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Campbell's New Police Department Ground Breaking Ceremony

By Carol W. Gerwitz



It was an excited and proud assemblage who gathered on January 25 to celebrate and witness the ground breaking ceremony for the Campbell Police Department's Police Operation Building at 70 North First Street. Towers of blue and gold balloons standing where the four corners will be depicted the impressive size of the new building. Attending were current and retired employees of the Campbell Police Department (including K-9s), current and former

Campbell City Council members and City officials, Santa Clara County Fire Department employees, and a members of the public.

Campbell Mayor Susan Landry welcomed the sizable crowd and during her remarks proudly stressed that the building will be 24,000 square feet with two stories. Campbell City Manager Brian Loventhal gave a brief history

of the project which began in 2013 when the Campbell Library and the Campbell Police Department were identified as in need of structural repair which resulted in Measure O being put on the ballot and passing by 69 percent in November, 2018. Campbell Police Chief Gary Berg spoke of the strong foundation with

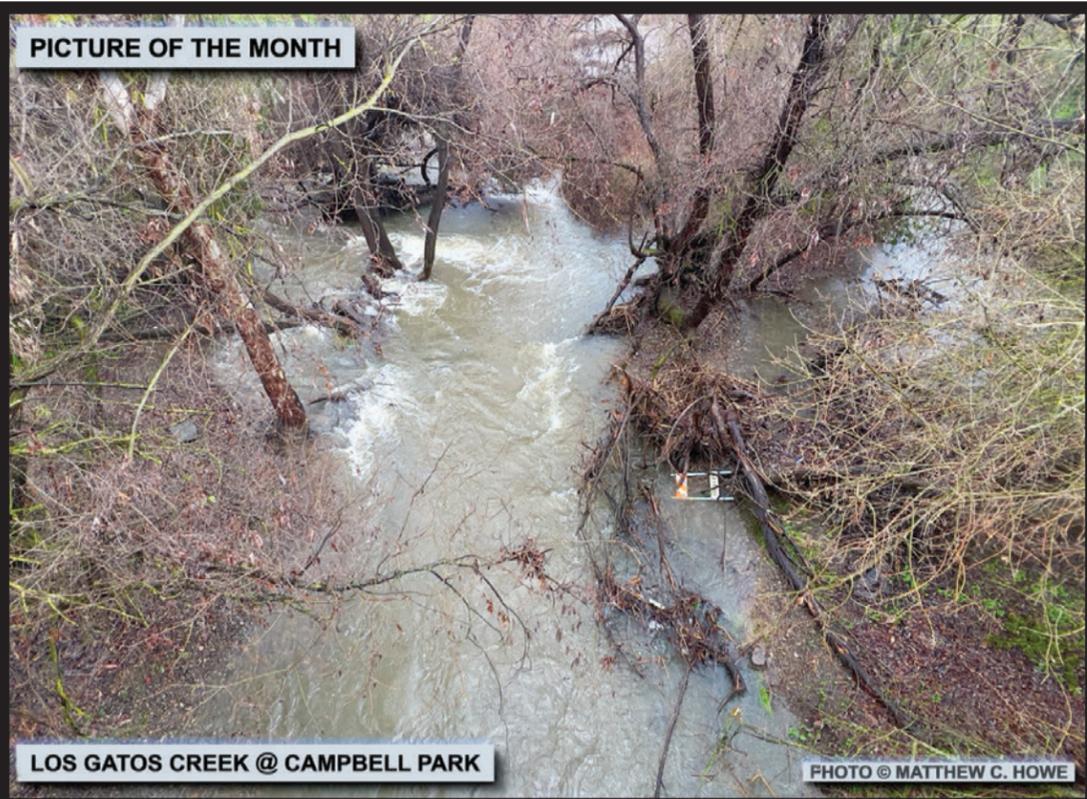
the Campbell Police Department, the City of Campbell, the Campbell Chamber of Commerce, the Campbell Police Department Foundation, and the Campbell community. Mayor Landry closed the presentation with a quick question: How many mayors have been involved in this project? Answer: Six!

Then it was time for the City Council and Chief Berg to

don hard hats and grab shovels for the ceremonial ground breaking. This had to occur on a non-paved area because, as Mayor Landry explained, even though she wanted to use a back hoe to break through the concrete, she does not have a back hoe license. Once the dirt was shoveled and the ground was truly broken, the crowd continued to chat and pose for pictures and enjoy the sense of community on a sunny California morning.

Photos by Carol Gerwitz

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



LOS GATOS CREEK @ CAMPBELL PARK

PHOTO © MATTHEW C. HOWE

Just a Little Bit of History

By Susan Blake, Campbell Historic Preservation Board

January's mystery photo was taken at the Lena Swope French House at 63 North First Street. It is one of several very ornate stained glass windows on the front porch and can be seen on the right side.

This California Colonial cottage was built in 1900 by George Whitney. The house was given to Lena Swope French by her grandparents, Benjamin and Mary Campbell. Mr. Newton Finley, a member and nephew of Benjamin Campbell's 1852 wagon train from Missouri, roomed there.

Here is the mystery photo for February. See if

you can figure out what you are looking at and where it is located. Happy Valentine's Day.





WORD OF THE MONTH

“INCREDULITY”

[In-cred-de-jewel-it-tee]
NOUN

Being incredulous by having skepticism or a withholding or refusal of belief.

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HAPPENINGS

MUSEUM MATTERS February 2024

The Campbell Museums consist of the Campbell Historical Museum and the Ainsley House. The Ainsley House is closed until March 1. The Historical Museum will be open periodically Friday-Sunday depending upon volunteer availability.

The Campbell Museum Foundation Board is recruiting for new Board Members to help keep History active in our community. The Campbell Museum Foundation is a State of California non-profit, public benefit corporation dedicated to supporting the Campbell Historical Museum and Ainsley House. It provides services and funds to the Museum; develops, cultivates and advocates greater public interest in the Museum; and receives donations and grants and other funds on behalf of the Museum. The primary responsibility of the Foundation Board is to develop

financial support for the Museum's activities and day-to-day operations. Each Board Member utilizes personal interests and expertise in planning and managing the fundraising, education, and community outreach programs.

The Museum Foundation Board is hosting a MUSEUM MIXER & Happy Hour on Thursday, March 14 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Carriage House for anyone interested in learning more about joining the Board and becoming an active member of the Community. Please rsvp to Cherri Fontanta cfont625@gmail.com Space is limited!

Volunteers Encouraged!

The Campbell Museums is actively recruiting for a variety of volunteer positions.

If you love History, want to meet new people, and be a part of

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HERE'S HOWE

It's Chowder Time!

My dear Campbell friends Brian and Lorene Edwards recently invited me over to their house for a clam chowder 'trial run' taste test. I was excited for the opportunity to sample their award winning soup. With 17 awards lining their walls for their namesake recipe "The Silence of the Clams," that includes a 1st place People's Choice Award, 1st place for Most Tasted, and 2nd place for Most Original Team, among many other accolades over the years, I knew I was in for something special. I have always been traveling during the annual Santa Cruz Clam Chowder Cook-off that is held at the Boardwalk coming up on the weekend of February 24-25th. I had missed out on this for far too long and was truly exciting for a taste. Watching his team of dedicated "Chowder Heads" stir the pot while discussing and adding their secret ingredients (sorry I can't tell you) and tweaking it little by little throughout the evening, it was truly the best Boston clam chowder I have ever had! Bravo! I wish them luck and surely they will be adding more winning plaques to their arsenal of wall decorations by the time this year's contest is over. For more information on the contest (which is the longest running and oldest in the country) check out Santa Cruz Clam Chowder Cook-off online.

Seeing so many Pembroke Welsh Corgis in downtown Campbell these days, my mother Sally would have been thrilled at the amount of them. Not only an advocate for the breed, she trained, showed, and bred them most of my life and was an aficionado on the breed. She had a great lineage and people came from all over the world

to buy a Corgi from my mother. We literally had 100 of them in our lives. We had a few kennels and often multi-aged litters of 5-10 pups at any given time. Don't tell the city! (hahaha) So, you can imagine what my chores were growing up, and why I haven't owned a dog ever since! (I have a cat) But Corgis were rather rare back in the day in our area, and it was unique to see a Corgi at that time. Often referred to as the "Queen's dog" since the breed was made popular in England by Elizabeth herself, who was often seen in posing with her many Corgis in various photos. Today they are everywhere- on coffee cups, dog food commercials, and even bath towels! In the mid-70's she brewed a large pot of coffee and held training classes for all breeds on our front yard lawn on Wednesday evenings and would often have 40 people show up; splitting them into two groups with a secondary advanced class across the street in the Safeway back parking lot that another man would conduct- when you could do such a thing safely with no car traffic. Those were the days.

