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43rd Annual BOOGIE MUSIC FESTIVAL

For the second year in a row, the 43rd Annual Boogie Festival was in full swing with many food choices, merchandise, and specialty booths all supported by great music all weekend long.

On Saturday, 'Arena', Chain of Fools', 'Wheelhouse', 'First Call' and more entertained us all day long, as well as local favorites 'Mary Ellen and Thom.' Top performances by the 'Johnny Neri Band,' 'Neverland' and the popular 'Cocktail Monkeys' were just a few of the acts that rocked us on Sunday as all groups pulled out the stops with their best tunes for a perfect weather weekend.

The community stage presented some tremendous young musical talent as well as performances by the Santa Teresa School of Dance and Artec Dance Group, School of Music, and Latizmo Hip Hop Productions. We also saw some rather unusual items on display this year, and we especially enjoyed the briefcase, luggage and coffee table Bluetooth speakers that were quite unique ideas. With so many great factors at play, we shout out our thanks to all those involved for another successful community event put on by the Campbell Chamber of Commerce.



Pic of the Month: Campbell Historical Museum: Campbell, CA.

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WORD OF THE MONTH

“VERISIMILITUDE”
(Vara-sim-uh-li-tüd)
noun

In philosophy, it is the notion that some propositions are closer to the truth than other propositions. Similarity to the truth.



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HAPPENINGS

Happy Summer. The Ainsley House is open for summer tours Fridays - Sundays, 11am-3pm.

No advance registration is needed. The Museum gift shop is open the same hours and has a lovely assortment of boutique items for sale.

The Ainsley House will host the last of the Spring Garden Concerts on June 26 with the two time Grammy Winner, Mads Tolling. Mads is a violin extraordinaire and will dazzle the audience with his talents. He and his band will play a full set from 2pm -3pm (gate open at 1:30, seating provided). Advance registration is required. Tickets are \$30/ person and include wine, appetizers, and a return pas to visit the Ainsley House for a tour at a later date. Reservations can be made at <https://www.campbellmuseums.com>



The Campbell Museum Biennial Public Juried Art show opens in July. The art show features local 2D and 3D art submitted by the public using the term “Reflection” as the inspiration for the creations. The public is invited to visit the Carriage House and vote for their favorite art piece in the four categories and age groups: 2D art 18+, 3D art 18+, 2D 6-17, 3D 6-17. The Art will be on display until October and is free to visit.

The Campbell Historical Museum is looking forward to reopening in early fall. The Museum was closed initially due to COVID and then suffered from two facility related flooding incidents. Now the facility is undergoing remediation and receiving new flooring in the collection space. A grand reopening will be planned for late Fall.

If you would like to become a part of the Campbell Museums history, we invite you to become a Museum member. Museum membership information and benefits can be found on the Museum website <https://www.campbellmuseums.com/membership> with additional Museum membership activities planned for late summer/fall.

HERE'S HOWE



It was so great to be back in town after months of being away and getting to enjoy the Boogie Festival this year! On a beautiful weekend, I ran into some old friends while enjoying some great music. Can't get any better than that! Speaking of music, the summer concert series is soon to begin! The first show on this year's shorter schedule is slated for June 23rd with the popular local band “First Call” so dust off those lawn chairs and come on down to the green. The Wild Rose (ye ‘ol Campbell Brewery) across from Aqui is still working hard on their interior but claim they will now open within a couple months. They were planning to be open sooner but after a car drove through the front window, it delayed things a bit from some of the damage. They are also hiring for many positions there too, so if interested, check out their ad on the side of the building facing Aqui. A few other new businesses have also popped up on the strip. On the west end its Locanda Sorrento on 4th and Campbell Ave. They have officially been open for a few months now and had a ribbon cutting ceremony that took place a couple weeks ago with Chamber President Ken Johnson heading up the ceremony. Please go enjoy some authentic Italian

food and tell them TCP sent you. In addition to that, Distrito Federal (The recent ‘Spread’ location next to La Pizzeria) has been opened for less than a month now and Ivan the bar manager is happy to serve you pretty much any tequila of your choice with a large variety to choose from. Passing by there last weekend, it appears to be a rather popular hotspot. For those of you with a sweet tooth, check out Nox at the East end of downtown. Located at 422 E. Campbell Ave. across from Blue Line Pizza, they have recently opened and serve some amazing chocolate chip cookies and ice cream combos and much more to help satisfy your cravings during a warm afternoon stroll on the avenue. Momstera Lounge is also a rather new venture located at 428 E. Campbell Ave. ‘Momstera’ celebrates female entrepreneurs and features plants, crystals, cool gifts and more. Many of the items were created by local women too. Check it out. Hey do-it-yourselfers! Rumor has it, an ACE Hardware is going in the shopping center near the Whole Foods on Bascom and Hamilton. This will provide some alternative choices of hardware supplies and outdoor goods for around the home other than ‘you know where’ just down the street.



Nox Cookie Bar 422 E. Campbell Ave.

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THEN AND NOW

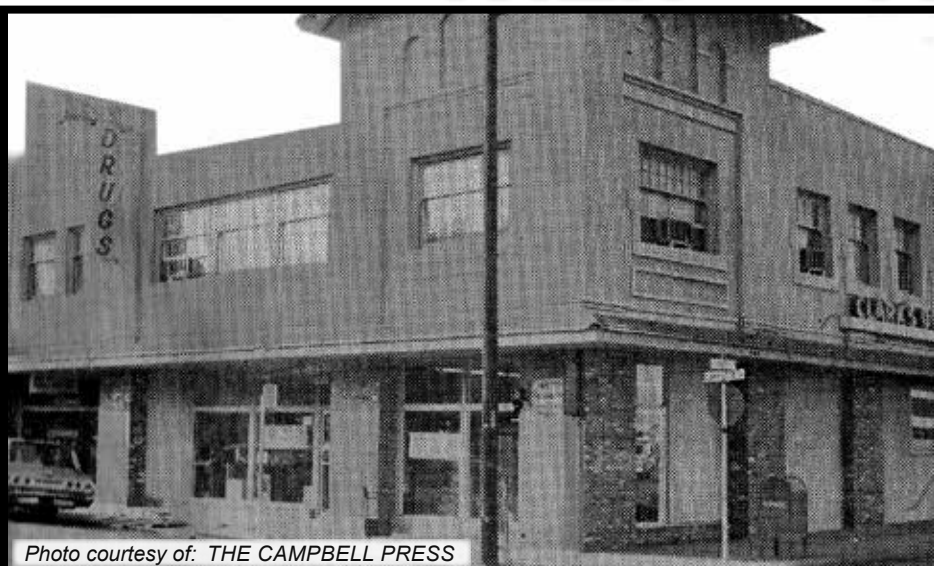


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The end of an era: Clarks Drugs located at the corner of Campbell Ave. and what used to be part of Harrison Ave. (before the loop street cut it off) officially closed its doors for good on October 1, 1965. A drugstore for over 50 years, it was once considered to be the heartbeat of the Campbell scene. Blue Line Pizza now occupies the space serving some great pizza dishes.



BAR-B-QUE, BOOTLEGGING, AND A BOOK

Authors Corner

By Carol W. Gerwitz

Inviting aromas surrounded me as I walked across the parking lot to Sam's Bar-B-Q on Bascom Avenue. I was there to chat with Sam Carlino who, with his late father Sam Sr., established the restaurant in 1991. Sam's Bar-B-Q is the latest in a progression of local eateries opened by the Carlino family. The first was The Garden Spot on Monterey Highway opened by Sam, Sr. and his brothers in 1938, then the Time Market in 1950. In 1976 the brothers converted The Time Market to The Time Deli, mistakenly thinking that a restaurant would be easier to operate than a deli. Sam Sr. left The Time Deli in 1979 for the San Jose Flea Market where he managed quality control and opened a bar-b-q restaurant there in 1987. In 1990 Sam Sr. asked his son if they should go into business together. Sam, Jr. jumped at the chance to work with his dad. Thus, after converting an office building, together they launched Sam's Bar-B-Q, still in its current location.

