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District 4 Supervisor Sue Ellenberg's State of the County

By Benjamin Noel

February 6th brought Supervisor Sue Ellenberg to the Campbell Community Center to deliver her State of the District address. Supervisor Ellenberg represents District 4 on the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors and presides over meetings as the Board's President. Ellenberg and her colleagues set policy and allocate federal and state funding towards programs and services for the county including hospitals, parks, and public services. Many programs and initiatives aimed at strengthening the county as a whole were addressed in the State of the District. Such programs included youth programs, homeless programs, mental health and substance abuse support, support for formerly incarcerated individuals, and hospital acquisition. Sue Ellenberg believes that "people who need the most, should get the most." This idea permeates through all of the programs that her office directs funding and support toward.

Before COVID, the regional for-profit hospitals had been closing down departments deemed non-essential, which in turn overwhelmed county hospitals, resulting in patients traveling further for care. In response, the county acquired both O'Connor and St. Louse Hospitals to

provide physical and mental health services for all resi-



dents. This purchase seeks to strengthen the county by providing the support that is needed, rather than solely providing care that is the most profitable.

Another program the Board has championed as they aim to bring up the county as a whole is Guaranteed Basic Income. This program provides a two-year income stream which, through studies of other pilot programs, is the ideal period to encourage fiscal responsibility and setting up for the future. Eligible persons receive this supplementary income as they get back on their feet, provide for children, or seek sustainable employment. This program has been piloted in counties across the nation, and the data from these pilots are

being monitored to continue to inform the county's own GBI program. In 2023, this program started its support of unhoused high school seniors and young mothers and is being expanded to recently incarcerated individuals looking to reintegrate into their communities.

Ellenberg declared mental health a public health crisis, catapulting the treatment of mental health and substance abuse disorders to the top of the priority list. Ellenberg explained that this area has been "dramatically unfunded" in the past, evidenced by the lack of in-patient treatment and a shortage of 500 beds in the county. Instances of substance abuse have visibly grown in the county and state for years, and Ellenberg focused on addressing this historically overlooked area through response units and in-patient care. The Board's focus and allotment of funds towards mental health were shortly followed by support from the State legislature. Across the state, funding and support for

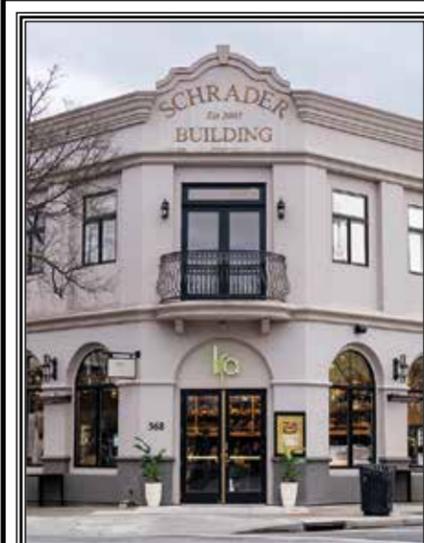
mental health and substance abuse programs have been ramped up to account for the growing issue.

Bolstering mental health support, Ellenberg allotted \$165k in funds to a non-law enforcement mobile mental health response unit named TRUST, which provides services to people struggling with a mental health crisis. This can be accessed through the official mental health response 988 number, and by requesting a non-law enforcement response. This change came as a result



of citizens advocating, through community organizations, for non-law enforcement response to mental health crises as a disproportionate amount of people harmed by police were amidst a mental health crisis. The increase in non-law enforcement responses to these crises is expected to reduce this number and provide more appropriate care to those suffering.

Just as citizens had influenced a change in our county's handling of mental health crises, so can change be made in other areas. Ellenberg encourages citizens with a particular area of interest to "join or participate in board meetings" or reach out to her office to talk with policy experts or register an opinion. "We are in a time of significant uncertainty of the fiscal well-being of our county," Ellenberg states, "one-third of the budget comes from federal dollars and another chunk from the state." With a large mass of the dollars coming from bigger government Ellenberg urges that "it is important to understand what is at stake."