Campbell High School of 1967 is calling out for an all-class reunion sometime in August or September 2025. If any "Buccaneers" would be willing to attend, please let Dave Turner know at dturner67bucs@gmail.com. You can also let him know if you would be willing to be a class representative to help get the word out to your fellow classmates. Please respond with a yea or nay by April 15th to help determine the level of interest. You can also go to Facebook on 'Campbell High All-Year Reunion' and respond there.

Ainsley House

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS WANTED

- **Who:** Volunteers who want to garden
- **Where:** Ainsley House Garden
- **When:** Every Tues @ 9 am
- **What:** planting, pruning, weeding, design planning, and more
- **How:** Contact kerry@campbellca.gov
• (408)866-2718

The Ainsley House Garden is located at 300 Grant St, Campbell, CA 95008

THEN AND NOW



Photo: Campbell Historical Museum



Photo: © Matthew C. Howe

This photo of the repaving of Campbell Ave. was taken in late 1969 on East Campbell Ave. near Bascom looking west toward Highway 17. The first business at the Pruneyard at that time were the Cinemas I, II, & III and you can see the Pruneyard Towers were yet to be built. Note the marquis displays "Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid" along with "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice" that both came out in September of that year. I remember seeing Butch Cassidy there with my dear friend Ken Wegner. If you look closely at the recent picture, you can see the theatre marquis is still in the same location. A perfect example of "some things never change."



A BENEFIT CONCERT "FOR LOVE"

By Carol W. Gerwitz

On March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Campbell United Methodist Church, "For Love", a benefit concert, will be held at which 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence. NDS (<https://www.nextdoorsolutions.org/>) is the only stand-alone domestic violence agency in Santa Clara County and the largest provider of these services. Founded in 1971, NDS answers approximately 15,000 crisis calls and serves an average of 3,000 survivors of domestic violence annually. Its comprehensive services are available free of charge to all women, men, LGBTQ and individuals across the gender spectrum and of varying abilities. Services include housing solutions, employment services, and support groups. **Its 24/7 HOTLINE: (408) 279-2962.**

This concert is the inspiration of Diane James who 14 years ago had the notion that a concert performed by local choruses could be a means to raise funds for NDS. She invited a few choruses to participate that first year, and participation has grown to an eclectic mix of five choruses and a band in 2024. Diane is the director of the Orchard

City Community Chorus (<https://www.orchardcitychorus.org/>), a non-auditioned chorus of singers from Campbell and surrounding communities who love to sing, grow their skills in friendly fellowship, and support worthy causes within the community. The OCCC meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell United Methodist Church.

Joining the Orchard City Community Chorus on the "For Love" program will be the following: South Bay Military Veterans Chorus (<https://www.southbaymiltvetschorus.com/>); Kakehashi Japanese Community Choir (<https://www.facebook.com/ChorusKakehashi/>); Rainbow Women's Chorus (<https://www.rainbowwomen.org/>); Crystal Young Men (<https://crystalchoir.org/>); Chromatic Convergence (<https://resoundingachord.org/chromatic-convergence>) and

The Sunday Assembly Band (<https://sundayassemblysiliconvalley.org/>).

Concert tickets are \$25 and are available on line at <https://www.orchardcitychorus.org/> and <https://www.nextdoorsolutions.org/> and at the door the night of the performance.

Happy Valentine's Day!

PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney

The Campbell Press marked its third anniversary with a lively celebration held at the DoubleTree Inn at the Pruneyard on



Lucille Maravilla and Liz Gibbons discuss Country Woman's Club.

Friday, February 2nd. We extended our heartfelt gratitude to all our valued contributors and supporters who have fueled our growth over the past three years. Each year, our newspaper evolves, welcoming a diverse array of writing volunteers eager to share their expertise with the community. We deeply appreciate the ongoing support from our advertisers as well, as they help propel us forward in our mission for Campbell.



Adam Buchbinder networking with friends and discussing the year ahead for the newspaper.

As we continue this labor of love, volunteerism, and community spirit, we take pride in knowing that our efforts serve to uplift and unite our community and its surroundings. In this edition, you'll find exciting updates about the Downtown Business Association's Valentine's event on page 8. Live music enthusiasts won't want to miss out on the entertainment at Little Lou's and the Cedar Room at the Pruneyard on page 9, as well as information on the Ainsley Concert Series on page 10. Also on page 10, look for highlights such as a women's choir Zinger's, and insights into West Valley College sports scene. Be sure to mark your calen-

dars for upcoming gatherings, such as the Valentine's Day specials at Capers, and a mixer at the museum on March 14th featuring music by Johnny Neri.

Don't miss Gene Hunt's real estate insights on page 15, and on the back page we share a controversial story about Forest Hills School mural that is currently set to be removed. We are continually



Ken Johnson, Campbell Chambers Executive Director and Sergio Lopez, Vice Mayor enjoy talking about the latest developments of The Campbell Press.

grateful for the continued support of our readers and subscribers. If you haven't already renewed your subscription for the year ahead, you can send payment via electronic check via Zelle, PayPal, or Venmo to nortwhitney@gmail.com. Thank you for your patience as we work through billing and invoicing matters for the past two years.

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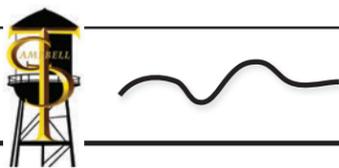
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Emory Avenue	\$1,850,000	3/1	71	11774	1182
Monica Lane	\$1,800,000	4/2.5	61	6098	1741
Salerno Drive	\$1,800,000	3/2	76	9092	1252
Patio Drive	\$1,735,000	3/1.5	68	6447	1409
Bucknam Avenue	\$1,625,000	4/2	63	6351	1592
Sunnyarbor Court	\$1,600,000	3/2	51	3920	1222
N. Midway Street	\$2,600,000	4/2	67	7332	2476
Valerie Court	\$1,800,000	3/2	76	5663	1538
SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, CONDO/TOWNHOMES					
Ponderosa Terrace	\$920,000	3/1.5	50		1728
Fierro Loop	\$1,625,000	3/1	8		1289
Capri Drive	\$1,038,000	3/2.5	44		1289
Union Avenue #C	\$930,000	3/2.5	42		1332
Apricot Avenue	\$795,000	2/2	39		1027
Watson Drive #1	\$685,000	2/1	52		810



COMEDY NIGHT, STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST, EYEGLASS SORTING HIGHLIGHT FEBRUARY'S LIONS CLUB ACTIVITIES

By Desiree Mitchell, Club Membership and Comedy Night Chairperson, West San Jose-Campbell Lions

Tickets now on sale for the West San Jose/Campbell Lions Club Comedy Night fundraiser, Saturday April 13th. The evening highlights great food, an amazing silent auction with items up for bid including 49er memorabilia, SF Giants club seat tickets, wine tasting for 12 and more! Last year we raised over \$10,000 which was used to fund a visually impaired student for camp, white cane scholarships, and the sponsorship of a family through Jacob's Heart, a charity focused on services for children with cancer. Please visit our website for tickets and more information at www.wsjclions.org.

Many volunteers are needed at our upcoming eyeglass sorting event Saturday, February 3rd,

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Vista Center for the blind, 101 N Bascom Ave, San Jose. Volunteer with us for part of the day or work the whole day. Thousands of donated used eyeglasses will

their prescriptions. Lunch is provided. If interested, please email wsjclions@gmail.com. So far our Lions district has sorted over 500,000 pairs of glasses!

in grades 9-12 to participate in their Student Speakers Contest, welcoming all, regardless of speech and debate experience. Craft a 5 to 10-minute speech on this year's theme, "For a

arship money, fostering critical thinking and presentation skills in a journey from local clubs to the statewide competition. For more information, contact Pam Berry at pamelawberry@gmail.com. We're looking forward to hearing your ideas!

We continually work to raise funds for our eight global causes of vision, hunger, the environment, diabetes, childhood cancer, humanitarian, youth and disaster relief. Our club is a fun and social group of men and women interested in improving their neighborhoods through service events and activities. We welcome donations and encourage community members to join us. For more information visit our website www.wsjclions.org.



be sorted, and the good ones are rinsed and dried in preparation for the determination of

Reminder: The West San Jose-Campbell Lions invite California high school students

Better World, What Would YOU Change?" for a chance to compete for \$21,500 in schol-

Campbell Veterans Memorial Year Ahead

By Hank Harvey

The Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation (CVMF) hopes you had a grand Holiday Season and are ready to face 2024 with a renewed sense of purpose and energy.

