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GETTING TO KNOW CAMPBELL'S POLICE CHIEF

By Susan Blake

The same sunny afternoon I met K9s Lucas and Morgan and their partners about which previously reported, I spent additional time chatting with Campbell Police Chief, Gary Berg. Chief Berg is very proud of every aspect of the Campbell Police Department and is eager to inform the community about its operations.

Chief Berg's initiation into the CPD was at age 15 through the Explorers Program (a partnership with Boy Scouts of America) when he went for ride-alongs. The Chief transitioned to community services officer in 1996, was hired as a police officer in 2000, and achieved the rank of captain in 2014. In 2016 Chief Berg graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, which he described as a 10-week Master's program for law enforcement executives which less than one percent of police officers worldwide have the opportunity to attend. In January 2020 Chief Berg was appointed to succeed retiring Chief David Carmichael.

The Campbell Police Department currently has 46 sworn officers (they carry guns) handling approximately

36,000 calls annually. Some officers wear uniforms; some are in the detective bureau. The remaining approximately 80 individuals are on the professional staff in roles such as dispatchers and records personnel. An Associates Degree or 40 college units are required to be hired as a police officer trainee. The 6-month police academy training program earns 20 additional units so that officers graduate with a full 60 units. CPD has three police trainees currently.

Developing creative opportunities to attract people who may not have been interested in law enforcement and different avenues to get the word out about the Department are not unique recruiting challenges facing CPD. Chief Berg's preference is recruiting persons from diverse backgrounds. Sgt. Magee, former partner of now-retired K9 Lucas, has a degree in cellular molecular biology and was a scientist for a number of years. Sgt. Heitzman, who oversees the K9 Unit and is K9 Morgan's handler, competed at the national level in Judo and was working in sales until he went on a couple ride-alongs with Chief Berg, "and that was it," the sergeant declared.



Police Chief Gary Berg giving a community outreach demonstration for the K9 Program.

Once on board, there is a focus on training and development of all employees. The Department has opened up opportunities to the professional staff that historically may not have been open to them. For example, dispatchers, public safety assistants and community service officers have become drone pilots, going through the same FAA certification as

do the officers. Members on the dispatch team and in the records department are on the crisis negotiation team and the crime response team. The CPD enjoys a fine reputation inside and outside the city limits. For instance, the Santa Clara County Fire Department (which provides fire protection to Campbell), contracts with Campbell PD to provide arson inves-

tigations throughout the County. Anywhere the SCC Fire Department has jurisdiction, it is CPD detectives who are doing the investigation, and the County funds two of the CPD detectives. Another example is the Drones as First Responders Program about which a CPD officer consults and teaches throughout the country. CPD is one of less than 10 agencies worldwide with this program with its drones able to respond to calls before the officers arrive, not merely on the back of the police cars to launch at the scene. "We may be small, but we are a full service police department which is at the forefront of technology innovation. Staying at the forefront is not just how we do the job but the tools we use," declared the Chief.

By the time this paper goes to press, the CPD will have held its second open house. More open houses are in the planning stages. These are great opportunities to see the vehicles up close, watch K9 demonstrations, chat with the officers, and meet the Chief!



PICTURE OF THE MONTH



LAKE MEAD, NEVADA

PHOTO © MATTHEW C. HOWE

Just a Little Bit of History

By Susan Blake, Campbell Historic Preservation Board

October's mystery photo was of the stone monument that sits next to the huge Linden tree, just outside of the Orchard City Banquet Hall on Winchester Blvd. The tree is now 85 years old. It puts on a fine Autumn leaf color show each year.

Lipa is the Polish word for Linden. In Poland, Lipa trees are the most sacred of trees. In the old days, these trees were believed to have strong protective properties to ward off lightning and clear the mind. An article on the front page of the Campbell Press from January 20, 1938, is as follows, "In the afternoon of the 22nd, the Slovakian Napredak Society will plant a tree in the All



Nations Grove of the new high school grounds to be followed by exercises in the auditorium. D.A. Yeager was appointed to act for the Chamber in assisting the Society."

Here is the mystery photo for November. Think Big.



WORD OF THE MONTH

“TERGIVERSATION”

(Tur-giv-er-say-shun)
NOUN

The act of changing one's opinion or of turning against a cause formerly advocated. A fickleness or instability of conduct.

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HAPPENINGS

MUSEUM MATTERS NOVEMBER 2023

Holidays at the Ainsley House

The Ainsley House is excited to be open this holiday season with Holiday events for the whole family. This year will have something to delight everyone! Join us for a myriad of fun events for the holiday season: Holiday Teas & Tours, Holiday Boutique, Evening Open Houses, and Photos with Santa, as the Ainsley House brings Holiday Cheer to Campbell. Additional details will be available at www.campbellmuseums.com The Ainsley House will be decorated with the theme Christmas Cravings. Discover how each room in the House is inspired by favorite Holiday cravings. You will find a gingerbread room, and candy cane corner, a Christmas Spice spectacular, and more. The Ainsley House will be magical and memorable.

Tours through the Ainsley House will be unguided and self-paced. The Ainsley House and Boutique will be open November 16 through December 21, Thursdays-Sundays, from 11 am-3 pm. The Ainsley House will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Tour admission is \$10 for adults (18-64), seniors (65+) \$8 youth age 7-17 \$6, Museum members are free. The Holiday Boutique is located in the Carriage House as well as in several rooms on the first floor of the Ainsley House. In the Boutique you will find unique seasonal gifts, ornaments, jewelry, scarves, and much more. The Boutique

will be open during public visiting hours.

The Campbell Museum Foundation's annual Holiday fundraiser: **Holiday Teas & Tours** will take place December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10. Seating will take place at 12pm. The tea menu includes finger sandwiches, champagne, a special Ainsley blend tea, and tasty treats in the Carriage House, followed by a self-guided tour of the Ainsley House. Admission is \$60/ General Public and \$55/ Museum Member. Admission proceeds go toward supporting education programs and preservation efforts at the Campbell Historical Museum and Ainsley House. Reservations are required for the teas and can be made at www.campbellmuseums.com. Reservations for the Holiday Teas and Tours are open now.

Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the Ainsley House on Saturday, December 2 from 9am-12pm. He will greet families and kids in the Sunporch room of the Ainsley House surrounded by a decorated Holiday scene. Reservations to take photos with Santa will be 9am-10am, 10am-11am, and 11am-12pm. While families wait to see Santa, there will be hot chocolate and holiday craft tables. Santa reservations can be made at www.campbellmuseums.com and admission is \$10 per family.

One of the best ways to see the Ainsley House decorated for the Holidays is to attend one of two evening Open House
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HERE'S HOWE



Remembering Campbell in the 70's and 80's continued...

I mentioned in last month's column that I attended **Hamilton Elementary School** as a child for 1st-3rd grade that sat on the Home Depot property on Hamilton Ave. The only thing that remains as a reminder of its past is the giant redwood trees near the entrance. I will never forget we were bused over there from **Cherry Lane School** (now called **Campbell School of Innovation aka CSI**) which was a ridiculously short bus trip (7 short blocks?) and certainly wouldn't be a trip made in today's economic world. Our bus driver was a rather ornery man that spent too much of his time looking in his 3 foot wide rearview mirror above him (rather than looking forward?) and yelling at us to be quiet and remain seated. One day in one of his mid-sentence tirades, he rear-ended a small car in the left turn lane at Winchester Blvd. on our return to Cherry Lane School. It was a rather traumatic rare local event at the time that was published on the front page of the Campbell Press newspaper showing many of us being escorted away from the bus to another one to complete our journey that was now only a 3 block ride. Ah, the old days.

Anyway, heading back east from whence we came, the street across from **Home Depot** (Almarida Dr. @ Hamilton Ave.) is still a vacant lot. Several proposals (like an In and Out Burger!) have been voted down at the site. It was once a restaurant called **Tia Maria's** for many years and eventually became a more

popular trendy place called the **Baja Saloon** along the same Mexican food theme. It was completely redone as the **Elephant Bar** with a south of the equator vibe and Asian-inspired menu with some fantastic giant Indian elephant carvings and large palm trees just inside the entrance that made you feel like you were not in Campbell anymore. A popular hotspot for some time with no parking to be found during happy hour. A surprise to the city, the restaurant chain closed 16 locations and shut the doors after filing for chapter 11 in 2014. It sat vacant until 2020 when I homeless people caused a fire on more than one occasion that ended up destroying it for good. If you ventured back to the west on Hamilton near where the bus accident occurred, (try and keep up!) **Khanh's** Vietnamese restaurant is where one of two Carrow's restaurants were in the area. The other **Carrow's** was on the corner of Curtner and Camden Ave. A became a **Kinkos** for a long time, and now (of course) it's a **Starbucks**. Just East of there on Camden is The **Der Weinerschnitzel** and **Foster's Freeze** fast food restaurants that have been there for as long as I can remember. If you continued farther East on Camden, there was a **Kinney Shoe store** on the right hand corner of Union and Camden (across from Camden High School at the time) where all our mothers would buy our Ked's tennis shoes by the first day of school. Just across

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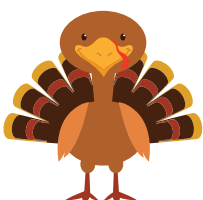


Photo: Sally Howe



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This Polaroid photo was taken in 1960 of my grandfather, Benjamin Howe, rototilling his land on the corner of Budd Ave and Winchester Blvd. This pic is looking South toward Los Gatos and the road you see behind him is Budd Ave. The large orchard in the background soon became the Campbell Plaza Shopping Center. A Chevron gas station was first built on the corner behind him, but today it is a stand-alone building containing five businesses that includes 420 Lifestyles, Campbell Plaza Cleaners, J Flow Hair & Nail, Fine Fretted String Instruments, and the Campbell Plaza Bottle shop.





PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney

The Campbell Press Celebrates its 3rd Anniversary!

The Campbell Press is thrilled to announce its **3rd Anniversary!** We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Campbell, our beloved city leaders, and the incredible community that has been instrumental in our success. Our unwavering commitment has always been to put the Campbell community first, ensuring that we connect, educate, and inform our neighbors while supporting our local businesses, as we nurture our ever-expanding readership. The outpouring of generous comments from our readers and the honor of being named a top finalist for '2022 Business of the Year' by our Chamber of Commerce are testament to our dedication and a good indicator as to why we are now running out of newspapers each month! We will soon be printing more to keep the paper available for you all month long.

Every month I write the publisher notes on page 3. It's focused to help guide you through the newspaper while highlighting topics that might be of interest. Every month there are special events happening in our community, and this month is filled with many heartwarming events that will help to support our local businesses, our veterans, and kick off the holidays with a bang!

Its time again for the **Annual Toy Program!** Please see details for the event and toy drop-off locations on page 6. **Oktoberfest** and **Creepy Crawl** were such great fun.

Check out some of the photos on back page.

The Downtown Association has several events starting with **Second Saturdays**. There is an extra special event with discounts for the **Sidewalk Sales downtown**. Also plan on walking through **Desi's** for some refreshments and great sample cuisines. There's entertainment up and down the street as you do some holiday shopping and remember to come back to enjoy the variety of restaurants open for the Thanksgiving weekend. **November 25th is Local Business Saturday**. Do your black Friday shopping and support our local hard-working small businesses. The back page contains information about a few events the **Carol of Lights Event on Saturday December 2nd from 3-7pm** We're all excited about the snow park coming back as well as the kids getting to tell Santa what they want for Christmas, all organized by the **Campbell Kiwanis Club**. Along with entertainment and Christmas Carolers, we look forward to hot chocolate, bouncy houses, and the joy of Christmas once again. There is a **Wreath Contest** put on by the **Campbell Chamber**, so come downtown and look for the decorated wreaths at participating downtown businesses and use their associated QR codes and vote for your favorite one.

Veterans Day is Saturday November 11th, and our *Continued on page 15*

Veterans Day 11/11/2023

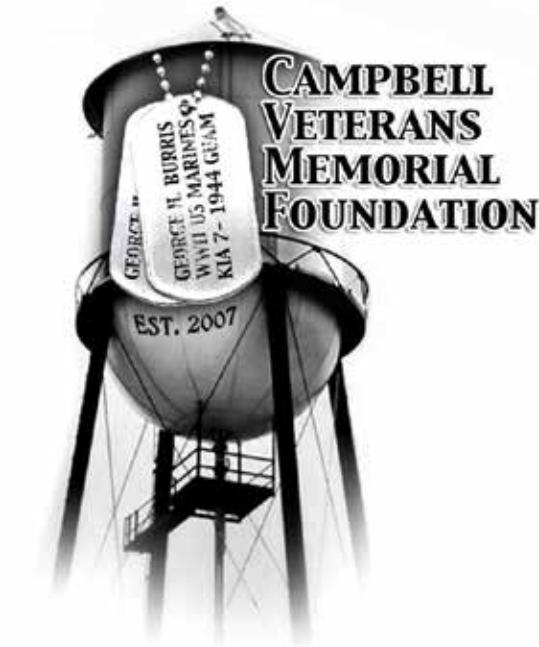
Join us at 9am on Saturday November 11th at the Orchard City Green in the City of Campbell as we honor those that serve in our countries service branch's.

Join local Military and City Leaders as we reflect on the meaning of Veterans Day

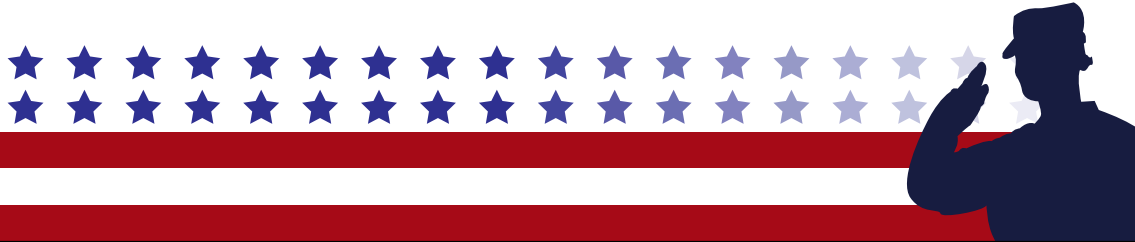


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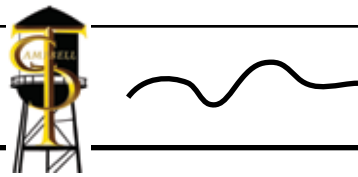
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California Street	\$4,500,000	6/4.5	0	11330	4372
Paula Drive	\$2,134,000	4/2.5	63	6127	1784
Budd Avenue	\$2,100,000	5/3	77	16934	2538
Arroyo Seco Drive	\$2,020,000	3/2	66	8627	1986
Cherry Lane	\$1,910,000	3/2	75	8276	1630
N. Milton Avenue	\$1,750,000	4/2	73	9808	1589
Harriet Court	\$1,620,000	3/3	41	5949	1466
Virginia Avenue	\$1,600,000	3/2	61	6969	1478
Harrison Avenue	\$1,548,000	4/2	70	9375	1575
Hazel Avenue	\$1,503,000	3/1	73	7921	1220
SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, CONDO/TOWNHOMES					
Robin Ridge Way	\$1,815,000	4/3.5	6	2159	1106
Allerton Loop	\$1,505,000	3/2.5	8		1552
Latimer Circle	\$1,101,000	2/2	50	1940	1013
N.2nd Street	\$690,000	2/1	52		903
Union Avenue	\$555,000	1/1	45		704
W. Hacienda Avenue	\$1,580,000	3/2.5	5	2360	1656



LIONS CLUB VISIT TO VIETNAM



By Arthur Low, OD



I recently returned from a 16 days trip to Viet Nam. A group of 10 optometrists and 15 technicians/translators made up the team, led by Dr. Kim Nguyen from San Ramon. Each team member paid for the airfare, food, lodging and incidental expenses. Most were from Northern California, some from Southern California but there were some from New Jersey and Florida.

The first half of the trip involved going to 3 different cities to perform brief eye exams, provide nearly new eyeglasses provided by Lions In Sight, eye

drops, and surgical referrals. We ended up seeing 4,000+ patients, donated 5,000+ nearly new eyeglasses (some needed two pairs), paid the \$50 copay each to for 300 cataract surgeries, and made about 50 pairs of special prescription eyeglasses.

The first two day clinic was held in a hospital in Quy Nhon. This small city is still relatively untouched by foreign influences. In fact, on the 40 minute bus ride from the airport to the hotel, I saw just one KFC and no other American fast food restaurant! The second two day clinic was in An Nhon and again, not many non local restaurants. I enjoy eating Vietnamese cuisine but after a

full week of it, I was ready for a burger! So at the start of the second week, we went to Da Nang, a much bigger City where I was able to go to a local restaurant for a juicy, thick hamburger.

The final clinic site was held at Thanh Tam school for children with special needs and run by Catholic nuns. The school has to be self sustaining and gets by on donations, sales of crafts, bakery goods, and produce farmed on the premises. My friend, Mai Dam, from Campbell, established the bakery and helps with fund raising. Donations can be made to Vietnamese Humanitarian Initiatives, PO Box 1912, Orinda CA 94563.

This trip was challenging because my previous clinics have been to Spanish speaking countries such as Mexico, Panama, and Dominican Republic and I know enough to get by. Because I'm Asian, some locals expected me to speak Vietnamese but I could barely say "pho".

Finally, after the clinics we

spent a few days sightseeing. We visited the imperial city of Hue, enjoyed the night market in Hoi An and did an overnight cruise of Halong Bay, a must for visitors. I even got to try fishing there but alas no luck. The people were very nice to all of us and there was no hint of residual resentment from the war 50 years ago.



Shared Service Equals Shared Success

By Gayle Kludt, President, West San Jose-Campbell Lions Club

The old saying states, "Many hands make light work." That is certainly true for the West San Jose-Campbell Lions. In previous columns I have written about our partnership with the Delta Gamma sorority at San Jose State University. We also work with the Villages Medical Auxiliary. They procure eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones for our Lions Club. The Villagers have also helped us with our work with the Grateful Garment which provide supplies for victims of sexual assault. Villagers donated an amazing 4000 items during our last collection drive. These items were packaged by the WSJC Lions into dignity kits. Special thanks to Judy Frey from the VMA who collects the glasses, hearing aids and phones.