See back page for story. Photo Credit: Marjorie Aquino Takhar

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



HANDBALL COURTS AT CAMPBELL COMMUNITY CENTER

PHOTO © MATTHEW C. HOWE

Just a Little Bit of History

By Susan Blake, Campbell Historic Preservation Board

January's photo was taken of an ornately carved wood section above a corner window on the James Henry Campbell House at 91 South Second Street. This Queen Anne Victorian home was built in 1895 by George Whitney for James Henry Campbell, the son of Benjamin Campbell. It is a beautifully restored two-story house. Benjamin Campbell would visit from time to time from his home on Campbell Avenue, which was 1 1/2 blocks away.



Around 1905, James Henery and his wife Jessie added a milk room in the basement, in the northern part of the house. It served as a cooling room for the milk from their Jersey cows for a limited time. They sold milk, butter and cream to the townspeople.

In the winter of 1906 or 1908, the Los Gatos Creek overflowed and flooded all of Campbell and it filled their basement with water.

A sleeping porch and utility area was added to the west end of the house in 1915 on a concrete foundation.

Now for February's mystery photo. See if you can figure out where it's located in downtown Campbell. Hint: look up.



WORD OF THE MONTH

“ADIAPHORON”

[Add-dee-off-or-ron]

NOUN

An indifferent matter or one that is morally neutral.

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HAPPENINGS

Museum Happenings at the Campbell Museums

Preserving the Past, Shaping the Future: How Campbell Museums Define Community

In a time when national politics and cultural shifts seem to move at breakneck speed, the importance of history has never been more vital. The Campbell Museums serve as a cornerstone of the city’s identity, offering residents and visitors alike a deeper understanding of Campbell’s rich past while fostering a sense of belonging and historical empathy.

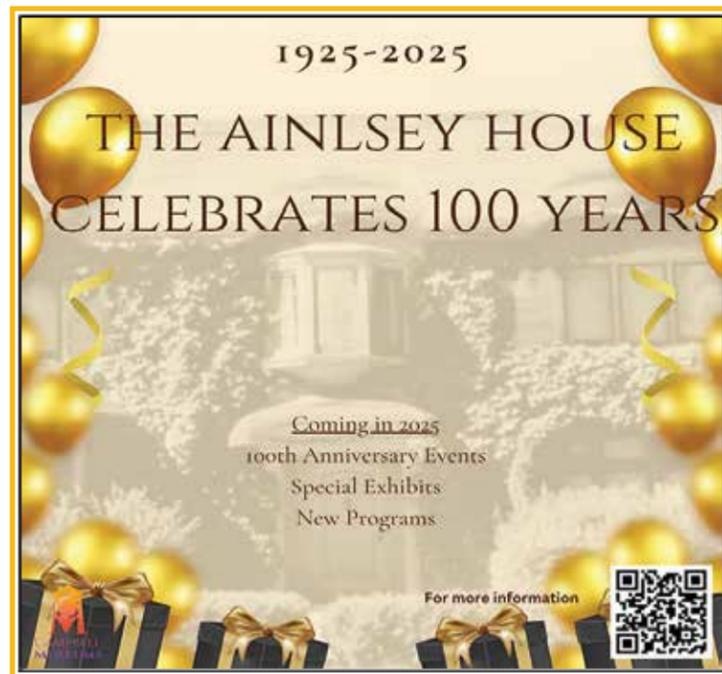
As both a cultural hub and a steward of local history, the museums provide invaluable resources that connect people to the city’s origins. Historic landmarks like the Ainsley House offer a tangible link to Campbell’s early days, showcasing the legacy of the region’s agricultural and entrepreneurial spirit. For new residents, these museums serve

as an introduction to the city’s heritage, helping them feel rooted in a community with a storied past.

Beyond education, the Campbell Museums play a vital economic role. Visitors who explore exhibits or attend special events often extend their experience by dining in downtown restaurants or booking stays at local hotels. Weddings and private events at the Ainsley House bring guests from near and far, generating revenue for nearby businesses and reinforcing Campbell as a destination.