However, the Carlino family is linked to more than food, as I soon learned. Family history as Sam understood it was that his grandfather Pete died of pneumonia. However, a chance remark made to Sam when he was 18 by an old timer at the flea market sausage stand ("I haven't had sausage that good since the Time Market sausage") opened up a con-

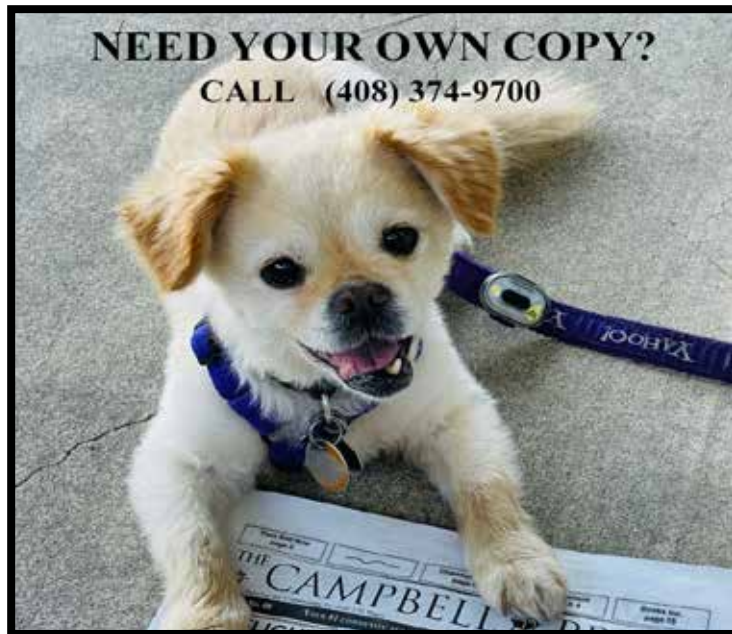
versation about family history Sam never knew. "You're a Carlino? I remember the day he was killed. Your grandfather was the biggest bootlegger in Colorado. He owned that state." Steve told me he will never forget that last sentence.

The proverbial cat was out of the bag. Sam respected his dad's unwillingness to talk about the past, but Sam's cousins immediately started asking questions. The uncles eventually opened up and reluctantly began to share the history they had kept under wraps for 50 years.

Since the story was now slowly being revealed, Sam started researching his family background in books and then on the internet. He learned that, following the murder of her husband (Steve's grandfather Pete), Steve's grandmother was

given 24 hours to leave Colorado alive. She and her six boys fled from Denver in a 1929 Dodge Senior sedan bringing only treasured family possessions. They eventually settled in the San Jose area where they were responsible, respected citizens. Sam credits the Federal investigator who infiltrated and "brought down the family" in 1931 with saving his uncles (and father) from lives of crime.

Sam spent eight years of "hard core" research, sorting facts from misinformation. Upset about the fallacies he kept unearthing, Sam used his insider family sources to write *Colorado's Carlino Brothers: A Bootlegging Empire*, loaded with pictures and newspaper clippings, available at Sam's Bar-B-Q and at your local Campbell bookstore.



PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney

Soon to be Summer in Sunny Campbell!

It's always great when you look up and down downtown on Campbell Ave and all you notice is a sea of people having fun and enjoying themselves! That's what happened in downtown Campbell during this year's *Boogie Festival!* So let the summer festivities begin! Please come downtown and visit TCP soon and let us know what you enjoy about The Campbell Press.

TCP WANTS YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 19th - the day to celebrate Father's Day! The Campbell Press wants to offer you the opportunity to give a shout out to your father (or one you may know) by placing an announcement in our 'Salute to Dad' column in our July issue. Also, any other announcements you may like to make such as graduations, weddings, or

anything special you would like to say about someone or any personal stories. Just call us or send an email to us at thecampbellpress@gmail.com. Write a thoughtful message between 50-75 words and we will gladly print it for free.

The Campbell Press is looking to have any person, walking couples and/or groups who wish to help us *deliver the monthly newspapers to your friends and neighbors! This would be a great help in our distribution and provide us with getting the paper in places where it just doesn't make it too just yet.* Call us at 408-374-9700 and we will supply you with the number of newspapers you need in your area!

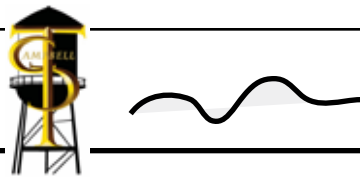
As always: **Thanks to our readership and community for you support.**



Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and Campbell Mayor Paul Resnikoff received the flag flown in Washington DC in honor of fallen soldiers.



June		CAMPBELL REAL ESTATE			June	
ADDRESS	SALES PRICE	B/B	AGE	LOT SIZE	SQ. FT.	
SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, SINGLE FAMILY HOMES						
Alice Avenue	\$2,725,000	3/3	85	7324	1950	
McBain Avenue	\$2,650,000	5/2.5	61	9648	2823	
Bent Drive	\$2,500,000	3/2	63	8182	1785	
Patio Court	\$2,450,000	4/2.5	62	9434	2404	
Montezuma Drive	\$2,350,000	5/2	61	6088	1980	
N. 3rd Street	\$1,955,000	2/1	75	10017	1443	
Coventry Drive	\$1,840,000	4/2	65	6014	1393	
Van Dusen Lane	\$1,720,000	4/2	27	8467	20-Nov	
S. 2nd Street	\$1,650,000	2/1.5	97	4699	960	
Kennedy Avenue	\$1,605,000	3/3.5	6	1434	1955	
SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, CONDO/TOWNHOMES						
Allerton Loop	\$18,100,000	3/2.5	7	528	1658	
Chalet Woods Circle	\$1,582,000	3/2.5	27	1484	1500	
Shelley Avenue	\$1,570,000	3/2.5	33	1850	1727	
W. Rincon Avenue	\$1,285,000	3/2.5	42	1018	1448	
Merrimac Drive	\$1,170,000	2/2.5	47	1350	1242	
Union Avenue	\$990,000	3/2	43		1373	
S. Bascom Avenue	\$815,000	2/2	38		841	



SPECIAL GAMES CAMPBELL KIWANIS



CAL-NEV-HA Governor Margo Dutton welcomed the Special Games Kiwanis - 18 clubs and 517 students of 37 schools with Santa Clara County Special Education Dept. athletes to have fun!



KIWANIS CLUB OF WILLOW GLEN



Pancake Breakfast was served in Willow Glen by Kiwanis as they do every year for the Annual 5K Run.



GOVERNOR'S DINNER 2022 KIWANIS DIVISION 12



Lt. Governor Chip Kohler watched Los Gatos Club President Susan Moore give a Distinguished Service Award to Past President Nancy Pearson at the annual Governor's dinner. Pictured above is Margo Dutton of the CAL-NEV-HA District of Kiwanis International.



By Margaret Schieck, chapter President

The May meeting of the Campbell Area Chapter 5151 of AARP featured Kerry Perkins from the Campbell History Museum. Her presentation on the McGlincy murders held the audience in rapt attention. Who knew a notorious murder took place in Campbell and that the murderer was never caught?! We will certainly invite Kerry to address our meetings again.

For June, our guest speaker will be from the District Attorney's office on the topic of Senior Scams and how to avoid being a victim of them. We all find these calls and emails most annoying, and they actually can become frightening. Most elderly people have gotten the "Hi Grandma/Grandpa" call supposedly a grandchild in need of money, or the call from Amazon (scam) wanting to "verify" a purchase, usually just below five-hundred dollars. Many so-called charities are also not reputable. If you haven't heard of an organization, always check with the website charitynavigator.org. before donating. We hope you will come join us for this important and informative meeting on June 21st.

The local chapter of AARP meets on the third Tuesday of the month in Room Q80 of the Campbell Community Center. Join us for coffee and browse a free book exchange table, or just chat with members at 9:15 a.m. The formal meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. We hope to see you there.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy Fathers' Day, Juneteenth and the Summer Solstice.



THE CAMPBELL AREA CHAPTER 5151 OF
AARP

MEETS ON THE 3rd TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT THE CAMPBELL COMMUNITY CENTER,
ROOM Q-80; THE CENTER IS
LOCATED AT 1 W. CAMPBELL AVE.
AT THE CORNER OF WINCHESTER BLVD.
FELLOWSHIP FROM 9:15 TO 10 AM,
FOLLOWED BY THE PROGRAM
AND GENERAL MEETING

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campbellaarp.org

COME JOIN US!



HIKES AND RIDES 2

By Benjamin Noel

FREMONT OLDER

EASY TO INTERMEDIATE

This park has a variety of trails with something for everyone in the family. You can build endless loops with the trails in this and surrounding parks!

