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'Tis the Season



Holiday Cheer in Campbell
Campbell was filled with the joyful spirit of the season as Santa came near to spread cheer at the beloved CAROL of Lights celebration. Families strolled through the event enjoying blocks of activities, sharing laughter, and creating special moments, with visits to Santa and friendly holiday characters bringing smiles to faces young and old. The sense of togetherness and holiday magic could be felt throughout the community.

The historic Ainsley House welcomed the season in its own charming way, opening its doors to guests eager to experience beautifully decorated rooms and thoughtfully arranged holiday displays. Soft lights and festive décor enhanced the home's timeless elegance, offering a warm and nostalgic setting that perfectly captured the magic of Christmas.

Wishing all of our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, filled with peace, joy, and cherished moments.

PHOTOS © MATTHEW C. HOWE AND NANCY O. WHITNEY

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



THE PARTHENON, ATHENS GREECE

PHOTO © MATTHEW C. HOWE

Just a Little Bit of History

By Susan Blake, Campbell Historic Preservation Board

The November mystery photo was taken of a detail from the sidegables on the historic Saunders-Maxwell House, located at 76 Alice Ave in the Historic District. Built in 1922, this Tudor Revival style home is in excellent condition.

Lee Saunders was an early weigh-master and receiving foreman for J. C. Ainsley Packing Company here in Campbell. George Maxwell purchased the house in 1958. Maxwell was the first full-time fire chief in Campbell, replacing volunteer chief, Jack Scott, and serving from 1958 to 1972.



Happy Holidays! This photo was taken in downtown Campbell.





WORD OF THE MONTH

"DISESTABLISHMENT"

[Dis-es-stab-lis-hment]

NOUN

To end the official status, support, or connection between a state and an institution.

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HAPPENINGS

End of 2025 from the Campbell Museums

Thank you to our stakeholders, supporters, visitors, volunteers, donors, museum members, and the Campbell community and beyond for making 2025 such a memorable year.

Together, we hosted engaging programs—from History Happy Hours and concerts in the Ainsley garden to supporting City concerts and celebrating the **Ainsley House 100th Anniversary Gala**. We're now wrapping up Holidays at the Ainsley House, open **Thu–Sun, 11 am–3 pm through Dec 21**, with tours and our festive Holiday Boutique. Don't miss our **Holiday Open House evenings on Dec 18 & 21, 5:30–8 pm**.

This year, we welcomed **3000+ students** for Hands-On History, expanded to **60+ active volunteers**, opened our new **From the Archives** exhibit, and received generous historical donations that help us tell Campbell's story.

Here's a preview of what's ahead:

- **Public Art Show in the Carriage House**, June through October. Submissions are open. Click here for information: <https://www.campbellmuseums.com/artshow2026>.
- **New Exhibit Coming to the Historical Museum: The History of Music in Campbell**. This exhibit will focus on the importance of Music for recreation in the community from the earliest roots of a town band to the bands and clubs that fueled rock and roll history in the 60s, 70s, and 80s.
- **New Special Events & Community Celebrations**: Including expanded concerts, lectures, and family programs.
- **Ainsley House Field Trip will return for the 2026-2027 school year, for 3rd and 4th grades**.

Thank you for preserving the past and shaping the future with us. We look forward to a remarkable 2026 together.

Campbell Museums Announce Seasonal Closures, Membership Updates, and Volunteer Opportunities

As the year winds down, the Campbell Museums are preparing for important seasonal updates and exciting plans for 2026.

The historic **Ainsley House** will close to the public on **December 21** and reopen on **March 5**. During this time, the house will undergo tenting for termite treatment to ensure its long-term preservation. We look forward to welcoming visitors back in the spring to experience this cherished Campbell landmark.

The **Historical Museum** will also close on **December 21**, but will reopen much sooner—on **January 2**—just in time to kick off a new year of exhibits and programs.

With 2026 on the horizon, the Campbell Museums are excited to usher in a vibrant, history-filled year. As part of our efforts to streamline services for museum supporters, we are **revamping our membership billing process**. Going forward, all memberships will renew and begin on a **calendar-year schedule**. Members can expect detailed information to arrive in **early January**.

We are also proud to highlight our **robust volunteer program**, which plays a vital role in sharing Campbell's culture and heritage with the community. As we continue to grow, we are actively recruiting new volunteers and invite anyone interested to reach out at **CampbellMuseumVolunteers@gmail.com**.

To close out the year, we're pleased to shine a spotlight on one of our dedicated volunteers: **Steven Raimondi**, whose commitment and enthusiasm have made a meaningful difference to our programs and guests.

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HERE'S HOWE



I've often said that being a touring professional is not for everyone. I know, because I've lived it for well over 30 years. After traveling over 25,000 miles in 14 countries this year, I'm ready to come home. Touring is 'chronic displacement.' You're always somewhere else! The travel at times can be somewhat unbearable. The show schedules can be brutal. Crappy catering food, cold showers, inexperienced stagehands, after-show cardboard pizza with a warm beer; only to be followed by a long bus ride to start the process all over again. But when the lights go down and the crowd roars to their feet, it's a team of consummate professionals like myself, whose tireless work all day makes that magic happen. For us unsung heroes, life is a balancing act between the adrenaline-fueled chaos of concerts one night, to a quiet isolated hotel room the next. It can wear on even the most chiseled road warrior, regardless of their experience. Many days your body says, 'oh hell no', only to have no choice but to power through it once again the next morning without fail. You usually spend more time with your road family than with your own. You make friends. Sometimes for life. This is an often overlooked struggle and sacrifice that comes with the job. I spent years not being home for my family and children; gone all summer long while they were out of school, missing their birthdays, holidays, graduations, wedding anniversaries and so much more. It's not an easy job. It's a bit like being in the military without the fear of going to war.

My day begins long before the audience arrives. Loading-in heavy equipment, setting

up intricate audio, video, and lighting rigs, and trouble-shooting daily technical glitches require both stamina and ingenuity without delay. Each venue poses its own set of challenges too, from cramped backstage areas, crazy cable runs, to unpredictable weather at outdoor shows. The pressure mounts as the clock ticks toward showtime; everything must be in place. Mistakes aren't an option—one missed connection can mean disaster for the performance. Offstage, the dual life becomes even more apparent. Many roadies face the strain of the constant travel, long hours, and time away from family and friends. Relationships are tested as the demands of the road leave little room for a traditional home life. Sleep is scarce, meals are often grabbed on the go, and the line between work and personal time blurs. The physical toll—aching backs, tired feet, and the ever-present risk of injury, is matched only by the emotional challenges of maintaining stability in a world built on unpredictability. Despite these hardships, roadies share a sense of camaraderie and pride in their work. For many, the thrill of helping create unforgettable experiences for thousands of fans every night outweighs the sacrifices. It's about the satisfaction of knowing that without our dedication and expertise, the show simply couldn't go on—and the show MUST GO ON. So next time you're lost in the music, spare a thought for the team—the backbone of every concert, living a double life to ensure the spotlight shines bright. I can't wait to be home for the holidays! Happy New Year everyone! See you soon.

THE CAMPBELL MUSEUMS



The Campbell Historical Museum & Ainsley House invite you to:

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY

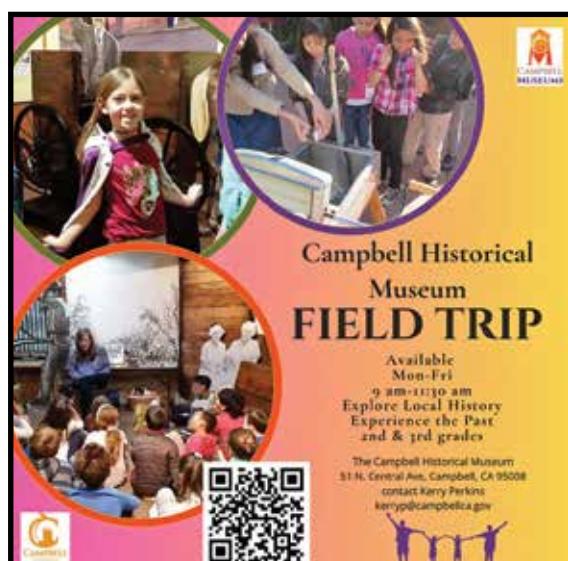
Opportunities

- Docents
- Greeters
- Special Events
- Gardeners
- Museum Collections
- Museum Foundation

Requirements

- 4 hours/month (days & hours vary depending on volunteer needs)
- Enjoy working with people
- Interest in community building
- Have a good attitude

campbellmuseums.com/volunteer
email: campbellmuseumvolunteers@gmail.com



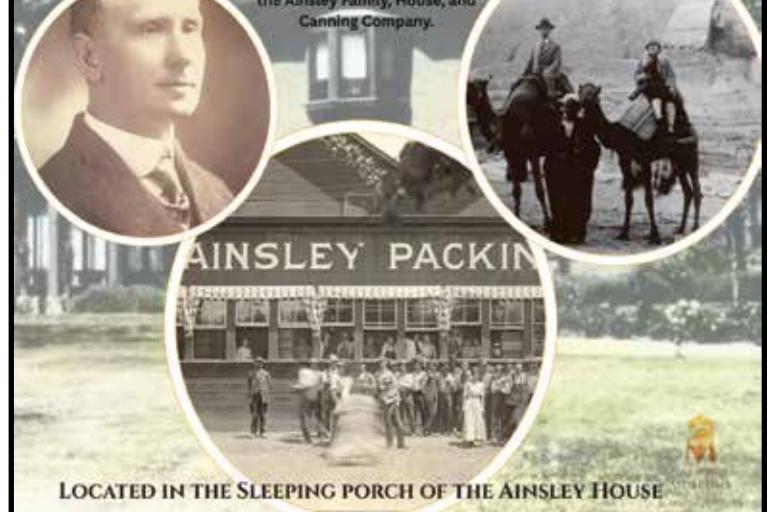
FROM THE ARCHIVES

A permanent exhibit in the Ainsley House

Opening September

2025

Learn more/ explore more about the Ainsley Family, House, and Canning Company.