However, our newest partnership has been with the Mexican Consulate of San Jose. Each year the consulate sponsors Binational Health Week which kicks off with a huge event at Eastridge Mall. The WSJC Lions' role there was sign up clients for our Vision Screening event that was held at the

consulate on October 14th. Of course, the local Lions showed up with 15 area clubs volunteering at the clinic. Working with an organization such as the consulate brings together all the local agencies that focus on health concerns. Alan Sau, Consulado General de Mexico en San Jose, summed up the event and its volunteer groups best:

On behalf of the Mexican Consulate in San Jose, California, I would like to extend our greatest gratitude for your outstanding efforts for making the October 14 Lions Eye Clinic a remarkable success. Your collaboration and hard work were truly commendable, and we are grateful for the positive impact you have had on our community.

The event would not have been possible without the commitment and contributions of each and every volunteer, team, and organization involved, including the Lions Clubs, Bay Area Community Health, Community Health Partnership, the Mexican Consulate, San Jose Library, County Supervisor



Consul General Alejandra Bologna Zubikarai of The Mexican Consulate in San Jose Lions District 4-C6 District Governor Benji Fernandez.

Arenas' staff, the Lions Eye Foundation, and Zenni, among others. Your collective support and teamwork were instrumental in ensuring the event's success. Heartwarming to know the number of lives (295) we touched during the event. We also appreciate your adaptability and flexibility in addressing the challenges that arose during the event. Learning from these experiences will only make future events even better. The commitment of Lions Club to serving the community and the dedication to the well-being of the people is truly inspiring.

Once again, thank you for your invaluable collaboration and the positive difference you have made in the lives of so many people. We look forward

and our volunteer optometrists and technicians who so generously gave of their time and talents for this event. The numbers tell the story:

295-Number of patients examined

- 207 appointments, and 88 walk-ups that were examined
- If they needed glasses we fitted them with recycled glasses from our on site recycled inventory of 1,500 pairs
- 68 pairs were ordered from Zenni for prescriptions we didn't have
- 30 VSP certificates were given out
- 18 patients referred to the Lions Eye Foundation (free medical, surgical ophthalmological care)

The old adage was right, many hands do indeed make light work and together we can do exceptional things. The Mexican Consulate will be a most special partner. As always, we welcome the community to join us at our club meetings, held at Denny's on Capitol Expressway each Thursday at 12:00 noon, and at our service activities. A calendar of all our events can be found at info@wsjclions.org. WE SERVE.



The Mid-Peninsula Widows & Widowers Association meets weekly and organizes social activities for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse. The group meets every first Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. and every remaining Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Visitors should arrive 30 minutes before the meeting starts.

We coordinate games such as Bocce Ball, Bowling, card games, weekly walks at Rancho San Antonio and Shoreline Parks. Weekly and monthly gatherings for breakfast, lunch and dinner at local restaurants, monthly discussion groups followed by a potluck or dinner at a local restaurant. Events include seasonal parties, annual picnic and installation dinner and dance. Please contact Gloria 408-246-4642 or Jan 408-439-0776 for more information.



CWCC SUPPORTING THE CAMPBELL COMMUNITY

On September 18, 2023, Country Woman's Club of Campbell (CWCC), held its first meeting after election of officers for 2023-2024. With a large attendance, the Meet and Greet meeting was a success. After taking time out during the summer months, it was great to see everyone. We welcomed three new members.

At the district, state, and national levels, CWCC is a member of the Federation of Women's Club. Country Woman's Club of Campbell supported the Federation's National Day



of Service by donating canned goods. We gave to the food pantry of the United Church of Christ (Congregational) located in Campbell. Our photo shows the donation and all our club members in attendance.

In "passing the torch", new CWCC president, Cherri Fontana, gave outgoing president, Maggie Church, several gifts and her club past presidents' pin. Maggie already wears her mom's past presidents' pin. Maggie's mom, Pat Hagmann, was well known in the community and a club member for many years. Thank you Maggie for all of your contributions.

We are meeting November 6, 2023 for our Grateful Gar-

ment Drive. Another local organization that we support, they focus on restoring dignity to victims of sexual violence; ensuring that these victims receive clothing, food, toiletries, and comfort items at partnering providers. Kerry Perkins, museum supervisor at the Campbell Museums, will speak about California Women's Clubs and their impact on local communities. The meeting will be held at noon in the Roosevelt Room; 1 Campbell Ave; Campbell, CA. It's located on the Campbell Community Center campus. All are welcome. For more information, contact Cherri Fontana at 408 209-1310 or Lucille Maravilla at 408 205-4621.



AARP

By Margaret Schieck

How did November arrive this soon? November 11th is the day to honor all American Veterans, and Campbell usually has a program at the Veterans' Memorial near City Hall.

In October, the Campbell Area Chapter 5151 of AARP enjoyed a presentation by Marc Berman, our district's representative to the state assembly. Assemblyman Berman gave an excellent introduction on to just what the duties of a state assemblyman are. He specifically spoke about the issue of clear wording on the ballot.

The Campbell Area Chapter also enjoyed the last Senior Safari Walk for the season at Happy Hollow on October 26th. We look forward to continuing participation in this event when it starts up again in the spring of 2024.

Our members will be volunteering at the Lions Club sponsored glasses sorting at the Vista Center on Bascom Avenue on November 4th. This is a rewarding and (dare I say it) fun activity. We have been volunteering at this event for almost 2 years.

Our November 21st meeting will feature speakers from Sourcewise (formerly called the Council on Aging) who will discuss the various ser-

VICES that are available to senior citizens in Santa Clara County.

Looking forward to when we will be entertained by musicians from Harpers' Hall on December 19th. This is a lovely way to bring the year to a close.

Chapter 5151 of AARP meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month every month except for January, when we have our anniversary luncheon. We meet in Room Q80 at the Campbell Community Center at 10:00 a.m. Pre-meeting coffee is available at 9:15. No need to be a Campbell resident to join us.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

JOYS OF FEAR FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Hello Campbell neighbors, I am Cyrus Saffaie, a resident of Campbell. I create haunted attractions and decorations with my production company "Joys of Fear". I

live at an apartment complex where I create all Holiday decorations. Halloween is my specialty. In the last few years, I have grown quite a following from new and

past tenants through word of mouth and receive hundreds of visitors now throughout the month just to come see the decorations.

I feel that sightseeing for this holiday are becoming fewer, not to mention complexes, sometimes complexes are no longer receiving visitors/trick-or-treaters, which used to be a huge draw

More and more people, knock on the door to tell me that they put on social media/Campbell news to give kids another place to be able to go see, and celebrate the holiday to bring back more of a community vibe which seems in some areas less each year.

I think complexes are great



for kids to enjoy Halloween, Not to mention easier to control and look after the kids. My clients are both residential and commercial all over California. I am available for all holiday decorations. If you want to talk about the up and coming holiday decorations for your home or business. Please feel free to contact Cyrus at Joys of Fear 408.876.7890



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CAMPBELL VETERANS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

SAVE THE DATE

The Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation (CVMF) cordially invites you to our annual Scholarship Fund Gala Dinner. This glamorous event generates scholarship funds for veterans who attend Mission and West Valley Colleges.

Keynote Speaker: **Command Sargeant Major Patrick McKie, U.S. Army 63d Readiness Division in Mountain View, CA.**

Date: **Friday, November 17, 2023**

Location: **Villa Ragusa, 35 S. Second St., Campbell, CA**

Time: **Cocktails: 5:30 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM**

Remuneration: **\$150/Person or \$1,000/Table of 10**

RSVP ASAP at www.auctria.events/CVMFSOV



Please plan to attend CVMF's Veterans Day Ceremony at Campbell City Hall at 9 AM on November 11, 2023.

Keynote Speaker: **CDR Merrell Gopsill, Commanding Officer, Navy Reserve Center, San Jose**





Campbell Chamber of Commerce

THE CAMPBELL TOY PROGRAM: BRINGING HOLIDAY JOY TO THE COMMUNITY FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS



Many people look forward to the holidays and the festivities they bring. But, although we live in an area with considerable wealth, there are many families who don't have the financial resources to have a celebratory holiday meal or buy gifts for one another.



In 1984, Campbell resident Jane Kennedy, who served as Mayor in 2000, 2005 and in 2009, recognized this need and was moved to act. She founded the Campbell Community Toy Program dedicated to providing toys, games, books, and other items to local families to

ensure their children had presents to open on Christmas Day.

The Campbell Chamber of Commerce and more recently, the Chamber Community Foundation, have been involved in the program along with other numerous other local business owners and organizations.

The event kicks off in early November when applications are sent out to Campbell schools who distribute them to families who qualify. When applications are returned, the real work begins.

Barrels are distributed throughout Campbell for the collection of new donated items. A variety of community events, including the Pruneyard Tree Lighting, Carol of Lights and Making Spirits Bright, encourage donations.

In 2020, Santa Claus began making appearances in Campbell neighborhoods, spreading cheer and collecting toys.

Donated items are brought to Home Church where they are sorted and bagged based on the needs of each family – how many children and their ages. Groups spend two weeks volunteering to sort and bag the thousands of toys, books, games and stuffed animals received.

Then, delivery day arrives. Families arrive at the Home Church on a Saturday where they are given their bag of gifts, each numbered with a 'code' that correlates to a specific family. The church is filled with hundreds of these bags and dozens of people ensure that "Operation Santa" goes smoothly.

Since its inception almost 40 years ago, the Toy Program has collected and distributed hundreds of thousands of items to tens of thousands of local families and their children.

