey's, the great American chocolate bar." Aha! See I knew some of you would remember that one! Gene wrote, arranged and composer music for Great America theme parks and all their theater shows nationwide, so this was just an extension of what he was good at and he was getting paid VERY well too. Gene was in his 60's at the time; a seasoned pro who lived in Texas and had that Texan drawl I was getting accustomed to. Gene was used to working quickly and challenged me to work fast and efficiently. He was extremely demanding and

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## DIG IT...with SAM



## NOVEMBER

### ONIONS ANYONE?

**Don't cry for me Sweet Vidalia**". Sorry, I just couldn't resist. Yes, it is finally time to get those onions and garlic in the ground, and Vidalia's are my personal favorite. Gardening-wise, there are two varieties of onions, long and short day. The planting cutoff point between the two varieties is San Francisco, so my focus will be on short day varieties.

There are three types of onions: single bulbs, sometimes called "sets", which are commercially grown from seed and sold as small onion bulbs. Then there are multiplier onions like shallots and green onions and also tree types such as chives. When buying onion sets note that the color description refers to the skin on the onion and not the inside.

Onions and garlic need lots of light, 10 to 12 hours, regular water and sometimes light fertilization. Onions grown from sets have a tendency to produce more plant and less onion in the ground and this is why it is best to plant from small starts. Starts refers to plants that have not yet formed bulbs. Now is the time to get whatever onion you choose in the ground to allow for winter rains to keep them moist. They will grow vegetatively

throughout the winter and not "bulb" up until spring. Varieties such as Yellow, White Bermuda, Maui, Vidalia and Excel are sweeter but poor keepers overall. Torpedo onions are not as sweet as other short day varieties. Long day varieties have a tendency to taste stronger.

An acid soil with pH from 6 to 7 is best for onions along with a rich, well drained soil that should not dry out during the growing season. This might mean supplemental watering this winter. Allow enough room for your plants to bulb out and avoid planting too close together. If planting with seeds, it is a good idea to thin throughout the growing season, using the thinned plants in salads. An all purpose fertilizer, used after germination and at half strength will provide enough nutrition to keep your plants healthy. Do not use sulfur on your soil as it adds pungency to onions making them bitter. Using compost is the easiest and best way to neutralize the soil to create the proper pH for success.

Onion seeds are only viable for one year. This is important to note if you enjoy saving seeds from season to season or buying discounted seeds. Keeping the onion bed well weeded will help your plants grow

better as they don't like the competition from weeds or other plants.

Bunching onions like scallions grow pretty much anywhere they can get full sun and regular water and should be harvested as needed. Some excellent varieties for our valley include Evergreen white, Southport White, Sweet Spanish and White Lisbon.

Chives produce a light purple flower which can be used in salads along with the green stalks. After the flowers bloom, cut back the plants to about 4 inches and allow to re-bloom.

It is time to harvest onions when the tops turn yellow and fall over. Stop watering for a few days, dig them up and allow them to rest for a few days before using. Too much water after the tops have yellowed will encour-

age rotting. When planting garlic the cloves should not be separated from the main bulb until you are ready to plant. The size of the clove is proportionate to the overall size of the ma-

ture bulb. Do not remove the paper skin from the clove before planting.

The November Old Time Farm and Garden Show on K K U P falls on Thanksgiving day this year. It will be a day of music. Our next scheduled show is December 23. Hope you can join us.



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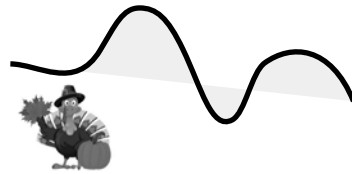
Well, here we are again... Halloween is over, and the clock is ticking until Thanksgiving and Christmas. It really creeps up on us, doesn't it? I remember last year sharing some ideas for Christmas gifts, and thoughts on giving during the Holidays. This year, I'm actually putting this out there with plenty of time to figure out your situation, and make a plan for yourself that will benefit you, your friends and family, and your budget. So, invest a few minutes to develop a strategy that can help make this the best Christmas ever! The following are some ideas that I've learned over the years, ones that I think are worth considering. The biggest "issue" that most people run into is a shortage of money. If this is you, it's time to look at what is really important during this time of year, and figuring out how to make things work out best for you. Have you ever considered making a gift for someone? I have done this in the past, and a few years ago, I actually made my grandson a Geoboard. If you don't know what that is, do a Google search. There are many different designs, and they are a bit time consuming but very easy to make. It has become sort of an heirloom, and the other two grand kids have had their time playing with this fun, educational "toy." If you search the internet for "easy to make gifts for children", or whatever age person you have in mind, you'll be amazed at what pops up. Etsy is another resource for gift ideas. Other gift ideas can be trips, events, movies, etc., whatever fits into your budget. When my daughter was three, we went on our first date. She wore a dress, I wore a suit, and we went to Black Angus. It was really fun. It was the first of many date-nights for us as she grew up. I share this because when she was 21, and dating her now-husband, she was going camping with him and his family, and was going to miss my birthday. Before she left,