The CVMF kicked off the year by installing a fresh and shiny new slate of Board Members during our inaugural meeting on 1/20/24. Jim Free initiated the proceedings by officially announcing his retirement as Board President/CEO. Jim regaled the Board with a short history of our founding mission and expressed his determination to continue our legacy by remaining active as Chairman Emeritus and Board Advisor. From all of us to you: Thanks for all your hard work and heartfelt service, Mr. Free.

The members then voted to strengthen and enhance the Board by adding some new blood while retaining some of our best organizational talent. We are proud to announce CVMF's 2024 Board of Directors: We thank them for their volunteer time to our organization this year and want to recognize their dedication.

- Treasurer: Ken Estep, Gold Star Father
- Secretary: Wayne Heimsoth
- Vice President: Tim Rodriquez
- President/CEO: Harold Hervey
- Chairman of the Board: Larry Maggio (Reprising)

Key Board Members and ad hoc Committee Chairmen:

- Liz Gibbons
- Dan Furtado
- Frank Jewett
- Jim Clark Moore
- Nancy Whitney
- Phil Alne

The CVMF wants to thank and trusts all of our sponsors, donors, and members will continue to make 2024 a rousing success by allowing us to continue our mission of generating revenue to support the educational needs of our local

veterans. The Board of Directors and our veterans appreciate and regard you as an important stakeholder in our ongoing mission and sincerely thank you for all your generous donations.

Our new slate of leaders certainly looks forward to working with all of you to ensure our mutual success. You will hear more from us soon, so stay tuned and plugged in with us.

www.campbellveterans-memorial.com

Correction... The January Campbell Veterans Memorial was written by Jim Free and Nancy Whitney, not Lucille Maravilla.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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AARP

By Margaret Schieck, President

Welcome to February, the shortest month of the year, which often seems like the longest, and this year we even get an extra day on which to shiver! However, we also get to celebrate Ground Hog Day, Chinese New Year, Presidents' Day and, of course, Valentine's Day. Therefore, the month is not all dreary.

On January 16th members of the Campbell Chapter 5151 of AARP held their annual anniversary luncheon at Jack's Restaurant in lieu of a general meeting. A good time was had by all who attended.

On February 3rd we participated in the Lions Club glasses sorting event at the VISTA Center on Bascom Avenue. This has become a "standing item" on our calendars for over a year.

Chapter 5151 has consistently been extremely active in terms of volunteer activities. In 2023, our members contributed 4,038 volunteer hours to our community. There are many opportunities for seniors to actively engage in volunteer service with our community in ways that appeal to different interests.

We will resume our regularly scheduled meetings on the third Tuesday of the month on February 20th at 10:00 a.m. with a coffee time at 9:15. We meet at the Campbell Community Center, 1 W. Campbell Avenue at Winchester Blvd. in Room Q 80. Our speaker for February will be from Outsource, formerly the Council on Aging, who will be giving us information on the county services available to persons over 50 years of age.

We hope to see you there.

The Mid-Peninsula Widows & Widowers Association

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

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



CWCC CONTRIBUTING TO THE CAMPBELL COMMUNITY FOR 119 YEARS

By Lucille Maravilla

On February 26, 2024 The Country Woman's Club of Campbell (CWCC) will celebrate 119 years since it was founded. Articles of Incorporation were drawn up on January 19, 1905. The stated purposes of the organization remain to this day: "To increase kindly fellowship, to encourage high thought and free speech upon all matters of general interest, to foster worthy talent in our midst, to aid community and educational projects such as a library and scholarships."

CWCC is the oldest service club in Campbell. We are proud that over the years our members have included Campbell city council members and mayors, Campbell Citizens of

the Years, as well as members who spearheaded community projects like a permanent library. That effort culminated in the passage of a bond in 1967. This resulted in construction of the Campbell Branch of the Santa Clara Library.

The club supports the Ainsley House. In addition to members who volunteer, our records and historical documents are stored there.

We fund raise for student scholarships in the Campbell Union High School District. Currently our Crab and Pasta event funds the majority of these awards. In addition, we have supported music and art competitions and awarded scholarships for them. In 2000, CWCC funded an endowment to support all of these scholarships.

Our club was the first organization to support community efforts to restore the Heritage Theatre. We pledged \$25,000.

We belong to the Federation of Women's Clubs on the District, State, and National levels. We have been a successful group because of our high ideals and maintaining a sense of camaraderie. We are a working group, always keeping in mind the ideas of helping one another, growing as a group, and being an influence for good in the Campbell community. If you are like minded, come join us. We are always looking for new members and new ideas. We work hard but we have fun. For more information contact Lucille Maravilla at 408 205-4621 or Cherri Fontana at 408 209-1310

MUSEUM MATTERS

Continued from page 2

the community, then joining the museum volunteer group is a great opportunity!

The following volunteer positions are open now:

- Campbell Historical Museum Greeter
- Ainsley House Docent & Greeters
- Museum Foundation Board Member
- Ainsley House Garden Volunteer
- Special Event Volunteers
- Museum Collections Volunteers.

If interested, contact Museum Supervisor, Kerry Perkins kerry@campbellca.gov (408) 866-2718, or more information can be found on the Campbell Museums website:

<https://www.campbellmuseums.com/get-involved>

The Museum Boutique at the Ainsley House/ Carriage House is looking for a volunteer gift shop manager. This is a volunteer opportunity for someone interested in helping a small non profit boutique. The time commitment is a few hours per month, able to identify trends and advise on purchasing products accordingly, set up shelf displays, rotate merchandise seasonally, able to use POS or Excel sheets to track inventory, enjoys working with seniors and meeting new people.

If interested, please contact Kerry Perkins kerry@campbellca.gov (408) 866-2718.

Upcoming Events & Exhibits:

Ainsley House Concerts:
The Ainsley House Concert series is returning for Four upcoming show featuring amazing returning local artists.

- March 10: The Big Guitar Show featuring the Chris Shahin Trio and Andres/ Francheska Duo.
 - 1pm & 3pm Show
 - In the Carriage House (Space is limited)
 - Classical & Jazz Guitar
 - \$30/person
- April 14: Heart Matter with Amy D & Dillion Vado

- 2pm show
- In the Ainsley House Garden
- Vocal Soul and Jazz
- \$35/person

- May 12: Tony Lindsay/Mother's day show
 - 2pm show
 - In the Ainsley House Garden
 - R&B, pop, and soul
 - \$35/person

History Happy Hour:

- Traci Bliss will present her new book *The Big Basin Redwood Forest, California's Oldest State Park*.
 - Friday, May 3
 - 5:30pm-7:30pm
 - \$20/ person

For tickets for all events please visit: <https://www.campbellmuseums.com/>

Become a Campbell Museum Member

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

Ainsley House Garden Rental
Are you looking for an intimate location for an upcoming special event? The Ainsley House Garden is a perfect place to host a wedding, birthday party, baby shower, graduation party, or more. Garden is open for reservations and the season runs May through end of October.

For more information, visit <https://www.campbellmuseums.com/rentals>

Campbell Museums' Collection Online

Calling all history lovers. You can now look through a large volume of the Campbell Museums' Collection database online. We are continuing to update and add more collection items to the database, but this is a great place to start.

<https://campbellmuseums.catalogaccess.com/home>



LOST KITTY
Mimi is a Flame Point Siamese with steel blue eyes and is cream colored with light orange on her ears, face, and tail. She disappeared in the Dell/Camden area and is chipped.

If you spot her, please call or text picture, location, date to
(408) 386-3579

Thank you for your help!

VALENTINE'S DAY

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Campbell Chamber of Commerce

Celebration Luncheon Monday, February 19th: 132nd Annual Campbell Early Settlers Day

By Kirsten Frank

For 132 years, the community of Campbell has been celebrating its earliest origins and the people who made the Orchard City a reality.

Up until 2020, Early Settlers Day was the second oldest California community event second to the Rose Parade. When the pandemic halted the Rose Parade, Campbell was still able to hold our Early Settler's event, which then made it the longest running community event in the state.

area was bursting with newly planted fruit trees. The nearby railroad enabled fruit to be shipped far and wide, and soon canneries and fruit drying facilities sprang up.

Hundreds of workers were employed by these businesses, which led to grocery stores, banks, and other businesses. The beginnings of our city had begun!

In 1989, the Board of Trust was established and in 1925, the Chamber of Commerce



CAMPBELL'S HISTORY

Campbell was founded in 1846 by Benjamin Campbell. He and his wife, Mary, purchased 160 acres, built a home, began farming grain and hay, and started their family. In 1887, the Campbells decided to subdivide their property to create a town and to construct a railroad stop.

In 1892, the first "Early Settlers" event was held, celebrating all that this little township had accomplished.

At the center of "The Valley of Heart's Delight," Campbell's rich soil was ripe for orchards and soon, much of the open

was formed. In 2025, the Chamber will celebrate its 100th year serving and promoting the city of Campbell. (We have some exciting cen-



ennial celebrations in the works!)