If you want to learn more about the Campbell Community Toy Program, make a donation, attend an event or volunteer, visit Campbell-ToyProgram.com.

Money Empowerment by Jill



HELP YOUR MONEY GROW

I recently had a client say, "I've never been successful with money. I end up with large debt and no savings. I am just always going to be living paycheck to paycheck".

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While thinking about this person's comment, I am staring at the dying plant on my desk and saying almost the same words to myself.



"I've never been successful with plants. I start off with good intentions but inevitably, I end up killing them. I think I could kill a plastic plant if it were possible."

find the best place to help grow your money,

3. Wipe out that debt

A mountain of debt is basically suffocation for your financial situation. The more debt you can wipe out, the easier it will be to breathe and allow more space for your financial situation to grow,

But here is the thing...my plant is not dead and if I take the time to learn about this particular plant and create the habits to care for it properly, I bet I could keep it alive. Maybe it will even grow.

4. Start small
Growth is not instant. Start small and work your way up. It's not a race, it's a journey. Just don't stop.

Your money is the same. Learn about your habits, create processes that work for you and you won't need to live paycheck to paycheck because your accounts WILL grow.

5. Give your finances attention

Just like plants, your finances need regular maintenance and attention. Create a budget, monitor it and regular review your situation.

Below are a few tips to help keep your finances healthy and growing.

1. Know where your money is going

Pay attention to your spending habits. Track your income and expenses regularly and be mindful of where your money is going. It is only when you are aware of your current habits that you can determine if adjustments are required.

The more you pay attention to your finances and take on healthy financial habits, the stronger your financial situation will be. Money is really like every other aspect of your life. Whether it is fitness, diet, relationships, or plants, the principles of managing it are very similar.

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CAMPBELL POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

By Carol W. Gerwitz

It was on a sunny September Saturday that the Campbell Police Department welcomed the public to its second open house. Entering the gated lot through a brightly colored balloon arch, I was greeted with a warm smile from Communications Supervisor Jennifer Kenton who invited me to wander at will and chat with the officers. Arrayed across the lot for public inspection were CPD equipment and vehicles—and Campbell PD personnel to answer questions.

The first thing that caught my eye was the grant-funded Communications Rapid Deployable Tower, a cell phone tower with a three-mile radius, particularly useful during earthquakes. Next up was the Department's Armored Rescue Unit, which looked just as tough as the name implied. Surprisingly no special license is required to drive

it as it is mounted on a standard F350 truck chassis, Agent Buckovic pointed out.

I hurried past the equally impressive Human Emergency Operations vehicle, a classic CPD police car, state-of-the-art drone equipment, and a shiny CPD motorcycle to stand behind the yellow crime scene tape because the K9s were ready for their demonstration. As Sgt. Heitzman, head of the K9 Unit, narrated, K9s Rohan and Koa showed off their skills in responding to commands by their partner handlers, Officer Velichko and Agent Buckovic. Then Mikayla Singh from Spectrum Canine Dog Training came onto the scene and acted as the human decoy for K9 Koa. Upon command Koa latched onto Ms. Singh's very heavily padded arm and hung on tena-

ciously until she was commanded to release. Koa immediately released, and she then lied down on the concrete and spent a few minutes panting to expel her adrenaline and cool down. Ms. Singh was unhurt and ready for the next demonstration.

All that excitement seemed to call for cotton candy. Cheerfully operating the cotton candy machine and disbursing the candy to kids of all ages was none other than Campbell Police Chief Gary Berg. Chief Berg was quite proficient in spinning the sugar into clouds of goodness on sticks, and he had plenty of satisfied patrons.

I'm told there will be more open houses in the future, and I recommend watching the CPD social media for dates and planning to attend this informative and fun event.





CITY NEWS *By Sergio Lopez*

Debates about our shared history as Americans and as a community can be difficult and bring up emotions on all sides. Last month, the Council had one such discussion as the City considered whether to continue to recognize Columbus Day for the Campbell water tower lighting schedule. Below are my opening remarks sharing my perspective on this important discussion.

“I bring two points of view into this discussion.

One is as a historian — someone who had the benefit, after going to Campbell schools, to have some incredible educational opportunities, who studied history with some of the best people working in the field, in American history. As someone who went on and was able to get other degrees and have been published in magazines, and have a book coming out on the topic.

What I write about is American history, and the story of America, and the reason for that is because of the second perspective that I bring: which is as an American and as someone who is the son of immigrants — who is only up here [on the Council dais] and has only had the opportunities that I’ve had throughout my life because of being in this country, and the incredible opportunities that [being in this country] affords. These are opportunities that my father, who has a middle school education, and has worked with his hands all his life, since leaving his country in hopes for a better tomorrow, could never have imagined.

And so I carry that weight, and the responsibility, and what I have come to understand in my

perspective is that as an American, all of us share equally — all of us, no matter where we come from, or our background, share equally — and have equal claim to the opportunities that living here affords us — as well as to the responsibility that our history places upon us.

And I think one of those responsibilities is to grapple with and understand the complexities — that there aren’t easy answers [in history], that there aren’t clear-cut good guys and bad guys — because history is not like that; it’s not black and white. And our understanding evolves as we try to get better. It evolves not just as we make new discoveries and uncover that history, but as our national understanding evolves of what it means to be an American and to say that we are American.

So because of those two perspectives — though I’m open to the form in which this goes forward, and I do look forward to hearing the discussion — but I can’t support a policy that includes recognition of Columbus Day.

So I’ll end with that for now, because I really do work to come to every decision with an open mind, an open perspective. And so I’m interested to see some of what the other possibilities are — but I’ll just say, to start with, and to put it out publicly for our community, again, I respect any and all viewpoints. It’s not to single out any group, because I think the reasons that I don’t feel comfortable recognizing Columbus Day are not because of any one group in particular, but because of responsibilities

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COUNTY NEWS



Helping Veterans Get the Services They Need, and Have Earned

By County Supervisor, Joe Simitian

Every November 11, Veterans Day, we honor our military veterans. It’s an opportunity to recognize their service, and to show our support and gratitude.

It is of course well and good that we have holidays like Veterans Day and Memorial Day. But frankly, the real measure of our thanks is whether we are genuinely prepared to help veterans reclaim their lives when they come home.

Upon returning to their civilian lives, the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces may need specialized health care, help finding jobs or furthering their educations, or financial assistance to take care of themselves and their families.

Our veterans have earned this support. They are legally entitled to military service benefits, but getting these benefits is not always easy. Many veterans do not know where to start. Even those who have successfully applied may end up finding out later they were entitled to more. The process to appeal can be complicated and confusing.

We need to do more to help veterans take advantage of available benefits and services. I’m gratified colleagues on the Board of Supervisors agreed, approving my proposal, made together with Supervisor Otto Lee, to increase staffing at Santa

Clara County’s Veterans Service Office (VSO), an agency established in 1944 and co-funded by the state and county. Our VSO is the primary means for the County to connect with our 64,000-plus resident veterans.

VSO staff members are on the frontline serving veterans, helping them navigate the sprawling and byzantine federal system that is our US Department of Veterans Affairs. Our Veterans Services Representatives (VSRs) are certified advocates with full access to the VA system, helping veterans evaluate all possible benefits for themselves and eligible dependents, fill out and file paperwork, and assist with appeals.

And, since the County’s VSO is part of our Social Services Agency, it’s also a one-stop shop for veterans to receive referrals to other County-run programs and services.

In July, the VSO organized our County’s inaugural Stand Down Resource Fair to introduce and connect our veterans to local providers offering free services related to housing, employment, food, clothing, health care, benefits counseling, and substance abuse treatment.

The event increased the VSO’s visibility in the County’s veteran community, and that resulted in an increased number of veterans seek-

ing assistance. It’s a good thing all around that more and more veterans living in our County are asking for help. But to meet their needs — and to get them the benefits they’ve earned — the VSO also needs more help.

So, over the next two years, the County will add new VSRs, and develop a plan to consider additional staffing needs, including social workers and office specialists, as well as options to address the VSO’s high rate of staff turnover.

While adding staff comes at a cost to the County, many VSO positions, including trained VSRs, generate offsetting state and federal revenues. And investment by the County yields tangible results in additional dollars for our County’s veterans, and more importantly, by improving their health and wellbeing.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian represents the Fifth District which includes Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Saratoga, Stanford, portions of San Jose and unincorporated communities in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Stay up to date on news and events happening in District Five by signing up for Supervisor Simitian’s monthly newsletter at his website: SupervisorSimitian.org.

City Council & Planning Commission News



By Adam Buchbinder

As part of Campbell’s Housing Element, we’re obliged to design three “overlay zones”, which are special areas of the city in which certain rules apply. Two of these are state-mandated, one to make opportunity sites listed in two previous Elements developable by-right, and the other to make additional low-income sites developable by-right because we (like every other city in Santa Clara County) did not make our deadline for approval of the Housing Element. “By right”, also called ministerial approval, means that if a proposal conforms to

our city’s objective rules, it will be approved without going through a discretionary hearing at Planning Commission or City Council.

The third, and most interesting one, is an Affordable Housing Overlay Zone. Staff is currently gathering input from the Planning Commission, the City Council, and the general public, on what such an overlay would look like. It will likely take the form of a local density bonus plan, a version of the statewide program which allows for greater density and certain concessions and waivers if a developer provides

subsidized housing. It would only apply to non-single-family areas; a different upcoming plan likely based on SB 10 will be used there.