she said to me "Daddy, I'm gonna miss your birthday, but I already know what I'm going to get you." I looked at her and smiled...I knew she didn't really have much money, and I wasn't really expecting anything. But when I asked her what she was getting me, my heart melted. "I'm going to take you on a date. Remember how we used to go on dates? Well, I'm taking you on one." That meant so much to me, I will never forget it. What a great, inexpensive way to celebrate with a loved one. My point is this...put some thought into the gifts you're giving. Let me ask you this; if you spend money you don't have on a gift for someone, is it really a gift? Would you want someone who doesn't have much money spending money they don't have on a gift for you? I wouldn't. The gift of time is something special that will last far longer than any material item you could give. It's perfectly fine to say to someone "We're cutting back on gifts this year, so I'd like to take you out for coffee (or ???) to celebrate our friendship" or something similar. We really need to look at priorities in our lives, and see what really matters to us. As you make your Christmas list this year, think very carefully about what you could give a friend or relative that will really be special to them. They may not remember that video game you gave them years ago, but that day at the beach you gave them will be a memory they will cherish. The time to start is now! We've got about two months until Christmas. Plenty of time. No excuses. Start your list. As you look at each person, think about what you could give them that would create a long lasting memory they will look back on fondly. This year my wife and I are really focusing on gifts for our grandkids that will foster growth and new interests. They have

by Jay Harnden

enough "stuff" around the house. Why not a couple of ski lessons? Horseback riding lessons? An outing to the batting cages? The possibilities are endless. Be creative, but stay within your means. Wouldn't it be wonderful to make this the best Christmas ever? You can do it! But you need to start NOW! Get some ideas on paper, and get your creativity flowing. I would like to get your feedback regarding Christmas gifts you've given that you either made, or that didn't cost a fortune. If you email your ideas to me, I'll put them in the next issue of Coach's Corner so that we can share your ideas with others. My email is: Jay@famcoach.com. I really look forward to hearing from you...remember that your input can benefit other people who need a bit of help during this time of year. Happy Thanksgiving!

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I had the delightful pleasure of returning to Campbell in October after several years' absence and I was struck by how much the city had changed in a positive way. It has retained its charm while developing an artistic, avant-garde almost bohemian lifestyle. Quality restaurants abound. With my interests, I was particularly taken by FLIGHTS at 368 E. Campbell Avenue, and enjoyed their New York strip steak.

On the weekend afternoons and evenings, Campbell comes alive with what would appear to be visitors from the surrounding communities who used to go into San Jose for shopping and dining.

In contrast, the City of San Jose was quite a disappointment. It seemed to have lost its charm. It was almost as if the qualities that were once there had migrated to Campbell! Somehow, the cosmopolitan feel had vanished and their shopping malls seemed to have disappeared as well.

When I arrived at San Jose International Airport (SJC) I really was impressed by their COVID-19 precautions to help slow the spread of the virus. Wearing of facemasks is mandatory inside terminal buildings. Hand sanitizers are provided at high touch areas and sanitizing wipes at TSA security screening checkpoints.

However, what really tickled me was the presence of a Baby Grand Piano in the arrivals hall just next to the Information Desk. I checked and yes, you are welcome to tinkle the ivories. At the information



A Chickering grand piano awaits a player

desk, there happened to be present a young woman who worked with the team that looked after the airport website and I commended her on their efforts. You can see for yourself at [www.flysanjose.com](http://www.flysanjose.com)

I inquired about transportation to Campbell and was advised that a taxi from the rank would probably be the quickest route. This was to be an electrifying moment for me because it was a Green Car operation on electric power! Silent and smooth, it was contributing to the environment.

The VTA Light Rail system is a great asset to the community and I surmised that it could be the ideal way to travel to the airport from Downtown Campbell. In theory, yes it is, in practice, it needs some work.








