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## GROWING UP IN CAMPBELL

Reflections of a time in the 1960's – Part 1

By Matthew C. Howe

As a 3rd-generation resident of Campbell, I have witnessed the transformation of this once small town into the thriving city it is today. The Campbell of my childhood, nestled in the heart of Silicon Valley, has evolved dramatically over the past six decades. Yet, amidst this growth and change, certain elements of our heritage remain steadfast, serving as a reminder of the community's rich history. In the early 1960s, Campbell was home to around 15,000 residents; today, the population has more than tripled, approaching 45,000. Despite this expansion, the city retains its charm and has become one of the most desirable places to live in the Bay Area, albeit with a hefty median home price nearing two million dollars.

My parents' story is rooted in this community. My mother, Sally, was a Willow Glen High graduate, while my father, Milton, the youngest of three boys, graduated from Campbell High School in 1948. After they married, my parents built their forever home on a portion of the acre owned by my grandparents, whose house stood at the corner of Winchester Boulevard and Budd Avenue. My older sister and I were born at O'Connor Hospital in nearby

San Jose, a historic institution founded in 1889 and the closest major hospital for expectant mothers in Campbell. With our grandparents living next door, there was no need for a fence between the properties, allowing my sister and me the freedom to roam the entire acre. It was truly a childhood paradise, with a variety of fruit trees dotting the landscape—apricots, almonds, loquats, mandarins, grapefruits, figs, and a lone black walnut tree. In a community once known as "The Orchard City," it was common for families to have fruit trees in their yards, a vestige of Campbell's agricultural past.

At the center of the property stood a long, yellow, three-car garage with an attached workshop at the south end where my father spent much of his time. This workshop had once been my grandfather's sanctuary, a place where he practiced his trade as a glazier. I recall the summer of 2009 when I dug deep into the front yard to build a retaining wall and unearthed pieces of broken glass, old metal tools, horseshoes, and even a bridle—a buried time capsule of my grandfather's life. Though I had hoped to find a treasure chest, these relics served as a tangible connection to the past.

Behind their home was a glass sunroom, a place of mystery to me as a child, filled with dusty old patio furniture and cobwebs. Their house, a tall single-story structure, faced east on Winchester Boulevard across from St. Lucy Catholic School, while our home, the first on Budd Avenue, faced south.

My memories of early childhood are vivid. I was only three when my grandfather, Ben, passed away from a heart attack. Though too young to fully understand his absence, I missed the way he would bounce me on his knee, calling me "Butch," a nickname he preferred over my given name. His memory lingered as I watched the man across the street tilling the dry dirt with his tractor, a sight that reminded me of Grandpa Ben. I still cherish the small metal tractor he gave me for Christmas when I was three, one of the few keepsakes I have of him, along with a pitchfork, a large pickaxe, and an unusual spade-like weeding tool that I still use today.

Our property was bordered by orchards, a common sight in Campbell during the early 1960s. I spent hours gazing out at the rows of apricot trees that stretched across the land where the Campbell Plaza shopping center now stands.

The orchard was typical farmland, with a large, weathered red barn and a house nestled among redwood trees where the Corinthian House now stands. I reveled in the outdoors, exploring our yard on warm summer days, where crickets leaped in response to my playful disturbances, and monarch butterflies and bees busily pollinated the gladiolas, hollyhocks, and bottlebrush flowers that lined my grandmother's driveway. Squirrels scurried along the power lines, and birds—crows, robins, and bluebirds—sang from tree to tree, occasionally slamming into the large glass windows of our house after gorging themselves on holly berries.

The natural world I grew up with has largely vanished. Snails once left iridescent trails on the red brick siding of our house, and my mother would walk around the garden with a watering can in one hand and a container of Morton salt in the other, determined to keep their numbers in check. Sadly, many of the animals, birds, and insects that were abundant in my youth have disappeared, likely due to the relentless march of urbanization. It's a somber reality to face, especially when I see my nephew

playing in the same yard, now devoid of the critters that once shared the space with me.

My older sister and I each had our own bedrooms—hers painted pink, mine blue, as was customary in the 60's. My father installed princess telephones in our rooms so we could talk to each other, though that novelty soon wore off, as we were quite different in temperament. Nearly every morning, the smell of fruit cooking at the Sun Sweet cannery plant downtown would greet us as we left for school, sometimes mixed with the scent of wood burning at the Economy Lumber Co.'s incinerator. On windy fall days, the aroma of garlic from Gilroy would waft up the valley, a reminder of our proximity to the "Garlic Capital of the World."

Twice a day, the Pacific Railroad freight train would rumble through town, its horn blaring at the numerous track crossings. Today, those tracks are mostly used by the light rail, which ends in Campbell, while the freight trains are now a rarity. In my childhood, the long freight trains were a daily fixture, hauling goods like lumber, canned fruit, paper products, livestock, champagne from Paul

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PICTURE OF THE MONTH

SAN TOMAS EXPRESSWAY PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS

PHOTO © MATTHEW C. HOWE

## Just a Little Bit of History

By Susan Blake, Campbell Historic Preservation Board

July's photo was taken of the decorative fan shaped wooden panels under the gable on the side façade of the Campbell Rodeck House at 231 E. Campbell Ave.

This large bungalow with Tudor and Colonial details was built in 1911, by local builder George Whitney. It was built for Lena Campbell Rodeck, the daughter and son-in-law of Benjamin and Mary Campbell (the City's founders). The Grizzle family lived there later for many years until it became the Campbell Memorial Chapel funeral home.

Starting in 1963, the building was enlarged and remodeled to serve as the Darling Fischer Memorial Chapel, but remodeling has been sensitively done



and the building's exterior retains many aspects of its original historic style such as the multi-light diamond pattern windows and the paired columns at the front door.

Here is August's mystery photo. Enjoy.





WORD OF THE MONTH

**“RHOMBOHEDRAL”**  
[Rom-bo-he-drul]  
*Adjective*  
A designation of a crystal system having three axes of equal length, none of which intersects at right angles with another.

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**HAPPENINGS**

**MUSEUM MUSINGS...**  
*What Is Happening For Summer 2024*

Take a step back in time with a visit to the Campbell Museum and Ainsley House. Experience the historic charm of the Ainsley House, where each room tells a story of days gone by and a rich local heritage. Dive into Campbell's history at the Campbell Historical Museum, where interactive exhibits bring history to life. Whether you're wandering through the elegant rooms of Ainsley House or engaging with the hands-on displays at the Campbell Museum, your museum visit will deepen your connection to our community's fascinating past.

Having a museum in your town offers numerous benefits: it strengthens community spirit, helps us understand the past to inform future decisions, fosters historical

empathy, and provides a comfortable, air-conditioned space for visitors to explore and learn.

Both museums are open Friday through Sunday, from 11 AM to 3 PM.

**EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHT AT THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Don't miss your last opportunity to visit the Campbell Historical Museum's exhibit *Key Ingredients*, which delves into the lives of women in the domestic sphere throughout the centuries. This exhibit will be on display until mid-September.

Coming in mid-October 2024, the museum will unveil a new exhibit titled *Growing Up in Campbell*,

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Friday, August 30  
5:30-7:30pm  
**JOAQUIN MURRIETA:  
BANDIT OR FOLK HERO?  
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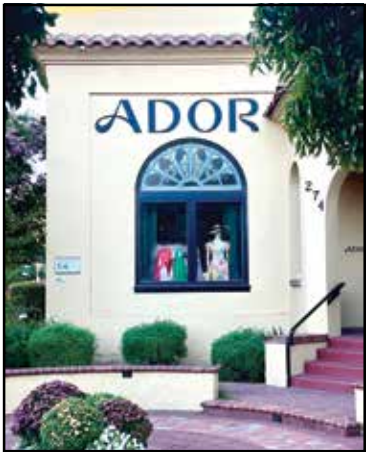
**HERE'S HOWE**

As we advance in years, it is both sorrowful and disheartening to hear of friends and family succumbing to illness, with some departing this world far too prematurely. Recently, I have had a series of close acquaintances and relatives battling various forms of cancer and other diseases, valiantly fighting for their lives. Some colleagues, with whom I had the privilege of working with on the road, have recently and unexpectedly passed away. These individuals were all remarkable souls, many of whom were also younger than I. Such occurrences inevitably prompt reflection on our own mortality, leading us to ponder why certain individuals are taken from us before their time. Whether we might have done more to connect with them, to reach out, or at least bid them farewell before their departure from this life, is now only an afterthought. If this reflection brings to mind someone you've been meaning to contact, seize the moment—send that text or make that call. Reach out and let them know they've been in your thoughts. Perhaps even forgive that lingering debt from a \$20 dollar wager made in '93. I assure you, it will brighten your day.

On a more uplifting note, several new business ventures are set to open in downtown. 'Ador,' a renowned women's online clothing store, is preparing to launch in the historic building at 274 E. Campbell Ave., on the southwest corner at First St.,

sharing the space with the **Palazzi Hair Salon**, which has re-located within the building. This location, originally built by the **Country Woman's Club** of Campbell in 1911, has housed various enterprises over the years. Be sure to visit them soon and maybe get your hair done while you're there to highlight that new outfit you just bought!

For those with an affinity for handmade pottery and a passion for clay, another esteemed business, with a history spanning over 55 years, is relocating to Campbell. **Blossom Hill Crafts**, a store dedicated to custom handmade clay goods, will now serve as the retail hub supporting its numerous members, students, and professional artists. While their pottery school, workshop, and studio will continue operating year-round at 15900 Blossom Hill Road in Los Gatos, their new retail location at 354 Campbell Ave., formerly the Celtic Shoppe, will offer an array of clay creations, textiles, and more.



For further information about their handcrafted art and pottery, visit **Blossom-hillcrafts.com**.