Volunteers with Christmas Spirit for 30 Years advance the program Make-A-Wish®

The vision is to grant the wish of every child diagnosed with a critical illness. In the U.S., a **wish is granted every 33 minutes**. A wish can be that spark that helps these chil-

children diagnosed with critical illnesses, a wish come true can be a crucial turning point in their lives. Today, Make-A-Wish has granted hundreds

in our local neighborhood. Dave's house (Santa) is located at **1857 Cherry Ave, San Jose**. They have raised more than a couple



children believe that anything is possible and gives them



of thousands of life-changing wishes to children battling critical illnesses. Wishes that give families hope through dark times, strength to persevere, and experiences that forever change their lives.

Our local community Santa (Dave) and Mrs. Claus (Marilyn) and their elves have been putting on this extensive festive light display, complete with visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, for 30+ years

MAKE-A-WISH

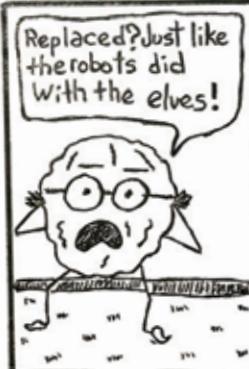


the strength to fight harder against their illnesses. For

of million dollars over the decades. The current goal is \$3500 per evening of Santa visits with family holiday cheer until Christmas. **If you would like to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, ordonate. Just go to Facebook and #1857cherryave.**



Fruits + Nuts



by Thomas J. Espinosa



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PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney

A Season of Celebration, Gratitude, and Community

With the holiday season upon us, the Campbell Press is delighted to share the joy, traditions, and meaningful events that filled our community throughout the month of December.

One of Campbell's most beloved and historic holiday traditions is Carol of Lights, an event that continues to bring generations of families together. Children and families were able to visit Santa Claus while enjoying the warmth of the season. A heartfelt thank-you goes to the Kiwanis Club of Campbell for their long-standing dedication to serving local families. Their volunteers welcomed everyone with smiles, hot drinks, and cookies, creating a festive and inviting atmosphere that truly reflects the spirit of Campbell.

Another important holiday effort is the Campbell Chamber of Commerce Toy Program, which has been serving families in our community since 1984. This meaningful program once again helped bring holiday joy to children and families in need. With the support of generous donors and dedicated volunteers, families were able to pick up toys filled with Christmas wishes and kindness. Donations are still welcome, and additional information can be found on page 6.

Our local museum was also bustling with activity this season. The Ainsley House hosted its annual Decorate-a-Room and Christmas Tour, welcoming both visitors and locals alike. Guests enjoyed strolling through beautifully decorated rooms that showcased the creativity and dedication of participating volunteer organizations. In addition, the Ainsley House's Holiday Tea events were once again a seasonal favorite. These charming gatherings are always a delightful way to begin the holiday season and, as usual, sold out quickly.

As we round out the year and look ahead to the New Year, we would also like to recognize an important milestone for the Campbell Press. November marked the first issue of our sixth year in business, meaning we proudly celebrated our fifth anniversary. We launched the Campbell Press in November 2020, in the heart of the COVID pandemic, when staying connected as a community was more important than ever.

Over the past five years, we have seen Campbell's community spirit grow stronger and more vibrant. Each month, we strive to serve our readers through local news, entertainment, health features, business updates, classifieds, city news, and human-interest stories that celebrate Campbell's history and people.

This publication is truly a labor of love. We extend our sincere thanks to our volunteers, supporters, advertisers, local merchants, subscribers, and loyal readers. We are also grateful to the City of Campbell for its continued support.

A very special thank-you goes to my partner and editor, Matthew C. Howe, whose vision, dedication, and attention to detail help ensure the accuracy and quality of the paper each and every month. Our heartfelt appreciation also goes to our writers, who generously give their time and expertise to keep our community informed, educated, and connected. Your dedication over the past five years has been nothing short of inspirational.

The Campbell Press would like to extend our warmest holiday greetings to our readers, advertisers, and community partners. Thank you for another wonderful year—we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

DECEMBER

CAMPBELL REAL ESTATE

DECEMBER

ADDRESS	SALES PRICE	B/B	AGE	LOT SIZE	SQ. FT
SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, SINGLE FAMILY HOMES					
S. San Tomas Aquino	\$2,450,000	1/1	85	16500	884
Wren Way	\$2,320,000	3/2	79	6000	1547
Abbey Lane	\$2,280,000	3/2	64	6100	1381
Keith Drive	\$2,250,000	4/2	56	6720	1782
Lavonne Drive	\$2,200,000	4/3	65	6100	2138
Westmont Avenue	\$2,136,000	4/2	51	6000	1675
Waldo Road	\$2,070,000	3/2	63	7502	1706
Ridgeley Drive	\$1,950,000	3/2	69	8568	1609
Walnut Drive	\$2,900,000	3/2	77	18984	2292
Steinway Avenue	\$2,898,000	3/1	77	22119	905

SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, CONDO/TOWNHOMES

Capri Drive	\$1,425,000	3/2.5	44		1990
Capri Drive	\$1,380,000	3/2	44	1637	2196
W. Hacienda Avenue	\$1,339,888	3/2.5	45	837	1597
W. Rincon Avenue	\$1,330,000	3/2.5	44	1463	1665
Campisi Wayu	\$999,000	2/2	17	1441	1414
Duncanville Court	\$970,000	2/2.5	47	1105	1727
Apricot Avenue	\$760,000	2/2	43		1065

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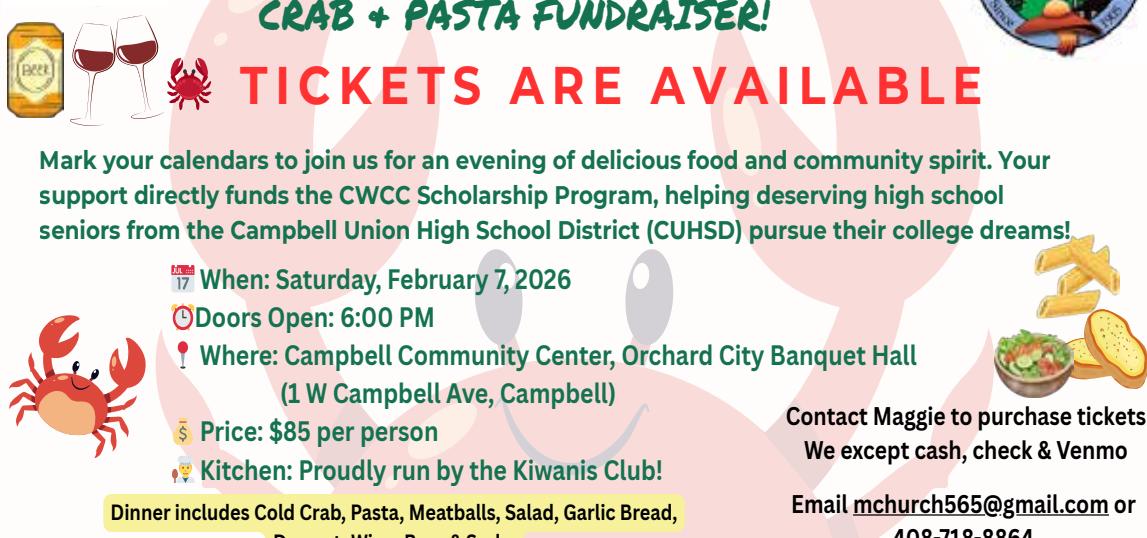
GET READY FOR THE 28TH ANNUAL

COUNTRY WOMAN'S CLUB OF CAMPBELL (CWCC)
CRAB + PASTA FUNDRAISER!



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

Mark your calendars to join us for an evening of delicious food and community spirit. Your support directly funds the CWCC Scholarship Program, helping deserving high school seniors from the Campbell Union High School District (CUHSD) pursue their college dreams!



Support Our Cause: Scholarships & Donations

Every year, the funds raised from this dinner make a huge difference in the lives of talented CUHSD students, including those focused on vocational skills, liberal/fine arts, and science/math. We prioritize helping students who show significant turnaround, have financial need, or maintain a strong B+ GPA.

Our Ask:

We are currently seeking donations for our Silent Auction & Raffle Baskets! If you or your business would like to contribute an item or service to help us raise even more funds for scholarships, please let us know!

Cherri Fontana - Co-Chair of C&P 2026 - 408-209-1310

www.cwcc1905.com



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OBITUARY

Phyllis June Reed

December 21, 1936 – November 6, 2025

Longtime Campbell resident Phyllis Reed was a beloved Wife and Mother to her four sons. She was raised in the Burbank area in San Jose and attended Burbank School on San Carlos St. She was a Campbell High School graduate in the class of 1955. She married her husband Royce Reed of Los Gatos right out of high school. Phyllis held down various jobs throughout her life but her primary goal was to be a great mother to her children. Phyllis suffered a prolonged illness and was surrounded by her family and close friends as well as 'Baby Kitty' too. She passed away quietly at her longtime home on Sobrato Dr. in Campbell. She will be sorely missed. She is survived by her sons Royce Lee Reed Jr. (Skip) John William Reed, Scott Allen Reed, Sister Patricia Buszdieker, and Nephew's Jess, Jeff, and Jason Duran. Memorial services were held at Darling Fischer Chapel in Campbell.

Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation

The CVMF Board extends

our heartfelt thanks for your continued support, generosity, and friendship. Your commitment helped us make meaningful progress in honoring local veterans and strengthening the Campbell community.

With your help, we awarded two well-deserved scholarships and provided four much-needed PCs to veteran students at Mission and West Valley Colleges. These gifts made a real difference for students working hard to build new futures after their service. We're

grateful to everyone who helped make these opportunities possible.

Your support also supported two moving community traditions—our Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies. These gatherings reminded all of us to pause, remember, and honor those who served with courage and dignity.

Another major highlight was our fun and spirited Champagne Gala Brunch at the Community Center. Seeing so many familiar faces, sharing stories, and celebrating together was a joy for the entire Board.

And of course, we couldn't be prouder of replacing the seventeen-year-old legacy sign and unveiling our brand-new Memorial sign. It has quickly become a symbol of pride, respect, and renewal, reflecting everything the Foundation stands for. We're excited to continue enhancing the Memorial in 2026 and will share more as those plans move forward.

The CVMF wishes you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with peace, good health, and hope. We look forward to seeing you again in 2026.