In order for our program to be useful, it would have to provide something that the state density bonus doesn’t, in exchange for something that the city wants. Most prominent is our citywide height limit. Passed as Measure N by a 51-49 margin in 1986, it limits building height to seventy-five feet (less than a third the height of the Pruneyard Tower), but the state density bonus allows fully-subsidized

projects to exceed those limits by up to three stories.

If the city wants to preserve its height limits despite the incentives offered by the state, it will need to offer something that the state density bonus program doesn’t. The most obvious option is to offer ministerial approval for subsidized housing which does not exceed the height limit. The city could also offer this kind of incentive in exchange for adherence to our aesthetic standards about adjacency. And if the city’s goal is simply to produce as much housing as possible, we don’t have to add

any additional requirements at all.

Not all jurisdictions have been so diligent in following through on their programs. Staff has done an excellent job focusing on meaningful policy.

Adam Buchbinder is a member of the Campbell Planning Commission. Opinions expressed here are his alone, not those of the Commission or the City. Contact the Campbell Planning Department at planning@campbellca.gov.

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NOVEMBER MOVIES



By Sam Wilson

Killers of the Flower Moon – B+

Not amongst director Martin Scorsese's best but certainly at the top of his secondary efforts. A fascinating 3.5 hour telling of the true story regarding Native Americans who become rich after oil is discovered on their land, which attracts white folks who move there to work for them with some secretly part of a conspiracy to steal ownership of the Osage land through deceit and murder in 1920's Oklahoma. Leonardo DiCaprio is stellar as his most morally grey character yet while Robert DeNiro's villain lacks layers.

Five Nights at Freddy's – D+

Painfully dull PG-13 adaptation of the popular video game series starring Josh Hutchinson (The Hunter Games) as Mike, the new security guard at a closed Chuck E. Cheese-style pizzeria where the animatronics come to life to kill. The uninspired script's full of missteps, like not taking advantage of the retro setting, spending too much time on Mike's convoluted backstory and the whole angle involving a policewoman who takes an unusual interest in Mike. Matthew Lillard (Scooby Doo) appears as

the loan bright spot.

Saw X – C+

Tobin Bell gets more screen time than ever as his strong screen presence as John Kramer aka Jigsaw is wisely taken advantage of. Set before Saw II, John gets experimental cancer treatment that he learns was fraud which leads him and his accomplice Amanda (returning Shawnee Smith) to kidnap all involved to make them play his twisted games. Succeeds with the torture porn that fans expect, but fails to omit the bad acting, drab settings and poor screenplays the franchise is known for.

The Exorcist: Believer – C-

The original is a classic because it wasn't afraid to push boundaries and offend people in it's aim to terrify and disturb, which is where this pale imitation primarily fails by playing it safe and tame. Directed by David Gordon Green (recent "Halloween" trilogy), two girls go missing and return possessed, leading their parents searching for answers. Leslie Odom Jr. is relatable as the dad of one of the possessed, but the girls aren't scary and Ellen Burstyn's return is disappointing.

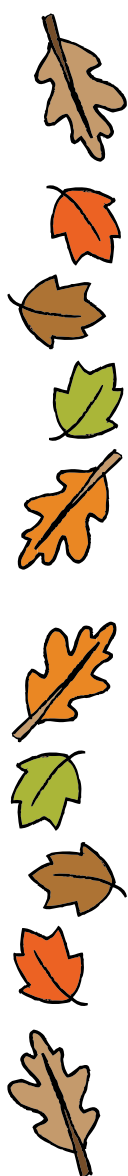
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The Creator – C

Futuristic sci-fi action yarn that's too stuffed with over-done tropes to succeed as an original story. Rising star John David Washington (Tenet, BlackKkKlansman) is the guardian figure protecting the special child against the backdrop of an ongoing war between humans and robots. The visuals are terrific as always with director Gareth Edwards (Rogue One: A Star Wars Story) but the relationship between the two protagonists fails to elect emotion and the story is as redundant as it sounds.

The Royal Hotel – B-

Julia Garner (Ozark) and Jessica Henwick (The Matrix Resurrections) are best friends backpacking in Australia who take live-in jobs at a pub in a mining town full of locals who's cat-calls get increasingly more aggressive in this tense thriller. The story and climax aren't flashy, but it's a well-executed slow-burn featuring talented actors, including the iconic and reclusive Hugo Weaving (The Matrix, The Lord of the Rings) as the drunken pub owner.

She Came to Me – C+

Peter Dinklage (Game of Thrones) shines but the flimsy script fails with both the family drama and romantic elements. Dinklage is an accomplished composer who's struggling to finish his next opera ballad due to a creative block, with a game Anne Hathaway as his OCD psychologist wife and Marissa Tomei as a stranger who helps knock him out of his mental funk. Completely falls apart when a generic teen romance subplot is introduced halfway in that eventually overtakes the main plot.



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Thursday, November 9
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Friday, November 10
8:00pm
Chain of Fools

Saturday, November 11
8:00pm
Chrome Deluxe

Wednesday, November 15
7:00pm
Jazz Jam

Thursday, November 16
7:00pm
Blues Jam

Friday, November 17
8:00pm
Engine Room

Saturday, November 18
8:00pm
Blues Rockers

Wednesday, November 22
7:00pm
Chuck and Dan's Jam

November 23 & 24
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Saturday, November 25
8:00pm
SIMON'S All Star Band

Wednesday, November 29
8:00pm
Gold Money Jam Band

Thursday, November 30
7:00pm
Blues Jam

Friday, December 1
8:00pm
Little Black Book

Saturday, December 2
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Wednesday, December 6
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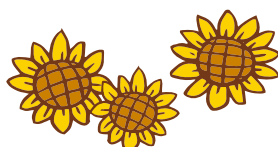
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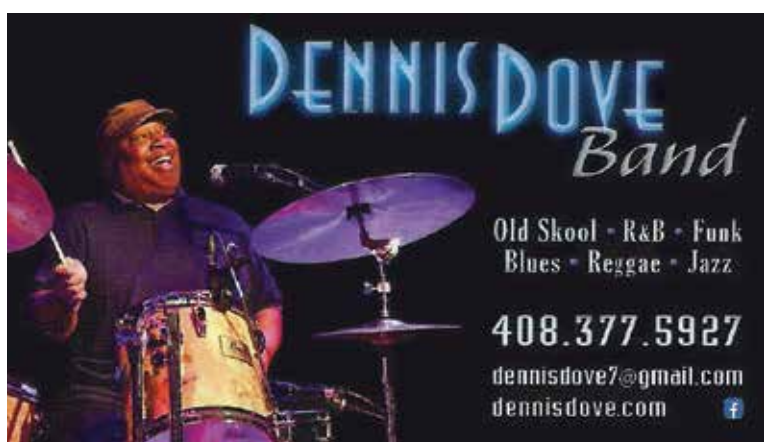
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BROADWAY TOURS HIT SAN JOSE

By Jennifer Packard, Entertainment Critic

Broadway San Jose kicked off their 2023-2024 season with a new touring production of *Les Miserables*, October 17-22. Under the direction of Laurence Connor and James Powell, the actors portrayed Victor Hugo's characters closer to one-dimensional cartoons than the

for the one-night-only Live in Concert screening of *Spider-Man: Into the Spider Verse* on November 13 where the Academy Award-winning animated film is paired with a live orchestra and scratch DJ on stage and the newest holiday, family favorite Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch*

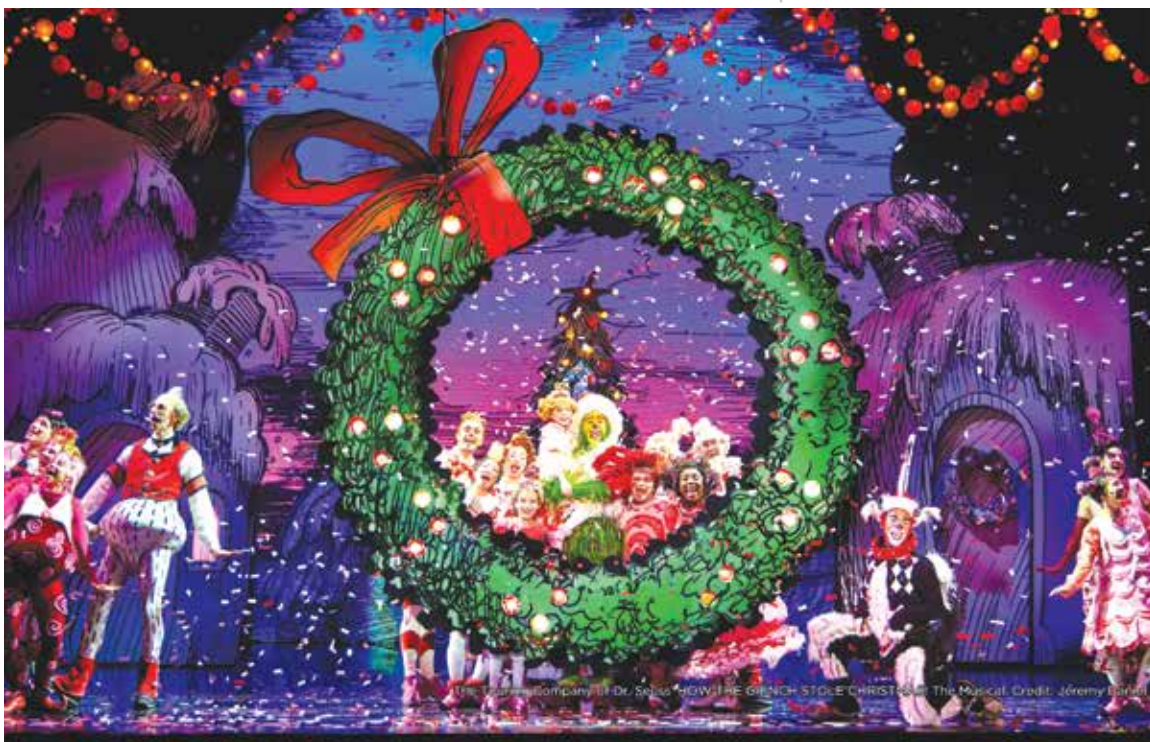
Jose to produce the Rita Moreno Awards in May each year. But the awards are complex, it is a competition that recognizes outstanding achievement in California high school musical theater north of Santa Barbara. Broadway San Jose adjudicators visit nearly 100 high school produc-