VTA Route 60 supposedly operates from Metro/Airport (on the Green Line) station to SJC, but when I alighted at that stop I could not find any clear signage to show me where to join the bus. Fortunately I was just checking the system to see if it worked and not rushing for a flight. It's something that the VTA could easily fix and would encourage passengers to use public transportation.



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# Campbell Crime Report

by Karen Smith

**1600-1700 block S. Bascom Ave.:** Suspect damaged victim 1's vehicle. Shortly thereafter, Suspect was located as he was trying to break the window to Victim 2's vehicle. Suspect was apprehended and determined to be under the influence of a controlled substance. Suspect booked.

**600 block E. Campbell Ave.:** Suspect, white male approximately 40-50 years old, stole items and fled. Report taken.

**2200 block S. Bascom Ave.:** Suspect stole a road bike. Report taken.

**2300 block S. Winchester Blvd.:** Suspect pushed one of the employees. Suspect was contacted and arrested. Suspect booked.

**200 block E. Campbell Ave.:** Suspect caused a disturbance and was determined to be too intoxicated to care for himself. Suspect booked.

**Third St. / Civic Center Dr.:** Victim alleges that Suspect followed her to annoy her after a child custody visitation. Sent to District Attorney.

**2500 block S. Winchester Blvd.:** Suspect was contacted and determined to be too intoxicated to care for himself. Suspect Booked.

**200 block E. Campbell Ave.:** Victim was knocked out by Suspect 1. Suspect 2 was involved in a fight too and determined to be too intoxicated to care for himself. Both Suspects were arrested and booked.

**200 block E. Campbell Ave.:** Suspect, 34-year-old female, was determined to be too intoxicated to care for herself and was arrested.

**200 block E. Campbell Ave.:** Suspect, 45-year-old female, was determined to be too intoxicated to care for herself and was arrested.

**1700 block W. Campbell Ave.:** Suspect shoved Victim twice, and threatened to kill her. A probation hold was granted for the Suspect. Suspect booked.

**300 Orchard City Dr #101 (Khartoum):** Victim, 45-year-old male from San Francisco, and Suspect, 27-year-old from Los Gatos, got into an argument. Suspect attacked and punched Victim several times. Victim is believed to have suffered a concussion. Suspect later surrendered and was booked.

**570 E. Hamilton Ave. (Shell gas):** Suspect, 63-year-old, transient male, called and said he was injured. Suspect was placed on a mental hold and taken to Valley Medical Center (VMC)/Emergency Psychiatric Services (EPS).

**Hamilton Ave./Leigh Ave.:** Suspect, 47-year-old male from San Jose, was stopped for a California Vehicle Code violation. Suspect

was under the influence of a controlled substance and was arrested.

**200 block Railway Ave.:** Suspect was contacted and fled from officers and was later apprehended. Suspect had a concealed knife on him, drug paraphernalia, and had multiple warrants. Report taken.

**100 block Carlyn Ave.:** An unknown Suspect slashed the tires to Victim's vehicle. Victim has also been receiving harassing texts from an ex. Report taken.

**600 block Allerton Loop:** An unknown Suspect accessed Victim's account and withdrew money. Report taken.

**Curtner Ave. / Union Ave.:** Suspect was stopped for a California Vehicle Code violation. He was determined to be driving under the influence. Suspect booked.

**San Tomas Expressway / Budd Ave.:** Suspect was stopped for a California Vehicle Code violation. Suspect admitted to consuming

alcohol and had objective symptoms. Suspect booked.

**Winchester Blvd. / Kennedy Ave.:** Suspect was stopped for a California Vehicle Code violation, and was determined to be driving under the influence. Suspect booked.

**Bascom Ave. / Stokes St.:** Suspect was stopped for a California Vehicle Code Violation. Suspect possessed a canister of pepper spray and was a prohibited person. Suspect booked.

**600 block N Central Ave.:** Four Suspects removed the catalytic converter from a 2006 Honda Accord.

**300 block Orchard City Dr.:** Suspect was located in a stolen vehicle with shaved keys. Suspect booked.

**1700 block W Campbell Ave.:** An unknown Suspect forced entry into Victim's vehicle and stole items. Report taken.

**500 block Division St.:** Suspect forced entry into a shed and stole a tool. Report taken.

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# Thanks To A Global Pandemic; The Campbell Press Celebrates Year One!