A short loop to Hunter's Point provides a panoramic view of the South Bay. This out and back hike is suitable for all ages. To add on to the hike (and for some better views), consider adding Masie's Peak to the trek. On the south side of the park, Masie's Peak and surrounding trails are a bit steeper, but the reward at the top is great. On a good day, you can see the City from certain parts

of the trail. One can reach Masie's Peak and get back to their car in around 5 miles.

For those into longer hikes and runs, consider taking the Coyote Ridge Trail down to the Stevens Creek reservoir, and taking Tony Look trail back up to complete the loop. This is a 11 mile journey back to the parking lot, but generous spots of shade on Tony Look make the trek bearable. Consider flipping the route and taking Tony Look trail down to challenge yourself on the steep climb up Coyote Ridge trail.

Biking is allowed on most trails in the park, except for the single-track Tony Look trail.

I recommend warming up by reaching Hunter's Point, and descending and climbing the south side to hit Masie's Peak. (The last wall before the peak is killer, build up some speed or you'll be hiking!)

This park can get crowded on weekends, and the parking lot is tiny, so arrive early to secure a parking spot close to the trailhead. Street parking is an option, if you don't mind a short asphalt hike up to the trailhead.

And the temperatures are rising, so make sure to pack more than enough water, apply sunscreen, and always bring snacks. Have fun out there!

KNOW YOUR CAMPBELL STREETS!

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DALLAS LEIGH ROSE and more...
HOWE MANY MORE WORDS CAN YOU FIND?

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



On June 2nd, Campbell resident April B. graduated from Boynton High School and will continue her education at West Valley College in the fall. Photo credit: Nancy O Gomes



On Memorial Day, Campbell Press co-publisher places a flower on the memorial wreath at the Campbell Memorial Foundation to honor her husband Donald Rick Gomes of 38 years. Rick was a Marine veteran that served in the Vietnam war and passed away last year from cancer. He had direct contact with agent orange in 1968. Photo credit: Jim Free



On Memorial Day Gold Star Father Ken Estep starts the traditional Salute to Local Soldier's by putting the first Red Carnation in a Honors Wreath!



Campbell Chamber has a ribbon cutting Welcome for Locanda Sorrento Italian Restaurant here in downtown Campbell! Naples inspired by owner Enzo Rosano. Enjoy fresh food and drinks from meatballs to lasagna!

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Fire Near Downtown Campbell



Just before noon on May 24th firefighters from Santa Clara County Fire Dept. responded to a structure fire on the 300 block of Harrison Ave. The fire caused significant damage to the detached structure at the rear of the property as well as causing damage to the house behind the property that was located on Central Ave. A small fire also started on a wood shake roof several doors away from the falling embers but was quickly extinguished. Photo: Courtesy SCCFD.



City Council and a Planning Commission

By Adam Buchbinder

How do we decide between preserving the past and building the future? The concept of historical preservation is an attempt to balance these principles. Since 1984, Campbell has had a Historic Resource Inventory, currently containing 147 properties. Campbell's Historic Preservation Board maintains the list and submits recommendations to the City Council.

Of these properties, only nineteen are Historic Landmarks, like the Ainsley House on Grant Street, which have specific, inherent historical value. Thirty-six others are Historic District Properties, like 235 South First Street, and the remaining majority are Structures of Merit, which represent a particular architectural style.

At the Planning Commission's May 10 meeting, we considered an applicant whose home was placed on the inventory as a Structure of Merit in 2012. Due to incorrect disclosures when they bought it several years later, the applicant was unaware that their

home was on the inventory, and did some work on the exterior.

The city's Historic Preservation Ordinance prohibits certain changes to a historic structure which would reduce or destroy the factors which made it historic in the first place. California law also prohibits substantial alterations without a building permit in the first place. Usually, when someone fails to get a permit, the city will charge them for it after the fact to get them back into compliance, plus a fine. The city cannot issue building permits for an impermissible change, so in this case, the owner had no way of complying with the city's code.

The Planning Commission faced the question of whether to grant removal from the Historic Resource Inventory, and what kind of fee, if any, to charge. Staff calculated the cost to restore the building at forty-five thousand dollars, and suggested charging it to the applicant as an in-lieu fee. The HPB suggested five thousand. The Planning Commission,

after much discussion, voted 5-1 to rescind the designation, and to charge a five thousand dollar fee. There was no ideal outcome to be had here, but we reached a compromise.

In other news, Campbell expects to have a draft of its Plan for Housing available for public review for thirty days starting the week of May 23. Please go to <http://campbell.generalplan.org/housing-element> and provide your feedback on our plans for how the city should develop over the next eight years. After this, we'll incorporate your input into a final version to submit to the state Department of Housing and Community Development, for approval next January.

Adam Buchbinder is a member of the Campbell Planning Commission. Opinions here are his own, not the Commission's or the City's. To contact the Planning Department, email planning@campbellca.gov. For upcoming agendas, go to <https://campbellca.gov/AgendaCenter>.

Money Empowerment by Jill



Things are opening up, people are traveling again, summer is here! Travel costs can add up quickly. Here are a few things to consider when planning your vacation to help keep costs at bay and enjoy your time away without getting into debt.

1. Transportation costs

Transportation costs are generally the bulk of most vacations. Of course, this depends on where you are headed and how you plan to get there. When budgeting your transportation costs, remember to research any hidden fees, such as baggage fees, insurance and extra surcharges. If you are renting a car, be sure to include gas, extra miles, car seats, etc. in your budget.

Award points that can be used toward your transportation costs can be a great benefit.

2. Accommodations/Lodging

Where you stay may be the next largest expense. Take some time to research different packages. Many hotels and vacation rentals have various deals if you are vacationing off season for their location. If you are using a vacation rental service, be sure to check all of the additional fees. Many have now increased their cleaning charges quite a bit.

3. Food/Dining

You may be able to save money by cooking some of your own meals, if this is an option. Our family generally will eat two meals at home and then go out to one meal per day. Food costs vary depending on where you are visiting. I recommend doing

a little research on average food costs and setting an estimated, realistic daily budget for food.

4. Entertainment

Research ahead of time the different activities available at your destination. You may not do all of them, but get an idea of how much you need to put aside. I also like to find all of the cheap and free events

5. Shopping/Souvenirs

If you are traveling with kids, you may consider giving them a budget. We give each of our kids shopping money when we head out. They are old enough to budget it themselves and it gives them the opportunity to buy what they want without asking us all the time. Consider giving yourself a budget as well.

6. International Expenses

If you are traveling out of country, check out the exchange rate. Your dollars may not go as far somewhere else. Also, consider costs of anything such as documents or cell phone coverage required for the area you are traveling too.

In summary, do some research, prepare yourself for what your entire trip will cost, save up the money before your trip, and avoid getting slammed with bills well after your vacation is over. Happy Planning!

Best of luck,
Jill Scarnecchia

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Small businesses have a knack for finding creative ways to turn challenges into opportunities - like leveraging their smaller size to educate employees about their benefits on a personal level. It results in more of their employees understanding what's being offered to them.

<p>BOOSTS MORALE</p> <p>36%</p> <p>of employees who say they understand their benefits very well say they felt highly cared about</p>	<p>IMPROVES RETENTION</p> <p>31%</p> <p>of employees who say they understand their benefits very well say they plan to stay at their employer more than 10 years</p>	<p>INCREASE JOB SATISFACTION</p> <p>45%</p> <p>of employees who say they understand their benefits very well say they are highly satisfied with their current job</p>
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75% OF SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYEES UNDERSTAND THEIR BENEFITS MODERATELY OR VERY WELL*

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*Employees that work with an employer with less than 100 employees. Colonial Life, "Consumer Survey" 2019. 1,505 U.S. consumers working full-time responded to the survey from January 29-February 1.

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CITY NEWS

By Sergio Lopez

Abdolvahab Alaghmandan. Adrian Balleza. Alex Fritch. Jose Hernandez III. Lars Lane. Paul Megia. Taptejdeep Singh. Timothy Romo. Michael Rudometkin. Just over one year ago, these nine men were victims of the tragic VTA mass shooting right here in Santa Clara County.

The anniversary weighed heavily on my mind in the week leading up to the anniversary—then, just two days before, the nation's conscience was shocked by the almost unthinkable tragedy in Uvalde, Texas. While we read about such tragedies with justified horror, the anniversary of the events here in our own backyard show that, sadly, no community is vulnerable to such a tragedy.