Campbell was officially incorporated as a city in 1952, but by that time, the community had been celebrating its heritage and history for 60 years.

History of Early Settlers Day

Until the 1960s, Early Settlers Day was a large gathering of families that lived in Campbell. The highlight of the celebration, held on the 4th of July, was a parade with floats elaborately decorated by local organizations such as the Boy Scouts.

At some point, the parade was phased out, and the celebration was moved to President's Day weekend. The event became a smaller gathering featuring a speaker that shared insights and information about various aspects of Campbell's history. Campbell Museum Supervisor, Kerry Perkins, has been a favorite speaker and former Mayor Mike Kotowski, has also shared his knowledge about Campbell at the event.



THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION

With most of the event committee no longer in the area, the Campbell Chamber has stepped in to help promote this event.

This year's celebration will be held on Monday, February 19th from 11am to 2pm at Orchard City Banquet Hall. A delicious pasta lunch will be catered by Table & Terrace. The cost is \$25 per person.

The keynote speaker is Kerry Perkins, Campbell Museum Supervisor. Kerry will bring us back to 1903 when President Theodore Roosevelt visited Campbell and planted a redwood tree commemorating his stay.

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Money Empowerment by Jill



AVOIDANCE

During a recent conversation with a friend about eating a lot of food during the holidays, I mentioned that I did not want to weigh myself because I did not want to see the number on the scale. I actually put the scale in the closet so I did not have to look at it.

My reason was that I did not need the scale to tell me how much weight I gained. I could feel the added pounds so there really was no need for me to confirm it.

After the conversation, I felt a little hypocritical. I help people track their money, create and maintain budgets. I encourage them to look at their numbers regularly, even if they don't like what they see.

So, how is the scale that measures weight any different than the account that measures wealth?

So, I asked myself, "Why does it bother me to see it?"

It took me some time to finally realize that it's not really about the number I am looking at, but rather the story I am telling myself when I see that number. Since I don't like the story, I avoid looking at the data. Unfortunately, this won't help me change my story, instead it reinforces it.

I took the scale out of the closet, weighed myself, accepted where I was and moved on with

my plan to get where I wanted to be.

There are all kinds of things we avoid. Finances are a big one for many people. Maybe you don't want to see how much debt you are in. Perhaps, you are afraid to find out that you are really living above your means and need to scale down. Or, maybe you are overwhelmed and just don't know where to start.

Although, I agree that in the short run, it sometimes feels better to just let things go, avoidance doesn't help in the long run. It makes it harder, clutters up space in your mind, and sucks up your energy.

If you are avoiding looking at your finances, I challenge you to take a deep breath and just see them for what they are. No judgment to yourself.

Accept where you are at the moment, accept how you got there, and resolve to do better. It can be done.

Below is an exercise you can do right now to break avoidance money patterns:

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CITY NEWS *By Sergio Lopez*

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Last month marked my first meeting in my new position as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority — the first time Campbell has had representation on the Board of Directors since 2023. VTA is charged with not just public transit, such as the blue and white buses and light-rail which travel through Campbell, but also traffic and congestion management. Yet despite these opportunities and developments, January has also marked a challenging time for the organization.

To consider how we move forward from issues today, it is important to consider how we got here. Up until the 1960s, there was no regional public transportation system in Santa Clara County; the area was served by three private companies. By 1969, however, these companies were struggling. At the same time came a serendipitous development: both the federal government and the state became more favorably disposed toward support of public transportation. In 1969, the State Legislature passed the Santa Clara County Transit District Act — enabling the creation of a special district to support public transit.

The next step was voter approval. Twice the measure failed to gain the required voter threshold, but in 1972, the measure passed, allowing for the establishment of VTA. For a few years, the new agency underwent some growing pains as it worked to develop its

identity. Along with these struggles, the mid-1970s also brought the election of two new Santa Clara County Supervisors — one of whom was named Rod Diridon, a West Valley resident and, previously, the youngest-ever member of the Saratoga City Council.

You will recognize the famous surname as the one adorning San Jose's Diridon Station. (I have had the pleasure of learning from Rod Diridon, Sr. across the years; when I was sworn in to the City Council, Rod was kind enough to administer my oath of office). Ever humble, Rod claims that as the most junior member of the Board of Supervisors, he was assigned to transportation — little knowing that he would have his work cut out for him.

Rod nonetheless successfully chaired a County-wide sales tax measure in 1976, which provided dedicated funding for the agency which became VTA. This was followed by a number of other sales tax measures over the decades, which today support the agency's operations. (This dedicated funding source, stemming from Santa Clara County residents' support of transit, is why VTA has avoided the "fiscal cliff" which agencies such as BART and MUNI are facing today; it is relatively easier to obtain funding, especially from the federal government, for capital projects, but more challenging to fund services).

Today, VTA has a deep impact on the Campbell community: we have our light rail and bus lines, of course, but the City is also receiving grant funds from VTA for bicycle and pedestrian work, and for widening the

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COUNTY NEWS



PUSHING FOR EARLY DETECTION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER

By County Supervisor, Joe Simitian

As Chair of our County's Health and Hospital Committee and author of state legislation focused on early detection, I well know that breast cancer is a formidable adversary.

Breast cancer accounts for 30% of new cancers each year, causing the deaths of about 42,000 women and 500 men in the U.S. annually, according to the American Cancer Society. Women of color are particularly hard hit: breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for Hispanic women, while Black women are 40% more likely to die from breast cancer than white women.

However, we are not without weapons — or hope. Regular mammogram screenings are the best way to detect these types of cancers. Early detection means more effective, less invasive treatment. When breast cancer is detected and treated early, the five-year survival rate is 99%.

Simply put, to save lives in the fight against breast cancer, we need more screenings, in more places, serving more people.

I'm gratified that my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors agree, approving my recent proposal to expand opportunities for County residents to access screenings that ensure early detection of breast cancer.

Of particular importance is increasing access to additional, alternative screening

technologies for women with dense breast tissue — present in nearly half of women over age 40 — which makes breast cancer more difficult to spot on a mammogram, and also indicates a woman's increased risk of breast cancer.

My proposal directed County staff identify the barriers to access for breast cancer diagnostic screenings, expand availability of screenings, and develop solutions that address the racial and health disparities in our community.

Breast health has long been a policy priority for me. As a member of the California State Senate, in 2012 I authored Senate Bill 1538, which required that, following a mammogram, women are notified if they have dense breast tissue, and of the range of screening options available to them. (The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is at last catching up, with nationwide mammography standards similar to California's going into effect in September.)

The challenges that come with a cancer diagnosis increase exponentially if the diagnosis is late stage. More advanced cancers require more invasive and extensive treatments, and often have heavier financial burdens.

By increasing the rate of early detection, patients can maximize their chances for early treatment and, in turn, achieve eventual remission.

Unfortunately, diagnostic imaging and alternatives like digital breast tomosynthesis, MRI, or ultrasound screening options currently are not accessible to far too many individuals.

What we need is a comprehensive approach to cancer detection and early diagnosis, one that optimizes access to mammograms and the alternative screening options that are a necessary health care service.

I'm pushing our County to that path, with a proposal calling for an estimate of the costs, logistics, and potential efficacy in improving and expanding existing screening services — through outreach and education, easy-to-access enrollment, and new or enhanced programs and technologies to serve all County residents.

The earlier breast cancer can be detected, the better the outcome for the patient and their loved ones. That's worth a fight.

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

City Council & Planning Commission News



By Adam Buchbinder

It's a new year, and the Planning Commission has a new chair, new work, and new challenges!

Two major policy items are coming up, the first being the permit streamlining that's being produced in collaboration with the Economic Development team. The process has gotten input from a lot of stakeholders, and will make many permits and processes simpler, more deterministic, and less expensive. We expect this to make it significantly

easier to open a business in Campbell.

We've also sent a set of overlay zone proposals to the City Council. As part of the Housing Element we passed last year, the city committed to a number of programs. Two of these overlay zones are required by law (making up for a shortfall in lower-income capacity and making repeatedly-listed sites developable by-right), but the third, an affordable housing overlay zone, is completely volun-

tary. The current proposal fills a gap between less- and more-subsidized options already provided by state law, providing streamlined approval as well. The below-market-rate developers who gave their input are very positive about the options we're providing.

Alan Zisser is the new chair of the Planning Commission. Congratulations to him! He's signaled a willingness to use the subcommittee process to allow the commission to do

policy work, much as we've done this past year. However, nothing remaining on the current workplan (the priorities set by the City Council) is amenable to our input, so any subcommittees will likely be formed after the new workplan for the next fiscal year is set this summer.