in-depth 3-D characterizations which they were intended, making it challenging to connect on any level to the heartfelt story. But wow, could they belt out a tune. It appeared musical director, Brian Eads, was all-in for the wow-factor of loud belts, quick tempos, and holding out the money notes for the hoots-and-hollers from the audience. Although I prefer meaningful exchanges between characters within a song resulting in a variety of acting and vocalization levels, the house was enthralled by the booming voices, holding on to their applause and shouting in the crowd after each recognizable *Les Mis* musical number. "Stars," "One Day

Stole Christmas! The Musical, November 28-December 3. The 2023-2024 Season brings a variety of Broadway touring productions to San Jose: *Mamma Mia!* (December 12-17), *Chicago* (February 23-25), *Mean Girls* (March 19-24), *Peter Pan* (June 25-30) and Disney's *Frozen* (August 21-September 1). Visit Broadwaysanjose.com for more information on single ticket sales, mini-packages (4+ shows), or season tickets. Broadway San Jose offers season tickets starting at \$150.00 per person and individual performance tickets normally run \$39.00 to \$169.00 per ticket plus fees. And if you are interested in attending a show, but aren't familiar with the music,

tions throughout the year and then in May the top performers and productions are invited to San Jose for the Rita Moreno Awards ceremony to select one Lead Actor and Actress winners go on to the National High School Musical Theatre Awards (NHSMTA), also known as the Jimmy™ Awards, in New York City, where they'll perform on a Broadway stage before industry experts and compete for scholarship opportunities. It is an extraordinary program inspired by its namesake Rita Moreno, who belongs to an elite group of only eight living performers who have won entertainment's grand slam of the industry's most prestigious awards: the



More," and "Bring Him Home" were crowd favorites, as were the comic relief numbers of M. and Mme. Thénardier.

Next up for Broadway San Jose is *Ain't Too Proud* focusing on the lives of the musical sensation, The Temptations, which will close today, November 5. But tickets can still be purchased

simply log into iTunes or Amazon music and purchase the album to play at home or in the car.

Broadway San Jose is more than just hosting touring productions at the Center for the Performing Arts. Did you know about their outreach for the arts? Broadway San Jose partners with the Children's Musical Theater San

Oscar™, the Emmy Award™, the Tony Award™ and the Grammy™. Special note - Broadway San Jose's season ticket holders are given two complimentary tickets to the Rita Moreno Awards - another perk to being a season ticket holder, like the season ticket holder private lounge off the main lobby.

Before the Song: "Another One Bites the Dust" by Queen

By Chris Jackson

It's not often you hear a song start with the bass guitar—The Beatles' "Come Together" and Aerosmith's "Sweet Emotion" come to mind. The bass intro stands out even more in Queen's "Another One Bites the Dust." You can even sing it: bah-duh dum-dum-dum, bah dum-dum-bah-duh-dum!" Credit Queen's bassist, John Deacon, for coming up with that one. Easy. Wait...not so fast.

Two huge problems came up. Queen's lead singer Freddie Mercury thought the bass intro, sounded cool, but he didn't know how he could sing along to it. He ended up figuring the only thing he could do would be to sing very dramatically during the verses—he called it being "over-the-top." He would end up sounding almost like a drill sergeant would talk/sing to troops standing at attention. It worked. It became one of Queen's most popular songs—that is, thanks to someone whose name I have yet to mention.

You see, bassist John Deacon didn't realize the now famous bass intro was anything more than just a little warm up pattern he played during a break in rehearsal. He didn't realize it could be the start of a song...until the next day. That's when he also realized he couldn't remember it! Could anyone else in the band have noticed him playing it the day before? Singer Freddie? No. Lead guitarist Brian May? No. Drummer Roger Taylor? Yes!!

Roger Taylor is a professional singer (who sings background vocals for Queen and is it the one singing the highest note in Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody") and all-around amazing musician. The bass intro, stuck in his head from the day before! He hummed it to John, and the rest is history. Now, how about we stop the drummer jokes, ok?

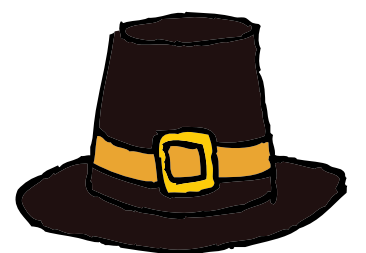
Chris Jackson can be heard on 98.5 KFOX *The South Bay's Classic Rock*, weekdays 6am-9am.

HERE'S HOWE

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from there we would bowl at the **Cambrian Bowling Alley** in the **Cambrian Park Plaza** shopping center. So glad they decided to keep the historical spinning sign on the corner there to remind us of what was once a special shopping center. If you went North on Union Ave. you would pass a small **Baskin Robbins** 31 flavors ice cream on the right side just before the gas station @Foxworthy. **C.B. Perkins** guitar repair shop was across the street where many of my friends took their guitars to get tweaked and repaired by the best luthiers and guitar techs in the bay area. **Music Village Store** a stone's throw away from there (and still is!) and was always a pitstop for up and coming musicians (such as myself at the time) to drool over the latest traditional musical instruments you couldn't afford at the time and carried a ton of sheet music. If you turned west on Foxworthy you would come to a house at

the very end on the left corner of Bascom (Now **ABC Play school**) that was the original location of **Guitar Showcase** where I bought my first pairs of drumsticks and Remo practice pad. Guitar Showcase one day moved next door to the house where they first started on Bascom Ave. They have consolidated considerably from days of old where it once thrived as THE place to go for anything music related. The main building was demolished a few years back and replaced by a multi-story housing complex. They moved the remaining inventory to the secondary building on the property (that once housed a recording studio and then a consignment shop) and remains open today as well as music lessons that are still being taught upstairs. Still more reminiscing to come next month...





DIG IT...



with **SAM**

By Sharon McCray, UCCE Master Gardener

With summer winding down, it is time to put some thought into your fall crops. It's a good time to look into your seed box and see what you grew last year and might want to plant now. Most winter crops prefer warm soil in which to germinate but cooler soil in which to grow and will suffer on hot days. It is always difficult for me to decide what to pull to make room for new plants. Usually the zucchini are the first to go as they are not a real favorite. Onions and garlic might have left your ground barren and sometimes it is just best to let the soil rest. A light application of horse or chicken manure on fallow ground will create an ideal spot for winter crops later in the season.

The Master Gardeners have a great publication that highlights varieties of winter vegetables that do well in Santa Clara County and were preferred in local taste tests. Broccoli, cabbages, garlic, most root crops like carrots and beets, should be planted before October. There are some unique planting techniques for certain vegetables and you will have better success if you learn what they are.

My preference is to direct sow beets and carrots. I mix the seeds with a gallon or so of potting soil and scatter the seeds that way. Beet seeds stick together so planting them can be challenging. Mixing radish seeds with

these root crops will help with keeping the plants from crowding each other.

The term "onion sets" refers to onion seeds that have germinated and are growing plants. This is a good way to buy onions and using a pencil to make planting holes for each plant is easy and practical. Onions grow all winter and are usually ready to harvest in the late spring. You will know when to harvest because the plant will produce a flower head, which should be cut off so all the energy will go into the bulb; at this point, do not apply any water. Onions grown from seed will provide a better selection and overall, will not take much longer to be ready to harvest than

those grown from sets.

Broccoli is a unique vegetable and most gardeners believe that if the leaves of different broccoli plants touch each other that the harvest will be adversely affected. I have no proof but space mine well apart just to be safe.

October is the best time to plant strawberries but having access to plants can be challenging. They overwinter without too much trouble and with the first hint of spring fruit will be ready to harvest. The University of California did extensive research on strawberry varieties in Santa Clara because the conditions, including soil and weather, are conducive to good production.

Carrots are easy to grow but require constant moisture. Once the seeds are planted, make sure to keep the soil moist. If the seedlings or plants become stressed because of lack of water, growth will stop or your carrots will be spindly and odd looking

Next month's focus will be perennials like sage, mint, oregano and ornamental plants including salvias and native plants followed by bulbs and fruit trees in the months to come.