The anniversary of that event came with a number of vigils, public and private, for the living to pay their respects to the deceased. Having heard the family's stories at such memorials in my capacity as a Valley Transportation Authority committee member, I know that each and every one left behind families who loved them—who in fact continue to love and to miss them. No one deserves to have their life cut short, and no family member deserves to lose their loved one, in such a manner.

After these tragic events occur, discussion often turns to mental health. It's true that this can sometimes be a contributing factor for at least some perpetrators, though not for a majority: studies indicate that it may play a role in 25% of mass shootings. (Other researchers, writing in the Harvard Review of Psychiatry, point out that this is not a majority and that we must look to larger societal factors as opposed to simply individualizing the problem if we are to find real solutions).

However, what became clear to me in hearing from the family members of victims was that mental health is an important consideration for those who are left behind. This can include immediate family members,

but also colleagues and community members who are impacted by the news. Such a shooting can shake one's conception of community and safety, and in those times, it's more important than ever to turn to one another—and to professional resources.

After the VTA shooting a year ago, our state legislators, particularly Senator Dave Cortese (formerly a Santa Clara County Supervisor) were crucial in getting needed resources and support for survivors. VTA leadership was supportive of these efforts (though some family members still feel that yet more is needed).

For individuals who are grappling with the impact of these kinds of news events, it is not just okay, but important and necessary, to seek help when needed. Though mass shooting events are relatively rare, when they do occur, more and more Americans find themselves needing to process the events with a professional. The American Counseling Association (at Counseling.org) also has more information and resources available on their website.

Ultimately, a solution to the rise in deadly mass shooting events will come from a discussion around gun safety. Better data is needed on the effectiveness of different policy prescriptions, and no one proposal will solve for every incident, but the latest studies indicate that some gun control methods can be effective in at least reducing the number of fatalities, and could have the potential to stop some incidents altogether. Gun owners can also do their part to advocate for education around safety and to store their own weapons safely and securely, out of reach of children and youth.

And when it comes to issues like these and mental health, I will continue to search for ways to ensure Campbell can continue to be a safe community for all.



House of Representatives and Congresswomen Anna Eshoo (District 14) at Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation Honoree Ceremony, paying respects to our local veterans community. Photo credit: Nancy O Gomes

COUNTY NEWS

Planning Ahead to Care for Older Adults

By County Supervisor Joe Simitian

By 2030, just eight years from now, Santa Clara County projects that residents aged 65 and up will make up one-fifth of our population—outnumbering children for the first time.

Many older adults have special needs related to nutrition, medical treatment, mobility, transportation, and social interaction. Caregivers—whether a family member, a community volunteer, or hired helpers—provide life-enhancing, indeed often life-saving, support.

Finding compassionate caregivers for our aging loved ones is a concern for many of us, especially now.

The pandemic placed additional financial and health-related burdens on many of our families, and strained the already limited number of caregiving providers available for in-home support services. Programs such as senior nutrition and social activities were negatively affected by the pandemic as the County and local non-profit organizations were forced to reduce or suspend in-person congregate meals and gatherings.

A further complication is that the current landscape of caregiving in our County is fractured and confusing. Those seeking care don't always know where to start looking. Likewise, caregivers and the agencies that support caregiving sometimes find it difficult to make referrals for appropriate services and service providers.

As we move past the acute phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the time to assess the nature and extent of the challenge of caring for our County's older adults. That way we can identify real solutions—because the need for services can only grow as our population ages.

I'm gratified that my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors recognized the importance of this challenge, unanimously supporting my proposal to conduct a comprehensive assessment of older adult caregiving needs and capacity in our County. We'll be looking to identify:

- Who needs caregiving and what services are needed, juxtaposed against the services currently available;
- Who is currently providing caregiving services—both formally and informally; and,
- What gaps and barriers are preventing people from accessing those services or providing them.

We'll also be soliciting feedback from community stakeholders like Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), Working Partnerships USA, the County's Department of Aging and Adult Services, Sourcewise, and others to inform the strategies we use to address the inevitable increase in demand for caregiving services, as well as the likely shortage in providers.

Caregiving for our older adults will affect almost all of us at one point or another, either when a loved one is in need or when it's time to receive these services ourselves. The County's Older Adult Caregiver study is an opportunity for us to plan now and get ahead of the problem, before our system is overwhelmed.

Please visit my website, SupervisorSimitian.org, for more information on our work and events. As always, if you have questions, comments, or ideas to share, please reach out to our office at (408) 299-5050, or via email: Supervisor.Simitian@bos.sccgov.org.

Joe Simitian was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 2012 and re-elected in 2016 and 2020. He represents the Fifth District, which now includes Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Saratoga, Stanford, and portions of San Jose. Joe's public service over the years includes stints as a member of the California State Senate, the California State Assembly, Mayor of Palo Alto, President of the Palo Alto School Board, as well as an earlier term on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. He served as an election observer/supervisor in El Salvador and Bosnia and participated in refugee relief and resettlement efforts in Albania and Kosovo.

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I HAD A DREAM...

By Matthew C. Howe

Part 10

Last month I was telling you about my friend Don Hart, a Campbell High schoolmate of mine who was instrumental in guiding me during a particularly bold career move I was about to make. He had convinced me in the spring of 1984 that it was truly possible to acquire the recording studio equipment inside the CEC headquarters in Sunnyvale where I had recently worked. The equipment would soon be put up for auction after Chuck E. had filed bankruptcy. I brought in my best friend; former bandmate and audio engineer Jerry into my wild dream because I felt he should be a part of it too- and honestly, I didn't want to do it without him. Don really wanted a piece of the action once I had decided to partner with Jerry and did his best to negotiate a piece of the pie, but it just didn't feel right for the two of us at the time. Jerry and I were great friends, both having musical dreams beyond our bands; we had played for several years together and only recently were in different groups for the first time. If our bands were to break up at some point, (which was a good chance based on the percentage of bands that really ever "make it") we still wanted to remain in the music business. We felt a studio was the way to a longer life for us... if this worked out. We were both typical starving artists at the time and decided to approach our parents for a possible loan. Jerry's father demanded we present them with a business plan before ever considering such a venture. We spent a great deal of time working on our proposal, since we both knew this was potentially a once in a lifetime opportunity to get some quality gear for 10 cents on the dollar. We felt we had come up with a goods business plan for operating a recording studio

business in our area. We then held a meeting at Jerry's parent's house in Los the Gatos hills with his mom and dad along with my mother Sally. They tested us hard that evening and challenged us to answer some tough questions. We apparently showed we were passionate enough about it and they initially agreed to each put up 5k- but it had a catch. A BIG catch. Since we both had original rock bands we were playing in, we were told we would have to quit performing with them and dedicate ourselves fulltime to making the studio business work. I hated the thought of having to leave my own band. We had both considered our bands to be a central part of the studio idea and we would be creating the ability to record ourselves for practically nothing, but our parents didn't see it that way. This was not an easy decision for me, but after much thought of having more control of my musical destiny, I agreed whole-heartedly. I didn't want to tell my bandmates, but they understood my decision when I finally did. Would they be able to continue without me? I wanted to make sure there was at least a chance, and I was willing to help in any way I could. It wasn't long before they broke up, after saying they were unable to replace me. Before I knew it, my mom backed out of the deal with Jerry's parents, but with the auction day nearing, they were willing to put up the whole 10k that we knew we needed. Soon enough we were standing in the studio at the auction with 18 other people eager to bid on the gear. We were young and new to this type of thing and were rather nervous. We weren't sure what we were going to be able to acquire if anything at all. I was the only one there that had an inside-lane with a printed list of all the equipment

purchased, the date and price paid for each item, their depreciation, their working condition and more. This was clearly an advantage for us. We passed on many items knowing the bids were too high. I remember some multitrack master tapes that were sold to one bidder that I had forgotten all about. I had some personal compositions and other stuff that I had recorded on the end of a couple of the reels, and I really felt I should be the one to have the tracks. I approached the winning bidder about it, explaining my situation, but he refused to allow me to remove my compositions. I pleaded with him that it was some of my best personal work and it really didn't belong to him anyway, but he refused to accommodate me. I offered to replace the entire reels with new ones, but he wouldn't grant me my wish. There may have been a communication breakdown that needed translation, but no one was there to do that for me. I lost those tracks to him, and I was a rather frustrated about his lack of compassion. A few years later a bassist I had played with called me up and said he was pretty sure he had just heard one of my tracks on the military channel. I had made a cassette copy of one of the tracks for him to learn. We had turned it into a rock song for our band and had performed the song together. I was hoping he was joking, but soon after that, I also heard my instrumental track on that cable channel too. I cried for nearly an entire day knowing there was nothing I could really do to claim I was the one that had written the track, and I also knew I couldn't afford a lawyer to try and prove it either. A VERY hard lesson learned. I told myself I could never have this happen to me ever again, and it never has... *Continued next month.*

The Liminal Space of Creativity in the Year of the Individual

By Emileena Pedigo

Artists love to complain about the squeezed funding dedicated to the Arts, an unpleasant reality that has seen decreased spending on the Arts starting, arguably, with Reaganomics. I've shared in that narrative in almost every presentation, workshop, and event I've produced. But what I'm starting to see now is that more than the lack of funding, it's the very system itself that is broken.