Additionally, the city has re-submitted an application for a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant, in which the state would fund development of a city-wide bike and

pedestrian plan. Caltrans told the city that we were a very good contender last year, and staff took a lot of feedback into account this time around. We likely won't know the results until September, but the city is optimistic.

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



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FEBRUARY MOVIES



By Sam Wilson

The Beekeeper - C+

David Ayer (Fury, Suicide Squad) directs this uneven vigilante action flick that's at its best when showcasing Jeremy Irons and the colorful collection of villains and Jason Statham killing bad guys John Wick-style. Statham's former operative goes on a hardcore, revenge-fueled killing spree against the scammers responsible for his friends suicide. Josh Hutcherson (The Hunger Games) plays against type as a coke-head villain who's the United States President's son.

Boasting restrained Monty Python-esque humor, it's funny, dramatic, visually stunning, and well-acted with a beautiful score. Supporting cast includes James McAvoy, Alfre Woodard, Omar Sy, Benedict Cumberbatch, Caleb McLaughlin, RJ Cyler, and Tom Glynn-Carney.

Night Swim - D+

The latest in horror from the Blumhouse Productions churn is a ghost story where it's not the house haunted by a malevolent force, it's the pool, and it's even more dull than it sounds. Wyatt Russell (The Falcon and the Winter Soldier) and Kerry Condon (The Banshees of Inisherin) are parents of two kids who move into the house with the evil pool. Based on a short film, it's drawn-out, atmosphereless, and unimaginative.

I.S.S. - C-

When world war is triggered suddenly, both the American and Russian astronauts aboard the International Space Station are given orders to take control of the station by any means necessary. A terrific premise that's completely botched, a blundering disappointment with an inept script and suspenseless conflict. Starring Chris Messina (Air), Pilou Asbaek (Game of Thrones), John Gallagher Jr. (Underwater), and Ariana DeBose (West Side Story).

The Boy and the Heron - B

Legendary Japanese filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki (Princess Mononoke, Spirited Away, Howl's Moving Castle, Kiki's Delivery Service) graces the big screens with a new anime loaded with his trademark style and strong universal themes. A young boy yearning for his mother discovers a wondrous world shared by the living and the dead.

The Book of Clarence - B+

A slickly crafted religious dark comedy epic that's bound to be controversial due to its faith-based material. An atheist (Lakeith Stanfield) becomes a Messiah as a get-rich-quick scheme before heading down the path of conver-

Anyone But You - C

Rising up-and-comers

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MOVIE REVIEWS

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Sydney Sweeney (HBO's "Euphoria") and Glen Powell (Top Gun: Maverick) shine in Will Gluck's (Easy A) cliché romantic comedy. Forcing in all the ingredients expected in the genre incompetently created awkward story beats and clunky dialogue. The two leads natural chemistry is apparent while Powell displays easy comedic charm.

The Boys in the Boat - B- Joel Edgerton (Zero Dark Thirty) stars as head coach in this sports drama directed by George Clooney (The Ides of March, Good Night, and Good Luck), who has a successful track record behind the camera. Set in the 1930s following the University of Washington's rowing team from their humble beginnings to competing at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The period details from the costumes to the accents are superb while the feel-good story is unremarkable.

Miller's Girl - C- Jenna Ortega (Wednesday) misfires as a Tennessee high schooler who becomes infatuated with her creative writing teacher (Martin Freeman). Made by a first time director who strives but fails to achieve a "Lolita" vibe while simultaneously bombing at attaining pure camp. Pointless Ortega voiceovers littered throughout build up to a harebrained, obvious climax.

Founders Day - D Wannabe satirical political slasher featuring a masked killer terrorizing folks in the days leading up to a heated mayoral election. An all around work of garbage with paper-thin characters, horrid acting and cheesy deaths. The generic type of straight-to-DVD, low-budget horror one finds while browsing the Blockbuster horror section.



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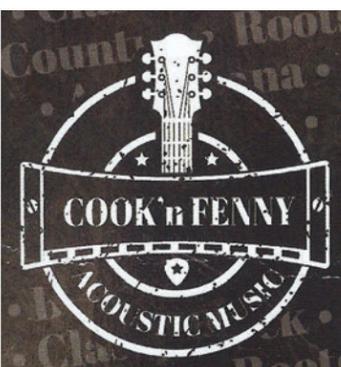


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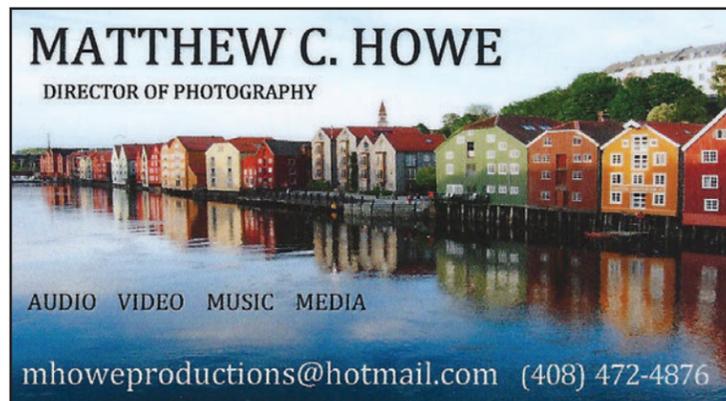
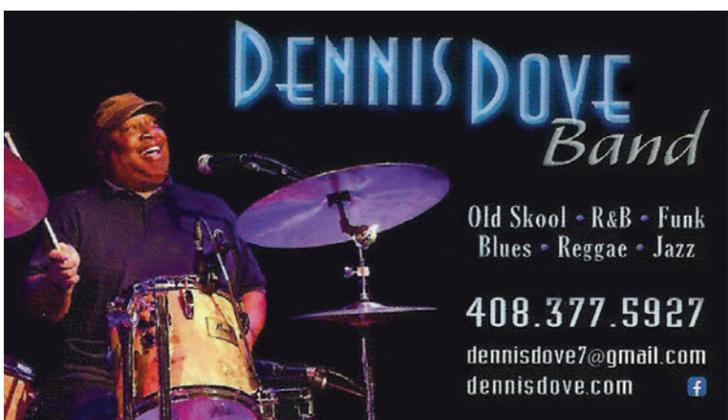


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West Valley College Opens Valhalla Park with a Pair of Victories

By John Vlahos

Behind strong pitching and timely offense, the West Valley College baseball team opened the 2024 season with a pair of victories over American River College as the Vikings celebrated the grand opening of its new baseball complex, Valhalla Park.

“Valhalla Park represents the District’s commitment to building facilities that not only exceed NCAA standards but elevate our ability to engage with the local community,” says Bradley Davis, Chancellor of the West Valley-Mission Community College District. “With the latest advancements in sports technology and community-oriented facilities, Valhalla Park heralds a new chapter for our athletics program and our collaboration with the local and collegiate sports community.”

Valhalla Park features a captivating tree-lined outfield that adds natural beauty to the stadium’s sleek, contemporary design. A testament to innovation, the Park features a cutting edge scoreboard, MLB-quality locker rooms, as well as seating for over 500 spectators.

“Valhalla Park is among the finest collegiate baseball facilities on the West Coast,” says John Vlahos, Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics for the West Valley-Mission Community College District. “No stone was left unturned in the development of this project, and our student athletes will benefit

from cutting-edge technologies throughout. We appreciate the support of our community, which helped turn this dream into reality. Valhalla Park truly is heaven for our Viking student-athletes.”



Runs were hard to come by at Friday afternoon’s affair. Both teams displayed outstanding pitching as American River led 1-0 heading into the bottom of the 5th inning. With two on and two out, returning All-State player, Jayce Dobie, doubled home sophomores Karter Wong and Ryan Lordier to give the Vikings a 2-1 lead. That is all the run support needed for pitchers Dillon Haftorson and Colin Trizuto, who shut down the American River offense.



Funded by local taxpayers through the passage of Measure W, Valhalla Park represents the community’s investment in modernizing district facilities by completely reimagining the former complex, which had

seen no major renovations since being built in the 1970s.

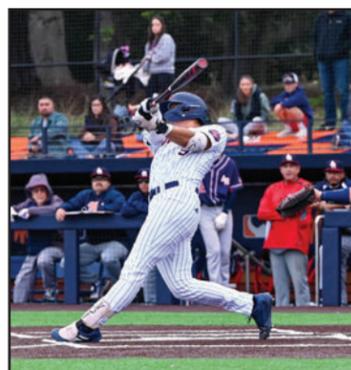
“Athletics plays a pivotal role on campus, and our student-athletes and the faculty and staff that support them are dedicated to excellence—putting in the work to support students in their academic life and in training hard to be the best they can in their respective sport. We’re proud that our students can display the results of their efforts and the West Valley Viking spirit at Valhalla Park,” says West Valley College President Dr. Jennifer Taylor Mendoza.