*A personal perspective on Howe it all came to be*  
By Matthew C. Howe

In early March of 2020, I received a phone call from a friend asking me what was up with the Campbell 'Express.' He said he hadn't been able to reach anyone there for awhile. At that time I really didn't know much about it since I hadn't been involved with it much since 2016. He went on to say he was getting desperate to renew his DBA that was soon to expire and wondered if he should go another route, since no one had returned his calls and after stopping by the office on several occasions during normal business hours he found it closed. I thought this was a bit odd, so with extra time on my hands I never knew I would have, I decided to look into it. I still had a key to the office door and after a brief investigation it appeared that the newspaper had been... abandoned? The landlord told me he hadn't seen any activity for a few months, and there saw a stack of unpaid bills piled on the desk. I became concerned since all correspondence appeared to be at a standstill as well as the newspaper itself; quite evident after pushing play on the answering machine that flashed 33 new messages. Playing out before me were many questions, frustrations and even some threats; all related to a lack of communication, as call after call from subscribers asked why they hadn't received the last few issues. I prayed that nothing bad had happened. I felt sorry for those that called, wanting to return their calls before threats of legal action became more than just a threat. It really wasn't my place to respond, but I felt a need to stop the snowball effect and all the negative "press" that was building up from various sources, and perhaps lead these people out of the dark. Repeated messages continued with elevated aggravation. My sleuthing side took over, trying to find out why it was seemingly abandoned,



but really to no avail. I heard a few rumors but couldn't prove a single one. A couple weeks earlier, I had met Nancy Whitney at a Kiwanis Meeting. She asked me similar questions my friend had but with a slight twist. She didn't just



hint at the idea the community needs the iconic paper, she made it clear to me that she was determined to make it happen, and had asked for my help. Her will that day frightened me, and somehow I knew she meant business. After moving from Rochester, NY in the late 70's with her musical brother, we recently discovered one of the first bands she saw in Campbell and liked was a band called Dreamer at a local club called Smokey Mountain (now the Tower Grill) and well, I just happen to be in that band. Small world. But it gets even smaller. Although Nancy knew who I was before the Kiwanis meeting, and she did look familiar to me, we couldn't place any real date or time on it, and let it go by. But as time grew on and we got

to talking. It turns out we know nearly all the same musicians in the area, and have several mutual friends for over 40 years! What I didn't know was that she is the sister of one of my favorite people. Her brother, Jack! "Jacko" as he was known to many of us, was a highly respected keyboardist in the area playing for years in "The Garage Band" as well as stints with many other local and regional acts. Being a keyboardist myself, Jacko and I spoke the same Language. He worked and both Guitar showcase and Guitar Center, and I loved chatting with him whenever he was there. A 'gearhead' like myself, we could never talk enough about techy things. I knew him and loved him and we miss him! (RIP) my dear friend and brother of my partner. I digress. So it turns out Nancy and I had more in common than I ever thought. She worked for Dennis Erokkan at BAM magazine -which was one of my favorites -and played a key role at the Campbell Times, and other publications, and even worked at the Express for my mother Sally at one time, so she seemed like a qualified person if there was one to make it happen, since she knew the publishing business well. One day she shared with me a conversation with Sally years back. I listened with intrigue, as she gave me some insight into their unique relationship. What could I do? What did I want to do? What

would my mother expect me to do? In no time, she reached out from the other side (in her own special way) and being a family-friendly newspaper, I can't write what she forcefully stated, but you would immediately know her take on it. I thought long and hard about it at first and then decided I would see what it would take to get it up and running again. It was more difficult than I expected at first and for various reasons changed the name back to its original name since it was available. Little did I know a year later I would be writing this in our 12th addition and it never would have happened unless the world came to a halt. I am sure there will be many "If it weren't for the pandemic, this never would have happened to me" stories to tell like this one. If you have one, please send it to us. We just might do a series on that. Its not easy starting a business with only a small office filled with antiquated phones, computers, desks and broken chairs...and trying to make it all work. Thanks to our Go fund me page, we were able to get off the ground, but that was about it. With outdated PC software programs, a lot of creativity and determination was needed to make it all work and overcome the seemingly impossible. We started out following a guideline of familiarity; some not even noticing the name change as we tried to take back what was lost. We weren't allowed to continue as an adjudicated