Specifically, non-profits that are created to fund under-served artists simply cannot keep up with the demand. There are just too many people awakening to the artist within. I think we're finally starting to see that the answer to the squeezed Arts industries is not to find more money, nor create more organizations. All that does is replicate the same problems. In an increasingly diverse environment (which was always diverse, society is just now starting to embrace it), what we need is more diverse *systems!*

But the point of this article is not to offer a solution. There will always be *#AnotherWay*, which means no one way will ever be a cure-all for everyone equally. Instead, I'd like to suggest that we are in a time of unprecedented opportunity precisely because our systems are collapsing.

The events that have transpired since 2020 have catalyzed interest in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Most notably, integration of the BIPOC, BLM, and LGBTQ perspectives have been given a greater weight inside the workplace. Both corporations and non-profits have increased their efforts to ensure representation. This in turn supports inclusive narratives that will propel the organization's footprint into a post-pandemic environment.

This all sounds very forward-thinking, exciting, and... modern. It seems we are in the season of the "individual." Time's Person of the Year in 2011 was "The Protestor," so it seems appropriate, in my mind, if "The Individual" assumed the prestigious title for 2022.

In a recent New York Times article about the Global Culture Wars,

David Brooks writes that the idealized vision of globalization that the majority accepted in the 1990s, has since devolved:

"This was an optimistic vision of how history would evolve, a vision of progress and convergence. Unfortunately, this vision does not describe the world we live in today. The world is not converging anymore; it's diverging."

Western thinking was built on patriarchal views that strived for a unified ideal. We are the *United States*, after all. But in the Year of the Individual, it seems to me that the very concept of unity is flawed.

And while some people may be upset about the splintering of our collective, I see this moment as having tremendous potential. We are sitting in a liminal time in history. That means that buried in the chaos of broken systems is the opportunity to create *#AnotherWay*.

Creativity thrives in the liminal space. As many people still have one foot firmly planted in the comfortable, predictable way of life that was pre-pandemic, we are simultaneously stepping into a new reality. It's a paradigm shift where technology is deity, to be worshipped or crucified, and temporal unpredictability is the new normal. We've lost favor for those in dominant, wealthy positions of power, such as government officials, religious leaders, and even educational institutions. Allegiance seems to lie, more so than ever, with an individualized identity.

So I leave you with a prompt to consider in your own life: How can you build a new narrative that doesn't attempt unite, but also doesn't suppress? Your answer is the creative thread that you carry in this time of chaos. According to mythologist Michael Meade, if we each carry our own thread, we can collectively weave a new reality. Be the change.

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JUNE MOVIES

By Jack Wilson

Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness - C+

Correct title would be Doctor Strange vs the Scarlet Witch because that's what the movie is about and there's no multiverse of madness depicted here as the misleading title suggests. Sam Raimi does a great job directing what is ultimately a disappointing film due to Marvel's narrative choices and lack of risks. Raimi brings some style while getting good work from the actors but he's handcuffed by the weak story and script that's forced upon him.

Top Gun: Maverick - B

Tom Cruise continues to prove he's one of the last true Hollywood movie superstars. Supporting cast includes Val Kilmer reprising his role as Iceman and Glen Powell as a cocky young hotshot pilot. The film's quality is benefited by its use of practical effects instead of CGI effects, which gives the action scenes far more weight and realism. You don't need to have seen the original to enjoy this one, but it certainly helps.

Men - C+

Another slow paced suspense film from talented director Alex Garland (Annihilation, Ex Machina) following a recently widowed woman (Jessie Buckley) who travels to the English countryside only to have weird run ins with different people all played by the same actor (Rory Kinnear). Well directed featuring some solid suspense but also has a really slow first half before the story picks up just ahead of the wild ending.

Firestarter - C-

Second try at Stephen King's book following the 1984 movie adaptation, where a little girl with fire powers is on the run from a shadow government agency. The young lead does a good job and Zac Efron surprisingly co-leads as her father. Blumhouse productions continues its history of remaking 1980s horror suspense films into modern day duds.



ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 8

6:00pm
Gold Money Band Jam

Thursday, June 9

6:00pm
Blues Jam

Friday, June 10

6:00pm
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Saturday, June 11

6:00pm
Ghosts of Calico

Wednesday, June 15

6:00pm
Knee Deep

Thursday, June 16

6:00pm
Blues Jam

Friday, June 17

6:00pm
Fossil Farm

Saturday, June 18

6:00pm
Sound Decision

Wednesday, June 22

6:00pm
Acoustic Showcase

Thursday, June 23

6:00pm
Blues Jam

Friday, June 24

6:00pm
Engine Room

Saturday, June 25

6:00pm
Jim Murphy Birthday Bash w/Johnny Neri

Wednesday, June 29

6:00pm
Gold Money Band Jam

Thursday, June 30

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June 10 Prince Tribute Band

When Doves Cry

June 11 Tom Petty Tribute Band

Presented by The Refugees

June 15 TRIVIA & KARAOKE

Every Wednesday

June 16 SALSA-LATIN NIGHT

Live Salsa Band & DJ Luis Medina

June 17 Nirvana & Stone Temple Pilots Tributes

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June 18 Closed for a Private Event

June 22 TRIVIA & KARAOKE

Every Wednesday

June 23 SALSA-LATIN NIGHT

Live Salsa Band & DJ Luis Medina

June 24 Wild Child

Rock & Roll with a Touch of Soul

June 25 Bad Company Tribute Band

By K.C. Miller

June 29 TRIVIA & KARAOKE

Every Wednesday

July 1 Funk & Motown Showdown

Starring Ariel Marin

July 2 Journey Tribute Band

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On The Town dazzles Saratoga

By Jennifer Packard

South Bay Musical Theatre opened Leonard Bernstein's *On the Town* on May 20, 2022, to a sold out house in the Saratoga Civic Theater. This opening was originally scheduled to open on May 14, 2022, but was delayed due to COVID-19 safety precautions.

On the Town is known best as the 1949 MGM technicolor musical film starring Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra, which was an adaptation of the 1944 Broadway musical which was an adaptation of Jerome Robbins ballet, *Fancy Free*. South Bay Musical Theatre co-choreographers, Zendrex Llado and Janie Scott, kept the dance spirit fluid throughout this local production.

The plot is simple: Three US Navy sailors and friends, Gabey, Chip, and Ozzie, are set loose in New York City for 24-hours of fun when Gabey falls head-over-heels in love with the monthly "Miss Turnstiles" after seeing her promotional photo in the subway. The next 24-hours are a mad-capped search for "Miss Turnstiles," Ivy Smith.

This heavy dance production engaged this Bay Area audience from the moment the curtain opened in the Brooklyn Navy Yard as Gabey (Lysander Abadia), Chip (Michael Saenz), and Ozzie (David J. Kautz) disembark their ship to sing "New York, New York," the most recognizable song from *On the Town*. Abadia, Saenz, and Kautz sang out with gusto and precise harmonies while energetically performing every turn, leap, and jump.

A crowd favorite was Catherine Traceski who portrayed Hildy Esterhazy, a love-sick Taxi driver whose sights are set on one sailor, Chip (Saenz), after he hops into her NYC cab. "Come Up to My Place" is a hilarious number in which Traceski had the audience doubled over in laughter, and her impeccable comic timing continued through "I Can Cook, Too." A strong belter with a captivating presence, Traceski was an important comic relief amongst the ballads and ballets.