Trizuto closed out the game with 6 scoreless innings to pick up the win.

Viking bats came alive on Saturday as the Vikings tallied 10 runs and 12 hits in a 10-2 West Valley victory. Logan Stelling’s mammoth 421 ft. 2-run home run put the game out of reach. The Vikings were led by Jayce Dobie’s 3 hits at the plate. Stelling, sophomore Alan Ramirez, and Ryan Lordier all added a pair of hits for West Valley.

The Vikings return home on Tuesday, January 30th for a non-conference match-up against Santa Rosa Junior College followed by a home game on Thursday, February 1st against Merced College. First pitch for both contests is 2:00 p.m.

For all the latest news on West Valley athletics, please visit athletics.westvalley.edu.



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Before the Song: “KEEP ON LOVING YOU” by REO Speedwagon

By Chris Jackson
“Mayor of Silicon Valley”

With February here, I thought I’d warn you what song not to mistake as a happy Valentine’s Day song. I’ve been listening to it for years: “Keep on Loving You” by REO Speedwagon. It’s played at weddings and (when I was a kid) at school dances. That’s why when REO Speedwagon’s lead singer, Kevin Cronin, was a guest on my radio show, I asked him how it makes him feel to know so many people are sparking romance to his words and music.

Oops.

You see, the line in the chorus, “I’m gonna keep on lovin’ you, ‘cause it’s the only thing I want do, I don’t wanna sleep, I just wanna keep on lovin’ you...,”

makes it sound like a love song. However, a closer examination, Kevin reveals that the lyrics are consistent with it being a break-up song (you’ll hear him sing “...and though I know all about those men...” in the verse). Kevin explained that in real life, his lady cheated on him, and he wrote that song as a response. Double oops.

So now you know. Kevin fixed the problem on the next album, with his true love song “Can’t Fight This Feeling.” Thanks Kevin—next time we’re at a wedding, we’ll be sure to request that one instead. ☺

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IT'S SOIL, NOT DIRT!

Soil, please don't call it dirt. I feel that dirt is something either swept under a rug or is lodged under my fingernails. Healthy soil is alive and contains billions of microbes and microscopic life that supports plant life. It needs water and organic material to thrive.

We are blessed that our local soils have sufficient amounts of minerals to feed most anything we try to grow. There are however, other issues that will affect the plants ability to take up the needed nutrients. Take a handful of your soil and give it a good squeeze: if water drips out, it is too wet to plant. Soil temperature is also important. Most of our tender seedlings won't grow until the soil reaches 55 degrees.

Since there are few local places to have your soil tested, I urge you to perform a few simple tests to check the health of your soil. Weeds – I know, not a good place to start, but if both broad leaf (dandelions) and thin leaved (grass) weeds are growing, it is safe to say your soil is relatively healthy. If the ground seems compacted with nothing growing, scatter a few radish seeds, which germinate fairly fast and water as needed. If they fail to sprout within two weeks, there is an issue, perhaps chemicals or other problems.

One issue about soil that many gardeners fail to recognize is pH. Santa Clara Valley soils are predominately alkaline, that is, a pH of 7.2 or higher. This is

important to know because soil with a high pH will bind certain minerals in the soil, never allowing them to be available to the plants. If you ever wonder why your citrus leaves look yellow, it is usually deficiency of iron that is locked up in the soil. Camellias and other "acid" loving plants (7 pH and below) do not like our alkaline soils. Inexpensive pH test kits are available at most garden centers. Your water's pH can affect the results of the test. You can feed your plants all day long, but unless the pH changes, the benefits of the fertilizer will be nil. This is why I recommend spraying a good iron fertilizer directly on the plant leaves. This method of applying fertilizer is called "foliar" feeding. As

with all fertilizers, I recommend that the concentration as recommended by the fertilizer company be reduced by one half and applied twice as often. Remember, the fertilizer company is trying to sell a product.

Understanding fertilizer is easier because labeling standards have been developed to make it simpler for consumers to make informed decisions regarding what to buy. The three numbers shown on fertilizer packages indicate content by weight. They are from left to right: Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium (NPK). Nitrogen is essential for healthy plant growth, leaves and foliage. Phosphorus helps with fruit and flower production, root storage and plant vigor and

strength. Potassium, aka potash, helps support good root growth, encourages drought and cold tolerance. Therefore, if a fertilizer reads 10-15-10 it is 10% N, 15% P and 10% K and totals 35% by weight of the total weight of the product. The remainder of the contents are inert carriers.

I hope I haven't overwhelmed you with all this soil talk. **Start with the Soil** by Grace Gershuny is without a doubt the best reference book and the only book in my library I won't loan. Weather this year continues to be unpredictable. I'm beginning to feel like a hibernating bear with sleep apnea – I keep waking up wondering if it is spring yet.

WEST COAST CHEF

HAPPY ST. VALENTINES DAY TO ALL OF US IN CAMPBELL



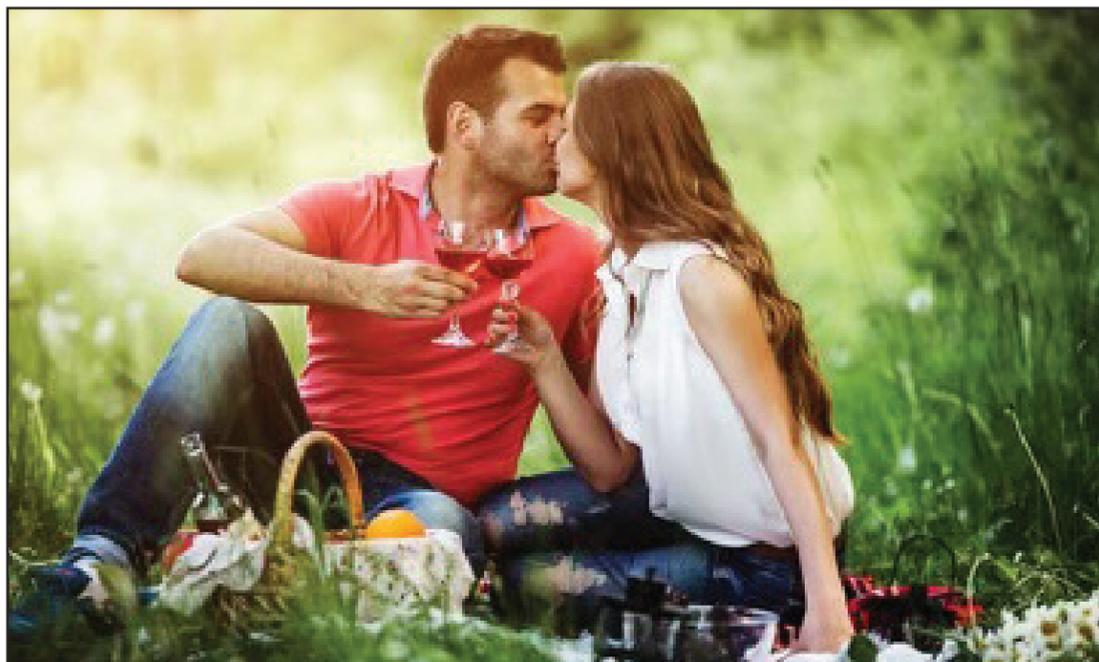
By Bill Peil

Its that time again. Cupid is drawing back his bow, and letting those love arrows fly. Everyone seems to celebrate Valentines day in a different way. Some not at all. It is not recommended that if you are in any kind of relationship that you ignore it completely. As Hallmark as it is, the restaurant industry is always very grateful, and there will be the usual thousands of lovers that just cant quite remember to make a reservation. So, show Campbell some love. Sushi Confidential for 2 is always a nice way to go. Prime rib at B Steak A, the veal costoletta at 360 is wondrous, Oysters at Forthright, great street Mexican at Distrito Federal, dine in Mexican at Casa Lupe, or Luna, pasta at Armellino, small plates at OCK, pizza at the Garret, or a swirl at AQUI. Maybe an awesome slice of quiche from Manresa. All of these and more.