Tuesday of the month, except for January. Coffee is ready at 9:15 a.m., and the formal meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. In January, we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary as a Chapter at an off campus venue. Therefore, there will not be a regular meeting that month.

In November, Kerry Perkins from the Campbell Museums gave a captivating presentation about a Cold War Era spy who lived and worked here in Campbell! Kerry has presented several programs to our group and is always interesting.

Our 2026 plans include presentations by the Santa Clara Players, The Triton Museum, the Older Adults director of programs from the Campbell Community Center, and many more fascinating speakers.

One does not need to be a Campbell resident to join our group. We hope to see you at the Harpists' Concert and often thereafter.



The Harpist annual concert by Harpers Hall was exceptionally entertaining with a holiday program. They can be found at www.harpers-hall.com for booking information.

AARP

By Margaret Schieck, Co-President

In keeping with the Holiday Season of December, Campbell Area Chapter 5151 of AARP will feature a performance by the Harpers' Hall and Culinary Society at our December 16th meeting. This group of talented musicians and composers has entertained our members during the holiday season for the past 7 years, with a break during COVID, and is always well received. Guests are welcome at this meeting. Our Chapter of AARP meets in room Q 80 of the Campbell Community Center on the third

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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

CAMPBELL RECREATION

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WINTER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

WINTER/SPRING 2026 ACTIVITY GUIDE

campbellca.gov/activityguide

WINTER/SPRING 2026 REGISTRATION

Begins at 9AM on December 2nd for Campbell Residents and December 3rd for everyone! Visit campbellca.gov/register

LIVE WELL CAMPBELL

Join our community-wide effort to promote healthy living, nutritious eating, and overall wellness. Live Well Campbell encourages everyone to take small steps toward a healthier lifestyle together. Visit campbellca.gov/livewell

KIDS' NIGHTS AT THE CCC

FRIDAYS: 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24
campbellca.gov/youthclasses

VALENTINE FUN RUN

10K, 5K & KIDS' DASH - FEB 7, 2026
campbellca.gov/valentine

SWIM LESSON ASSESSMENTS

Find the right swim lesson for your child for summer 2026. For more info, visit campbellca.gov/aquatics

PRE-SCHOOL 2026-2027

Ages 2.5+ campbellca.gov/pre-school



SCHOOL BREAK CAMPS

FEB 17-20th & APR 13-17th
 Looking for child care or activities while school is out?

Visit campbellca.gov/camps

SUMMER PREVIEW OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 7, 2026

Explore the Kids' Zone and Teen activities by the Campbell Youth Commission! Learn about summer camps, swim lessons, and the pre-school program.

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Current and Summer 2026 Opportunities, email recinfo@campbellca.gov

CCC PASSES: WEIGHT ROOM & LAP SWIM

AGES 15+ campbellca.gov/fitness



Valley Water is closely monitoring a series of storm systems forecasted by the National Weather Service to move through Santa Clara County over the coming days. Light rainfall is expected to arrive this evening, followed by a second system arriving on Saturday and persisting for several days, potentially bringing heavy rain—especially in the San Francisquito and Upper Penitencia watersheds, with the possibility of Stevens Creek Reservoir reaching capacity. A third storm mid-week, around Christmas Eve, may bring an intense frontal band and additional rainfall on already saturated ground. While forecasts continue to evolve, these storms have the potential to intensify quickly, so residents—particularly those in flood-prone areas—are encouraged to stay prepared and remain alert to changing conditions.

National Weather Service forecast summary

A series of three storm systems will bring moderate to heavy rainfall and periods of gusty winds through next week, with the greatest impacts expected over the weekend and next week.

Rainfall

Impacts: Minor/nuisance flooding in urban, low-lying, and poor drainage areas; rapid rises in small creeks and streams.

Timing:

System 1: Through Friday

System 2: Saturday-Monday

System 3: Tuesday-Friday

Rainfall Totals:

System 1: Up to 0.10"

System 2: 1.50"-2.5", up to 4.00" in the Santa Cruz Mountains

System 3: 2.00"-3.00", up to 6.00" in the Santa Cruz Mountains

Wind

Impacts: Blowing around loose objects, potential damage to temporary structures, and possible tree damage.

Are you in a flood zone? BE FLOOD READY!

Turn Around, Don't Drown®

Just six inches of floodwater can knock you down. Never walk or drive through floodwaters.

Turn around, don't drown. Learn more at valleywater.org/floodready #BeFloodSafe

Keep Creeks Clean and Flowing

Flowing creeks reduce flood risks by carrying stormwater away from properties and roads.

Report blockages in creeks by calling Valley Water's watershed hotline at 408-630-2378.

Visit valleywater.org/floodready to:

- Learn if your home or business is in a **Special Flood Hazard Area**.
- Register for Santa Clara County's emergency alert system, **AlertSCC**.
- Access Valley Water's **ALERT** system to see stream and reservoir levels in real-time.
- Locate free, filled **sandbags**.
- **Report spills, blockages, or dumping in creeks**.

Valley Water employees are working hard to ensure our waterways remain clear of debris and blockages. Our hydrologists are monitoring the storm and its impacts on our reservoirs and waterways and potential flooding in high-risk areas.

We encourage you to prepare by signing up for ALERTSCC for up-to-date information and to find where to get sandbags to protect your property, especially in areas with high flooding risk.

For updates on the weather forecast, please visit the National Weather Service website.

Be alert, be flood safe!



The Country Woman's Club of Campbell (CWCC) invites the community to join us for our first meeting of the new year on Monday, January 12, 2026.

We are proud to host the CWCC 62nd Annual Solo & Ensemble Music Competition at Del Mar High School Performing Arts Center. This event offers a wonderful opportunity for the public

CWCC Invitation to the 62nd Annual Solo & Ensemble Music Competition

When: Monday, Jan 12, 2026 at 7pm

Where: Del Mar High School Performing Arts Center, 1224 Del Mar Ave., San Jose

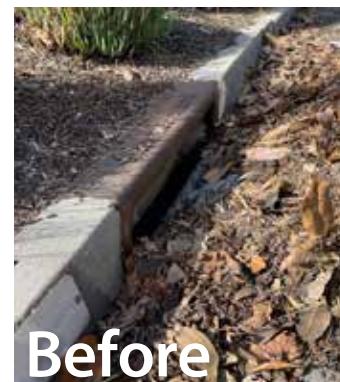
Details: Free & Open to the public. For more information on our club's local impact and upcoming events, call Cherri Fontana at 408-209-1310 or visit www.cwcc1905.com



DEL MAR HIGH SCHOOL



Campbell Residents: Adopt A Storm Drain!



Before



After

Volunteer to keep a local storm drain clean to prevent street flooding, protect our environment, and keep our waterways healthy. Sign up to choose a storm drain to adopt and receive cleanup supplies to safely remove trash and debris. We ask for a commitment to clean your storm drain twice a month for one year. [Adopt today!](#)



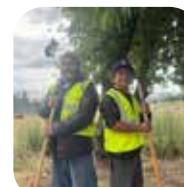
Sign up:
CleanCreeks.org/StormDrain

West Valley
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Connect With Your Neighbor, Change Lives

Our mission is to create opportunities for people experiencing homelessness or economic insecurity to connect with their community and find support. Through activities that improve shared spaces, we bring neighbors together—housed and unhoused—to build relationships, strengthen our neighborhoods, and foster a more inclusive community where everyone can thrive.



I was lost before I joined Neighborhood Hands. Now, I've found my community, I've found my people. I've found hope.

-Adam, Participant

What We Do

We provide a no-barrier opportunity for unhoused and housed neighbors to come together to beautify underfunded city parks.

Through a positive community environment and growing resource fair, (or party-in-the-park as we call it!) we facilitate connection and collaboration for a wide range of stakeholders battling the homeless crisis: unhoused people, social service providers, transitional employers, resource and volunteer groups, unhoused advocates, government programs, elected officials, community minded corporations, and more.

WE BUILD COMMUNITY

Join us!
Every other Saturday -
7:45 AM at
Guadalupe Gardens
Park, San Jose, CA





Campbell Chamber of Commerce

New Chamber Members



SJ SCALES OF JUSTICE LIONS



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HTK STUDIOS



VALORA AT CAMPBELL



MOMSTERA LOUNGE



GRATEFUL GARMENT PROJECT



PLATINUM CHIROPRACTIC



MINUTEMAN PRESS



2025 marked the Campbell Chamber's 100th year serving the community.

Renewing Members



BASS PRO SHOP (2024)



SPORTS BASEMENT (2013)



KHARTOUM (2011)



CAMPBELL MUSEUM (1993)



TESSORA'S WINE BAR (2010)



Spreading holiday cheer to local children since 1984
Learn about events, drop off locations and ways to support at
CAMPBELLOTYPORGRAM.COM

2026 CHAMBER EVENTS

The Campbell Chamber and the Chamber Foundation host over 50 events every year. We hold monthly Membership 101 sessions, lunches, and networking events. We also host the Boogie Music Festival and Oktoberfest along with Celebrate Campbell, our golf tournament, and the Campbell Toy Program.

January

January 6 | 8am-8:45am: Membership 101
January 21 | 11:30am-1pm: Monthly Luncheon
January 27 | 12pm-1pm: Power Networking Lunch

Annual Events

February 16: Campbell Heritage Day Luncheon
March 21: Celebrate Campbell
May 16 & 17: Campbell Boogie Festival
August 26: Golf Tournament
October 17 & 18: Oktoberfest
November & December: Campbell Toy Program

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CAMPBELL CHAMBER

The Campbell Chamber of Commerce helps all types of businesses increase their exposure and offers numerous networking opportunities within the Campbell community. We offer multiple levels of membership to fit your needs.

To learn more about why we're the Friendliest Chamber in the Bay Area, visit our website or register for our FREE Membership 101 workshop to find out how membership can benefit your business.

CampbellChamber.net



Do You Know a Local War Hero?

The Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation, in partnership with the Campbell Historical Museum, is seeking to honor our local military heroes—past and present.

We are looking for Campbell-area veterans who have been recognized as heroes in any capacity: recipients of military medals or commendations, individuals with remarkable survival stories, or veterans whose courage and service—on the battlefield or on the home front—deserve to be remembered and shared. Many heroes never seek recognition, but their stories matter, and their sacrifices should never be forgotten.