At their core, museums do more than display artifacts—they cultivate historical empathy. By sharing stories of past struggles, triumphs, and everyday life, the Campbell Museums remind us of the enduring threads that connect generations. In a rapidly changing world, these institutions stand as anchors, preserv-

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HERE'S HOWE



The weather has felt like Spring-like lately, and I feel the groundhog may have been wrong in his prediction, but let’s face it, he does live in Pennsylvania and not in sunny California. Last week during spring break aka “ski week” for those so inclined (see how I did that?) but with the above average temperature conditions in our area, I took my daughter and nephew to Oak Meadow Park in Los Gatos. You know, the one that is “attached” to the southwest corner of Vasona Park? There wasn’t (and still isn’t) such a large playground to descend upon in our locale next to John D. Morgan park-but even that is a postage stamp compared to Lake Vasona Park. Oak Meadow was a gathering place for Campbell youth in the 60’ and 70’ where we enjoyed picnics in the sun, birthday gatherings, and other celebrations that sometimes included field trips and grade school outings. We would run around the large grass areas and play tag or hide-and-go seek in the many trees that surround the large park. I hadn’t been there in several years honestly, and it was a welcome surprise to see the original WWII airplane and Santa Clara County Firetruck still there to climb on! My nephew piloted the plane with newly made friends for hours. Those two forms of transportation have been there for at least 60 years as I remember climbing on them too. Back in those day we would also feed the ducks our old breadcrumbs (back when it was ‘ok’ to do so) along the Los Gatos Creek that traverses through the park into Lake Vasona. It was fun and sometimes overwhelming having all the ducks and geese surrounding you honking for a snack; especially when you ran out of bread and had to make a run for it. So, get out and enjoy the warmer weather before Punxsutawney Phil digs a deeper hole for my suggestion.

Getting back to Campbell, local artist Robert Berry and KFOX DJ Chris Jackson recently paid tribute to the iconic Bay Area musician/singer/songwriter Greg Kihn at the Pruneyard Cinemas for two sold out shows that include a live performance by the two of them, classic stories, and some never-before-seen videos. If you missed those events, rumor has it there may be more tribute performances in the near future, so stay tuned.

Good news! Many people keep asking me, so here is the answer. There *WILL BE* a music in the park series this summer at The Orchard City Green in its usual location next to the new library that is currently under construction.

Who makes the best Clam Chowder in Campbell? My dear friends Brian and Lorene Edwards and their faithful crew, that’s who! Their “Silence of the Clams” themed team recently won three 1st place awards this year for their incredible Boston Clam Chowder recipe at the Santa Cruz Clam Chowder Cookoff held at the Boardwalk. Truly it was the best clam chowder I have ever had! Congratulations to them!

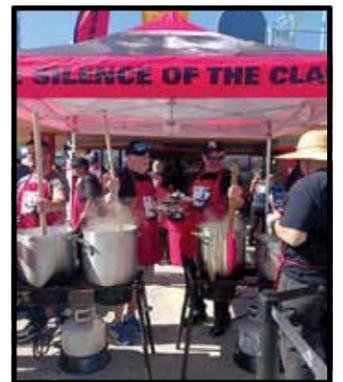


Photo credit: Lorene Edwards

The Chamber Commerce will hold it’s annual “Celebrate Campbell” event on March 15th that honors the local business and citizen of the year. Tickets are still available for this annual community fundraising event.

THEN AND NOW



Photo: The Campbell Press



Photo: © Matthew C. Howe

This photo looking East was taken in 1979 and shows the historic 1895 bank building that later became an architect office. The two-story Downing Building with the curved facade is visible in the middle of the block on the left side as well as the 1911 Curry Building with peaked tower just beyond it. Note the angled parking spaces on the left side of the street that no longer exist. Car West Auto Repair is now the Schrader building and Lira restaurant.



Friends of the Library Fundraising for Renovation

By Elizabeth Ward

With the Campbell Library renovations well underway, and the reopening scheduled for later this year, the Friends of the Campbell Library are busy raising funds to ensure that the new library will be a vibrant community hub for all ages. While the major funding from Measure O and several grants will cover the rebuilding costs, additional funds are needed for enhancements, including items for the planned state-of-the-art community room, study spaces, and children's and teens' areas. To achieve this, the Friends of the Campbell Library has a dedicated *Love Our Library* campaign, with a goal of raising \$250,000.

The next Friends of the Campbell Library Book Sale will be on Saturday, March 1st: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, on the patio next to the Campbell Express Library: as well as books for all ages, there will be a variety of puzzles, games, CDs and DVDs. Donations of items for this and future book sales may be dropped off at the Campbell Express Library during regular hours.