In February, look for peak flavors from arugula, beets, bok choy, broccoli, cauliflower, chard, collards, kale, leeks, lemons, mandarins, onions, oranges, radishes, spinach,

Meyer lemons, artichokes, East Coast scallops, Monterey prawns, spring lamb, cardoons, pineapple, celery root, sorrel, Dungeness crab, local rockfish, last of the black truffles.

and Thai Orchid. Theres the Campbell water tower, Capers, Rock Bottom...the new Kirks, Mo's, Burger Lounge, and the Garret for great burgers. Mendocino for sandwiches, along with Eriks, and



There is, also, in Campbell: Locanda Sorrento, A. Belaggio, Sorelle, La Pizzeria, Luigis, Blue line, and Buca di Beppo for Italian. There is Chef Ko and Blue Sky for Chinese, we love TGI sushi, Lanna Thai, Khaosan,

Mr. Pickles...Katie Blooms, Vesper, and Courts for cocktails, and of course, Coaches. Sometimes a candlelit fireplace with soft music and your favorite foods are the way to go. Sometimes a trip to the city for an Irish coffee,

your favorite picnic. Whether it is dinner in, or out, put your own special stamp on it to make it your own. A favorite movie that you usually watch around Valentines Day. When Harry Met Sally, A Walk in the clouds, Somewhere in Time, are a few from the past. Last year, we just had fresh Dungeness crab, lemon garlic aioli, fresh sourdough, and great Champagne (Krug). Another time, we made our favorite burgers with a slice

beurre blanc with risotto. As per Jeremiah Tower of Stars fame: We made fresh cornmeal blinis. On a plate put heaping Tablespoon of drawn butter, then the dollop of crème fraiche, then a nice spoon of your favorite caviar. He used to start it with a shot of frozen vodka, then put the whole caviar butter blini in your mouth. Champagne will work well too. One year I buried a bottle of Champagne in a stream near Vasona. We pulled out the cold bottle, and had a fabulous picnic of cheese, fruit, pate, and bread. How about chilled oysters, mignonette, and fresh grilled sausages. Try that one with icy beers. Anyway, make it your own, and enjoy our romantic holiday. Congrats to the 49ers on their trip to the Super Bowl.

Cheers, Billy





Coach's Corner

By Jay Harnden

SIGNS OF A SMALL EGO PERSON

Several years ago, a Pastor from my former church called me on the phone and said he was thinking about getting a group of twelve men together (I reminded him that this had been done before) and doing a study about men and the effects that their egos play in their daily lives and decision making. I was all in, and soon we were meeting on Saturday mornings over the course of several weeks. The first week he handed out a paper entitled "Signs of a small ego person". I'd like to share some of these thoughts with all of you.

They listen. And they do it actively. When people are speaking to us, we need to show them respect. Even when we don't agree with them, they should always walk away from us feeling heard.

They complement others. People with huge egos often can't take the focus off of themselves to give someone else a compliment.

They care how they make others feel. Have you ever walked away from an interaction with

someone who hurt your feelings, just because they had a huge ego to feed? It doesn't feel too good.

They respond instead of react. We're all faced with challenges on a daily basis that we can either react emotionally to, or we can think before we do anything, and respond appropriately. It's not always easy to do, but it's more effective.

They create healthy boundaries and realistic expectations. This is an important one that I really stressed when I taught parenting classes. If you're not realistic when you set boundaries and express your expectations...it's almost a guaranteed failure.

They put their pride to the side. We all have a certain element of pride in ourselves...it would be hard to survive without it. However, it should not be a dominate trait of our personality. "He's just so full of himself he's hard to be around."

They are lifelong learners. Small ego people are eager to learn and would never be considered a "know-it-all." The flipside

to that would be the person who doesn't need to learn anything because they already do!

They do not judge. It is so easy to look at others and judge them for various reasons. I struggle with this one quite a bit. Let me tell you, it is really a waste of time to judge others...we should judge ourselves first. I like the idea that before we judge others, we need to "clean our own kitchen"!

They can lay their ideas down. How refreshing! Small ego people can actually make the choice to not have to always be right. Unlike the "Know-it-all" people we come in contact with too often.

Insignificance means nothing to them. Think about those you know who must spend time and energy pumping themselves up, verses those who are comfortable in their own skin, and are able to accept themselves for who and what they are.

Where are you in these ideas? Think about it...need to make some adjustments?

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DON'T BELIEVE THE MARKETEERS

Airline travel can still be full of mystery for many with its own unique language and terminology, much of it designed to confuse and fool you!

You may wonder why so many naval terms are used in aviation. This goes back to the early days of flight. Left and right are port and starboard and aircraft are referred to as ships. Distances are still calculated in nautical miles.

But it is in the world of airline marketing that has its own wonderful terms they use to try and convince us that a product is superior than it seems or a change for the worse is in fact one for the better.

A change due to "Passenger Demand" can often mean "We closed the route the passengers really liked to put them on the route we couldn't fill to make much more money"

"Increased Capacity" usually means they have cut the legroom to cram more seats in to the aircraft, and then offer seats with a little more space at an increased fee.

A simple economy class seat now comes in many sizes like Basic Economy, Economy, Economy Plus, Premium Economy etc. They'll charge you more for a window seat with no guarantee that the window will stay put, so keep that seat belt fastened at all times.

If an airline says they've increased the legroom for free they have probably taken out all the seats. Now, that's an interested concept to have all the passengers standing and strap-hanging. Just think how many they could cram in to a short flight.

If you hear of "A New Pricing Initiative" it probably means that the fares are going up,

and if "Restrictions Apply", yes the fares are still going up.

If an airline offered "Code-share Convenience" they are doing it to make more money from you and then confuse you as to which terminal you do your check-in. Likewise a "Commercial Alliance" can mean you don't know who you are flying with or what you are flying in.

Beware of a "Fares War" because once the winner kills off the competition you can be sure they will put the fares back up. "Service Enhancements" usually means they have found a cheaper way of doing it.

"Special Fares" are ones with so many restrictions that you are bound to end up having to change your booking for a fee that can sometimes be more than the original fare. While most discounted fares are "non-refundable", in the USA changes can usually be made or the ticket canceled prior to departure and the money put to a future trip if booked at the time. However, with the change fee involved it may well be better to just throw away the old booking.

An "Improved Schedule" can mean they have made the flight time longer in the timetable so it improves their on-time performance.

Beware when an airline offers a "Direct Flight" to a destination. There is a fair chance that the aircraft will touch down somewhere en route and go through a change of aircraft so you have to get off. It is only the flight number that is direct.

I can never understand folk who pay for "priority Boarding". The aircraft is not going total off till everyone is on board!

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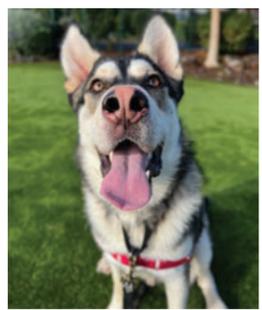
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Campbell Crime Report



By Carol W. Gerwitz

100 blk. Curtner Ave.: An unknown suspect forced entry into Victim's storage unit and stole an item. Report.

900 blk. S. San Tomas Aquino Rd.: Suspect and Victim were roommates. When Victim returned home, Suspect chased Victim into the room and smashed his arm in the door frame. Suspect threatened Victim, and Victim feared for his life. To DA.

1800 blk. S. Bascom Ave.: Unidentified suspects entered the store and concealed merchandise in a stroller before leaving without paying. Report.

2018 W. Hamilton Ave. @ Darryl Dr.: Suspect collided with a vehicle but failed to stop and provide his information. Suspect then stopped his vehicle nearby where he was contacted, determined to be DUI, and placed under arrest.

South Bascom Ave. @ Campisi Way: Suspect was stopped for a CMC violation. Suspect was on Supervised Own Recognizance and was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and drug

paraphernalia. Suspect was issued a criminal citation and released at the scene.

1700 blk. Dell Ave.: Security called CPD after seeing three sets of flashlights on the property. Security said prior to CPD arrival the three unknown suspects fled toward the Los Gatos Creek Trail. The area was checked, but no one was located. Report.

1800 blk. S. Bascom Ave.: Suspect stole items from store, and as he was leaving the store he punched Victim 1 in the mouth causing injuries. Suspect then brandished a hatchet at Victim and next fled to a fast food restaurant where he was contacted and taken into custody. Suspect was under the influence of a controlled substance and in possession of a meth pipe. Booked.

1600 blk. Dell Ave.: Suspect 1 was seen throwing copper wire over the fence to Suspect 2 and an awaiting van. The two suspects drove away, but Suspect 1 got out of the van at Winchester where he was stopped and found to be currently on probation for burglary. Booked.

2300 blk. S. Winchester Blvd.: Suspect got upset at an employee and spit on him. Employee did not want prosecution, but upon contact Suspect was too drunk to care for himself. Booked.

00 blk. Superior Dr.: Unknown Suspect wired money out of Victim's account to an unknown account without Victim's approval. Report.

1400 blk. Dell Ave.: Unknown Suspect broke the glass door on the south side of the business. Unknown loss at this time. Report.

300 blk. Union Ave.: Unknown Suspect used spray paint to damage property at the park. Report.