**THEN AND NOW**

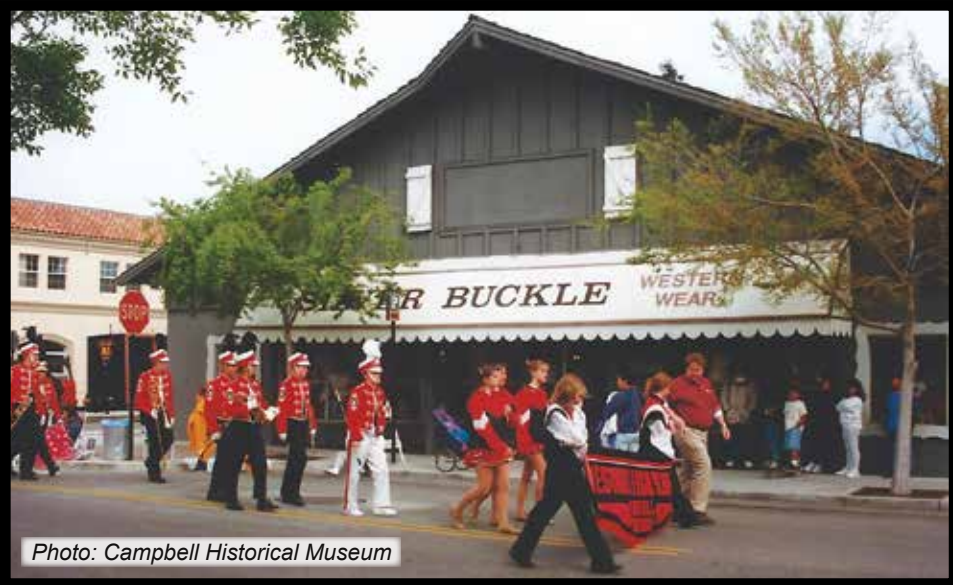


Photo: Campbell Historical Museum



Photo: © Matthew C. Howe

In the early 2000's, The Silver Buckle Western store located on the corner of Campbell Ave. and First St. was the premiere place in town to buy cowboy boots and a Stetson hat for a night of line dancing at the Saddle Rack! The Westmont High School marching band is seen passing by to get prepared to march in the annual Bunnies and Bonnet's parade. Today it is 'Recycle Books' a wonderful bookstore with a diverse selection and the only place I ever bought books for my children over the years. Shop local!





GROWING UP IN CAMPBELL

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Masson, and rock from the Kaiser Permanente quarry in the Cupertino hills. We would impatiently wait at the tracks, counting boxcars, oil tankers, and hopper cars as they passed by, a seemingly endless procession.

Another common sight was the fleet of C-130 military aircraft flying in and out of Moffett Field, their distinctive sound resonating through the air. The large Air Force radar antenna on Mt. Umunhum would occasionally disrupt our TV signals, an annoyance we eventually learned to live with. Our black-and-white TV received only a handful of VHF stations—channels 2, 4, 5, 7, and 11—and adjusting the rabbit ears for a clear picture was a constant challenge. UHF stations required even more effort, often demanding precise tuning and the right antenna placement.

I attended Cherry Lane School for kindergarten, just a few blocks from home, though had my family been Catholic, my commute would have been even shorter, directly across the street. We were later bused to Hamilton School for first through third grade, before returning to Campbell Elementary for grades four through eight. The school eventually became Campbell Junior High, and today it is known as the Campbell School of Innovation (CSI), where my daughter now attends.

Around the age of ten, I, like most local kids, would ride

my bike around the neighborhood until sunset, returning home when the sun dipped below the horizon or when I heard my mother calling. Life was simple and safe back then. John D. Morgan Park was nothing more than a collection of dirt mounds, perfect for dirt biking and building forts. I loved being outdoors, and my father, ever supportive, built a basketball court on the concrete slab outside our front door—a former barn foundation. We spent hours bonding through sports, with my father, a point guard, still holding the Campbell High School record for the most consecutive free throws in a single season.

I was too short to play basketball in school, though I eventually grew to 6'1". Instead, I played baseball in the Campbell Little League, where, as a left-hander, I excelled at first base and pitching. My father and I would practice together, using a concrete block my dad shaped as home plate. I was a strong hitter and fast on the bases, holding the team record for the most stolen bases. These memories of growing up in Campbell, rich with the sights, sounds, and smells of a bygone era, are etched deeply in my heart—a testament to a simpler time in a place that has grown and changed but still holds onto the essence of its past...

...stay tuned for part 2 next month, as I continue to reminisce and share Campbell life into the 70's.

PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney

Campbell Summer Fun!

As Back to School arrives, TCP has been hearing people saying they have enjoyed their summer by having fun at community activities and our local festivals. This includes local attractions like the **Santa Clara County Fair** held in late July. They are still open on Thursday's weekly for a Foodie's Party with a music concert series. For details see page 9. The **Italian Festival** on page 10 is celebrating its annual event with great music and specialized Italian foods. TCP was happy to be their community partners once again.

This month's front page is about multi-generational roots here in Campbell and a little bit of the history and experience of what it was like growing up here. Please let us know if you also have a story to share about growing up in Campbell. We welcome Campbell's rich history in every decade and want to share it.

Check out our service clubs on page 4 and their latest updates. **Kiwanis of Willow Glen** held their **'Music in the Glen'** concert series featuring a variety of music genres that had something for everyone including appearances by the

**'HouseRockers'**, and R&B group **'Got 2 Groove'** to name but a few, with crowds that comfortably filled up the park for an amazing time at every concert.

On the back page is another organization that TCP sponsors - the Los Gatos Kiwanis Annual Wine Festival, as they get ready for their annual **'Fiesta de Artis Festival'** being held on September 21st-22nd. For more information see page 10.

The Campbell Chamber is having a **Golf Tournament on August 21st**. It's a great opportunity to have fun and meet new people. Remember, being a chamber member can be a great benefit for your business and the networking opportunities are endless. See page 6.

Plan on going to the movies? Look on page 8 for the latest movies reviews. Check out the **Pruneyard Cedar Room** with their happy hour specials, and **Capers** has dinner and happy hour specials as well as live music on Friday nights from 6:30-9:30pm.

Still want more action? Look on page 5 for **CaliBunga Park's** (formerly Raging Waters) for their weekend activities. Page 11 has timely garden advice and a

recipe for everyone in the summer season. If you're interested in learning more about how to help rescued animals find a new home, participate in the **Clear Our Shelters Program**. Please see page 13 to learn more on free pet care services that can find these shelter animals new forever homes.

Need to find more books to finish this summer's reading list or to start the school year? Check out **Books Inc.** on page 15. For great information on real estate make sure to read Gene Hunt's monthly articles on page 15.

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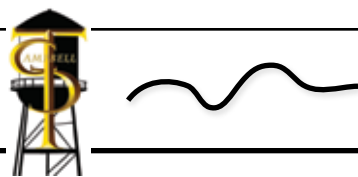
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McBain Avenue	\$2,350,000	4/4	62	9583	2455
Darryl Drive	\$1,800,000	3/2	51	6534	1603
W. Rincon Avenue	\$1,798,000	4/4	0	1272	1902
Kara Way	\$1,772,000	3/205	37	3663	1642
W. Sunnyoaks Avenue	\$1,750,088	3/2	64	6,098	1530
Ridgeley Drive	\$1,740,000	3/2	77	8276	1460
Curtner Avenue	\$1,730,000	3/2	72	8750	1207
Sobrato Drive	\$1,700,000	3/2	61	5663	1275
Smith Avenue	\$1,000,000	3/3	75	7405	416
SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, CONDO/TOWNHOMES					
Chalet Woods Circle	\$1,503,000	3/2.5	29		1614
N. Central Avenue	\$1,480,000	3/2.5	43		1565
W. Rincon Avenue	\$1,380,000	3/2.5	43	1176	1665
W. Sunnyoaks Avenue	\$1,300,000	3/2.5	34	2178	1759
Monte Villa Court	\$1,240,000	3/2.5	40	714	1188
Fazeli Court	\$1,070,000	3/2.5	40		1359
Apricot Avenue	\$ 800,000.00	2/2	44		1187





# NEW YEAR, OLD FAVORITES



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

With the start of a new Lions year, it is time for new activities along with our continued support of old favorites. We ended July with a plethora of service; Relay for Life cancer fundraiser on July 13th and 14th, Jacob's Heart summer barbecue and backpack distribution also on the 14th and staffing the Lions Information Table on July 18th. July 19th featured the installation of club member Dave Kaplow as Lions District 2nd Vice President. Dave has been a tireless supporter of many of our projects, most notably our Lions eye clinics. Working with fellow club member Art Low, our club has partnered with other local Lions to distribute locally collected eyeglasses to low-income persons in the greater San Jose area. Our next eyeglass sorting event will be

held August 3rd at the Vista Center for the Blind. The following weekend, we will have our fifth eye clinic focusing on those persons who were unable to get an appointment for our last eye clinic. In the state of California, eyeglasses sold cannot be resold. Working with eyeglass vendors, we have received over 800,000 pairs of eyeglasses for local and international distribution. Our district goal is to collect one million pairs of glasses by June 30, 2025. That will be the 100th anniversary of Helen Keller working with the Lions Clubs. In 1925, when Lions International was only seven years old, the legendary Keller spoke to Lions members at their annual convention and challenged them to become "knights of the blind in the

crusade against darkness." That speech set the Lions' course. Since then, millions of Lions members worldwide have devoted their service careers to helping people with visual impairments. Our club not only has two visually impaired members but another member who is an employee of the Vista Center. At our end-of year party and new officer installation, we were able to donate funding in name of Alice Turner, long time Vista Center employee. Thanks to a \$50,000 matching challenge grant, we were able to double our donation. One of the things our club does best is partner with other community organization and service groups. With school starting in August, we will be working with the Campbell School District. We already work with the



Union School District. WSJC Lions member Randy Martiño is the Community Wellness Coordinator for that district.

However, as I have said before, all service and no play makes Jack a dull Lion. In our club, any month that has a fifth Thursday is party month. This next Lions' year has four months with five Thursdays, August, October, January and May. Past Thursday party events included San Jose Giants baseball games,

wine tastings and a backyard barbecue and potluck. I have already been contacted by several local groups for those four party months.