Special fundraisers include the upcoming Vintage Jewelry Sale in the lobby of the

Orchard City Banquet Hall at 1 W. Campbell Avenue on Wednesday, March 5th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be a wide variety of many unique items, including pieces of fine jewelry, costume jewelry, watches, pins, and other accessories. Donations of jewelry are still being accepted, and may be dropped off at the Campbell Express Library through February 28th.



Love Our Library canvas tote bags are available to order online in a variety of sizes and colors, and See's Candies Online Fundraisers are being hosted throughout the year. All these online items can be shipped directly to your chosen address, and make great gifts. Restaurant nights, and eBay auctions are also hosted periodically, and regular eBay sellers can choose to donate some or all of their proceeds via eBay For Charity. The *Love Our Library* campaign

can also accept donations via GoFundMe and PayPal Giving Fund, as well as employer matching funds via Benevity.

The Friends of the Campbell Library are grateful for the generosity of the many donors and supporters who are helping to create a library that our whole community can be proud of. Gifts of \$250 or more are publicly recognized on their website, and gifts of \$500 or more will be acknowledged on a permanent donors' wall in the new library. Direct donations of any amount are always welcome, and donors have the option to remain anonymous.

The Friends of the Campbell Library is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and will happily issue a receipt for your tax records for monetary or in-kind donations. To find out more, including details on membership, donations, fundraisers, and the library renovations, visit the website: <https://www.campbellfol.org/>.

The Campbell Express Library is located in Room E46 at the Campbell Community Center - 1 W. Campbell Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008.

PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney

The Campbell Press Celebrates Four Years & Other Community Milestones

What a night! The Campbell Press recently marked its fourth anniversary with a fantastic celebration at the DoubleTree Inn at the Pruneyard. We are deeply grateful to all our contributors, supporters, and attendees who made the evening so special. A special thanks goes to the DoubleTree team for their exceptional hospitality in their newly renovated meeting space with top-tier catering made for an unforgettable event. If you're looking for a venue that truly excels in service and event planning, we highly recommend them.

At The Campbell Press, we take great pride in showing appreciation for our volunteers, partners, advertisers, and writers. This year's gathering was no exception. Among the honored guests were Campbell Chamber of Commerce members, several past mayors, and our dedicated current mayor Sergio Lopez, who has been a steadfast contributor to this publication since we began. Because of the unwavering support of individuals like him and so many others, we continue to thrive, carrying on a 129-year tradition of community journalism. The Campbell Press is a labor of love, powered by volunteerism and community spirit. We encourage you to support us through advertising, subscriptions, and our

soon-to-be relaunched adjudicated services.

Celebrating Campbell's Unmasked Heroes

The spirit of celebration doesn't stop there! The Campbell Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for its annual Citizen and Business of the Year dinner on March 15 at The Factory. This year's theme, "Unmasked Heroes," pays tribute to the many individuals and organizations who work tirelessly to uplift our community each and every year.

The Campbell Press was honored to receive the 2023 Business of the Year award, and we look forward to celebrating this year's incredible honorees. This event is a wonderful opportunity to engage with the local business community, recognize outstanding service clubs, and celebrate the people who make Campbell such a vibrant place. Be sure to grab your tickets and be part of this memorable evening!

Honoring 120 Years of the Country Women's Club of Campbell

Speaking of milestones, the Country Women's Club of Campbell is celebrating an impressive 120 years of community service! In our next issue, we'll feature an in-depth look at the club's rich history and lasting impact on Campbell. You won't want to miss this inspiring story.

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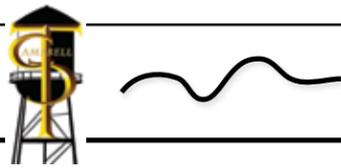
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Marilyn Drive	\$2,120,000	3/2	63	6300	1249
Manchester Avenue	\$2,600,000	5/3.5	70	7236	3002
Page Street	\$1,300,000	3/2	104	4800	1112
DeCarli Court	\$3,100,000	5/3	29	6534	2745
Springfield Drive	\$2,558,888	4/3	66	6600	1764
Shady Dale Avenue	\$2,475,000	3/2.5	71	11326	2347
Lemoyne Way	\$2,282,600	3/2	60	6098	1486
Virginia Avenue	\$2,200,000	4/2.5	75	9375	850
W. Rincon Avenue	\$2,150,000	4/2	60	6,098	1586
SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, CONDO/TOWNHOMES					
Orchard Oak Circle	\$1,580,000	3/2.5	29	1298	1895
N. 2nd Street	\$1,270,000	2/2	17	1755	1512
E. Latimer Avenue	\$1,252,000	3/2.5	31	1336	1345
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Union Avenue	\$1,188,000	3/2.5	43		1332
Duncanville Court	\$1,151,000	2/3	46		1727
W. Rincon Avenue	\$1,125,000	2/1.5	45		1134