December is a meaningful month of remembrance. On December 7, we honor Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by our nation's service members. December also includes Wreaths Across America, when we pause to remember and honor fallen soldiers, as well as the birthdays of the National Guard and the United States Space Force, which celebrates its sixth anniversary this year.

This season provides a powerful opportunity to reflect on the bravery, resilience, and dedication of those who have served our country—especially our local, often unsung heroes.

If you know a veteran whose story should be shared and honored, we invite you to contact the Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation. Families, friends, neighbors, and fellow service members are encouraged to reach out and help spread the word so that no hero is overlooked.

The Foundation is currently working on the development of a new memorial, similar to the existing memorial located at the Campbell Recreation Center near the banquet room, which honors World War II veterans. Your stories and submissions will help ensure that this new memorial reflects the true depth of service and sacrifice within our community.

How to Share a Veteran's Story:

Phone: 408-641-0644 Website: www.campbellmemorial.com

Email (Campbell Press): campbellpress@gmail.com Attention: Nancy Whitney

We look forward to hearing from you and learning about the remarkable individuals who have served our nation. Together, let us honor their courage, preserve their legacy, and ensure that future generations remember the price of freedom.

Let us never forget those who served—and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Money Empowerment by Jill



Every January, tens of millions of Americans vow to start fresh. About 40% set New Year's resolutions that are related to money. They create goals of paying down debt, building an emergency fund, or finally getting serious about saving and investing.

as important as building the habit itself. Once saving becomes automatic, it's much easier to increase the amount over time and reach bigger goals.

Habits stick when they become routine.

3. Make Specific Goals

While resolutions create direction, goals create targets. After grounding your resolution in values and building habits around it, determine how you'll measure progress.

If your resolution is to save money, your goal might be, "Save \$10,000 by December." Goals should be specific and time-bound, but they should also be flexible.

Success Is More Than the Final Number

There's a difference between sticking to a resolution and achieving every goal tied to it. A person may fall short of saving \$10,000 due to an unexpected expense. But having savings to pull from is evidence of success. The habit stuck. The resolution held.

A savings of \$3,000 instead of \$10,000 shows progress and alignment with the intention to save. Sometimes, the goal was simply too ambitious for the moment.

Final Thoughts

Progress matters more than perfection. Financial resolutions take root through values, habits, and persistence. It's not necessarily through hitting every target on the first try.

Be kind to yourself, celebrate your progress, and enjoy the journey. The foundation you build today makes tomorrow's financial goals easier to reach.

Have fun, and good luck!

— Jill

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Citizen of the Year



Business of the Year





CITY NEWS *By Sergio Lopez*

This month marks the end of my year as Mayor. In Campbell, as in most cities in Santa Clara County and many of the smaller cities throughout the state, the position of Mayor rotates among Councilmembers for a term of one year. Here are some of the highlights:

Representing Campbell in our nation's capital

I had the opportunity to represent Campbell at the Winter meeting of the US Conference of Mayors in Washington, DC. While there, I spoke with national radio outlets about Campbell and the challenges our community faces, as well as all the things that make our city special, as well as learning about opportunities to tap into upcoming World Cup and other mega-events.

Passing a balanced budget

In June, the Campbell City Council adopted its budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026. Altogether, the City's balanced budget includes \$90,195,234 in its general fund and \$16,548,490 in its capital projects fund, for a combined total budget of \$106,743,724. Responsible fiscal management is one of the top priorities for the city, and we have a long tradition of prudent and sound budgeting and finance.

Action on homelessness

In August, city staff presented a feasibility study, which represents the first part in a larger study of homelessness resources and needs in the West Valley. Using federal funds, Campbell took the lead, with the four other West Valley cities (Saratoga, Cupertino, Monte Sereno, and Los Gatos) signing on to this initial effort and exploration. Next year, the full study and any potential proposals could be presented for consideration and discussion.

Progress on economic development

This year, Campbell staff filled a long-awaited position, a full-time Economic Development Manager. This is key to our goal of supporting existing businesses throughout the city, as well as encouraging new businesses to form or move into Campbell. As Mayor, one of my favorite parts was presiding over ribbon cuttings to welcome new businesses to town, and I look forward to our economic growth continuing.

Passage of state legislation

During the past year, I was highly active with state legislation, including traveling to Sacramento as a lead witness on a bill to encourage housing to be built near public transit stops and stations. As Chair of BYA, I also helped lead the effort to join a potential revenue measure to help support and transform our local and regional public transit system. As a small city, we are stronger when we band together to advocate for state resources and for regional investment.

Key projects

This year, Campbell was able to celebrate the completion and success of key projects for our community. The biggest was finishing construction on our new library. More recently, we also celebrated the extension of the Los Gatos Creek trail next to the Pruneyard — a complex project which involved negotiations with both the owners as well as with Caltrans.

And finally...

My proudest accomplishment this year wasn't a professional one, but rather one of the most significant milestones I'll ever have: marriage to my partner, Jo Nguyen. As we discuss starting a family, I have gained a new appreciation for the work of the Mayor and City Council, because at our best, we represent not just current residents,

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DISTRICT NEWS



By Susan Ellenburg

1, 2, 3, go!!! The 3-pronged strategy to meet the moment: Measure A, Budget Cuts & Advocacy

If you heard from me in August, September, or October of this year, it was very likely about HR 1 and Measure A. In case you didn't (!), HR 1 was Trump's so-called "One Big Beautiful Bill" that has slashed funding for Medicaid/MediCal, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP), and myriad other social services, all of which have decimated support for the very population the County is charged to serve. Measure A was the ballot measure asking whether voters would support a 5/8 cent, temporary sales tax to help backfill the massive gap left in the County budget as a result of losing about a billion dollars in funding, primarily in lost Medicaid reimbursements, every year HR 1 remains in effect. The measure was promoted to focus on shoring up our hospitals, and that is exactly how I intend to direct it.

I am immensely grateful to the voters of Santa Clara County, 58% of whom voted yes on Measure A. This new sales tax is expected to net approximately \$300 million/year for the next 5 years. This is hugely important, yet it represents only about a third of the budget hole we must close.

So what else are we doing? Enormous restructuring and downsizing of the County budget (which inevitably will mean reduced services and programs for residents) and state-level advocacy to protect public hospitals. Let's dive into each strategy:

Restructuring, Downsizing

The County Executive has directed the Santa Clara Valley Healthcare system to report to the Board of Supervisors in Q1 2026 \$200 million dollars in savings. He has also directed

every department head whose department relies on general funds (local property tax dollars) to meet specified reduction targets. This is a vital direction to move us toward the statutorily required balanced budget by June 30, but it is important to consider not only the dollars involved but the nature of the programs and services that are proposed for reduction and elimination. And currently, the County budgeting system doesn't support that level of transparency. For that reason, Supervisor Abe-Koga and I presented a referral at the Nov. 18 Board of Supervisors meeting to rework the County's budget transparency process. This referral may be broken down into three parts, in which we have directed County administration to:

1. Provide more detailed information regarding Object 2 appropriations (more commonly known as "services and supplies") to better illuminate this major spending category that significantly impacts essential services.
2. Increase opportunities for Board offices to request specific information excluded from the current format of the Recommended Budget.
3. Elevate conversations around long-term, systems-based solutions to facilitate more detailed, publicly available budget and contract information.

This increased transparency (which was supported unanimously by the BOS) will not only enhance the County's internal decision-making process, but also assuage uncertainty by providing detailed, public information and coordinating reduction strategies with community partners.

Advocacy: Save Public Hospitals

While most of the public has been focused on cuts to healthcare by the Federal government, unfortunately, County residents will also be impacted by funding freezes and reductions at the state level. First, the State is capping enrollment in the MediCal-only program on December 31, 2025. Dental benefits will also be eliminated and so-called work requirements similar to those imposed by the federal government will follow. (I say "so-called" because the intention isn't to require recipients to work — the vast, vast majority are already doing so — but to complicate the re-certification process such that significant numbers of otherwise eligible residents will be dropped from coverage.)

Though we are the second largest public health system in the state, we are not alone in our concerns. California's 17 public health care systems are the core of the state's safety net. We primarily serve individuals from historically marginalized communities, including persons of color, individuals experiencing financial hardship or homelessness, and individuals with complex social and medical needs. And although the public health care systems represent just six percent of all hospitals statewide, we collectively serve 3.7 million Californians each year and provide more than 50% of all trauma care in the state. Together, with our County largely in the lead, we are advocating to both the Governor and the state legislature for three primary outcomes:

1. To preserve enrollment in Medi-Cal and CalFresh through State investment in

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City Council & Planning Commission News



Happy Holidays! It's the end of the year, and the Planning Commission doesn't have much going on right now; it's a pretty quiet time. But that doesn't mean that there's nothing in the works!

Staff is still hard at work on rewriting our municipal code. As state law continues to shift and change over time, we're continuing to catch up. You may have seen construction activity between downtown and the Pruneyard at the Dillon Ave/Gilman Ave project across

the street from Campbell Park, which has been undergoing site preparation.

I live in the Union neighborhood, south of the Pruneyard. A few blocks away, on Michael Drive, two duplexes will be replaced by sixteen townhomes and a small loop of pavement connecting them all. It's exactly the sort of small-scale densification that we'll need while we're hoping that larger-scale projects can move forward.

I'd like to thank everyone who's been trying to help the city and the people who live here or might live here. Staff has been attempting to clarify and rewrite our rules. My fellow Commissioners and I have been listening to the public and discussing the minutiae of the city's housing policies. Our City Council has been doing their best to lay the groundwork for good things to come.

I had the chance to start telling my kid how everybody's working together.

At the Dillon/Gilman site, we watched an excavator load dirt into a dump truck and drive away, giving us a friendly honk. The operators of those great big machines are part of it, but so are the architects who designed the project, the developers who arranged the deal, the bankers who allocated resources, everyone here who elected and appointed the officials who made the rules allow it, the inventors and workers and engineers who designed and built the machines, the people who live here and make it worth living here,

everyone, absolutely everyone, is part of the building of a new building. I'm grateful for that.