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 [wsjclions.org](http://wsjclions.org) and of course, WE SERVE. To find a local Lions Club, check [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org).

## Kiwanis Club of Willow Glen



Kiwanis of Willow Glen held its Summer Concert Series. The Got2Groove band and dancers enjoying the last concert for Music in the Glen 2024.



Michael Rubino is longtime member and the organizer for the Kiwanis Club of Willow Glen and created the Music in the Glen. He holds a donation's raffle for the service club. Win a brand new Bicycle and many prizes donated by the community sponsors, including The Campbell Press.



By Margaret Schieck, President

Welcome to the "dog days" of August. It seems like we are in for an extremely hot summer. Be sure to stay hydrated and out of the sun when possible and take advantage of air-conditioned venues.

At our July meeting, the Campbell Area Chapter 5151 of AARP heard from Donna Zolezzi, the President of Blue Star Mothers, who gave us a history of the organization as well as an update on its activities. Blue Star Mothers are parents of men and women who are currently in active military service. They support the troops with CARE packages and letters from home. The organization has now expanded to also serve veterans.

Our next meeting on August 20th will feature Dr. Shabnam Hussin, who will discuss Senior Health Issues. We appreciate Dr. Hussin's willingness to come to our meeting.

At that meeting, our members will also have the opportunity to participate in a survey for the Campbell Parks and Recreation

Department and the Community Center. This is your chance to make your thoughts and opinions known.

On Saturday, August 3rd, we will once again join forces with the Campbell-West San Jose Chapter of the Lions Club to clean and sort glasses at the VISTA Center on Bascom Avenue near San Carlos Street. This has become an ongoing partnership for us.



The Campbell Area Chapter 5151 of AARP meets on the third Tuesday of each month, except January, in Room Q80 of the Campbell Community Center at 1 West Campbell Avenue. The coffee is ready at 9:15 a.m. and the formal meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. There are lots of gently used books, puzzles and Treasure Chest items at bargain prices available at each meeting. New members are always welcome. One does not need to be a Campbell resident to join us.

## Campbell Veterans



While the lazy and hazy days of summer 2024 are waning, excitement about the start of a crisp new Fall Season is waxing - Big Time. The World Series is fast approaching, and the distinct sounds of clashing football pads are in the air. Of course, we at the CVMF are more than excited about our fun-filled and important events during the next few months. The CVMF Board wants you to get ready for a joyous

Oktoberfest in downtown Campbell from 10/19 to 20. Visit our booth, meet our team, and learn more about how you can help support veteran students and their families.

Eager to make a meaningful impact? Join us at CVMF, where your time transforms into nourishment for others. By volunteering at the heart of thrilling sports and entertainment events at Levi's Stadium, you will earn \$75

per event when representing CVMF. No experience needed, just a willingness to serve, be 21 or older, wear black pants and shoes, and have a spirit ready for an 8-hour adventure. You get free parking, lunch, and your ticket into the action. All you need is to be 21 or older. Your generosity will echo through the cheers of the crowd.

Here's the schedule:  
• 49ers vs. Jets, 9/9

- 49ers vs. Patriots, 9/29
- 49ers vs. Arizona Cardinals, 10/6
- 49ers vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 10/20
- 49ers vs. Dallas Cowboys, 10/27
- 49ers vs. Seattle Seahawks, 11/17

This is a fantastic way to have fun, gain exciting experiences, and support CVMF simultaneously. Interested? Send an email to:

[Hmhervey@CampbellVeteransMemorial.org](mailto:Hmhervey@CampbellVeteransMemorial.org).

Want a HOT DATE? Simply circle 11/16/2024 on your calendars. That's when CVMF will have our annual Gala Dinner fundraiser at West Valley College. Great food, fun, prizes, and entertainment to raise funds for student veterans. The main dinner is provided by **Taco 'Bout It**. Buy Tickets or sponsorships: [campbellveteransmemorial.com](http://campbellveteransmemorial.com).





# CWCC ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT YEAR

By Lucille Maravilla

Countrywoman's Club of Campbell (CWCC ) has a board of directors and interested members who review the past year's activities. The review helps us determine what to keep doing and what to change. We want events and successful meetings that foster comraderie, contribute to the community, and educate our members. We also want to stay abreast of new trends, member needs, new resources to fund our scholarships.

The club publishes an updated member book every year. This book includes a member roster with the member's name and contact information, the year the member joined,

and the member's birthday. We list our bylaws and note our purpose and history. (We are the oldest service club in Campbell. Next year we will celebrate 120 years since our founding!) Since CWCC is part of the Federation of Women's Clubs, information about those meetings and organizational requirements is noted. Club board members, standing committees, endowment board of directors, interest groups, and scheduled monthly meetings for the year are also included. Important activities that are special events, such as our Crab and Pasta fundraiser, the Solo and Ensemble Music Competition, and Scholarship Dinner are separately highlighted.

CWCC members often socialize outside of the club. We have been gathering for a monthly luncheon at various Campbell restaurants. When you are having fun, you make friends and create community. Pat Laufman, a long time member (past club president, Campbell; Citizen of the Year, premier Crab and Pasta basket maker) recently visited from her home in Henderson, Nevada. We celebrated her milestone birthday at Lisa's Tea Treasures.

We are always welcoming of more members. If you want to have fun, to contribute to community, and make a difference, contact us. For more information call Lucille Maravilla at 408 205-4621 or Cherri Fontana at 408 209-1310.



The Country Women gathered for the Birthday Party to honor Pat Laufman, longtime member at Lisa's Tea Treasures!

## MORE CAMPBELL STREETS, AVENUES, LANES, ROADS, DRIVES, COURTS, & WAYS

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## From uncertainty to excitement, CaliBunga's 2024 Transformation and Beyond

Cuinn Huber

In the summer of 2024, one of the hottest summers on record, many Bay Area residents were able to cool off at CaliBunga, formerly Raging Waters Waterpark, the largest Waterpark in Northern California. A year ago, the future of the largest waterpark in Northern California was unclear. In August 2023, Palace Entertainment, a Pennsylvania-based company operating more than 20 amusement parks in the United States and Australia, abruptly terminated its lease with the city two years before it was set to expire.

This left the city scrambling to find an entity that would be willing to complete the lease. City officials worked to find a solution, and in February, the San Jose city council voted to approve a new lease and operating contract with California Dreamin' Entertainment. California Dreamin' Entertainment owns various other waterparks across the western United States. The company gained possession of the park at the end of March. Their lease runs through or until September 2025, covering the remaining two years of the original 20-year contract. This left both the city and waterpark lovers across the bay area relieved and excited for the future of the park.

"We had less than 100 days to open the park and get it ready," explained the company's CEO, Steve Dooner, in a phone interview with Campbell Press on July 19. As a result, no serious modifications were made to the park. A top priority was to repair broken water lines and to address customer complaints about both how much dirt there was in the park and the hot ground. Two acres of dirt within the park were replaced with artificial turf

underlain with special cooling sand that keeps the turf cool.

At the end of this year, the city council is expected to evaluate California Dreamin' and competing companies to lease and operate the waterpark from September 2025 to August 2045. If California Dreamin' Entertainment is chosen to take over the next 20-year lease, Dooner expressed excitement for additional ideas to further improve the customer experience, including putting in new rides and adding artificial lighting to allow the park to remain open an extra three or four hours each day. He would also like to increase the number of months the park is open.

Dooner stated a desire to add a wine garden as well as a small concert venue to the park property to provide multiple kinds of entertainment. These improvements are expected to benefit the park with increased attendance, as well as the surrounding area with an influx of families coming in for a longer period. Normally the park is open three months a year but with added amenities the park will be closer to year round operation.

Thanks to the city of San Jose and California Dreamin' Entertainment Bay Area, residents are continuing to enjoy Northern California's largest waterpark. With the city set to review lease proposals at the end of the year, there's excitement about what the future holds.



CaliBunga Waterpark Courtesy San Jose Spotlight





# Campbell Chamber of Commerce

## The Dude's First Year in Review: A Look Back at Campbell Chamber's Water Tower Mascot

By Kirsten Frank

The Campbell Chamber of Commerce's goodwill ambassador, The Water Tower Dude, has wrapped up an exciting and eventful first year in the community. This iconic mascot, fondly referred to as "The Dude," has become a beloved figure at numerous local events, bringing joy and a sense of unity to the residents of Campbell.

### From Concept to Reality

The Water Tower Dude has been a symbol for the Chamber's key festivals and events for many years. Thanks to a successful community fundraising campaign, The Dude was transformed into a real-life mascot by Promo Costumes, a small, family-owned business based in Ohio. The



anticipation and excitement culminated in a grand reveal at Water Tower Kitchen last July, where local dignitaries, community members, and Chamber representatives gathered to welcome the newest mascot in the South Bay. Among the attendees were Gigante from the San Jose Giants and Q from the San Jose Earthquakes, who personally welcomed The Dude to the mascot family.

### Making a Splash at Community Events

From the moment of his debut, The Dude has been a constant presence at many

local events. His first major appearance was at the Houserochers Summer Concert on the Green, where he instantly became a crowd favorite. Following this, The Dude con-



tinued to charm the community with his enthusiastic participation in various events:

- **Oktoberfest and the Boogie Music Festivals:** The Dude's lively personality added to the festive atmosphere, making him a popular figure for photo opportunities.
- **Relay for Life:** The Dude showed his support by warming up with the racers, embodying the spirit of camaraderie and hope.
- **National Night Out:** Partnering with Campbell PD's finest, The Dude helped promote community safety and unity.
- **1st Annual Downtown Car Show:** Bringing a cool factor to the event, The Dude was a hit among car enthusiasts and families alike.
- **Carol of Lights:** Spreading holiday cheer, The Dude gave out high fives and shared festive joy.
- **Making Spirits Bright:** As Santa's sidekick, The Dude helped raise funds for the Campbell Toy Program, ensuring a brighter holiday season for local children.