HONORING OUR YOUTH

Larry Edson

President West SJ/Campbell Lions



The West SJ/Campbell Lions 3rd Annual Comedy Night is just around the corner. We've lined up an awesome group of comedians to go with a great pasta meal on April 5. Money raised from this event will go into our scholarship fund and 5 deserving students from Campbell Union High School District receive \$1000 scholarships. Go to https://wsjclions.org/comedy_night_25/ to order tickets and get more info.

Being a student takes many forms and can happen at different stages of one's life. Yet, many of us equate graduation with the end of being a student when it's really only about moving on to another stage in the school of life.

One of the most challenging yet fulfilling opportunities a parent has is to raise a child that is a lifetime learner. Lifetime learners are such fascinating people to be around so the more of them we can turn out the better our civilization will be. I got to meet a steady stream of them after I got laid off in 2009 while simultaneously starting college. Their minds were so creative and hopeful that they carried me through that stretch.

One class stands out for me. I had just been accepted to the Over 60 Program at SJSU and learned that 2 pre-requisites had been added since I last transferred

there in 1972 – English 1C and a “hard science” that my Astronomy class no longer satisfied. I decided on Biology and I'm so glad I did. You see, the field of Biology has grown exponentially



in the last 40 years. We're not just a bunch of atoms thrown together willy-nilly. At the molecular level things are happening which

can help us understand how a single bite goes from a piece of broccoli down to its basic chemical makeup so that individual cells can use that “food” to grow and reproduce. That's all happening right now as you read this and continues 24/7 our whole life. Once that complex process is fully understood it becomes possible to figure out what happens when it all goes wrong and from there, we can cure cancer or come up with a novel vaccine to fight COVID.

The people we meet in the school of life can be just as important as the classes we take. One of my classmates

confided to me that her parents were having trouble accepting her choice as a Communications major. She was Chinese and they wanted her to be a doctor. Offering a little advice, I suggested that if she really wanted to stick with it, she should take the skills she was learning and put them to practical use by bringing her parents over to her way of thinking. Hopefully it went well.

In a couple of days, I will be attending the Lions Student Speaking Contest where I anticipate that I will be enlightened by the current crop of students. I hope you can support them by coming to Comedy Night.



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From the same people who bring you the Los Gatos Art & Wine Festival (Fiesta de Artes), the Los Gatos

Holiday Market, the Hippity-Hop Til You Drop Easter Egg Hunt, Kiwanis Special Games and more:

The Kiwanis Club of Los Gatos, Saratoga & Monte Sereno invite you to attend an open house on Thursday, March 27, from 5:30 pm until 8 pm.

This is the first time in over 6 years that the Club will be showcasing their impact in the community and beyond. It is open to the public and anyone who has an interest

in getting inspired and learning how to join, participate, volunteer and have fun. As the Club likes to say, they “have a common goal of helping kids & a common desire to do good”. It really is that simple!

This event will be held at the Los Gatos Youth Park in the Neverland Clubhouse at 1 New York Ave., across from the tennis courts at Los Gatos High School. Light appetizers and beverages will be provided in a casual, come-and-go-as-you-please setting.

For details and/or questions, contact Nancy Pearson at kiwanislosgatos@gmail.com.

To learn more about the Kiwanis Club of Los Gatos, visit www.lgkiwanis.org.