Adam Buchbinder is a member of the Campbell Planning Commission. Opinions expressed here are his alone, not those of the Commission or the City. Contact the Campbell Planning Department at planning@campbellca.gov. Read more about our Multimodal Plan at campbellca.gov/multimodal.





CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK: A BELOVED HOLIDAY TRADITION

By Angela Soto/Nancy Ortolani

For as long as I can remember, a visit to Christmas in the Park has been one of the most anticipated traditions of the holiday season. Year after year, it has remained a beloved celebration, woven into the heart of our community and cherished by families across the region. More than a festive attraction, Christmas in the Park is a shared experience that brings together generations to celebrate joy, wonder, and the timeless magic of Christmas, while creating memories that endure long after the lights are dimmed.

What truly distinguishes Christmas in the Park is the

extraordinary dedication of its all-volunteer staff. Every display, performance, and detail is brought to life by individuals who generously give their time, energy, and creativity. Their pride in the event is unmistakable, reflected in the care taken with each exhibit and the warm greetings offered to every guest. This spirit of service creates an atmosphere that feels welcoming, genuine, and deeply rooted in the values of community and giving.

Visitors are immersed in a holiday wonderland filled with countless experiences. Thousands of twinkling

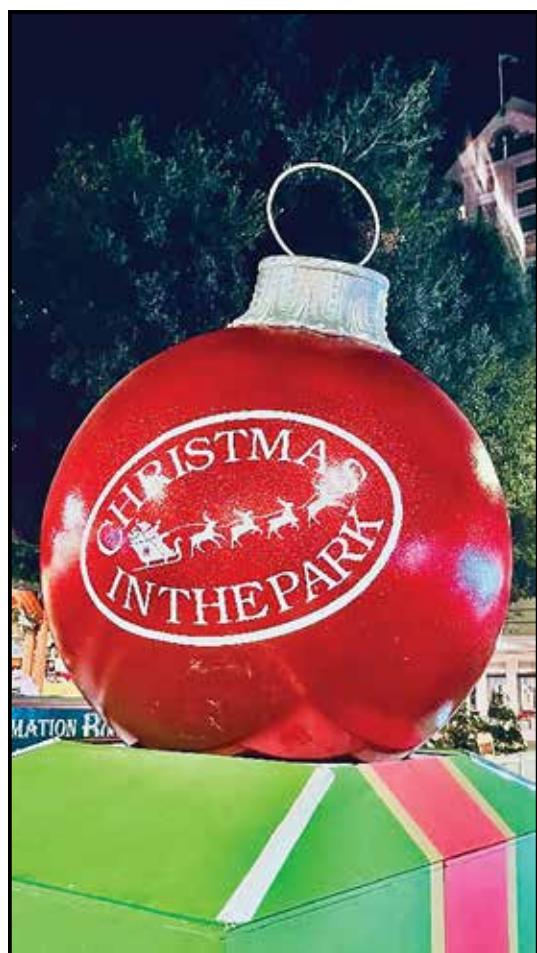
lights transform the park into a dazzling seasonal landscape, inviting guests to stroll, pause, and take in the beauty around them. Families can enjoy ice skating beneath the night sky, sip hot cocoa on crisp winter evenings, and enjoy festive music and live entertainment throughout the park. Children eagerly explore colorful displays and delight in the chance to visit with Santa Claus, while adults are often reminded of the simple joys that define the season.

One of the most meaningful aspects of Christmas in the Park is its commitment to remaining completely free and accessible to the public. This decision ensures that everyone, regardless of circumstance, can take part in the celebration. It reflects a belief that the spirit of the holidays should be inclusive and shared, not limited by cost or barriers.

Beyond the festive atmosphere, Christmas in the Park plays an important role within the broader community. As a nonprofit organization, it supports local children's centers and encourages visitors to explore and support nearby businesses. The event strengthens community connections, contributes to the local economy, and highlights the positive impact of collaboration and volunteerism.

For those spending the holiday season in the San Jose area, Christmas in the Park is a tradition worth experiencing. It stands as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when people come together with a common purpose. Through generosity, dedication, and community pride, it continues to unite families, neighbors, and visitors in a shared celebration of joy, togetherness, and the enduring magic of Christmas.

For readers seeking a meaningful holiday experience, this event exemplifies the power of tradition and volunteerism. Its longevity speaks to consistent leadership, careful stewardship, and an unwavering commitment to community values. In an increasingly fast-paced season, Christmas in the Park offers a rare opportunity to slow down, connect with others, and celebrate the holidays with sincerity, warmth, and shared civic pride for families, neighbors, and visitors alike each year.



Loaves and Fishes Benefit



A 8th annual benefit concert at Little Lou's held at Thanksgiving time for the homeless raised over \$12,000!!

The check is being given to Loaves and Fishes at Little Lou's BBQ in Safeway Plaza on Winchester Boulevard in Campbell.

Left to right:
Stephanie Medina and David Hott from Loaves and Fishes. By Jim Boyers musician and organizer, Taylor from Little Lou's, and Mark Fenichel musician.

DECEMBER MOVIES

By Sam Wilson



Zootopia 2 – B-

Underwhelming yet worthwhile animated sequel with heart. Police partners Judy Hopps (Ginnifer Goodwin, ABC's "Once Upon a Time") and Nick Wilde (Jason Bateman, "Horrible Bosses") investigate a conspiracy involving the city's founding secrets after a snake (Ke Huy Quan, "The Goonies") appears for the first time in 100 years. Loaded with pun-filled jokes, pop-culture references, and themes of community and prejudice. Voice talent includes Idris Elba (Thor) and Andy Samberg (The Roses).

Predator: Badlands – C+

Officially Disneyfied with the R-rated testosterone-fueled horror tension replaced with gags aimed towards children, buddy-comedy bits, cuddly creatures, and flat PG-13 video-game action. A young predator outcast on a dangerous planet aligns with an android (Elle Fanning, "Maleficent"). Director Dan Trachtenberg's (Prey, 10 Cloverfield Lane) diluted action-packed adventure turns the once-feared villain into a Klingon-looking protagonist with dialogue and an odd-couple dynamic with Fanning, the lone bright spot. Mirrors "The Mandalorian" with generic sci-fi and wonky creature designs.

Wake Up Dead Man:

A Knives Out Mystery – B-

Elaborate whodunit mystery ensemble resembling the board-game Clue. Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig, "Skyfall") investigates a priest's death. Writer-director Rian Johnson's (Looper, Glass Onion) faith-based drama isn't as complex nor clever as intended. The accomplished cast has Josh Brolin, Josh O'Connor (Challengers), Glenn Close (Fatal Attraction), Mila Kunis (Black Swan), Jeremy Renner (Avengers: Endgame), Kerry Washington (Django Unchained), Jeffrey Wright (The Batman), Cailee Spaeny (Civil War), and Thomas Haden Church (Sideways).

The Running Man – B

Writer-director Edgar Wright's (Baby Driver, Hot Fuzz) dystopian Stephen King adaptation is fast paced with loads of energy, popcorn thrills and timely themes. In a corporate-run America with large wealth disparity, media control and surveillance, a ruthless producer (Josh Brolin, "Weapons") convinces an angry desperate father (Glen Powell, "Twisters") to join the #1-rated game show where he must survive 30 days while hunted. Powell's fiercely charismatic star-making performance is memorably supported by

Michael Cera (Superbad) and Lee Pace (Guardians of the Galaxy).

Wicked: For Good – C

Hollow follow-up with heavy-handed commentary, uneven pacing, and forgettable music from director Jon M. Chu (Crazy Rich Asians, In the Heights). Based on the weaker half of the Broadway musical, the second of the two-part adaptation sees Elphaba (Cynthia Erivo) and Glinda (Ariana Grande) embracing their destinies. "The Wizard of Oz" prequel paints the Wicked Witch as misunderstood while providing backstory to characters such as the Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Cowardly Lion.

Now You See Me: Now You Don't – C

Weak twists, convoluted plotting, and ridiculous illusions reveal whatever magic this franchise had is long gone. The Four Horsemen reunite for an ambitious heist against a corrupt diamond heiress (Rosamund Pike, "Gone Girl"). Unremarkable newcomers Justice Smith (Jurassic World: Dominion), Dominic Sessa (The Holdovers) and Ariana Greenblatt (Borderlands) steal screentime from the core cast of Jesse Eisenberg (The Social Network), Woody Harrelson (Zombieland), Dave Franco (Neighbors), Isla Fisher (Wedding Crashers), and Morgan Freeman (Se7en).

Keeper – C

Tatiana Maslany (Disney's "She-Hulk: Attorney at Law") leads the frustrating minimalist art-house horror that's undercooked and lacking genuine scares. A trip to a secluded cabin goes from romantic to sinister thanks to a supernatural presence. Director Osgood Perkins' (Longlegs, The Monkey) anticlimactic slow burn is atmospheric with strong visuals but boasts an odd structure without a satisfying payoff.

Die My Love – C+

Pretentious deteriorating-marriage drama with intense performances that otherwise disappoints. An unlikable new mother (Jennifer Lawrence, "Mother!") with an exasperated husband (Robert Pattinson, "Tenet") spirals into a deep postpartum depression, experiencing psychosis and violent urges. Acclaimed indie-darling writer-director Lynne Ramsay (We Need to Talk About Kevin) tackles challenging subject matter around mental breakdowns and self-destructive behavior due to the pressure of domesticity.

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but the next generation, our future neighbors who will allow our community to grow and thrive into the future.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Mayor. I will continue on the Campbell City Council for the next three years, but whatever comes next for Campbell, I'm more excited than ever to be a part of it, and look forward to continuing to serve.

This column is written by Sergio Lopez in an individual capacity and not on behalf of the City Council, city staff, or the City of Campbell.

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

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Volunteer Spotlight: Steven Raimondi, San Jose Author and Ainsley House Docent Brings Steam-Powered Tales to Life

San Jose author Steven Raimondi has written a children's book series, *Top Connors & Tillie*, that follows the adventures of Top Connors, a steam-powered tugboat, and his friend Tillie, an ocean liner. Set in a historic-inspired world, the stories blend imaginative adventures with lessons about friendship, understanding, and acceptance. Book 1 in a three-part series is out now and available on Amazon or Books, Inc. Steven uses his stories to share creative stories while also highlighting friendship, understanding, and acceptance, inspired by his own childhood on the autism spectrum.