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One of the highlights of The Dude's year was his personal invitation to Gigante's birthday bash, where he mingled with other famous mascots like San Jose Sharkie and Danny the Dragon of Happy Hollow. This event showcased The Dude's growing popularity and his seamless integration into the local mascot community.

### In the Spotlight

The Dude's impact has not gone unnoticed. He graced the front page of the Campbell Press and is featured on the cover of the Chamber's newest Directory, sharing the spotlight with the actual Campbell Water Tower in the background. This visibility has solidified The Dude's status as a community icon.

### Follow The Dude

If you haven't yet encountered The Dude in person, there are plenty of opportuni-



ties to do so. You can keep up with his adventures and antics on Instagram by following @thedudecampbellca. For those interested in having The Dude at a private or public event, you can request an appearance here: <https://campbellchamber.regfox.com/book-the-dude-for-your-event>.

### Looking Ahead

As The Dude completes his first year as Campbell's goodwill ambassador, the community eagerly anticipates what he will do next. His presence has already brought immense joy and a sense of togetherness to Campbell, and there is no doubt that The Dude



will continue to play a significant role in the town's events and celebrations in the years to come.

## Money Empowerment by Jill



## Smart Ways to Save Money on Back-to-School Shopping

It's already that time! It feels like the kids just finished school and now we are preparing for the next year.

Back-to-school shopping can be a significant expense, but with some planning, you can reduce the financial burden.

Here are some practical tips to help you save money while ensuring your kids have everything they need for a successful school year.

### 1. Create a Budget and Stick to It

Determine a reasonable amount to spend. This helps you avoid impulse purchases and keeps your spending in check.

### 2. Make a List

Make a list of the items your children need and then stick to your list.

### 3. Take Inventory of Last Year's Supplies

Check what supplies your children have left from the previous school year. Items like notebooks, pens, and backpacks can often be reused, reducing the number of new items you need to buy.

### 4. Shop Sales and Use Coupons

Keep an eye out for back-to-school sales, both in stores and online. Use coupons and discount codes to maximize your savings.

### 5. Buy in Bulk

For items that your children will use throughout the year or even in following years, consider buying in bulk. This can be especially

cost-effective for supplies like pencils, notebooks, and printer paper. Share bulk purchases with other parents to save even more.

### 6. Thrifting

Thrift stores can be great sources for gently used clothing and backpacks. You can often find high-quality items at a fraction of the cost of new ones.

### 7. Delay Non-Essential Purchases

Not everything needs to be purchased before the school year starts. Hold off buying some items until later in the year when they might be on sale. This also helps spread out your spending to make it more manageable.

### 8. Get the Kids Involved

Teach your children about budgeting and smart shopping by involving them in the process. Give them a budget for their supplies and clothes, and encourage them to make thoughtful decisions about what they need versus what they want.

Planning ahead and being strategic with your purchases can help you save money while ensuring your children are well-prepared for the new school year. I hope these tips are helpful and I wish you and your children luck in the coming school year.

All the best,

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CITY NEWS By Sergio Lopez

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The past month has marked a watershed for regional public transit serving Campbell and the South Bay, with at least two major developments which will impact the daily lives of residents for decades to come.

On August 2nd, the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) announced a record \$5.1 billion from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to support the completion of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) to Silicon Valley. The federal funds represented the largest such grant in our region's history — in fact, the largest award of its kind outside of Manhattan in United States history.

The funds represent a major milestone for the project and our region, which will bring BART to our region. The announcement was marked by a press conference. I attended as Vice Chair of VTA. The award of the funds came after a sustained lobbying campaign by VTA Chair Cindy Chavez and San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, as well as representatives from both the business and labor communities.

Despite the record award, however, the announcement means that there is a \$700 million gap in the budget for the project. VTA, and

myself, are committed to ensuring that this gap comes from cutting costs, such as awards for contractors, from the project, rather than from any new sources of funding. VTA staff is confident that this gap can be met through sound management of the project, including making adjustments as needed, with more details forthcoming in the immediate months to follow.

A second major milestone was met for our region when, on August 10th, Caltrain marked the launch of full electrification of its system. The new trains are modern and clean, with subtle redesigns to maximize both comfort and efficiency. More importantly, the rails have been electrified. Not only will the trains be cleaner and better for the environment, but the rider experience will be vastly improved. The electric trains are able to both speed up and slow down

The August 10th launch event was a major occasion. Speakers included United States Senator Alex Padilla, California Governor Gavin Newsom, and former House Speaker and United States Representative Nancy Pelosi. Also in attendance were San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, Caltrain Board Chair and San Jose Councilmember Dev Davis, Representative Anna Eshoo, and Assemblymembers Marc Berman and Ash

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COUNTY NEWS



HAKONE GARDENS: IMPROVING A REGIONAL TREASURE'S ACCESSIBILITY

By County Supervisor, Joe Simitian

For the past century, Hakone Estate and Gardens in Saratoga has served as the region's premier example of an authentic Japanese garden.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this 18-acre retreat in the West Valley foothills welcomes visitors from across the Bay Area and globe, to enjoy Hakone's classic arched moon bridge, meticulously tended gardens, koi ponds, and beautiful structures — all true to their Japanese heritage.

Hakone also offers a portal into Japanese culture, including: taiko drum performances; traditional tea, kimono, and lantern floating ceremonies; celebration of the Lunar New Year; rotating museum and art exhibits; and, perhaps best-known, the numerous events and activities surrounding the springtime extravaganza of its blossoming cherry trees.

Like many historic sites, however, Hakone needs special care and attention. Over time the structures, lands, and gardens have aged and eroded, requiring improvements to ensure safe use of the property for visitors and staff alike.

Currently the City of Saratoga owns the estate and gardens, and has an agreement with the nonprofit Hakone Foundation to operate the facility as a cultural asset held in public trust for the enjoyment and benefit of the entire community. However, for our County's smaller cities and towns, it can be a challenge to underwrite

the cost of a regional treasure like Hakone.

So I'm gratified that my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved my recent proposal for grant funding to support three much-needed projects at Hakone that will improve accessibility and property safety:

- **Bamboo Garden Steps.** Installation of new steps to match the 2022 Upper Pathway improvement project (also supported by the County to increase safe access). Additionally, stone retaining walls to prevent erosion will be installed.
- **Madrone Mound.** Removal of existing steps and pavers, and regrading to improve vehicle and equipment accessibility between the loading dock and Madrone Mound, Hakone's outdoor reception area for up to 180 guests.
- **Lighting.** Installation of donated granite lamp posts along the narrow entry driveway from Bag Basin Way to the Hakone Gardens parking lot to increase safety.

While the County's primary focus is appropriately centered on maintaining a social safety net for those in need, I am pleased that from time to time we are able to make funds available for significant historic and cultural preservation.

At Hakone, for example, prior County support has facilitated restoration of the pond

system, as well as the Lower House, Wisteria Pavilion, Tea Garden Gate, Moon Bridge, Mon Roof, Wishing Well, Upper Pathway, and the Tea Waiting Pavilion.

County support also enabled the extension of monthly free admission days for County residents — the first Tuesday of the month from March to October, and the first Saturday of the month November to February — through August 2025. (Learn more about events, exhibits, and hours at [www.hakone.com](http://www.hakone.com) or call (408) 741-4994.)

I encourage everyone to take advantage of this wonderful resource in our midst and visit — or visit again — soon. My hope, and goal, is that maintaining and preserving the estate and gardens will allow visitors to enjoy Hakone for another 100 years.

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. He was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 2012 and re-elected in 2016 and 2020. Stay up to date on news and events happening in District Five by signing up for Supervisor Simitian's monthly newsletter at [SupervisorSimitian.org](http://SupervisorSimitian.org).

City Council & Planning Commission News

2024 Planning Excellence Award Winner



By Adam Buchbinder



Campbell's planning staff has received an Excellence Award in the Planning Agency category from the California chapter of the American Planning Association, the only agency in the Northern California section so honored. The Northern California section stretches all along the coast from Monterey County, including the entire Bay Area, all the way up to the Oregon border. Of all the planning agencies in all of those counties and cities, Campbell's was the only one so awarded.

The city's award was given based on several factors, but most notable is staff's breakneck pace of productivity over the 2023 work year. Campbell has relatively low building fees, which means that we're understaffed compared to similar cities. Our planners all carry a heavy workload, which is exacerbated by the city's heavy use of discretionary permitting. (Staff was instrumental in reducing that source of toil earlier this year.)

Nevertheless, staff finalized a General Plan update, submitted a compliant Housing Ele-

ment, updated our Zoning Code, and developed our Multi-Family Development and Design Standards as well. Each of these was a demanding technical project which also required unusual levels of community outreach and debate. The department really punched above its weight last year, and deserves this award.

A General Plan is sort of like a city's constitution. It lays out the larger goals the city wants to accomplish, and the broad policies which are to be used in achieving those goals. The previous

General Plan was adopted in 2000, and the current one had been in various stages of development since 2015. City Council rolled it into the Housing Element so that it could be completed all-in-one.

A Housing Element is part of the General Plan, but has state-mandated restrictions on what it must include, how it must be written, and how often it must be updated. This Housing Element had to provide for

approximately three thousand new homes over the following eight years, by identifying and allowing greater density in so-called "opportunity sites" (one of which is currently being developed as of July 23, at 320 Virginia Ave, with forty new townhomes), and by developing policies to streamline and encourage more housing. Campbell was the first jurisdiction in all of Santa Clara County to have our Housing Element approved by the state.

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CATS NOT NEW YORK BROADWAY, BUT BETTER!

By Duane and Julie Harp



Contemporary Asian Theater (CATS) has launched its inaugural American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Playwright Festival with a performance hosted by The San Stage Theater. Jeffery Lo, Filipino American playwright, conceptualized the idea while having lunch at The Orchard City Cafe in Campbell, CA. Yes, and that's where he received the green light to produce a play at the San Jose Stage, featuring six ten minute stories from six local Asian playwrights.