800 blk. Springfield Dr.: Suspect wandered onto the front of Victim's residence without a lawful purpose. Suspect was cited and released for prowling.

1100 blk. W. Hamilton Ave.: Victim was outside her apartment when an unknown suspect approached her and grabbed her hands. Victim pulled away from Suspect as

Suspect attempted to lick her hands. Report.

500 blk. Hamilton Ave.: Two unknown suspects stuffed merchandise into plastic bags and fled in a sedan. The same suspects were in the store earlier, which visit was not reported. Report.

900 blk. Apricot Ave.: Suspect had a warrant for failing to appear in court. CPD officers conducted surveillance, located her, and arrested her. Booked.

Mozart Ave./Bascom Ave.: Unknown Suspect damaged two trees near this intersection. Report.

900 blk. S. San Tomas Aquino Rd.: During an argument, Suspect brandished a butcher knife and threatened Victim. Suspect was contacted and arrested. Booked.

900 blk. Monica Ln.: An unknown suspect entered Victim's home that was under construction and stole various items. Report.

200 blk. East Campbell Ave.: Subject and Victim got into a verbal argument. During the

argument Suspect punched Victim in the face and fled prior to CPD's arrival. To DA.

2300 blk. S. Winchester Blvd.: Subject was blocking the sidewalk when she was contacted and was determined to be under the influence of a controlled substance. Booked.

400 blk. W. Rincon Ave.: An unknown Suspect forced entry into three parked vehicles and stole misc. items. Report.

400 Block E. Hamilton Ave.: Suspect was driving a stolen vehicle that was captured on an automated license plate reader camera. Officers located the vehicle as Suspect walked away from the vehicle. Officers attempted to stop the Suspect, but he fled. Suspect was caught and taken into custody. Suspect was in possession of methamphetamine and burglary tools and was determined to be under the influence of a CNS stimulant. Booked.

300 blk. Budd Ave.: An unknown Suspect smashed the toilet paper dispenser. Report.

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CHAMBER CELEBRATION

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THE FUTURE OF CAMPBELL EARLY SETTLERS & HERITAGE DAY

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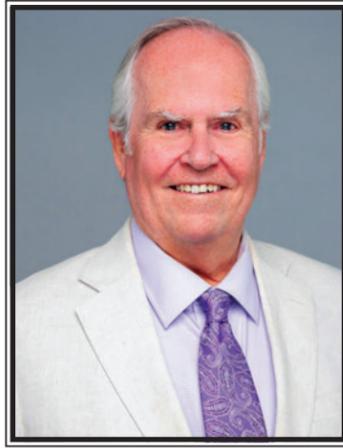
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WHY A REALTOR?

*By W. Gene Hunt, Realtor
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In a recent interview with a potential client a comment was made about Realtors becoming a thing of the past as so much information regarding Real Estate is available online via the Internet. With information sites such as Zillow providing access to a wide variety of information including properties currently available for sale, some begin to believe a Realtor is an added expense. Factor in recent Court cases in Missouri and elsewhere, the issue of Realtor compensation is a major issue, so, it's understandable what I do and provide might be questioned.

This question actually has two different directions an answer could take. First, what value-add service does a Realtor provide?

And, two, why am I a Realtor? Let's look at the first one before we go to the second.

Not all Real Estate Agents are Realtors. Only members of the National Association of Realtors can use that title. Any Real Estate Agent can help someone buy, sell or invest, but only a Realtor lives by a Code of Ethics and can use the system within the Association to handle a grievance with another Realtor... in fact, the public can also use this system. Only a Realtor can gain certifications for different aspects of Real Estate available through the Association.

Benefits of using a Realtor go beyond that, however. A good Realtor shares the liability with their client for the transaction and, for this reason alone; their understanding of the laws, disclosures, reports, inspections and other documents required in California, are crucial. Additionally, not everyone is a carpenter, so they may not know what a Barge Rafter is or a Rimjoist, two terms one might find in a Pest or Home Inspection and what repairs to either may mean for a home. Further, the impact ground movement has

on a foundation, foundation cracks and other red flags are skills a Realtor develops to fulfill their fiduciary duties to their client. And what about zoning laws, or loan options? These too are within the duties of a Realtor to understand and share with a client.

I could go on detailing the actions, issues and qualities of a Realtor that contribute to his service, but let me shift to why I remain a Realtor after nearly 28 years in practice. I've been helping families in one fashion or another for 45 years. Though only a Realtor for a little more than half that time, I found the help is a driving force in my life. I've found that helping people accomplish their goals in Real Estate is very rewarding because we establish good communication, we shared those goals and we work together to achieve it. That's how I developed my motto; "No one is more dedicated to your goals".

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MONEY MATTERS

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3. Review your transactions and find one spending category that you can focus on for the next 3 months. It could be food, transportation, subscriptions. You choose.

4. Add up your current spending in that category and document it

5. Review your numbers weekly. Get used to looking at them. Regular review will eventually feel normalized and soon your story will start to change. I don't know exactly how this works, or why, but through my experience, it just does.

Good luck and have fun changing your story.

If you are in need of some advice or help in this areas, feel free to reach out to me. I'm here to help.

Jill

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Valentines Day

By Mark Hagen

For what we thought as child's play

Has in truth become life's play

All hearts and flowers given to anyone

To my heart given to the rest of time

Given to my own one and true love

Who gives me her heart

We as children walking

In our evening walk of life

Ever be mine as I yours

This is what dreams are made of...

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CITY NEWS UPDATES

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South-bound Highway 17 off-ramp on Hamilton; VTA is also building an ambitious 100% affordable housing development at its Winchester station.

Yet, just as the agency faced significant challenges fifty years ago, 2024 also sees challenges for the organization — ranging from management of the BART Silicon Valley extension, to the modernization and replacement of our light-rail fleet, to preparing for major events such as the World Cup in 2026. All of these are major priorities for my work on the board and in my capacity as Vice Chair, which will mean demanding transparency, oversight, and accountability to the public. While the challenges may be significant, just like fifty years ago, they offer an opportunity to rise to the occasion and deliver the service our community needs — and, no less, deserves.



FOREST HILL SET TO DEMOLISH MURAL, COMMUNITY DISAPPOINTED

By Benjamin Noel

Driving down McCoy, one sees the Forest Hill Elementary mural, with its images of American landmarks, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, among others. This image may grace the face of the school no longer. The demolition of a few buildings, including the wall of the mural, is set to take place in two weeks as Forest Hill looks to construct new buildings. Upon catching wind of the plans to destroy the mural, some proactive community members stepped up, hoping to rescue this piece of history.

The mosaic-style mural was made by students in the 70s. For 50 years, the mural has been a familiar sight not only to the families and alumni of Forest Hill, and is appreciated by the wider Campbell community.

The volunteers proposed to save the mural by taking it upon themselves

to detach the mural from the wall, so that it may be preserved, and re-mounted onto the new building. The mural is approximately 30 feet long, and would require a handful of volunteers, which there seems to be no shortage of in our city. The group presented their offer to the school. The Principal Christy Chalfant responded to these disgruntled community members, stating that the removal of the mural would delay the demolition and construction project, denying them the opportunity to save the mural in the two weeks before the project was slated to begin.

The Principal has offered to preserve the mural in another way, via taking a photograph of the mural which can later be blown up and displayed on campus. The Press will follow-up if there are any changes to plans for the mural.

San Jose Symphony Presents "E.T." Film Concert

Director Steven Spielberg's heartwarming masterpiece is one of the brightest stars in motion picture history. Filled with unparalleled magic and imagination, E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial follows the moving story of a lost little alien who befriends a 10-year-old boy named Elliott. The mystery and fun of their unforgettable adventure captivated movie audiences around the world. Experience it with the complete John Williams' Academy Award-winning score performed live by a full symphony orchestra while the film is projected on a huge HD screen above the stage. **Timothy Hankewich**, conductor.

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Fun Facts:

- ◆ John Williams and Steven Spielberg have collaborated on numerous movies throughout their respective careers. Some of their most well-known collaborations include *Jaws*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Schindler's List*, *Saving Private Ryan*, *Minority Report*, *Jurassic Park*, and the *Star Wars* series, among others. Their collaboration has resulted in some of the most iconic and memorable film scores in cinematic history.
- ◆ John Williams incorporated leitmotifs into the score, which are recurring musical themes associated with specific characters, places, or ideas in the film. This technique, initially created by Richard Wagner for the opera, helps to create a cohesive and impactful musical narrative throughout the movie.
- ◆ The music score for *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial* won numerous awards, including the Grammy Award for Best Album of Original Score Written for a Motion Picture. It won four Academy Awards for Best Original Score, Best Visual Effects, Best Sound, and Best Sound Editing in addition to being nominated for Best Picture and Best Director.

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