Kayvon Kordestani was the spitting image of NCIS star Linda Hunt who inspired Edna E. Mode in Disney's *The Incredibles*, as she emoted into Madame Dilly, Diana Dream, and Dolores Dolores. Kordestani commanded the audience's attention each time stepped on stage to attach each character vigorously.

The mission of the South Bay Musical Theatre is to provide high quality entertainment by bringing together a diverse group of participants in an inclusive, collaborative, and nurturing environments. "We share our passion for Theatre Arts, we endeavor to leave a lasting, positive impression upon our community.

On the Town runs through June 4 and tickets are available at South-BayMT.com or by calling the Box Office at 408-266-4734. Next up for the South Bay Musical Theatre is Stephen Sondheim's *Company*, September 24-October 15, 2022.

Before the Song: "Cherry Pie"

by Chris Jackson

Imagine your band is newly famous from the surprise success of your first album. You suddenly decide you want to be known as more than a pop-metal "hair" band. No more big choruses and "party-on" lyrics. For your second album, you're gonna get SERIOUS.

Yeah right. Your manager walks in and listens to a couple of the 10 minute operas you're writing for your game-changing second album and shakes his head, "No. No. No. Nope!" With a look of panic in his eyes, he asks, "Where's the hit?"

What would you say? We know what the lead singer of the hair-band Warrant, Jani Lane, said when it happened to him. He told his manager the band was done with power ballads like "Heaven" from their first album. Yes, it catapulted them to stardom, but now that they'd "made it," he considered them free to explore their "true" artistry.

Their manager doubled down, telling Jani that the band needed to write a simple song like Def Leppard's big anthem, "Pour Some Sugar On Me." That song has a big, big chorus, and you can easily sing and chant along with it. Even Def Leppard, at the time, thought a song about sugar was stupid, but management and producers wanted them to record it anyway.

Finally, after offering much resistance, Warrant lead singer Jani Lane, just to make a point, wrote a chorus with a similar chant: "She's my Cherry Pie!" The words line up perfectly with "Pour Some Sugar On..." The beat is the same. The chords are the same. Even the sugar content is the same!

Jani was sure he could get his manager to see the foolishness in this type of songwriting. Nope. What Jani wrote as satire, his manager loved! Lol.

Warrant's song, "Cherry Pie," was a huge hit on their second album. Jani even met the woman who would be his first wife—Bobbi Brown, an actress in the video—while filming the video for the song!

Needless to say, in the music business, the phrase, "the customer is always right" has been replaced with, "management is always right." ☺

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



The finale for SBMT's ON THE TOWN. Lead actors, from left: Marie Finch, David Kautz, Lysander Abadia, Francesca Cipponeri, Catherine Traceski, Michael Saenz. Photo by Dave Lepori.



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With your summer gardens all planted, whether vegetable or ornamental, or a mixed blessing of both, now is time to sit back and let Mother Nature take over. She has grand plans for your garden but needs your help if she is to succeed.

An important clue to keeping a healthy garden, it to become a good observer. Get outside and see what is happening before it becomes a disaster. A few holes here and there in your lettuce, can quickly become a complete crop failure. Same with fruit on tomatoes and peppers.

To help to more easily identify garden problems it is good to know that “sucking” pests like snails and slugs, prefer the soft tissue of leaves, the area between the veins. Chewing insects, like caterpillars and earwigs, will typically start eating leaves on the outside edge, working their way to the soft tissue. A minor but important clue as to how to manage each specific problem. The favorite method for controlling snails will do nothing to manage earwigs.

A small amount of yeast in a shallow pan filled with water will attract snails and slugs and they will drown. Similarly, a small empty tuna

size can, when filled with soy sauce and a dash of oil, will attract earwigs and they will drown. Diatomaceous earth is another tried and true method to control crawling pests like sow bugs (aka roly pollies) and ants. Food grade diatomaceous earth is readily available at most garden or hardware stores, is reasonably priced and will be highly effective, not harming birds or mammals that might come into contact with it. It is also reported to help with certain viruses that might be in the soil but the research is ongoing and not yet confirmed. Lightly spread the white powder on the soil, cement or mulch and wait. It is not affected by water.

IPM is no doubt a phrase you have heard before. It stands for Integrated Pest Management, a method of allowing one beneficial garden visitor to take care of a garden pest. The IPM method of garden management is extremely useful if you hope to have a healthy and pesticide free garden.

Lady bugs are a great example. Few people realize that the ugly evil looking orange and black insect, with eight legs, looks nothing like its’ final life stage. The ugly part of the pupation process

creates this strange looking insect that will devour many more aphids than the mature beetle. It is difficult to describe this stage of development without photos so I encourage you to do a little research see exactly what they look like. We love those cute little beetles and there is even a poem about them.

By allowing Mother Nature to do her job, your garden will be healthier and be much easier to maintain. Avoid the “cides”, whether they be pesticides, herbicides and fungicides. They all contain toxins to many beneficial insects, especially bees. Whenever possible grow plants that attract beneficial insects. Unfortunately, like every dedicated gardener, we always want the caterpillars in our neighbors garden and the butterflies in ours. Please do not use BT to control caterpillars as this mighty chemical also kills butterfly larva including Monarchs.

Life is a balance and learning to gauge what is acceptable and what is absolutely crossing the line, is up to you. Be ready to accept the consequences of your informed decisions.

Next month, we start to harvest. YAY!



On Service to the Public—the Country Woman’s Club of Campbell

By Sarah Shaqir and Roberta Howe

On February 25th the Country Woman’s Club of Campbell held their 117th Birthday dinner at Holder’s Restaurant in San Jose. It was only the 3rd time we had met in person in our 2021-2022 fiscal year. We had previously held a holiday meeting in December 2021 (with musical entertainment by Del Mar High School) and an outdoor meeting in September.

I was pleasantly surprised by President Maggie Church with a 25-year Pin and Certificate from the California Federation of Women’s Clubs. 25 years? What? My late mother, Sally Howe, received her 50-year pin in the fall of 2014, just before she passed.

COVID-19 has of course put paid to most of our Club’s plans for in-person meetings. We had hoped to do a “Drive-by Crab and Pasta” fundraiser in February

(where you would pick up your food to-go) but the logistics became daunting. So we tabled it in hopes of a TRUE 25-year annual celebration in February of 2023.

Our Annual Solo Music Competition was going to be held at Del Mar High School in March. Unfortunately, four days prior the wonderful band director at Del Mar, Mr. Bill Burkhead, tested positive for the coronavirus. After some consideration I “pivoted” (I really hate that word) to video submissions. The three judges, Dr. Troy Davis of West Valley College, Nicki Petruzella Kerns, professional pianist and vocal coach, and David Adams, Director of the Foothill Symphonic Winds, pivoted with me and adjudicated the entrants’ videos. We held a short Zoom awards ceremony after the judging was completed.

While the participation was small, they were very good. SO GOOD, in fact, that THREE of them have won a cash prize in the California Federation of Women’s Club Young Musician’s Competition against students from all over California! Congratulations to Maggie Dong, piano, of Branham High School, Minseo Ryu, Flute, and Valerie Liou. Clarinet both from Leigh High School. ALL WOMEN!

We are wrapping up our year with our Installation dinner on June 7th at the Three Flames restaurant. Any one is welcome to attend—it’s a great way to meet the members and learn about all the good works we do in the Campbell community.

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Coach's Corner

by Jay Harnden

Resolution Check-In

SUMMERTIME NEWS!

Now that summer is upon us, I'm hoping that you've been actively seeking ways to occupy your time and take advantage of these beautiful months ahead. Kids are out of school, for the most part, and there will be many hours that need to be filled in with positive options to take the place of school.

There are many things that are so different from my childhood. Gone are the days when parents could send their kids outside to play, and have them come back for lunch and dinner. Now, we need to keep an eye on what our kids are doing and where. This takes some careful planning on the part of parents...we need to do more than just allow our kids to watch TV or play video games. We need to see to it that our children have fun, but also that they learn a few things even though they may not be in school.

One good use of time is to enroll in one or more of the various summer camps that are happening in your area. I suggest a family meeting

where you can discuss with your children some ideas about what they would like to do with their time. Have some suggestions ready, but have an open mind. Maybe your child would like to try something new... perhaps there's a camp they'd like to try, or lessons they'd like to take. Use this as an opportunity to expand their knowledge and give them a chance to do something different. Whatever you decide, the time to act is now, if you haven't already. I would suggest swim lessons, because working on swimming skills is as much about fun as it is about safety.