He is featuring Asian actors that told amazing stories that echoed their culture, but transcends to all walks of life regardless of nationality. The actors only had four days to review the play, rehearse it. They had to perform with the script in hand so that the actor would develop character and depth in real time. The result was unique and powerful. The audience was very enthusiastic and laughed, cried, and reminisced from their personal

experiences. Here's is a little preview for each story:

**Story 1)** Two sisters prepare their deceased mother's personal effects for sale. An old woman comes to look at the trinkets. Then steals one at every chance which culminates in a hilarious fight over a Lotus lamp! Was the old woman their mother's ghost?

**Story 2)** A young woman has a conversation with her dead father in an effort to find closure. She must navigate through her emotions to realize that even though he was often harsh, he loved her deeply.

**Story 3)** A film critic sits in a theater viewing his younger brother's film, about his older brother. Younger brother is shocked and angered at his older brother's unfavorable review!

**Story 4)** A syfy concept about an old lady who gets abducted by aliens or so she believes. Is it real or all in her head? We need Mulder and Scully to investigate!

**Story 5)** A doomsday cult leader and his followers drink a drug cocktail and collapse into unconsciousness. When the leader and his significant other awaken, he learns, to his dismay, that the followers are all dead and his girlfriend has her own agenda!

**Story 6)** A man develops a low carb rice alternative called 'ryce' which he hopes will help eliminate the world's diabetes problem. The rice gods come to prevent him from bringing it to market, but in the end come to a common understanding.

At the end of the show there was a question and answer session with the playwrights and Jeffrey Lo, Artistic Director. Each playwright described what inspired them. This period was just as captivating as the play.

San Jose Stage is committed to hosting CATS for a three year run, with more to follow. Check it out [Catsasiantheaterscene.org](http://Catsasiantheaterscene.org)

AUGUST MOVIES

By Sam Wilson



**Deadpool & Wolverine – B-** Marvel Studios first R-rated film is equal parts entertaining and disappointing. Deadpool recruits a Wolverine variant to help him save his universe in what's less a love letter to Fox's "X-Men" than it is to "Logan". Ryan Reynolds and Hugh Jackman are uproarious, but director Shawn Levy (The Adam Project, Real Steel, Night at the Museum) is an odd fit who struggles with the action. The lightly R-rated material is cartoonishly "Looney-Tunes" with an obnoxious pop soundtrack, inoffensive humor that's heavily self-referential, and very little blood and gore. Terrific cameos don't make a movie, the writing's horrendous and the villain lacks a meaningful connection to the heroes.

**Twisters – B-** A magnetic Glen Powell (Top Gun: Maverick) owns this mixed bag, modern day love letter to 1996's "Twister". Former storm-chaser turned meteorologist Kate is persuaded to return to Oklahoma and ultimately competes against a reckless YouTube famous team. The popcorn disaster flick isn't a sequel or

remake yet possesses too many similarity to the original to ignore. Boasts an ensemble of up-and-comers that includes Daisy Edgar-Jones (Where the Crawdads Sing), Anthony Ramos (In the Heights), Brandon Perea (Nope), and David Corenswet ("Pearl", James Gunn's upcoming "Superman").


**Trap – C** Josh Hartnett (Oppenheimer) carries M. Night Shyamalan's (Signs, Split) cat-and-mouse thriller featuring an implausibly silly premise. A father takes his daughter to a concert and realizes it's a trap for a serial killer set by the FBI. Shyamalan still hasn't mastered his craft, failing to create the necessary energy, tension and momentum needed for the story to excel. The third act goes off the rails when the director forces his daughter Saleka forward as protagonist. Hayley Mills (1961's "The Parent Trap") appears as an expert profiler.


**Despicable Me 4 – C** Blatantly ripping off "The Incredibles", the franchise's 6th outing ("Min-

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MOVIE REVIEWS

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ions” included) is stale and repetitive. Gru (Steve Carrell, “IF”), Lucy (Kristen Wigg, “Bridesmaids”) and their three adopted daughters welcome Gru Jr. to the family before new nemesis Maxime (Will Ferrell, “Barbie”) and his girlfriend Valentina (Sofia Vergara, “Modern Family”) force them to enter the witness protection program.

Longlegs – B

Leave it to the son of “Psycho” legend Anthony Perkins to deliver what may end up being 2024’s most unsettling horror film. While in pursuit of a serial killer (Nicolas Cage going full ham), a young FBI agent (Maika Moore, “It Follows”) uncovers clues that seemingly lead to the occult. Oz Perkins superb directing coupled with the excellent horror score cover up the relatively weak script and deflating ending.

Fly Me to the Moon – C

Star-studded yet bloated (132 minutes) 1960’s-set story struggling with mediocrity and genre-identity (Drama? Comedy? Romance?). When the White House deems the mission too important to fail, a marketing maven is brought in to fix NASA’s image and help stage a fake moon landing while sparks fly between her and the launch director. Ray Romano (The Irishman) surprisingly turns in the best performance, with leads Scarlett Johansson (Black Widow) and Channing Tatum (21 Jump Street) lacking chemistry and Woody Harrelson (Zombieland) coasting.

MaXXXine – C

Mia Goth (Infinity Pool) and director Ti West (V/H/S) reunite for the lackluster sequel to the superior “Pearl” and “X”, completing their odd throwback horror trilogy. Maxine finally gets her big break in 1985 Los Angeles as a mysterious killer stalks Hollywood’s starlets. The style is detrimentally low-quality grind house, oozing sleaze and grime. The loaded supporting cast of Elizabeth Debicki, Kevin Bacon, Michelle Monaghan, Bobby Cannavale, and Giancarlo Esposito is largely wasted.



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Sunday, August 11  
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Tuesday, August 13  
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Wednesday, August 14  
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First Call

Thursday, August 15  
6pm  
Blues Pro Jam

Friday, August 16  
7:30pm Simon Govan  
Smith All Stars

Saturday, August 17  
7:30pm Vicki Shepard  
and the Magic Menu

Tuesday, August 20  
6:30pm  
Head Games Trivia

Wednesday, August 21  
6pm  
Osgood Band

Thursday, August 22  
6pm  
Blues Pro Jam

Friday, August 23  
7:30pm  
Whole Shot

Saturday, August 24  
7:30pm  
Blues Rockers

Sunday, August 25  
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Jazz Jam

Tuesday, August 27  
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Head Games Trivia

Wednesday, August 28  
6pm  
Acoustic Showcase

Thursday, August 29  
6pm  
Blues Pro Jam

Friday, August 30  
7:30pm  
Dennis King Band

Saturday, August 31  
7:30pm  
Dolce Musica

Tuesday, September 3  
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Head Games Trivia

Wednesday, September 4  
6pm  
Ghosts of Calico

Thursday, September 5  
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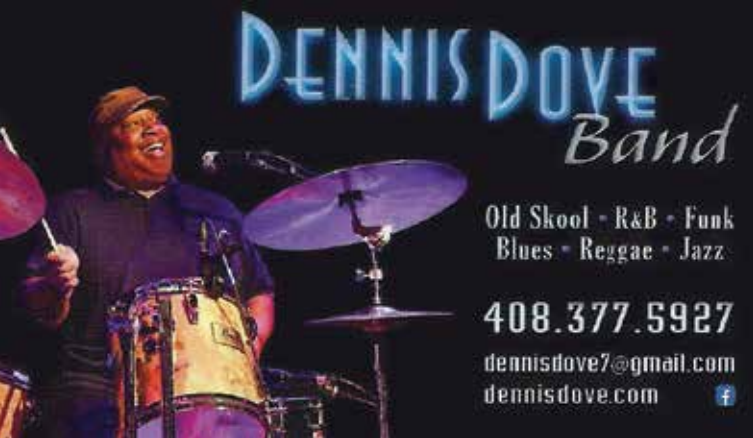
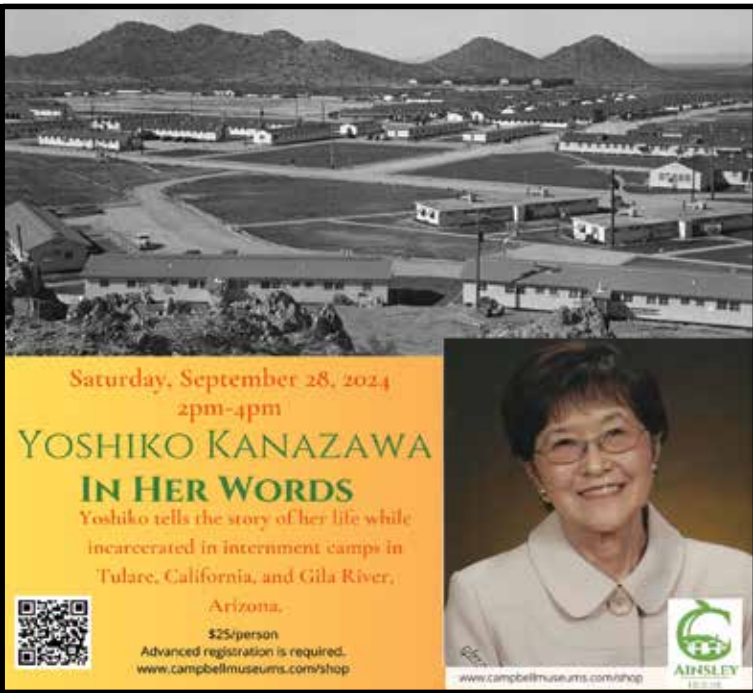
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6:30 PM - 9:30 PM



Greg Kihn Tribute

Many people don’t know the secrets at Soundtek Studios in downtown Campbell.

Several great artists have recorded there over the years. Every Thursday, a very well known Bay Area musician, fantastic world renown book writer, and favorite KFOX radio host, **Greg Kihn** would take a lunch break from there and walk down to Starbucks around 1:30pm for coffee.