newspaper, since the rights were taken away from the Express for not fulfilling its obligations to publish legal documents in a timely manner, and since we were technically a 'new' newspaper, we had to prove ourselves first for a year before being granted the rights to this limited service. We also wanted to start things out slowly and not immediately commit to often stressful weekly deadlines. We unconventionally struggled for the first few months in operation, both having busy lives full of responsibilities, but happy to say we have so far made this work. There were many things I wanted to try with the Campbell Express back in 2015, but never really was able to implement them. Having the creative freedom now to realize the vision I had has been a challenge though incredibly satisfying when its done each month. "Just another creative branch on your career tree." A friend cleverly stated about my publishing efforts. But I wouldn't be doing this if it weren't for Nancy's tenacity and direction, her energy and drive is similar to mine and I can only commend her for what she has done for this all to work- plus putting up with my questions at 4am! We have many differing views that are sometimes on opposite ends of the scale, but she has taught me many things over the last year to help me understand the nature of the biz and why she is at the opposite end and sharing what is necessary for our success. I have taught her more about my often supercharged attention to detail (something I've been paid well for my whole life) and my desire to take it to the next level each month by going the extra..um..100 miles. This particular issue has been the most difficult one to do so far, and I cant really explain why. Thanks to Chris Matthews for being a nocturnal superman and crazier than me.



# STRIKE!



No, not the Hollywood writers threat, or the downing of all ten pins, or even a World Series Umpire's fist inspired shout. Instead I'm talking about something that's closer and far more memorable than all those things combined.

that they did, winning a prestigious award in 2018. The Taproom here in Campbell was later established in 2019; not long before having to close its doors much like the rest of us. A tough time for us all.

STRIKE found ways to survive and offered weekly "walk-up" specials on certain



**Strike Tap Room** in Campbell is the first tasting room outpost location of the Strike Brewing Company-who's humble beer-making beginnings date back to 2011 in San Jose on 10th St. Started by partners Jenny Lewis and Drew Ehrlich, (Drew pitched for Stanford)

days by selling canned 4 packs and other items from their front door. STRIKE has 16 rotating beers on tap with fun baseball names like 'Triple Play Triple IPA', 'Two Seam IPA', 'Willie Haze,' 'Fielders Choice Harvest Ale', 'Pine Tar Incident', (remember



their team sought out to create some uniquely flavorful recipes blending the finest of hops, yeast and special malts and

that in 1983?) 'Jam The Batter Kettle Sour' and many other cool names. Some of these beers can be rather misleading like



a good slider on the outside corner, so proceed with caution so you don't 'slide' off your stool; since some styles contain over



LOCAL FAVORITE

10% ABV, so take an Uber home should you strike out. In more than 30 years of traveling on the road here and abroad, I've often sought after the best local brew pubs wherever we were, and Strike Brewing Company's efforts rank near the top in my book. I wasn't really ever an IPA guy, but Strike has opened my mind and tongue to realize that all IPA's are not created equal and don't always have the usual suspects in such a style. Like a bitter aftertaste for example that seems quite common. Some of their IPA's are downright SWEET and smooth at the end. A strong aroma, good lacing, the perfect head, beginning middle and end flavors are all factors of a quality beer and represented here in all of their beers.

I recently visited a friend out of state and was taken back when he offered me a beer from his man cave fridge filled with nothing but Strike Beer! He said after leaving the area a couple years back he couldn't help but to order it online after he fell in love with the Triple Play. STRIKE has a large cooler inside where you can purchase a 4 pack or two of your choice to go! Some STRIKE beers are available in local stores now too. If you like tasty IPA's, hazy beer, sours, stouts, seltzers or a clean flavorful Kolsch, chances are they have a beer you will fall in love with.

know; this added to our enjoyment when we downed a couple



When I first went to the taproom in late 2019, I just in time to close its doors like so many businesses did, but it has taken on its own personality with pictures and photos now filling the walls and an altered lighting setup too. I was first introduced to the Taproom before the pandemic by a dear childhood friend. He bought us mug memberships and had our mugs engraved with high school nicknames that only him and I would

sue of The Campbell Press at STRIKE too! Several TV's line the walls for the sports enthusiasts but there are also a few tables outside for basking in the afternoon sunshine with a nice cold one.

If you call yourself a beer lover, then grab a pizza and head over the light rail track and grab a tasty beverage at STRIKE. The mug club is currently closed to new members but \$200.00 would get you a glass stein engraved with your name that would hang on the mug wall awaiting your arrival. Each time you popped in, your first beer is always just \$1.00! In addition, everything you order is 10% off! Stay tuned regarding future mug club memberships. So head on down and support this hidden little gem of local craft beer. Located just East of downtown, Strike Brewing Company Taproom is a great



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