Another idea is to talk with the parents of your children's friends, and see if you can work together to make a fun and exciting summer for you kids. Maybe they have a different work schedule than you, and you can collectively make a schedule that will benefit everyone. Maybe you could develop a reading club, with incentives for those involved. There's research that proves that kids who read during the summer months have an easier transition back to

school in the fall. Reading can be fun, and we can be a big influence in helping our kids become lifelong readers.

One thing that I talk about often is balance. Video games, television, are fine, as long as they are balanced with outside activities and other learning opportunities. Ask around, see what other people you know are doing. Many will go on a vacation, but many won't. Be creative and involve other family members in the process. Pitch a tent in the backyard, make s'mores, plant a garden. Remember to stay within your budget... a great, memorable summer does not have to be expensive.

I would love to hear some of your ideas for summertime fun. Please send me an email at Jay@famcoach.com, and I'd be happy to share some ideas with the readers. Have fun!

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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 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.

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.

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.

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 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 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 sign-posted. SFO is not much better if you wish to use the CalTrain it gets messy with BART to link things.

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.

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.

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!"

John MacCalman,

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Campbell Crime Report

By Karen Smith

2300 Block S. Winchester Boulevard: Suspect got into an argument with employees and sprayed the fire extinguisher on food items. Report

1000 Block W. Hamilton Avenue: Suspect violated a peaceful contact order when he got into an argument with his girlfriend, Victim. Suspect was on the phone with his probation officer who heard the argument and placed a hold on the Suspect. Booked

700 Block West Valley Drive: An unknown Suspect pried open laundry machines and stole coins. Report

700 Block Nido Drive: Milpitas Police Department called to report the Victim's license plate was found on a theft Suspect's vehicle. Campbell Police Department contacted the Victim and confirmed the plate had been stolen. Report

3100 Block S. Bascom Avenue: The Victim's 2011 Ford van was located abandon. Report

500 Block W. Rincon Avenue: Unknown Suspect broke the window to the Victim's Nissan Versa and took an item. Report

600 Block Beta Court: Suspect Daunte Mills damaged the front door by kicking it. Suspect was intoxicated and arrested. Booked

2300 Block S. Winchester Boulevard: Suspect was contacted during a call and found to have paraphernalia. Cited

600 Block Creekside Way: Security called in a blue 2005 Volk-

swagen Jetta that was stolen out of Walnut Creek. Report

2200 Block S. Bascom Avenue: An unknown Suspect stole a blue 2020 AIRTO trailer. Report

00 Block E. Latimer Avenue: An unknown Suspect stole mail. Report

300 Block Harrison Avenue: Officers responded and assisted Santa Clara County Fire Department with a structure fire. Report

500 Block E. Hamilton Avenue: Suspect was contacted during a disturbance call and determined to be under the influence of fentanyl. Suspect was also in possession of drug paraphernalia. Booked

2300 Block S. Winchester Boulevard: Suspect was challenging patrons to fight and upon contact was determined to be too intoxicated to care for himself. Booked

Camden Avenue and White Oaks Road: Suspect was contacted and found to have a glass smoking pipe, and meth. Cited

1500 Block W. Campbell Avenue: Unknown Suspect took the catalytic converter from a truck. Report

200 Block E. Hacienda Avenue: Suspect was observed by employees of another unit leaving the office after hours. Report

1700 Block S. Bascom Avenue: Suspect gained entry into the Victim's residence while the Victim was sleeping and stole items. Report

00 Block Timber Cove Drive: An unknown Suspect met the Victim on an online dating app

and scammed her out of \$48k in crypto currency. Report

1700 Block S Bascom Avenue: An unknown Suspect gained entry into the Victim's unlocked vehicle and stole items. Report

100 Block John Kirk Court: An unknown Suspect smashed the driver window to the Victim's vehicle. There are no descriptions of the Suspect. Report

2200 Block S. Bascom Avenue: An unknown Suspect stole the Victim's credit card and used it to buy merchandise. At this time, there are no descriptions of the Suspect. Report

1600 Block Dell Avenue: An unknown Suspect stole the Victim's white, 2011 Ford E350 van. Report

2200 Block S. Winchester Boulevard: Suspect was involved in a collision at the White Oaks exit at Highway 17. Suspect was located and was determined to be DUI. Booked

200 Block Adler Avenue: An unknown Suspect stole the Victim's catalytic convertor from their Honda Accord. Report

800 Block Sobrato Drive: Victim and Suspect got into an argument. Suspect pushed Victim and left the apartment. Report

Virginia Avenue/Budd Avenue: Suspect was driving his vehicle on Virginia Avenue when officer tried to stop him, but Suspect fled at a high rate of speed. The officer observed Suspect driving back to his residence in the 600 block

of Virginia Avenue and tried to stop him again. The officer exited his vehicle, and at the same time the Suspect exited his vehicle and ran inside of his residence. Officer yelled at the Suspect to "stop" but he did not comply with his verbal commands. A couple minutes later the Suspect exited the residence with his father, Victim. The Victim is the protected party of a served peaceful contact order and the Suspect is the restrained party. When officers tried to arrest the Suspect, the Suspect grabbed onto the Victim and would not let go. Officers had to force the Suspect away from the Victim and onto the ground. During a search of the Suspect, he was in possession of drug paraphernalia. Booked

2000 Block S. Bascom Avenue: Unknown Suspect stole DoorDash orders and fled the scene. Report

1600 Block S. Bascom Avenue: Unknown Suspect 1 approached the Victim with a bolt in his hand and told her he saw it fall from her vehicle. While Victim was being distracted by Suspect 1, Suspect 2 stole her wallet from inside her vehicle. The Victim's credit cards were later used at a store. Report

700 Block Nido Drive: An unknown Suspect stole the Victim's gray 2022 Hyundai Sonata. The spare key was left in the vehicle. Report

1600 Block More Avenue: Victim reported that Suspect tres-

passed at her home and requested prosecution. To DA

300 Block Budd Avenue: An unknown Suspect stole the Victim's purse from her vehicle. Report

331 W. Hacienda Avenue: An unknown Suspect ordered food and took it without paying. Report

600 Block E. Campbell Avenue: Suspect was consensually contacted. Suspect was found to have an outstanding warrant, and possessed fentanyl and drug paraphernalia. Suspect was cited and released.

Winchester Boulevard and Latimer Avenue: Suspect was stopped for a California Vehicle Code violation. Suspect was determined to be under the influence of a controlled substance and was arrested. Booked

Sunnvoaks Avenue and Emory Avenue: Suspect was stopped for a California Vehicle Code violation. Suspect was determined to be under the influence of alcohol and was arrested. Booked

Nido Drive and Budd Avenue: Suspect struck a parked car and rolled her vehicle. Suspect had signs and symptoms of alcohol intoxication and was arrested. Suspect was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Suspect was released to hospital pending criminal charges for DUI. To DA

W. Campbell Avenue and Superior Drive: Suspect was stopped for a California Vehicle Code violation. Suspect was determined to be DUI and was arrested. Booked

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Books Inc.

By Charlotte Von De Bur

As we move into June, graduation season is in full swing and Father's Day is just around the corner. June is also Pride Month, a time to celebrate the vibrant history and culture of the LGBTQ+ community. From Sappho to James Baldwin, LGBTQ+ writers have been making vital contributions to literature for thousands of years. If you're looking to expand your summer reading list, we have Pride Month reads for every audience.

Looking for a book for the kid in your life? Try *My Own Way: Celebrating Gender Freedom for Kids* by Joana Estrela, adapted by Jay Hulme. This gentle picture book written in rhyming verse reminds kids that they can be whoever they want, while reiterating the importance of treating others with kindness and respect. The simple language is approachable for early readers and is accompanied by bold, colorful illustrations that will entertain and delight babies and toddlers. This charming title is perfect to read aloud with your family.

For older kids with an interest in history, check out *Pride: An Inspirational History of the LGBTQ+ Movement* by Stella Caldwell. Caldwell combines bold graphics and concise prose for an approachable introduction to the history of LGBTQ+ activism. The book includes a series of "Why I Have Pride" essays from young LGBTQ+ people with a variety of identities and experiences; these firsthand accounts offer an opportunity for readers to reflect on the significance of historic and modern activism in their own lives. This is a perfect first title for kids who are just starting to get interested in LGBTQ+ history.