This was a part of Greg’s weekly routine. Writing and recording his last album at Soundtek Studios with owner and Kihn bassist and Producer Robert Berry. Berry recently recalled that on many of their walks down Campbell Ave. while passing restaurants, shops, and businesses, you would often hear someone say “Hey, I know that voice!” and stop Mr. Kihn for an autograph. He would always oblige, cause that’s the kind of guy he was. After passing away recently on August 13<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 75, he will be sorely missed by friends, family & fans worldwide.



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Portugal – “Fútbol Really IS Life”

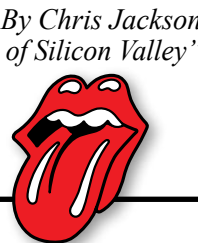
By Nate Austin

Growing up in America, the culture surrounding sports is diverse, just like the culture of those around us. Sports connect generations, social groups, but more importantly, unite those who may have differences to come together for a common goal. The United States has a plethora of different sports that are celebrated, idolized, and romanticized: baseball, football, basketball, and hockey, (the major percentage of sports revered by Americans) allow individuals to explore what they find interesting or captivating, like their favorite team in the MLB or watching the Warriors win the NBA Finals and then telling yourself, “Hey, maybe I am a Warriors fan”. That is what

is beautiful about sports in America. Welcoming, with not so open arms, comes Portugal. There is nothing more important than Portuguese fútbol. The way the entire country unites over a group of twenty-six men and stopping every activity to watch, listen, or just be around each other to experience close to two hundred minutes of running up and down a large grass field trying to kick a ball into a net. It is truly one of the greatest spectacles to watch; cheap beer flowing, cheers ringing through the walls of restaurants and sports bars, and everyone being happy existing in the same space, at the same time. It was one of the most beautiful things I have ever

witnessed, no bar in America could compare. If we, as Americans, can put aside the differences of skin color, affiliation, and whatever else causes one to belittle another, maybe someday we can enjoy the simple things in life like a soccer game like Portugal and the rest of Europe. Life could and should be this simple. Wake up, go to work, enjoy sports and life with your loved ones and those you want to surround yourself with, and be blessed to wake up each day. Every time you wake up, it is a new leaf to be turned, but in Portugal, each day they wake up, they think of fútbol and about how Ronaldo missed that wide open kick within the 70 minute mark.

Before the Song: “Start me up”



At the Rolling Stones concert at Levi’s Stadium on July 17 this year, the band wasted no time getting to one of their biggest songs. The last time they played Levi’s, they opened with “Jumpin’ Jack Flash”; this time, they went with “Start Me Up”—Keith Richard strums his guitar, and they’re off. “Start Me Up” started as a reggae song, and for years the band tried to un-reggae it before releasing it.

They originally recorded it 38 times and they all sounded reggae. On the 39th, they were able to find a rock beat to use, but they reverted to a reggae beat for another 30 takes after that. Four years after they first recorded it, they were able to go through 70 takes of

“Start Me Up” and find that one rock beat in the middle of the takes, and make it into a whole song. They released it in 1981. The final recording session took six hours—just for “Start Me Up.” That may seem like a long time for one song, but it turns out it’s typical for a Rolling Stones song: they would never sit down and work out a song ahead of time because that would spoil the magic of spontaneity. It makes sense to me: you can’t argue with what many call “the feel” of the band—loose, sloppy, unplanned, and...oh...just right. © Chris Jackson can be heard on 98.5 KFOX The South Bay’s Classic Rock, weekdays 6am-9am

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Campbell is a “dog friendly city.” Our volunteers enjoy your ‘doggy’ visits. We request that they be taken to a dirt area for their “personal duties” instead of damaging our shrubs, flowers, and buildings. Many families gather for picnics on the Orchard City Green where children and babies play. It is required by the city that all dogs must be wearing a leash at all times when on city property, so we ask for your respect and cooperation.

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DIG IT... with SAM



By Sharon McCray, UCCE Master Gardener

I hope you had the opportunity to visit one of our many local county fairs this summer. They are, in my opinion, only getting better. I've been mulling these thoughts over for some time and feel, this might be the perfect time to share them with you. John Muir is quoted as saying that everything in nature touches everything else. A truer statement has never been made in my opinion. Simple acts in our surroundings can have a profound effect on everything else around us. The tree you plant, will shade your neighbors, provide homes for wildlife and at the end of its long life, provide warmth through a winter fire or wood for a summer home. All around us, simple changes in our everyday lives are making a difference in our environment and ecosystem.

We need to be aware that "no man is an island". We are all in this together. The innocent act of eliminating just one element will have a profound effect of everything else. As an example, when farm cats are removed from the once balanced ecosystem, the removal or even feeding of feral cats could cause a catastrophic consequence with the local rodent population. Now that the natural predators are gone, the destructive ground squirrels. Rats and squirrels can devastate crops and destroy building foundations. Now we must look to alternative solutions to once non-existent issues. Poisons and traps are a simple solution. Rodents poisoned are then consumed by our birds of prey, foxes and coyotes, usually with fatal consequences. The vicious cycle

become more unmanageable every day. The highly effective falcons that helped monitor the rodent population are now gone from our city sky. Their demise is a mystery and I can only assume that they too, have "gone to a better place". When farm birds such as chickens, ducks and peafowl, are removed for whatever reason, the garden pest and insect populations explode, creating another situation. Earwigs, snails and slugs become unmanageable and turn to feasting on your hard earned vegetable and fruit crops. Now, once again, the solution is pesticides or traps. Weeds are a constant garden problem, another one solved by the chemical industry. These chemicals have no effect whatsoever on the seeds of the plants and are

not affected by the herbicide. They will produce even more seed for next year. The bees and butterflies along with other flying insects are starving or being killed by the residue of poison on the seeds and flowers. I ask, "what has happened to common sense?" Where is the balance? PFAS, a class of forever chemicals, are in nearly everything we consume or wear. The CDC reports that PFAS can be found in 97 percent of the US population. National Institute of Health research shows that a large variety of plants directly absorb the PFAS. To quote a recent article in *Mother Earth News*, "Regions of the country where wastewater is reclaimed and used for irrigation are particularly susceptible", meaning, they are in our foods and

contaminating our soils. "The effects of these chemicals on humans can be devastating and include learning and behavioral problems, lead to cancer, immune system disorders, fertility problems and obesity". More research is definitely needed. Clean unbiased research that includes farmers, people in the fields that have firsthand knowledge of how this all works. We must remember, a farmers survival depends on their ability to take care and protect their land. Teaching children about nature and respecting wildlife is important. Most importantly, if done correctly, can help instill positive reactions to everything else around us. It is said that to truly love something, you must first know it. I couldn't agree more.

WEST COAST CHEF

SUMMER IN THE CITY

Summer in the bay area is a cornucopia of culinary festivals and happenings. We have over 200 food fairs, farmers markets, and festivals starting with the Cherry festival, and ending with the Gravenstein apple festival in Sebastopol. The weekly outdoor market at the Ferry bldg. in San Francisco is always a hit, and there's always the Marin art and wine festival around Labor Day. As hot as it gets, we are only 30-40 minutes from a cool down in Santa Cruz, Half Moon Bay, or San Francisco. Nothing like leaving 102 degree weather in Campbell and enjoying a crab Louie in the city where it is 65 degrees. They don't have that luxury in Phoenix or Vegas. In August, look for peak flavors from all the grandiose heirloom and various tomatoes, fresh tuna and albacore, king salmon, new potatoes, red and yellow cherry tomatoes, Walla Walla onions, lemon cucumbers, all the various heirloom corn, plums, figs, nectarines, and peaches of all types. (J and P farms, Carter Dr.) Summer squashes, and zucchini, eggplant, peppers, beautiful melons of all types, and many more... In July, I was reunited with 4 dear friends going back to junior high school. Mike, Charlie, Tom, and John and I cooked

and golfed for a week in Vail and finished up with a Giants game at Coors field. One of the favorite dishes was my take on Helen Cardinals Shrimp Creole. Viva Nawlins'!!

**SHRIMP CREOLE CARDINAL**

- ½ pound bacon
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1 medium bell pepper, finely chopped
- 2-3 ribs celery, finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 Tbsp. creole or Cajun seasoning (Tonys, or Prudhommes)
- 1 tsp. dried thyme
- 1 tsp. dried basil
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ tsp. cayenne pepper
- ½ cup crushed canned tomatoes
- 1 15 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire
- 2-3 dashes Tabasco
- 2 tsp. salt, or to taste
- 1 tsp. white pepper
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 8 oz. bottle clam juice
- 1 fresh lemon



By Bill Peil

• Steamed white rice

Let's cook! Cook bacon, remove bacon and finely chop. Chopped bacon can be added to the sauce later, if you choose. Sauté half the onion, med. Heat for 3-5 minutes until golden brown. Add remaining onion, celery, green pepper, and butter. Cook medium high heat until all vegetables are tender. Stir occasionally. Add garlic, bay leaf, salt and all peppers, creole or Cajun seasoning, stir well. Then add Tabasco, Worcestershire Sauce, thyme, basil, and Tbsp. flour. Cook 2 minutes, add clam juice, cook easy for 5 minutes. This is to marry seasoning and further brown vegetables. Add crushed tomatoes, cook low for 10 min, stirring and scraping. Stir in tomato sauce, simmer 5 minutes. Add sugar and juice of lemon. If sauce needs thinning, add more clam juice, or just a bit of water. Put in bacon, if using. Add 1 ½ pounds large shrimp when ready to serve and cook shrimp for 3 minutes. Do NOT overcook shrimp. Serve with steamed rice. This is what eating was meant to be. Cheers, it's almost football season. Cheers, Billy!!

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Coach's Corner



By Jay Harnden

OLYMPIC PRIDE

By now, the 2024 Paris Olympic Games are a memory, but as I write this, the games are about half done. I must admit I was not planning to watch the TV coverage. With the state of things in the world, I just wasn't feeling in the mood to watch the competitions. All the hype, the countdown, anticipation...just didn't interest me very much. I didn't watch the opening ceremony...my wife did, and she said it was pretty awesome. Now, I figured out why I felt this way. I am a grumpy old man.