"Like Top Connors, I did things differently than most kids, which sometimes made it hard to make friends. Steven's love of steam trains and tugboats inspired him to set *Top Connors* in San Francisco, reflecting his interest in the area's historic vessels and maritime past. As a steam switcher tug on the autism spectrum, Top Connors relies on routines to get his jobs done. Steven also shares his love of history as a docent at the Ainsley House. He guides tours with in-depth knowledge of the historic home, charming visitors with stories about its English-inspired architecture and personal touches. "I must confess, my number one favorite room is Mr. Ainsley's den, because it is not only a lovely looking room, but it is full of personal feelings. When you're in a room like that, it can give off a sense of wonder." Steven has been so inspired by the Ainsley House that he hopes to feature the Ainsley name in future stories. For Raimondi, writing and guiding tours are both about sharing wonder and history with others. He has advice for anyone interested in pursuing their dreams or interests!

Top Connors & Tillie is available through Raimondi's website at www.stevensteambooks.com.



Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve
CLOSED

Thursday, December 25
Merry Xmas - Christmas Day
CLOSED

Friday, December 26
7:00pm
Pro Blues Jam

Saturday, December 27
7:30pm
Joint Chiefs

Wednesday, December 31
7:30pm
Iconics NYE Bash

Thursday, January 1
New Year's Day
CLOSED

Friday, January 2
7:00pm
Pro Blues Jam

Saturday, January 3
7:30pm
Mississippi Slide

Wednesday, January 7
6:00pm
Eurotrash

Thursday, January 8
6:00pm
Pro Blues Jam

Friday, January 9
7:30pm
JJ Hawg Band

Saturday, January 10
7:30pm
Encore

Wednesday, January 14
7:00pm
First Call

Thursday, January 15
6:00pm
Pro Blues Jam

Friday, January 16
7:30pm
Vinyl

Saturday, January 17
7:30pm
Fish Hook

Wednesday, January 21
6:00pm
Hootenanny

Thursday, January 22
6:00pm
Pro Blues Jam

Friday, January 23
7:30pm
Chain of Fools

Saturday, January 24
7:30pm
Little Black Book

Wednesday, January 28
6:00pm
Acoustic Showcase

Thursday, January 29
6:00pm
Pro Blues Jam

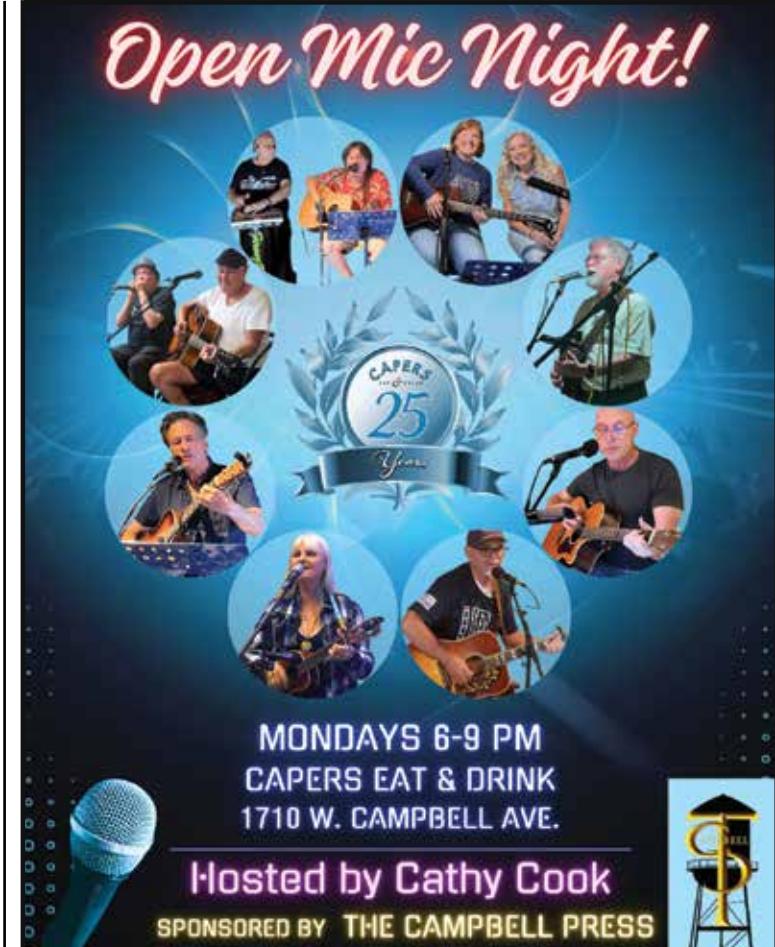
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7:30pm
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December 17 Westmont Senior Living 3 PM, Private event.
December 19 Morgan Hill Health-care center 3 PM, Private event.
December 20 Christmas in the park downtown San Jose FENNY solo, 7PM to 8 PM, Holiday music for all!
December 25 Sunnyview holiday party, Cupertino, 3 PM, Private event.
December 26 The Marks at Capers, Eat and Drink Campbell. 8 PM.
December 31 New Year's Eve with Cook and FENNY trio at Woodland Estates clubhouse, 5 PM, Private event.
January 3 Chateau Cupertino 3:30 PM, Private event.
January 10 Saturday Fortino Winery presents The Marks, 1 PM to 4 PM.



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Rank	Song Title	Artist(s)	Year
1	Jingle Bell Rock	Bobby Helms	1957
2	We Wish You a Merry Christmas	Bing Crosby	1942
3	It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year	Andy Williams	1963
4	Blue Christmas	Elvis Presley	1957
5	Ring Christmas Bells	Ray Conniff	1962
6	Frosty the Snowman	Bing Crosby	1962
7	Silver Bells	Elvis Presley	1971
8	Deck the Halls	Percy Faith & Orchestra	1954
9	It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas	Bing Crosby	1945
10	You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch	Thurl Ravenscroft	1966

Celebrate the season with these timeless tunes, from the cheerful energy of "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Feliz Navidad" to heartfelt ballads like "White Christmas" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Compiled by your friends at 91.5 FM KKUP and KKUPFM.org. Happy Holidays from your local community radio station!



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How KKUP Began

By Jim Thomas



May 2025 marked KKUP 91.5 FM's 53rd year on the air—more than half a century of community-based, listener-supported, volunteer radio serving Silicon Valley and the Monterey Bay Area. From its earliest days, KKUP has offered a vibrant mix of music, local news, and diverse voices that reflect the character and energy of the region it serves.

But how does a community radio station even begin? In KKUP's case, it started with five college students and a shared dream.

Back in 1969, Pinewood Private School in Los Altos operated an educational station known as KPSR. When the school decided to end the program and return the license to the FCC, five young people—Dana Jang and Mike Emery from the University of Santa Clara, Dave Hurd and Joel Crawford from De Anza College, and Kevin McCaffrey from San Francisco State—saw an opportunity. They formed the Radio Club of Cupertino, hoping

to revive the signal under a new name: KCUP.

Their first attempt at getting an FCC license was rejected, but their persistence paid off. With help from the Assurance Science Foundation of Mountain View, they resubmitted the application. This time they succeeded, though the FCC assigned them a slightly different set of call letters: KKUP.

Finding a home for the fledgling station proved just as challenging. After a series of false starts, the City of Cupertino stepped in, leasing its old Water Department building on Pasadena Avenue to the group for one dollar a year. Meanwhile, when it came time to find a transmitter site, a stroke of luck (and goodwill) arrived from engineer Dan Ethen and local landowner Loren McQueen. McQueen offered space on top of Mt. Tomita, near Mt. Umunhum—again for just one dollar a year—making it the heart of KKUP's early broadcasts.

The group built the transmitter and studio almost entirely by hand, fundraising through car washes and small donations. In May 1972, after years of effort, KKUP officially went on the air. The early broadcasts weren't perfect—listeners could often hear a radar pulse every eleven seconds from a nearby military installation—but the team quickly found solutions and kept the station humming.

Over five decades later, KKUP continues to embody the ideals that launched it: volunteer-driven programming, listener sponsorship rather than commercial advertising, and a deep commitment to the local community. Although the station now operates with a far larger budget and modern facilities, the heart of KKUP remains unchanged—a belief that radio should be open, creative, and directly connected to the people it serves.

To this day, every DJ on KKUP is a volunteer, and every hour on air is supported by listeners. That sense of shared ownership keeps the station alive and thriving. If local, independent radio still matters to you, now is the perfect time to tune in to 91.5 FM or stream at kkupfm.org—and become part of KKUP's continuing story.

Campbell's Holiday Cheer: Where to See the Best Tree in the South Bay

By Chris Jackson
"Mayor of Silicon Valley"

It's December, and here in Campbell we've got to compete to for the best tree in the South Bay with lots of serious contenders! There are awesome trees at Christmas in the Park and Santana Row in San Jose, a huge tree at El Camino Hospital in Los Gatos, and many more.

However, the tree in front of the Campbell Community Center (Heritage Theater)



Santana Row photo by Chris Jackson

at the corner of Winchester Blvd. and Campbell Ave. is **way** bigger...no...wait...there's a better word...and because I'm on 98.5

K F O X ... I have to say... it's wayyy.... LOUDER ☺.

Chris Jackson can be heard on 98.5 KFOX The South Bay's Classic Rock, weekdays 9am-2pm



Campbell Community Center photo by Chris Jackson

Re-Imagining December 8, 1980

By Dana Jang

When December returns each year, it carries with it the echo of a Monday night that forever altered the soundtrack of our lives. December 8, 1980—the night John Lennon was shot outside his apartment at the Dakota in New York City.

At the time, I was living in Campbell, California, serving as Music Director and morning DJ at KOME, one of the Bay Area's top rock stations. That evening, like millions of Americans, I was watching *Monday Night Football*—the Miami Dolphins vs. the New England Patriots on ABC. I was waiting for my fellow DJ, Gary Torresani, to pick me up. We planned to head to San Francisco's Old Waldorf to see The Inmates, a British rock band who had scored U.S. airplay with their cover of "Dirty Water," a garage rock classic originally by The Standells.