For readers seeking a deeper dive into LGBTQ+ history, try *Let the Record Show: A Political History of ACT UP New York, 1987-1993* by Sarah Schulman. This New York Times Notable Book and Lambda Literary Award finalist takes on the daunting project of documenting ACT UP, the intersectional activist group founded during the

AIDS crisis to confront legal, political, and social barriers to care for people living with HIV/AIDS. This groundbreaking, comprehensive work painstakingly examines ACT UP's inner workings in a stunning rallying cry for modern activists looking to learn from the past. Let *The Record Show* be an essential text for understanding how grassroots organizing can achieve lasting political change.

For fiction for teenagers and young adults, pick up a copy of National Book Award winner *Felix Ever After* by Kacen Callender. Teen Felix worries that his multiple identities – Black, queer, trans – may keep him from ever having the love story of his dreams. When an anonymous classmate posts pre-transition photos of Felix online, he formulates a plan to unmask the troll, and catapults himself headfirst into a love triangle in the process. This story of first love and self-discovery will resonate with readers of all ages. If you swooned over Emery Lee's *Meet Cute Diary*, be sure to make *Felix Ever After* your next beach read!

Finally, if you loved Torrey Peters' award-winning novel *Detransition, Baby* as much as we did, check out Casey Plett's new short story collection, *A Dream of a Woman*. Plett's previous works *A Safe Girl to Love* and *Little Fish* – both winners of the Lambda Literary Award for Transgender Fiction – have marked her as an essential voice in modern literary fiction. *A Dream of a Woman* deftly explores moments when characters' lives seem about to change, and the outsized emotional fallout when their hopes and realities diverge. This understated gem crackles with an emotional intensity that will keep you riveted up to the final word.

We'll also be featuring a variety of Pride Month reads in-store, ranging from classic novels to romantic comedies to pocket-sized introductions to they/them pronouns. Be sure to swing by to discover your next favorite summer read!

Read Beyond the Beaten Path with the Santa Clara County Library District!



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SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) invites patrons of all ages to participate in the free Summer Reading Program, *Read Beyond the Beaten Path*. This two-month long event, from June 1-July 31, encourages all readers to explore the world through reading and get out into the great outdoors. Go on a new adventure in the pages of a book or take the adventure outside. From camping to crafts – Summer is a great time to try something new!

"The pandemic has forced a lot of people to scale back family vacations or weekend trips, but SCCLD's Summer Reading program can introduce you to free and simple ways to explore all of the wonders that Santa Clara County has to offer," said Mike Wasserman, President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and Chair of the Library Joint

Powers Authority Board. "The library has planned wonderful in-person and virtual programs that can educate and entertain you – from guided hikes, learning about animals of the Americas, musical performers, book clubs and more!"

Read Beyond the Beaten Path is a great way to keep students engaged over the school break. Research shows it can help prevent "Summer Slide", where students lose a significant amount of reading and math knowledge over the summer vacation. The COVID-19 pandemic, which forced school closures and distance learning, compounded the learning loss. The good news is, learning loss can be easily reversed by reading, enjoying the outdoors, smart play and being imaginative.

"Studies have found that students who participate in summer reading programs

score higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year and they read with confidence," County Librarian Jennifer Weeks said. "Libraries aren't just a place to get books or other materials – they're a place to have fun while learning. Join in something new this summer, like learning about "Van Life," taking a discovery walk, hearing how to create a podcast, or trying your hand at painting."

It's easy to get started. Sign up or log into

Beanstack and register for Summer Reading. Patrons can download the Beanstack app on their mobile device. On Wednesday, June 1, start logging your progress. Participants can earn a reward for reading five books and completing one activity this summer. Completion rewards will be available starting on Monday, August 1.



How accessible is your garden?

By Kate Russell

Sprain your ankle or throw out your back and suddenly working in the garden can be difficult. What if accessibility is a constant issue? Imagine gardening on crutches or from a wheelchair. For many, this is a daily reality. As we get older, we may all need a little help getting around. Designing your garden for accessibility will make it easier to continue spending time doing what you love.

You can't work in a garden if you can't get to it. Accessible walkways need to be clear, stable, and wide enough for wheelchairs. Most wheelchairs are 30" wide, so paths should be at least 36" wide. Wider is better for wheelchairs and wheelbarrows. You may also need turnaround space and ramps.

The tools used in gardening are often cumbersome: shovels, hoes, and rakes can be difficult to manage from a wheelchair and even harder if you are using crutches or have hand problems. Lightweight hand tools can help, as

long as they are durable. Tools that telescope can also make gardening more accessible. Make sure garden tools are kept sharp and stored in an accessible location.

Raised beds are an excellent way to make gardening more accessible and they can support some pretty deep-rooted plants. The height and width of raised beds can be adjusted to suit the needs of the person gardening, reducing or eliminating the need to bend over or kneel on the ground. And they make weeding much easier for everyone. Container gardening, hanging plants, garden tables, and vertical gardening are other ways to make gardening more accessible.

Bending over and kneeling are common activities in the garden, but not everyone can do those things. Low maintenance border plants, such as yarrow, sweet alyssum, or creeping phlox, look nice without requiring a lot of bending over. Other low-maintenance options include native plants,

succulents, bulbs, herbs, slow-growing shrubs, such as rosemary and lavender, and edible perennials, such as asparagus and artichoke. These plants add texture and color to a landscape without a lot of effort. Self-seeding marigolds and cosmos will come back year after year.

All those plants are going to need water. Water is heavy. To make gardening more accessible, a drip irrigation system can all but eliminate the need to drag hoses or carry watering cans. Soaker hoses can also be used to reduce the physical demands of keeping your garden irrigated.

For those times when carrying water, tools, or seedlings is necessary, a towable garden cart can make it all possible.

Gardening is good for you. Making your garden more accessible is good for everyone.

Kate Russell is the author of *Stop Wasting Your Yard!* She also maintains a science-based gardening blog, *The Daily Garden*.



The Silver Creek Sportsplex

The New Fun Family Facility in The South Bay

Local entrepreneur Alex Hult is no stranger to restaurant ownership. Flights restaurant in downtown Campbell as well as Charley's –formerly Mt. Charley's in Los Gatos– (a musical landmark location) is one of the many places he has developed alongside his franchise restaurant chain. Alex is a retired NHL hockey player who at one time played with the San Jose Sharks and is now a successful business and community leader.

Alex's latest addition to his business ventures is the **Silver Creek Sportsplex in San Jose**. The Sportsplex recently expanded from hockey, youth soccer clubs and arcade games to include a bowling alley, darts, a climbing wall, bouncy houses, bocci ball, volleyball courts, food services and much more for hosting birthday celebrations, private parties, and special business and corporate events. The Kids Corner area has rooms for children which have been created with

Disney movie themes. You can bring your own decorations if you like and set up your own private party room! The rooms are so flexible that you can use them for any type of family gatherings as well like weddings, anniversaries, or any other type of gathering imaginable.

Sportsplex can also be reserved on the weekends for practice with coaches or for tournaments. They can teach your up-and-coming soccer athlete with their on-site **Lil' Kickers** soccer groups for kids 18 months to 9 years old. You can set up a

coach for beginners and also for 7 to 9-year olds too.

Lil' Kickers is extremely popular with families and the private coaches hired are there to assist your children in learning the game; yet all ages are welcome to use the facilities. It also is a great place for local semi-pro teams and active amateur sports leagues, plus, company and business organizations use it regularly for their practices and games too.

This is one of the best indoor facilities of its kind for sports in the bay area especially for

large groups. It is also the only sports facility created with the whole family in mind! Business associations such as the Veterans Soccer Organization meet there every Monday. Other companies and corporations have leagues on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. With the variety of arcade games to play, it is often a bustling place.

It is normally open to the general public and people come from miles around to watch their favorite sports team play on multiple large screen throughout the facility. With a central



and various lounge areas (some include a fireplace!) to enjoy food and beverages while your kids kick a ball around. It's a great way for the whole family to have a great time. To learn more about the Sportsplex check out their website or call to book your next event.

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The Sobrato Maroon Division I and White Division II teams both won championships in the High School Roller Hockey League playoffs at Silvercreek Sportsplex. Photo courtesy of Dena Lebovitz.

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