Now, let me say that I can't really help it. I'm just carrying on family tradition. I suppose I could be "grumpier", but I'll explain what happened in the short term. As I was channel surfing after the games had started, I stumbled upon the equestrian competition, and I was pleasantly surprised by the beauty of the venue. It was a beautiful scene with lots of trees and spectators, and I was kinda drawn in to the whole thing. I don't remember ever watch-

ing any equestrian events in past Olympic games, so I can say that I don't understand the rules, but it was still fun to watch. So, although I still wasn't really excited about the games, I decided to give them a shot. Rugby came on, and even though I don't know the rule of that game either, I became interested in it also.

I soon found out that we have about four or five channels that carry Olympic coverage. Looking at the guides, I could pick what I wanted to watch. It's funny, but as I was watching fencing, I noticed how beautiful the auditorium that held the competition was. And, in the middle of the competition, I found my body tensing up as I watched my favorite fencer in action. Even though I didn't have a favorite, it only took a few minutes of watching to get one.

Although I am rooting for the U.S.A. of course, it's always fun to pull for the underdog. I'm glad that we are ahead in the medal count, it's also

nice to see the host country in second place. Not sure how long that will last as China is moving up fast. But to be honest, none of that really matters to me. I developed a mindset that I would enjoy the sports, try and learn more about the ones I don't understand, and enjoy the games for what they are; incredible, gifted athletes from all over the world, who have undoubtedly put tremendous time and effort into their sport, sharing the gifts and talents with the world.

The beach volleyball venue is beautiful, with the Eiffel tower in the background. I gotta say that France has done an amazing job as host of the summer games.

So, I may be a grumpy old man, but since I started watching the 2024 Olympics, I've become less grumpy, and more appreciative of the athletes who are competing and giving it their all in the spirit of international competition. GO USA!!!



Avoiding the Crowdstrike

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Some airlines like Delta could not contact their crews to re-schedule their flights. Southeast had a similar experience not so long ago when their IT system failed.

So, what can you do if you are screwed by such failures?

Be prepared on any trip and make sure you have on your carryon bag, basic essentials to prepare you from everything like sleeping on airport floors to just cancelling your trip and get a refund, even on non-refundable fares.

When planning a trip to an important event like a wedding, it is best to book a flights a couple of days in advance of the event so you can be reasonably sure of reaching the event in plenty of time.

What about insurance? Always a good safety net.

You should also look at alternate means of transportation like rail, bus or car hire. If your journey is transcontinental or international then consider airlines that operate multiple routes to your final destination. This means that

if things go wrong, the airline is able to offer multiple alternates to you.

Flying from San Jose International Airport (SJC) may be ideal for you, but then consider San Francisco (SFO) or even Oakland!

If things do go wrong, remember that it is not just you, but your checked bags can go astray. Many airlines these offer you the ability to track your bags on their system which can be very reassuring.

You can actually track your own bag if you buy a RFID bag tracking device. You can then see where your bag is even if they airline can't.!

Just a sneaky side thought here! You could use such tracking devices to see what your kids are up to! Attach one to an item of their clothing and then you can monitor what they are up to, but beware, many kids today are tech savvy and could find you out! These devices are also useful for pets that can wander off and get lost.

Remember at all times when dealing with airline personnel - be nice. It's not that individual's fault that your plans are ruined. They are there to help you and by being a pleasant person that will help them.

Symphony San Jose Opens New Season  
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**What:** JON NAKAMATSU & THE JAZZ AGE

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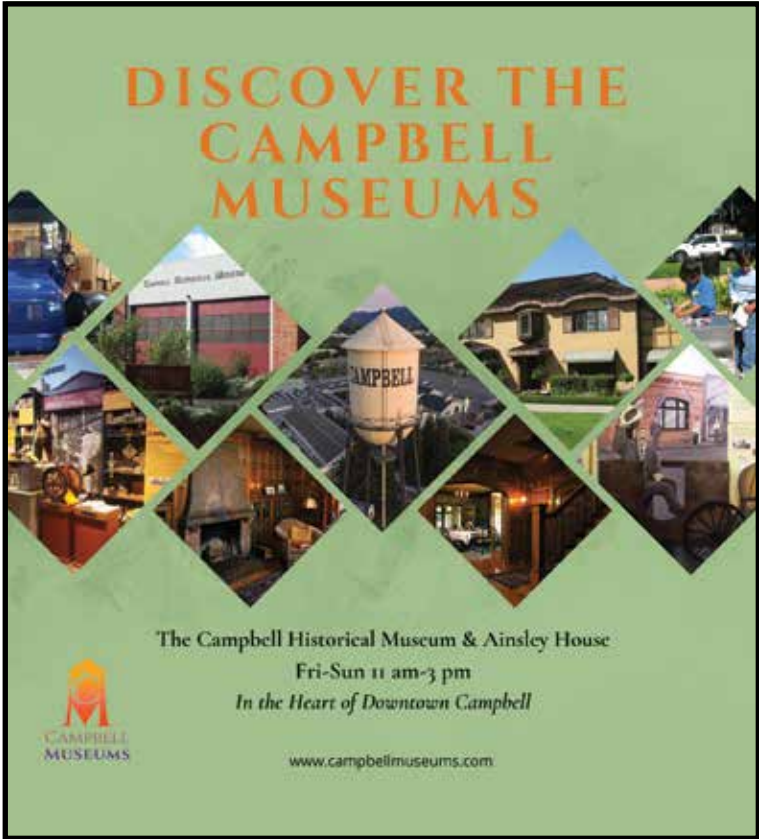
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Campbell Crime Report



By Carol W. Gerwitz

**300 Blk. Orchard City Dr.** CPD officers responded to a potential domestic violence call. (S) drove away with male on the hood of car and was pulled over by CPD officers. (S) displayed signs of alcohol intoxication. Arrested.

**500 Blk. W. Hacienda Ave.** During traffic enforcement stop a glass smoking pipe was located in plain view. (Driver/S1) was found to be in possession of burglary tools. (Passenger/S2) was a convicted felon in possession of a concealed, unserialized loaded firearm and pepper spray. A search of the vehicle revealed additional large quantities of meth and fentanyl along with a scale. Determined that (S1) and (S2) were in possession of controlled substance for sale, were in possession of identifying documents belonging to other people, and were under the influence of controlled substances. Arrested.

**1700 Blk. S. Bascom Ave.** (S) was contacted holding a methamphetamine pipe after being reported as acting erratic and taking off his clothes. (S) was

determined to be under the influence of a CNS Stimulant. Arrested and booked.

**1800 Blk. Whitwood Ln.** (V) reported being the victim of domestic violence and who was kicked out of his house. (V) stated that (S) pushed and scratched him. (V) had visible injuries to his chest and arm caused by (S). Arrested and booked.

**1000 Blk. S. Bascom Ave.** Unknown (S) stole (V)'s fanny pack containing approximately \$50, miscellaneous bank cards, ID, residential keys, and other items. (S) was not seen at the time of the offense and therefore their description is unknown and remains at large.

**100 Blk. Echo Ave.** Officers discovered the living conditions were not suitable for the children. Child Protective Services contacted.

**500 Blk. E. Hamilton Ave.** (V) committed return fraud totaling approx. \$200. Merchant/Reporting Person desired prosecution. To DA.

**2300 Blk. Winchester Blvd.** (S) was reported to be an

unwanted subject inside the business. Upon contact, (S) was determined to have 3 outstanding misdemeanor warrants totaling \$100K. Arrested.

**900 Blk. Connie Dr.** During the previous week, (V)'s cat escaped her home. (V) saw her cat at (S)'s residence and tracking tag on the cat was showing in the area of (S)'s residence. (V wants (S) arrested for not giving her cat back.

**2000 Blk. Winchester Blvd.** (V) reported that (S1) got out of the vehicle driven by (S2) and contacted (V) while she was walking. (S1) talked to (V) and tried putting on a necklace on (V) and removed (V)'s gold necklace that had 2 wedding bands estimated at \$3,000 in the process. (V) did not realize what had taken place until the following day. (S1) and (S2) are still at large. (V) wants (S1) arrested if caught.

**600 Blk. Virginia Ave.** (S) has called 911 approximately 20 times for non-emergency matters within 48 hours. To DA.

**1000 Blk. W. Hamilton Ave.** (V) reported domestic violence

that occurred between her and (S), her husband of one year. (S) had hit (V) with an object that caused superficial lacerations and also prevented (V) from leaving the residence during the incident. (S) was later contacted, placed into custody, and booked. Emergency Protective Order was granted and served.

**Whitethorne Dr./S. Bascom Ave.** (S) was stopped in violation of a CVC. (S) was a convicted felon and claimed ownership of everything inside the vehicle: two different calibers of ammunition, drug paraphernalia, suspected methamphetamine, and another individual's social security card and driver's license. Transported and booked.

**1400 Blk. W. Campbell Ave.** (S) was contacted next to a motorcycle with no plates. (S) claimed his cousin gave him the motorcycle one hour prior and that (S) had pushed it to its current location. Records check on the VIN revealed the motorcycle had been stolen out of San Jose. Arrested.

**1700 Blk. S. Bascom Ave.** (S1) and (S2) loaded mer-

chandise into basket, exited the store without paying for the merchandise, and fled in a vehicle. (S1) and (S2) are unknown and at large.

**600 Blk. E. Campbell Ave.** CPD Officer conducted a pedestrian stop on (S) riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. (S)'s belongings were searched and drug paraphernalia was discovered. Cited and released.

**1200 Blk. Camden Ave.** Juvenile daughter reported as missing.

**Salmar Ave./Harrison Ave.** (S) was contacted during a traffic enforcement stop and found to be DUI. His two year old daughter was also in the car. (S) provided a breath sample and was booked without incident.