As I sat there waiting, no one could have anticipated what would break through our living rooms that night. During a time-out, Howard Cosell's unmistakable voice solemnly announced that John Lennon had been shot. Stunned doesn't begin to describe the feeling. Shock rolled in like a cold front. Moments later, Gary arrived, visibly preoccupied himself—not by Lennon's shooting, which we barely understood yet, but by an incident earlier, over the weekend.

As part of his birthday celebration, Gary had attended a

KOME-sponsored Three Stooges festival hosted by our legendary night jock, Dennis Erectus. The event ended awkwardly after an audience member got too close to Dennis, resulting in a brief physical exchange. Gary, conflicted about his role in reporting the incident to our Program Director, Mikel Hunter, shared his uneasy feelings during our drive to San Francisco.

When we finally walked into the Old Waldorf, the room felt unusually sparse. Many radio friends were across the bay in Oakland for a star-filled concert featuring Stevie Wonder, Gil Scott-Heron, and Carlos Santana. Monday nights were never huge for live music crowds, but this one felt different—quiet, uncertain.

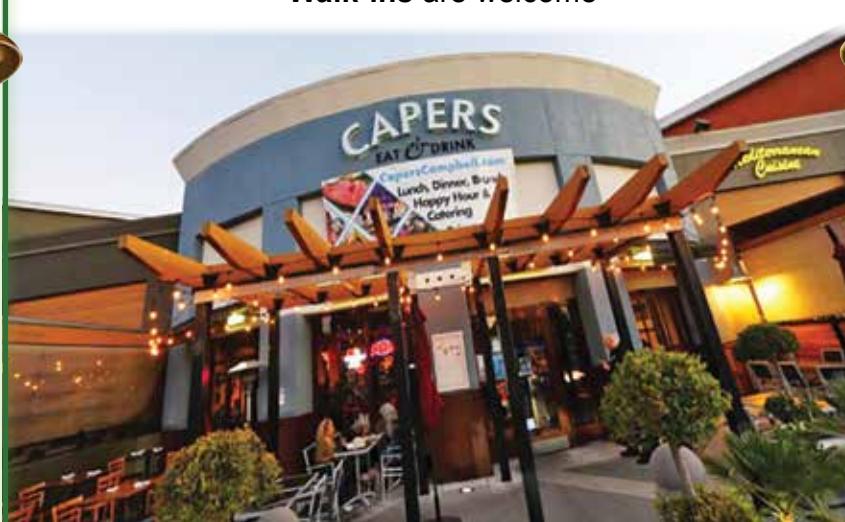
As The Inmates played their set, the reality of Lennon's condition weighed heavily in the back of everyone's mind. When the band returned for their encore, the lead singer stepped to the microphone and announced, "This song is dedicated to the late John Lennon." The finality of that phrase pierced through the music and the room fell still for a moment. The drive back to Campbell afterward was hushed, the weight of the news hanging in the air.

The next morning, before my nine o'clock shift on KOME,

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By Sharon McCray, UCCE Master Gardener

I have been thinking about this topic for some time and have finally decided that now is the time. I hope you find this information useful as well as cautionary.

"University Researched" Almost sounds like an endorsement. BUT it isn't. What most consumers don't realize is that the organization requesting the research typically retains the right to publish the results. What does that mean to us? For one thing, if the research proves that the product does not do what the manufacturer says it will do, that research is considered proprietary and the organization paying for the research will then simply not allow the results to be published.

I know...shocking! As consumers, we need to use common sense when purchasing any products, garden or otherwise.

I have learned to trust the Environmental Protection Agency on matters concerning pesticides, herbicides and other related garden products. EPA.gov will provide government based information, hopefully without prejudice.

Our Universities are amazing resources for everyone, especially our Land Grant Universities. When I started the Santa Clara County Home Composting Education Program back in 1994, I learned firsthand that research based on the East Coast used different formulas for composting. It took me a while to figure out it was because they had more carbon materials than we did in California and wetter summers along with colder winters.

And now with the internet, we cannot be certain where particular information is

coming from. Growing tomatoes in acid soil with a shorter growing season is much different than growing tomatoes in Northern California where we have mostly alkaline soil and long hot dry summers.

Our local nurseries are a good resource for regional information. So many of us get what we need from big box stores whose focus is usually on profit and not necessarily what grows best here. As an example, selling a cherry tree variety that required 700 chill hours provides a reasonable profit, however, we seldom get more than 350 chill hours. So we wonder why a certain plant is not performing as we think it should all the while the data and resources are there to help us make informed decisions.

Soon the garden catalogs will start arriving and we

are "color struck" by the newest introductions and colors. We should once again use common sense when spending our money. I have had some good and yet some horrible experiences by buying something on line that traditionally should not grow here. Our climate, soil and elevation play a big role in our success.

Finally, it is not too late to get those winter greens in the ground. Lettuce, spinach, chard, planted from seed, should do well along with carrots, beets and other root crops. My water bill last month was more than my house payment, so growing food crops when Mother Nature takes on the task of watering will save more than time and effort.

Fruit trees should be pruned during the winter and dormant spraying is essential to prevent peach leaf curl. Be

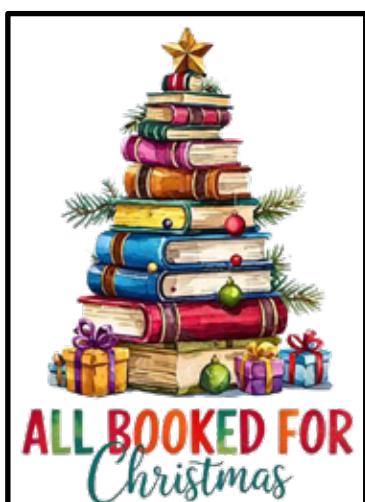
sure to spray the soil under the canopy of your tree as that is where the fungus is laying in wait for the spring rains to splash it upwards and onto the underside of the new plant growth.

Finally, most vegetable seeds are viable for years, with the exception of onions, so take advantage of any sales you might run across. Seed companies do their best to provide the best products available and germination rates will be effected by the age of the seeds. When I plant five year old tomato seeds, I generally plant more than I need, adjusting for a lower germination rate.

Enjoy the season! Cherish your family and friends. And remember, get outside and keep an eye on pests, diseases and weeds. A little effort now will save some heartache later.

Holiday Book Review

By Katie Maier



In California, winter means gray skies and puddles on the road. It also means twinkling holiday lights, warm mugs of tea, and cozy evenings watching raindrops slide down the windows. Although we may not see snowflakes outside, the right book can bring magical winter landscapes to life.

If you're looking for a taste of that traditional seasonal aesthetic, consider cuddling up with a new book and drifting away to a fantastical world where romance dances in the frosty wind. These books about love, adventure, and family will defrost your holiday heart and keep you warm during these chilly holidays.

Water Moon by Samantha Sotto Yambao

Water Moon is the most recent novel by up-and-coming fantasy author Samantha Sotto Yambao. Wielding elements of magical realism and traditional Japanese culture, Yambao constructs a hypnotic world dense with mystery and adventure. Each time a new facet of main character Ishikawa Hana's dreamlike world is introduced, the reader is left reevaluating everything they thought they knew. The characters consistently break the rules, fighting against cultural boundaries and family expectations to build their own destinies.

The story follows Hana, the daughter of a pawn shop owner, and her unconventional client Minatozaki Keishin. The pawn shop has an unusual twist, as it only accepts decisions its clients regret rather than antiques.

When Keishin stumbles into the pawn shop, he helps Hana overcome her difficult past instead of pawning away his own regrets.

They travel throughout Hana's labyrinthine pocket world, completely separated from regular Tokyo, in search of Hana's missing father. They explore every imaginable scene from a town of artisans that sew stars from dreams to a shadowy bridge of sleep-walking souls. Hana, while bound by her predetermined fate, and Kei, while living according to the strict rules of science, face unexpected challenges that force them to admit they don't always have the answer.

The relationship between Hana and Kei grounds the reader in a love so human that it breathes life into the book's abstract world. Water Moon is a testament to everything the holiday season is about: sharing intimate moments with those close to you and daring to dream of your own happy ending.

The Gingerbread Bakery by Laurie Gilmore

The Gingerbread Bakery by Laurie Gilmore is the fifth book in the Dream Harbor series, but it can be read as a stand-alone story. It follows two clashing characters, Annie Andrews and Mac Sullivan, who are forced to face their complicated history and lingering feelings for each other. The book is targeted to adults, as there is an intimate scene inappropriate for children.

Annie, a type A bakery owner, and Mac, a restless bar owner, are forced to work together as members of their mutual friends' wedding party, chasing down missing wedding guests and rehashing their past in the process. The pair, while seemingly mortal enemies, sneak longing stares at each other from the very first chapter, creating immediate tension and intrigue surrounding their relationship.

Annie and Mac treat each other coldly, but their town is full of love. As the story unfolds, the reader is introduced to many quirky ensemble couples, a teeming Christmas market, and a cozy barn decked in twinkling Christmas lights. The town's warm atmosphere inspires hope that Annie and Mac will work through their pride, fear, and regret in order to give each other a second chance.

The Gingerbread Bakery is a lesson in open-mindedness and humility, reminding us that no one is perfect—especially not ourselves.

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I told Mikel Hunter I wanted to fill my entire three-hour slot with Beatles songs. It felt like the only thing that made sense. Years later, at a social gathering, a listener introduced himself and shared that he still remembered

that show. He told me, "You sounded the way I felt that day." Even now, forty-five years later, that memory remains untouched by time—a reminder of how one voice, one song, and one loss can reverberate across a lifetime.



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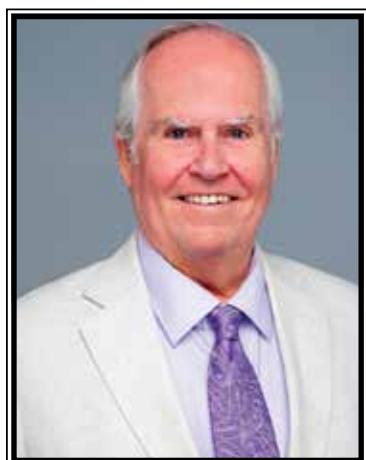
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As we move into 2026, the opportunities before us are outstanding. In 2025, more people were involved in buying and selling Real Estate than in 2024, though the total number of sales remained low and despite the stagnate nature of the overall market for the second half of the year. So what leads one to believe the future is bright and we've got to wear shades?