Be sure to listen to more garden tips and advice on the "Old Time Farm and Garden Show", the fourth Thursday of the month, 10 am until noon, on KKUP 91.5 FM.

WEST COAST CHEF

By Bill Peil



HERE COME THE HOLIDAYS

In November, look for peak flavors from white truffles, Dungeness crab, goose, turnips and turnip greens, black radishes, red peppers, pumpkins, butternut squash, chestnuts, fennel, Belgian endive, horseradish, sorrel, winter melons, apples, artichokes, beets, Brussels sprouts, grapes, kiwi, persimmons, pomegranates, and much more.

I have no use in my life for those that will not let in the holiday season with open arms. After Halloween, we have, perhaps, our most tradition oriented, and one of the most beloved American celebrations, in Thanksgiving. It is a way of love, reflection, song, and merriment. And, usually, there is some kind of reunion. It is a time for giving thanks for all that is good in the world.

The first American harvest festival was celebrated in 1621 by Pilgrims and native Americans in Plymouth, Mass. This

has come to be known as the first Thanksgiving.

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln issued the 1st National Thanksgiving Day Proclamation. It was just after Gettysburg. He asked that we "Pray for those who have become widows, orphans, or mourners; or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged." His short speech is often quoted at holiday dinner tables.

When we awaken on the big day, everyone does something traditional, whether it be the preparing of dinner and table, the Macy's Thanksgiving parade, a good old football game, or a panoramic run or hike to work up the appetite and passion for what is ahead. Maybe a toast with a neighbor, or a call to a distant friend or relative, or a warm, fall day of re-acquaintance with the family. It is a time to strengthen family and friendly reunions, and renew American patriotism.

But, don't we look forward to a beautifully brown roasted turkey with a miracle family stuffing, whipped potatoes, gravy, cranberry, and roasted Brussels sprouts. And always a few controversial side dishes like creamed onions, home made noodles, peas with mushrooms, jello salads, candied yams, and fresh rolls.

And, oh the Pumpkin pie. With whipped cream, it is the essence of our tradition.

The glory of Thanksgiving is the culmination of our Indian summer, and is preceded by a wealth of nature's canvass of colors. I often decorate the table with brightly colored leaves, pumpkins, nuts, pomegranates, persimmons, and gourds.

Now that we are in a festive mood, here is our family recipe for turkey dressing or stuffing. It has been in our family for 60 years, and is called "Truffles" because of its earthy flavors that resemble a truffle.

TRUFFLE STUFFING

Take your basic family recipe for stuffing, making sure it is heavy on sage. Or saute onion and celery in 2 cubes of butter. Add cup of finely chopped mushrooms, one small finely chopped leek, 1 can small sliced black olives, or Castelvetrano. Add can of finely chopped water chestnuts, 2 ounces brandy, 3 Tbsp. lightly toasted pine nuts. Simmer 5 minutes. Pour over 2 bags of stuffing cubes, or housemade bread cubes, 1 pound of cooked crumbled mild Italian sausage, and some good truffle oil (optional, but grand). Moisten with good chicken or turkey stock to desired consistency.

A happy toast to all...Cheers, Billy

**Over the river and through the woods,
Now grandfathers cap I spy,
Hurrah for the fun!
Is the turkey done?
Hooray for the pumpkin pie!**





Coach's Corner

By Jay Harnden

BASEBALL THOUGHTS...

Let me start by saying that I'm a San Francisco Giants baseball fan. It's been that way my entire life. My dad was a huge Giants fan, my son is a big Giants fan...it's really easy to be a fan of the Giants if you like baseball. There's an unwritten rule though, and that is if you like the Giants, you must have a certain degree of disgust for the team from down south, the L. A. Dodgers. But something happened to me the other day as I was watching the wild card game. I was watching how Clayton Kershaw was having such a hard time in the first inning. I told my wife that it would be great if he got knocked out of the game in the first inning. For those who aren't familiar with Kershaw, he's arguably one of the greatest pitchers to ever play the game. But he's still a Dodger. As I watched him struggle, I also remembered all the great things that he does for people, his generosity, the example he sets, the effort he puts in to his game...

and I started to feel some compassion for him. I mean, here's a guy who's out there giving it everything he's got, and it's not working. When Dave Roberts walked out to the mound to give him the hook, I was elated. But as I watched Kershaw walk back to the dugout, I felt a little sad for him. And it made me think about all the other players who irritate me, for any kind of trivial reason, and why do I have to be that way? I started thinking about baseball, the game I love, the game that is loved by millions of people. And how difficult it is to make it to the big leagues... the years of hard work, low pay, and even then, everything has to line up for one to get to the top. I could go on for days but let me just say that the men we see playing baseball on television are professionals. The amount of work, training, practice, etc. Is mind boggling. Not to mention the tremendous strain they put on their bodies.

The more I thought about it, the more I felt the need to look at this game a bit differently. I mean, it really is a bunch of millionaires playing a kid's game. You can see it in the way the opposing teams laugh and joke with each other when they get on base. Hard to tell they're rivals sometimes. Why can't I have a better attitude towards players that I don't like? I mean, I don't even know why I don't like some players...in this game, there's no room for judgment when watching guys out there doing their best, giving every inch of their heart and soul, so that I can enjoy a baseball game. So, I'm making a conscious effort to enjoy the playoffs and World Series this year without negative thoughts racing through my head. So far, there has been some great baseball happening in these playoffs, and I intend to keep watching and enjoying the game that I love so much.

As always. Feedback is appreciated. Play ball! Fathermattersinc@aol.com



TRAIN THE PLANE!

A train with an airline flight number may sound crazy but it does happen, especially in Europe. The German Rail Company Deutsch Bahn has a partnership with Qatar Airways (QR), which gives QR flight numbers to

may drive this route, the prospect of avoiding I-15 can be pleasing.

Taking a train to catch a plane sounds a good idea, but if you live in the South Bay Area, it could do with some simplification. San



some connecting trains out of Frankfurt. The European Union is keen to discourage airlines from operating short trips within Europe, which could easily work by train, giving environmental benefits.

Jose International (SJC) is quite a delightful airport in my view. However, there is one snag with the Light Rail service when you try to connect to the Airport. There is a bus that links Light Rail with the airport, but it is poorly advertised and signposted. SFO is not much better if you wish to use the CalTrain it gets messy with BART to link things...

Up until a couple of years ago, United Airlines (UA) had a deal with Amtrak which allowed passengers connecting through Newark, NJ, arriving by plane could connect to an Amtrak service to the likes of Pittsburgh (PTT) and the train would also carry a UA flight number.

Around the world, some countries have made excellent use of rail services to connect to major Airports. In Australia, Sydney has a rail station underneath both terminals to connect to the city. In most major European cities, a main line rail station is regarded as essential.

Sadly, the USA does not have many rail routes to which this kind of interchange could apply as you really need a high-speed rail connection to make this viable.

In Japan, the Bullet Trains make city-to-city transportation extremely viable and environmentally worthy. From Nagoya to Tokyo, a distance of 212 miles, the train takes around 90 mins. A flight on that route takes just over an hour.

Brightline, a privately owned company, is planning a high-speed rail connection between Los Angeles and Las Vegas with overhead electric power and speeds of up to 200 mph. The downside of this plan is that the terminal in LA will be at Rancho Cucamonga and will require passengers to take a Metrolink service from Union Station to connect. While the journey time will be longer than flying from LAX or Burbank to Las Vegas, once you remove the time taken at the airport to check-in and pass security, it starts to become more attractive. For people who

Unfortunately, in the USA the love of the automobile seems to override environmental considerations. In the future, we may have electric cars and electric planes for these shorter journey types.

An old Milton Berle joke came to mind as I write this. "What's the best time to miss a train? At a railroad crossing!"

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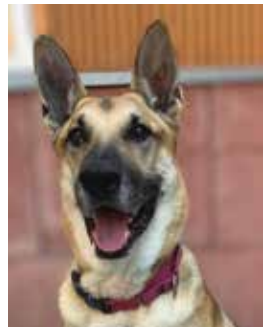
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Campbell Crime Report



By Carol W. Gerwitz

White Oaks Rd/Browning Ave.: Suspect was found passed out in her vehicle. It was determined Suspect drove intoxicated with her 14-year-old son and her boyfriend in the car from Santa Cruz to Campbell, placing son in danger of great bodily injury or death. Booked.

300 blk. Union Ave.: Suspect struck several parked vehicles in the apartment complex, then fled the complex and collided into a sign where he was contacted by Officers. Determined to be DUI. Booked.

100 blk. Rose Ct.: Victim was being dropped off at home. His driver accidentally pulled into the wrong driveway, and suspect confronted victim and driver, brandished a replica firearm and demanded they leave. Suspect was contacted, arrested and booked.

1500 blk. S. Winchester Blvd.: Suspect was danc-

ing naked in the parking lot of the business and was determined to be under the influence. Booked.

S. Bascom Ave./Campisi Way.: Suspect collided with a fire hydrant and was determined to be DUI on Nitroxide and cocaine. Booked.

50 blk. Heritage Village Lane: Three minor suspects were seen breaking into and stealing a Hyundai from the parking lot. As officers arrived Suspect 1 fled the scene at a high rate of speed in a SUV. Suspect 2 had successfully started the Hyundai but fled on foot. However, Suspect 2 failed to put the Hyundai in park and it collided into a parked vehicle. Suspect 2 ran north through the complex with Suspect 3, who was nearby and who had been attempting to steal another vehicle. Suspect 2 was apprehended after a foot pursuit. Suspect 3 continued to flee, jumping a fence. With the assistance of LGPD and SCSO, a perimeter was established.