January News from the Kiwanis Club of Los Gatos

In the month of January, our club donated \$5,000 to the L.A. fire relief effort. At the same time, the K-Kids student leadership club at Van Meter Elementary held a kids clothing drive for the fire victims. We are connecting them with K-Kids in Southern California to make it an even more meaningful experience. We also donated \$5,000 to Live Oak Senior

Nutrition & Services Center in Los Gatos, to help them continue to provide free, nutritional meals to anyone over 60 who walks through their door. The money that was raised in December at the Los Gatos Holiday Market helped not only those causes, but also allowed us to donate to the Sunday Friends organization (founded by a Los Gatos resident to help families in need in Silicon Valley) and the Los Gatos Veteran's Memorial Foundation for their Friday Breakfast Support Group. It's about Community.



Additionally, we raised money, along with K-Kids from Blue Hills Elementary in Saratoga, to provide funds to Pediatric Trauma Prevention programs at the local and regional Children's Hospitals. The Kiwanis Children's Fund will be honored in March by UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital for donating over \$1,000,000.

We provide whatever we can to help kids, and it all starts locally. - Nancy Pearson



Starting from left and clockwise: Bob Dutcher, Jay Mukherji, me, Angele Price, Kathy Marr, Clay Marr (President) and Darcy Dutcher.



By Margaret Schieck, President

Welcome to February, the shortest month of the year, which somehow manages to feel like the longest! Groundhog Day is on February 2nd when we will find out if we have six more weeks of winter, or not. We can at least look forward to Valentine's Day mid-month and a long weekend for Presidents' Day.

Our Campbell Chapter of AARP did not have a general meeting in January as we celebrated our 29th anniversary as Chapter 5151 with a special

luncheon at Tony and Alba's Restaurant.

In addition, we will participate on February 1st in another glasses sorting and cleaning event sponsored by the Lions Club at the Vista Center on Bascom Ave. Our members look forward to interacting with other groups at this volunteer activity.

We will resume our regularly scheduled meetings on February 21st, at which time we will feature the introduction of two activities that we have not been able to pursue for a number of years. Come and find out about our re-activated tour committee and collaborative troop support activity.

Also, this is your opportunity to meet our new officers and committee chairs. The program will also have a speaker who will demonstrate safe exercises for seniors and help us work of some of those Holiday pounds we gained.

The Campbell Area Chapter 5151 of AARP meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the Campbell Community Center, 1 West Campbell Ave. in room Q80. There is a coffee hour and browsing time which begins at 9:15, and the formal meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. Come and join this vibrant and interesting group of Senior Citizens. You do not need to be Campbell resident.



Right to left is: Jay, Angele, Nancy Pearson and golf tournament cashiers and Kathy Marr.

ATT at Pebble Beach PGA Golf Tournament

At The Spyglass's 9th hole is the Los Gatos Kiwanis along with the Monterey Kiwanis Club. The Los Gatos Club is helping the Monterey Club and volunteers are working for the donations to help support their key clubs at the high schools they support and serve.



COUNTRY WOMAN'S CLUB OF CAMPBELL DOES IT AGAIN

By Lucille Maravilla

County Woman's Club of Campbell (CWCC) held its 27th Annual Crab and Pasta Fundraiser on February 1, 2025, at the Orchard City Banquet Hall. Over 300 people attended. It was sold out. To put on this event, CWCC receives tremendous support from many community organizations. The Campbell Community Center staff sets up the tables and chairs. They provide technical support for microphones and a big screen that shows pictures from past Crab and Pasta events. DaVinci Academy students arrive on Saturday morning to place tablecloths, plates, eating utensils, and programs on each chair. They verify

and ensure that everything is clean. In the evening, high school student volunteers from Leigh, Prospect, Del Mar, and Westmont arrive to help in the kitchen. They serve food, bus tables, sell raffle tickets, and help clean up. This year a team from Kiwanis Club of Campbell manned the kitchen. They prepared the garlic bread, cooked the pasta, set up the serving stations, made the salads, and more. We could not have held the dinner without their help.

Someone needs to organize the tables and set up the baskets and items for auction. Others prepare the program for printing and collect money for auctioned items. Some members prepare the crab



the count and placements of chairs at each table. They organize the table numbers

Of course, for CWCC, it's all hands-on deck as club members organize and collect donations, sell the tickets, create the room setup, prepare items for auction, and the baskets for raffle. A team must bring all the items needed to the Banquet Hall.

when it's delivered or set up the beer and wine stations.

Many people who attend Crab and Pasta and return year after year, say that it a really fun event because they get to see friends and neighbors. Because the event ticket includes beer and wine and as much crab as you can eat, just adds to the festivities. Although we do not have final numbers yet, CWCC expects that we raised approximately \$33,000 for scholarships!