Well, for one thing, we are witnessing mortgage interest rates coming down which will ease some of the affordability issues. Prices, however, are expected to continue upward, though at a

slower pace. Additionally, efforts both nationally and at the state level to increase home building may begin easing the years long housing shortage. Generally, in the market, there's more good news than bad.

So, for those planning to be active in the coming home buying season which typically begins in the late winter and continues into the spring and early summer, 2026 may be a good year to buy or sell a home or otherwise enhance your Real Estate goals and holdings. Now the timing is ripe to begin making your plans to accomplish your goals. There are opportunities in the existing homes market and residential arena. Some of the best opportunities, however, exist beyond these traditional markets.

As the New Year begins, some may have goals to invest by building or developing. There are over 100 opportunities on the MLS as I write, not to count

the one's which aren't on the MLS. From raw land where you've have to go through the whole process of site development and permitting, to property with approved permits for those eager to begin building right away and build their dream home or develop homes for sale. In fact, in my opinion, this segment of the market holds a lot of promise whether building your dream home on an acre of land in Saratoga or building several homes in Santa Clara.

Being a first time home buyer, a family ready to move up or an investor looking for a profit, we should talk. Achieving your goals is my primary motive. My motto, developed over the years, is, "No one is more dedicated to your goals." Call or email me for the latest on home buying, selling or investing, (408) 887-4731 or geneshomes@earthlink.net.

DISTRICT NEWS

systems and funding allocations that help County Social Services manage eligibility and maximize participation in social safety net programs, 2. To provide dedicated State funding support for public hospital systems, which disproportionately serve patients that rely on Medi-Cal, including restoring state fund-

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ing for public hospitals that were previously cut, and 3. To allocate significant new resources to California's counties to serve an expected increase in the uninsured population. While a recent bill (AB 85) redirected state health realignment dollars away from indigent care programs to other state priorities, counties are still

legally obligated to provide medical care to those in need. So, to state and federal officials as well as private partners in the health care system, now is the time to act. The County has nearly exhausted all possible strategies to combat budget cuts at multiple levels, but without collaborative efforts, the work that we can do here will never be sufficient.



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Campbell Crime Report



By Carol W. Gerwitz

Orchard City Dr. (S) was confronted by a security guard, (V1) and (V2) due to (S) holding an open container of alcohol in his hand. An argument between the parties ensued and (S) hit (V1) and (V2) before leaving. (S) was contacted and determined to be too intoxicated to care for himself. Booked.

Winchester Blvd. (S) was contacted passed out on the sidewalk. (S) was determined to be under the influence of alcohol and placed under arrest. (S) was transported to the hospital due to the level of intoxication and existing medical conditions.

S. Bascom Ave. (V) reported that (S) had hit her 2 times in the back of the head with a cellphone, and threw a laptop at her while driving. (S) also broke the window to the vehicle. Arrested.

Camden Ave. Vehicle was reported collided into a tree. Vehicle was unoccupied upon arrival. Unknown (S) is at large.

Campbell Technology Pkwy. Unknown (S) entered the commercial business area by unknown means. Once inside, (S) cut the lock securing an enclosure and stole a backflow unit valued at approximately \$1000. (S) fled in an unknown direction and is currently at large.

Camden Ave. (S1) and (S2) were contacted after a report of a possible domestic violence incident occurring. (S1) and (S2) found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. Both were cited and released.

W. Campbell Ave. Two juvenile (S)s riding E-bikes stopped at (V)'s residence, knocked on the front door and also threw rocks at the door damaging it. (S)s fled on their E-bikes N/B from the scene and are at large.

Budd Ave. Citizen reported (S) was prowling on her property; (S) was located and stopped and also determined to be under the influence of a controlled substance. Booked.

S. Bascom Ave. Unknown (S) stole a hair dryer valued at \$500. (S) fled the scene.

Winchester Blvd. (S) was observed by closing manager taking several items from the store and was stopped and contacted by CPD down the street from the store location. After conducting a search on (S) a pipe for smoking methamphetamine and several items from the store were located in her possession. Cited and released.

Lenor Way (S) was contacted while trespassing on private property. (S) was found to have a \$1K warrant out of Campbell PD. A search of (S) located pepper spray. (S) is a felon. Cited and released.

W. Rincon Ave. An unknown (S) broke into (V)'s house and stole a Glock 19 pistol.

W. Hamilton Ave. S was contacted. S walked away while detained. S was determined to be publicly intoxicated. A full records check of S revealed that he was on PRCS. Transported and booked.

S. Bascom Ave./Camden Ave. (S1) and (S2) were stopped. (S1) was on probation and (S2) was out on searchable SORP and bail. (S2) was in possession of meth and drug paraphernalia, under the influence of a controlled substance, had at least two prior drug convictions, and committed a felony while out on bail. A probation search was conducted of (S1) and her residence. (S1) was in possession of a controlled substance, meth, drug paraphernalia, prescription pills not belonging to her; was felon in possession of a stun gun; and maintained a drug house for the use/selling of narcotics; was in violation of her probation terms and was driving on a suspended license for DUI. Both (S)s booked.

Whitwood Lane (S) had a registered firearm in his possession within his vehicle, without the firearm box being secured with a locking mechanism. (S) was in violation and cited and released.

Campisi Way/Bascom Ave. (V) walked past (S) who was

seated at a bus stop. (S) threw a drink on (V) and yelled at (V). (S) is at large.

Virginia Ave. (S) was reported as knocking on the front doors of several residences. (S) was contacted and his vehicle was parked in the middle of the roadway. (S) displayed signs and symptoms of alcohol intoxication and failed to perform SFST's. Arrested.

Sharmon Palms Ln. (S) attempted two fraudulent charges in separate charges of approximately \$500 before successfully charging \$76 on (V)'s credit card. (S) is unknown and at large.

Gale Dr./Marathon Dr. Witnesses reported that a male (S) had dragged a female (V) into the RV. (V) had visible redness to face, and (S) admitted to hitting her in the face. Arrested and booked.

E. Campbell Ave. Officers were dispatched to a (S) yelling and arguing with herself. (S) had two bench warrants. Arrested and booked.

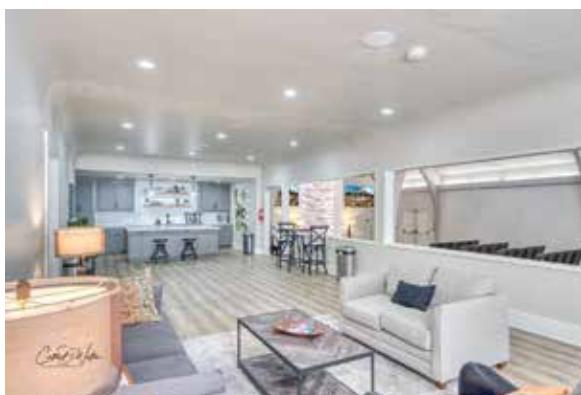
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BAY AREA RADIO HISTORY AND LEGENDARY GREG KIHN!

By Dana Jang (DJ Hall of Fame)

When the Bay Area lost Greg Kihn, it wasn't just saying goodbye to a rock musician. It was bidding farewell to one of the most recognizable voices in Silicon Valley radio history. For decades, Kihn's friendly on-air banter, quick wit, and love of music anchored mornings at KUFX, "K-FOX" 98.5 FM in San Jose, where he quite literally rescued a station on the brink.

Before his broadcasting career, Greg Kihn was already a Bay Area legend. As one of the original artists on Berkeley's Beserkley Records in the 1970s and later on EMI, his songs filled the playlists of local rock powerhouses KOME and KSJO. A life-size cutout of Greg even stood proudly in KOME's Winchester Boulevard lobby — proof of just how deep his roots ran in local rock culture. Between headlining nightclubs, charming fans, and becoming a favorite of Bay Area DJs, Greg Kihn embodied the spirit of the local music scene.

By the mid-1990s, San Jose's radio dial was changing fast. The owners of KSJO had purchased their competitor, KUFX, and two DJs remained: Chris Jackson and Greg Kihn. It was during this merger that one programmer moved from being a fan to becoming Greg's program director and collaborator. Over take-out sushi and parking lot conversations outside K-FOX's Schallenberger Road studios, it became clear Greg had something rare — not just musical talent, but a natural gift for radio storytelling.

That creativity soon came to life in an on-air feature called "Greg Kihn's Personal Stash," where listeners got the stories behind the songs he played. It became an instant favorite among K-FOX fans.

Still, K-FOX faced serious trouble. Its syndicated Don Imus Show from New York failed to connect with local audiences. The station's ratings lagged far behind

Lamont & Tonelli on KSJO and Blazy & Bob on KOME. Ownership issued an ultimatum: improve in six months or risk losing the station's format — and everyone's jobs.

The solution came quickly and decisively. Greg Kihn would move to mornings. With Chris Jackson producing, Greg brought his humor, warmth, and deep well of rock trivia to the local airwaves. The results were dramatic. When the Spring 1997 ratings arrived, K-FOX had become San Jose's top-rated station among Adults 25–54. The owners backed off their threat to change formats, and K-FOX was saved.

While other San Jose rock stations like KSJO and KOME eventually faded from the dial, K-FOX endured — kept alive by a voice that listeners trusted and loved. Greg Kihn didn't just entertain the South Bay; he helped define an era of local radio that will never be forgotten.

“ SIDEBAR: THE EARLY DAYS OF GREG KIHN

Long before he became the morning voice of K-FOX, Greg Kihn was a fixture on the local Bay Area club circuit. Fans remember seeing him play shows at Campbell's Smokey Mountain and The Bodega, two beloved venues where countless local bands earned their stripes. He also performed regularly at the Keystone clubs in Palo Alto and Berkeley — rock institutions that launched many Northern California artists.

Greg's recording career began in the early 1970s with songs like "Remember," "Madison Avenue Man," and "Roadrunner," which introduced audiences to his melodic rock style and sharp songwriting. These early tunes set the stage for later national hits and cemented Greg Kihn's reputation as one of the Bay Area's most enduring musicians turned radio personalities.

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