Suspect 3 was eventually located and taken into custody without incident. Suspect 1 was arrested a short time later by SJPD after he was involved in a collision in San Jose. Suspect 1 was issued a juvenile citation, and Suspects 2 and 3 were booked into juvenile hall.

Los Gatos Creek Trail: Suspect, age 29, was challenging people to fight. Additionally, suspect made criminal threats and attempted to flee from Officers. Suspect was arrested and found to have an outstanding warrant. Booked.

900 blk. N. Central Ave.: Unknown suspect took victim's bike from his vehicle. Report.

600 blk. Alpha Ct.: Victim called to report she was involved in a dispute with Suspect. Suspect had an outstanding warrant and was in possession of drug paraphernalia. Victim had bruising from a previous domestic violence incident

in which Suspect is believed to be involved. Arrested and booked.

900 blk. E. Hamilton Ave.: An unknown suspect pushed a table into a window and broke it. Report.

2300 blk. S. Winchester Blvd.: Suspect was on the property and refused to leave and also had a credit card not belonging to him in his possession. Booked.

100 blk. Bland Ave.: Unknown suspect took money from Victim's Crypto.com account. Report.

1500 blk. W. Campbell Ave.: Suspect jumped over the counter and stole items. Report.

1300 blk. Dell Ave.: Suspect threatened some people over a group text message. The suspect told the group not to show up to because he was going to shoot it up. A Ramey warrant (an arrest warrant issued by a judge or

magistrate before the prosecutor has filed formal charge) was obtained and executed at suspect's residence. Booked.

900 blk. Ravenscourt Ave.: Suspect was contacted after victim called 911 to report suspect was screaming at him. There was broken glass in the apartment. Suspect was in violation of a served peaceful contact order and her formal probation. Booked.

N. 2nd St.: Two suspects were called in as being passed out in their car. In the car officers located Fentanyl, paraphernalia, and meth, and found both suspects to be under the influence. Booked.

1600 blk. S. Winchester Blvd.: Adult Protective Services called CPD to report that elderly suspect was pinching victim. To DA.

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CROWN FIGHT NIGHTS 3: ANOTHER SOUTH SAN JOSE SHOWDOWN

By Benjamin Noel

Saturday October 14th brought in another edition of Crown Fight Nights. CFN 3 filled the hockey rink of the Plex sportsplex with MMA and Muay Thai fans alike. Promoters Laura

succeeded on the reshot, taking the bout into the realm of jiu jitsu. Horton worked off of his back, finding a triangle, which he transitioned to an armbar.

Svarda ate the incredibly



Fighters set up a body kick combo move during the mixed martial arts event

Swain, Alex Hult and Thomas Diagne did yet another incredible job organizing and running a colorful night of with 13 bouts-worth of action, giving a solid platform for fighters to begin their upward ascent into glory.

The night opened with a thrilling MMA bout. Jaime Santana of Dark Horse MMA (0-1) faced Edgar Del Toro, Independent (0-1). Santana opened with a front headlock, wearing Del Toro down with shots to the body. Round two, Santana brought out heavy shots, and Del Toro capitalized on an opening, hitting a fireman's carry to bring the fight to the mat. Santana promptly reversed the takedown, swept Del Toro, and began launching ground and pound from top mount, leading to a referee stoppage and a TKO victory for Jaime Santana, now (1-1).

Huge turn outs from local gyms supporting their fighters came from De La Soul Muay Thai, American Kickboxing Academy, and Dark Horse Gym. As seats were being filled, the trajectory of this promotion can clearly be seen. Especially with Cain Velasquez, two-time UFC heavyweight champion, in attendance. Cain is a Bay Area native, who fought out of AKA by way of San Jose during his time in the mixed martial arts circuit. Another notable figure in the mixed martial arts community, Bellator CEO Scott Coker attended the fights.

MMA Main Event

Jacob Horton (5-0) of AKA fresh off of his first round finish victory at Crown Fight Night 2 earlier in the year, came to meet Trajordon Svarda (5-3) Outlaw Jiu Jitsu in a scheduled 5 round main event.

Svarda shot a quick double leg, Horton defended, but Svarda

extended armbar, Horton ditched the submission effort to chase the back, and then came out to side control with a well-locked arm triangle, which he tightened for yet another first round finish. In the post-fight interview, Horton claimed he called his submission to his team before the match. A true wizard at his craft.

Muay Thai Main Event

De La Soul's presence became remarkably tangible when Sara-



Cain Velasquez awarding Jacob Horton CFN promotional belt.

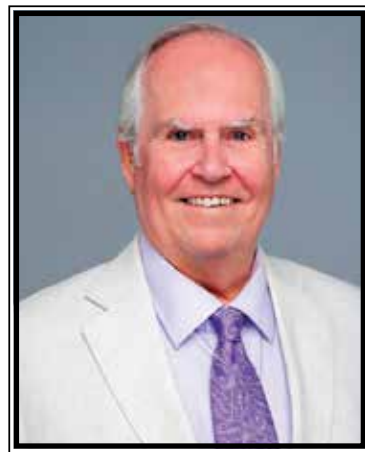
Jayne Patton (4-1) walked out. Not a DLS butt was in a seat as they rose to their feet to cheer on their fighter. She was set to face Muay Thai Minded's Ania Cichy (4-4) in their tie-breaking trilogy fight.

Both fighters did their pre-fight ritual in the ring before the fight began. As the ref signified the start of this fight, the importance of this trilogy set in for the audience.

The first 3 rounds were fairly matched, featuring solid combos from both fighters, though Patton controlled the 2nd round

CUSTOMER OR CLIENT

By W. Gene Hunt, Realtor
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At some point everyone will come across a Real Estate Agent. When they do most don't know they are fitting into one of two categories; customer or client. Understanding which you may be when it's your turn is important as an Agent has different responsibilities to both.

Going to an open house is the way most people begin their contact with an Agent. Whether visiting the home for ideas about upgrades to make in anticipation of selling their existing home or considering the home as one they'll purchase, they're also assessing the

well with a clinch, backing Cichy onto the ropes as she landed knees to the body.

The bout was called in the 4th round due to an accidental headbut. The judges scorecards of the fight until that moment were tallied up, and Patton took

Agent. They're usually wondering about trust and reliability.

The Agent is also assessing them. They're wondering if they're a customer or a client. At the open house, they're customers and the Agent may be interesting in making them a client. So, what is the difference?

Dictionaries define a customer as a person with whom one deals or a person who uses the services of a business. Those same dictionaries say a client is one leaning on another or a person for whom professional services are rendered. Though similar they're not the same and it's evident that a client is a more intimate relationship.

Legally there are distinctions between a customer and a client. Those result in different duties owed by an Agent. An Agent owes a customer honesty, accounting, reasonable skill and care as well as disclosure of material facts. A client is owed those as well as loyalty, obedience, confidentiality and, coupled with reasonable skill at

this level, is diligence. In short, an Agent owes his client a fiduciary responsibility, there's no such obligation to a customer.

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Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation ceremony begins at 9am on the Orchard City Green. See more information on page 3. They also are holding their **Annual Scholarship Donations Dinner at Villa Ragusa on Friday November 17th at 5:30 pm.** You will find the invitation and information on donating to the scholarship fund on page 5. **The Pruneyard** is having their tree lighting event on **Thursday November 28th from 6-8 pm** as well as their **Sip and Stroll Wine Walk on Thursday the 9th from 6-8pm.** See details on page 8 & 16. See you all around town, and from our humble newspaper, we thank you all for your support as **TCP celebrates its 3rd Anniversary!** Happy Thanksgiving!

MUSEUM MATTERS

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events. The Open House events at the Ainsley House offer the public an opportunity to enjoy the holiday decorations at night, with live music in the Ainsley living room and light refreshments in the Carriage House. The Open House events take place 5:30 - 8:00 pm on Sunday, December 17 and Thursday, December 21, 2023. Admission is \$15, \$10 for Museum members; children 17 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Carriage House the evening of each event.

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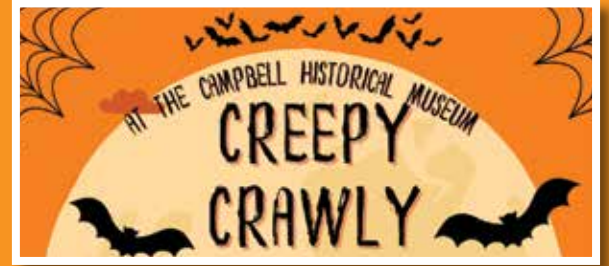
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that, in my view, I think we all share as Americans — and so I can't see myself supporting it for that reason."

Following a thoughtful, open-minded, sometimes emotional but always respectful discussion, the Campbell City Council voted on a 4-1 basis to remove Columbus Day from the list of recognized holidays for the water tower lighting, and instead recognize Indigenous Peoples Day. A recommendation was also added that beginning next year, the City consult with our local Native American tribes regarding any feedback or preferences for colors used for the recognition.

This column is written by Sergio Lopez in an individual capacity and does not necessarily represent the views of the entire City Council, city staff, or the City of Campbell.





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