If you would like to join us or learn more about CWCC, please contact Lucille Maravilla at 408 205-4621 or Cherri Fontana at 408 209-1310.

What are oculofacial plastic surgeons? What do they do?

An oculofacial plastic surgeon is a surgeon who has done four-year residency training in ophthalmology and then additional two-year fellowship training for procedures of the eyelids, orbits and face. The most common surgery an oculofacial plastic surgeon performs is blepharoplasty, which is a procedure to remove saggy skin of the upper or lower eyelid. Saggy skin occurs due to loss of collagen and elastin that leads to thinning and redundancy of the skin. If the saggy skin is severe, it may overlap the eyelashes and cover the eye opening. Removing the excess skin increases the space between the eyelid fold and the eyelash line and, in some patients, unveils the eye opening. However, blepharoplasty is often mistaken for the procedure that helps open eye the wider. Eye opening is actually a function of the muscles in the eyelid that contract and lift the eyelid up. At the same time as blepharoplasty, muscle tightening procedure, called ptosis repair, may be performed. By tightening the muscles, they contract more strongly and can lift the eyelid up wider. Blepharoplasty addresses saggy skin of the eyelid, while ptosis repair addresses the drooping of the eyelid.

Blepharoplasty may also be done in conjunction with fat removal

or repositioning to address what many describe as "bags" under their eyes. It is also common to have "dark circle" or hollowness under the bag due to loss of volume at the junction between the eyelid and cheek, called the tear trough. Over time, as skin and muscle thin, orbital fat can herniate or push forward into the eyelid from the deep orbit. During blepharoplasty, this fat may be pulled forward and draped into the tear trough. This act of repositioning the fat revolumizes the hollowness, smoothes the contour of the eyelid and tear trough and mitigates the dark circle.

Together, these procedures are commonly performed by oculofacial plastic surgeon. They are such rewarding procedures, as they brighten the appearance of the eyes and face. Patients just look refreshed, but still themselves.

Many patients choose oculofacial plastic surgeon to do their eyelid surgery because, as with any thing, the more one does the more one is proficient at it. Oculofacial plastic surgeon focuses on the eyelids. They know the anatomy of the eyelids, the pitfalls and how to avoid them or how to address them when those pitfalls are unavoidable. The key to surgery is to plan for the 99% but be prepared for the 1%.

The Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation

The Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation (CVMF) worked very hard in January to send Thank You letters to all who attended or donated to our Mission during the Gala event at West Valley College. The letters express our heartfelt appreciation for your support and contain some important tax-related information so check your mail/inboxes.

Stay tuned for more key announcements the Board will make during the next few weeks. 2025 promises to be

an exciting and fast-paced year for CVMF. To that end, we want a few more like-minded, energetic people on our Board to help us grow and expand our positive impact on the community. If you'd like to contribute and make an impact by helping veterans and their families, please send an email to hmhervey@CampbellVeteransMemorial.org. Let us know how you'd like to make a difference. We'd love to hear from you! www.campbellveteransmemorial.com.

PAST CAMPBELL CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

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Campbell Chamber of Commerce

Campbell Chamber Hosts 50+ Events a Year *By Kirsten Frank*



The Campbell Chamber is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The Campbell Chamber of Commerce was born in January of 1925 when the Campbell Improvement Club and the Campbell Commercial Club came together to form the organization.

The vision for the Chamber from the very beginning was to have it help to make Campbell a pleasant place in which to work and live, including helping to bring new businesses to the town and eventually the city of Campbell.

The first meeting was held in the library building on Campbell Avenue with C.H. Whitman presiding. The first meeting was described as a "love fest", as it was a happy marriage of community-minded people.

Today, the Chamber holds over 50 events annually, designed to connect businesses, residents and members of other Chambers. Our two award-winning festivals also bring tens of thousands of people and families from around the Bay Area to Campbell where they enjoy live music, dine, and shop. We also participate in events hosted by the DCBA, The Pruneyard, and other organizations.

Different Campbell Chamber Events

Membership 101: Membership 101 is a 45-minute session to learn more about becoming a Chamber member. It's ideal for businesses exploring membership, for new members, or for members who need a refresher.