**800 Blk. Gale Dr.** (S) attempted to enter (V)'s locked rear door after scaling the patio fence and was confronted by the residents. (S) then attempted to kick in the front door resulting in \$100 damage. (S) was determined to be too intoxicated to care for himself. Arrested and booked without incident.

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Books Inc. By Ashley Bailey & Christine Cargnoni

August Books Inc. Newsletter

We can hardly believe summer's almost over and fall's about to roll in. We hope you had a great one! Thank you to all who joined us for our Summer Bingo/Where's Waldo party and to those who joined us as junior booksellers—we hope you had fun! We also hope to see you at Bookstore Romance Day on August 17th, where you can celebrate romance in literature and meet Simi Monheit, author of *The Goldie Standard!* Speaking of fun, just because school's coming fast doesn't mean reading has to end; what better way to keep sharp than reading more? Here at Books Inc. we also have books to encourage you while you get ready to attend classes.

One of my favorite back to school books for our younger learners has to be *Mr. S*. In this starting-kindergarten special, the students of class 2B arrive to find a seemingly empty classroom. Where is their teacher? How are they meant to learn anything? It seems as though everything might explode into chaos when the students notice something on the teacher's desk: a sandwich! And behind that, written on the chalkboard, the name "Mr. S". Could the S stand for the obvious? Is this lunchtime delicacy their teacher?! This book is unexpected and has a great sense of humor!

On the sweeter side, those in need of a smile should check out *Ruby's Tools for Making Friends* by New York Times bestselling author Apryl Stott. It's Ruby's first day at her new school and she's equipped for anything that might come her way. She has her measuring tape to count her breathing if she's stressed, pliers to remind herself to be flexible, and safety goggles to see things in a new light. She may be a little anxious about her new start, but the class's egg drop competition will be the perfect way to make people like her. The only issue: Ruby's

shyness makes it hard for her to express her ideas to her group. She'll need her tools and a bit of advice from others to find her voice.

Two well-illustrated coming-of-age graphic novels that could be comforting to anyone starting a new elementary or middle school are *The New Girl* by Cassandra Calin and *Timid* by Jonathan Todd. Both cover a wide range of topics familiar to anyone who has ever moved: new schools and new homes. Calin's character Lia moves to the US from Romania, struggling with the language barrier while also enduring her period. Todd's character Cecil moves states, and the graphic novel tackles race, bullying, and anxiety over fitting in. Change and growing up are not easy, so both graphic novels could be a big help!

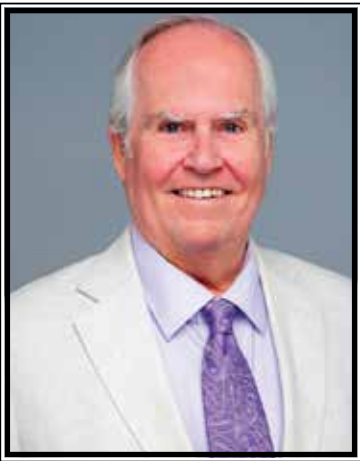
Another encouraging picture book is *The Worry-Worry Whale and the Classroom Jitters* by Deborah Diesen! This covers an anxiety that never gets old—answering questions in class! Through an adorable whale, Willow, and her parents, kids learn they're not alone in feeling anxious in class. Willow's supportive parents help her see that answering questions in class is a wonderful way to grow. They teach her how to overcome that stress, and that it's okay to be unsure or need a moment to think. Written in engaging rhymes sure to make kids smile, Diesen's work and Dan Hanna's colorful illustrations will help anxious kiddos feel more at ease in class!

As always, thanks for making summer at Books Inc. super! Check our website for upcoming events and book clubs, and stop by and say hello whenever you get the chance. Good luck to everyone starting school, and don't forget to keep reading!



The American Dream

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The American Dream appears to be in the news more and more these days...and often not in the most favorable light. Though the American Dream always included the idea of making something of oneself and improving their conditions in life, a major part of that was home ownership. Recently as home prices have continued to rise and interest rates are no longer at the artificially low 3% range, story after story crosses the news media saying the American Dream is out of reach for many and many more are giving up on it. In addition to the rising costs and interest rates, many are concerned about the costs of home ownership. While this

typically refers to upkeep and maintenance, often the other "hidden" costs are not talked about. The hidden costs referred to here are the never ending attempts to put greater burden on home owners to fund the policies of our well-meaning politicians.

Currently our State legislature is considering a Bond to put on the November ballot. This would be in addition to the Bond already qualified from the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority. This "Authority" is a regional governing board created in 2019 by our legislature and covers the nine Bay Area Counties. This is a group of appointed people who are advocating for Affordable Housing and have qualified the "Bay Area Housing Bond."

This is a proposal for \$20 Billion dollar bond to be set up to help build affordable housing. So, what is a Bond? A Bond, simply, is borrowed money. It is borrowed for a set period of time and the interest paid on the borrowed money is paid by property owners via their property taxes. It's one of the many items one sees on the property tax bill that are listed separately

after the base property tax which is controlled by Proposition 13.

In this case, the plan is to add \$19 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. More recently purchased homes would, of course, see a greater addition to their property tax bill than those who've owned for a longer period of time. This, of course, would be added to the other already approved Bonds that people are paying with their current property tax. This affects the American Dream and contributes to the idea this portion of that dream is out of reach for many.

There are a lot of issues to consider when buying or selling a home. As a believer in the American Dream of home ownership, I make certain all those issues are understood when buying or selling a home. With over 28 years in the local market, I've seen a lot and bring quite a bit of experience to your goal. Let's talk about your plans in Real Estate and make your dream come true. Call me at (408) 887-4731 or email to [geneshomes@earthlink.net](mailto:geneshomes@earthlink.net).

MUSEUM MUSINGS

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which will explore childhood in Campbell during the early 1900s, focusing on a child's home life, work life, and school life.

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- Friday, August 30: Dive into the legend of Joaquin Murrieta, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- Saturday, September 28: Experience Yoshiko Kanazawa's powerful story of internment in a Japanese camp, 2 pm to 4 pm
- Friday, October 25: Uncover "Stick 'em Up," the 1926 Campbell Bank Robbery, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Immerse yourself in historic tales and personal narratives of pivotal moments. Save the dates and join us for these enlightening and engaging events!

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CITY NEWS

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Kalra. In the audience were VTA Chair and Supervisor Cindy Chavez as well as other VTA Board members and local Santa Clara County elected officials. (VTA appoints three representatives to sit on the Caltrain Board of Directors).

Finally, I had the honor of being onboard the first-ever electric Caltrain ride. The new trains pulled out of the San Francisco 4th and King station, and within a short time, pulled into the Millbrae station. While some local representatives offboarded there, I stayed on to make my way back into the San Francisco station, wanting to complete the Caltrain ride. As a student, I used Caltrain to commute into San Francisco — occasionally with delays which would impact my work schedule. I pictured the benefits of the new electric trains, which would cut down on commute times and be quieter and more convenient — improvements which can mark the beginning of a truly modern transit system for the world's center of innovation.

PLANNING COMMISSION

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The Zoning Code is our land use law; it's the technical and legal code that developers must abide by. Planning staff has been incrementally updating it to match the new General Plan and Housing Element, as well as complying with new state laws.

Lastly, our MFDDS are a set of objective design guidelines for multi-family housing. In order to allow builders to understand what's expected and required of them before they bring an application to the city. In fact, the state has begun to require that only objective standards which can be known in advance can be used to reject a project, in order to prevent delays where the city repeatedly sends the project back for adjustments and changes, which can delay a project for years.

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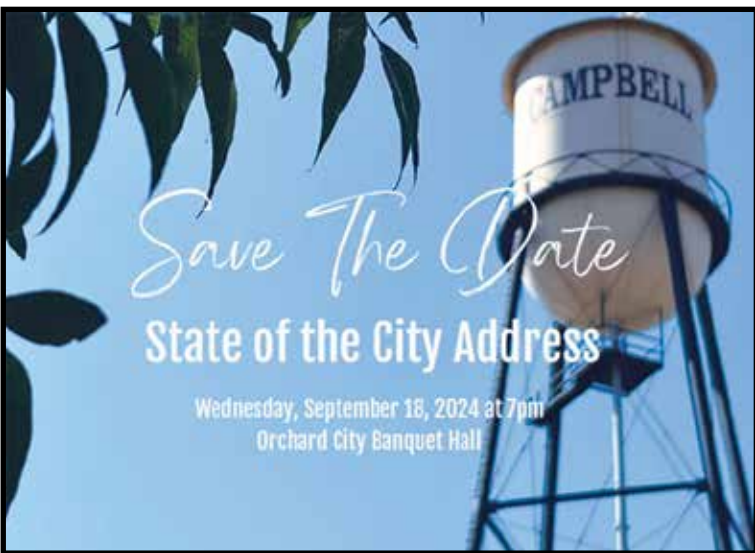
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**About Victor H. Duffany, Sr.**  
Born 1924 in San Francisco  
Spent early years as a young child with parents following the crops during depression.  
Eventually settled in San Jose where he attended high school at Edison HS.  
Worked at O'Brien's Restaurant.  
Was in the Army from 1943-1945 during WW2 and fought and was injured in the Philippines.  
Married and had 4 sons and divorced in the late 1970s.  
Remarried and eventually purchased a house in Campbell, CA and has been here for 44 years.



**2024 State of the City Address**

Join Mayor Susan M. Landry of the Campbell City Council, for her 2024 State of the City Address on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 7pm at the Campbell Community Center in the Orchard City Banquet Hall.

Learn about the City's recent accomplishments, Measure O updates and Sustainability efforts.

The event will be telecast live on Xfinity Channels 26 & 88 and livestreamed on the City's YouTube Channel: @cityofcampbell



If attending in person, please RSVP by Wednesday, September 11, 2024, by scanning the QR Code, or by email: [MayorStateOfTheCity@campbellca.gov](mailto:MayorStateOfTheCity@campbellca.gov)

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