Monthly Luncheon: Chamber Monthly Luncheons offer networking opportunities and hearing from a variety of engaging guest speakers. Lunch is catered by Table and Terrace.

Power Networking Lunch: These smaller power-hour lunches are held at various Campbell eateries and are an ideal way for smaller group interactions.

Mixers: These evening events are held in various locations and often bring together other Chambers for opportunities to socialize after hours.

Lunch & Learns: These free educational events bring in experts that share information about a wide variety of topics.

Below is a list of events the Chamber has planned for February and March. Most events are open to guests as well as Chamber members and are a great way to gain knowledge and connect with others in and around the community.

February:
Tuesday, Feb. 4th
Membership 101



Heritage & Early Settlers Day Luncheon: In its 133rd year, this is the longest, consecutively running celebration in California. This event includes lunch and a speaker, who shares the history and heritage of Campbell.

57th Annual Celebrate Campbell: This black-tie gala event is hosted by the Campbell Chamber Community Foundation and is an evening of celebrating the individuals and businesses that go above and beyond to make Campbell such a great place to work, live and play.

Monday Feb. 17th 133rd Annual Heritage & Early Settlers Day Luncheon

Wednesday Feb. 19th Joint Networking Mixer with Cupertino Chamber

Tuesday, Feb 25th Power Networking Lunch

Friday, Feb. 28th Lunch & Learn

March:
Tuesday, Mar.4th Membership 101

Saturday, Mar. 15th Celebrate Campbell

Wednesday, Mar. 19th Monthly Luncheon

Tuesday, Mar. 25th Power Networking Lunch

Friday, Mar. 28th Lunch & Learn

In celebration of the Chamber's centennial, we will also hold and host a variety of events centered around this important milestone, including a Centennial Breakfast Mixer held on the 100th day of 2025, April 10th.

Save the Date for the 46th Annual Campbell Boogie Music Festival, held in Downtown Saturday, May 17th 10am to 6pm and Sunday, May 18th 10am to 5pm.

For more information about upcoming events, or to register to attend, visit Campbell-Chamber.net.

Money Empowerment *by Jill*



The Overwhelm and Avoidance of Tracking Money

If you're not in the habit of tracking your money, it can feel overwhelming. Where do you even start? What app or system should you use? How often should you track your spending? Should you go back and review months of expenses, or just start fresh? These questions can pile up, and before you know it, you've talked yourself out of the whole process.

But here's the thing: just like any other task that feels messy and hard at the beginning, tracking your money can eventually bring peace and ease. It's about taking that first step, even when it feels daunting.

Let me give you an example from my own life. I'm in the process of preparing for a move, and my garage is a disaster zone. It's full of over 20 years of accumulated stuff—some mine, some not. Every time I walk into the garage, I take one look and immediately turn around. I don't want to deal with it. I avoid it.

But here's the catch: my avoidance doesn't make the garage any better. In fact, it gets worse. It's become a dumping ground for things I don't want to take care of. The pile grows, and so does my dread.

Sound familiar? This is exactly what happens when we avoid tracking our finances. The longer we put it off, the harder it becomes to start. Avoidance only creates more mess, more stress, and more reasons to keep avoiding the task.

So, how do we break the cycle—whether it's with our money or, in my case, my garage? Here are some steps that can help:

1. Acknowledge the Avoidance

Be honest with yourself about what's holding you back. Are

you afraid of what you'll find? Does the task feel too big? Naming the problem is the first step to solving it.

2. Understand the "Why"

Ask yourself why you're avoiding this task. Is it fear of judgment, guilt about past decisions, or simply not knowing where to start? Getting clear on the root cause can help you approach the task with compassion and focus.

3. Start Small

Pick one small, manageable task to do today. Maybe it's downloading a budgeting app, listing your fixed monthly expenses, or categorizing your last week of spending.

4. Build Momentum

Once you've completed one small task, tackle another. Then another. You'll start to build momentum, and the process will feel less intimidating over time.

5. Celebrate Progress

Acknowledge every step you take, no matter how small. Tracking money is a habit, and habits take time to form. Give yourself credit for moving forward.

Whether you're cleaning out a garage or organizing your finances, the principle is the same: avoidance doesn't solve the problem. Taking small, intentional steps can. Over time, you'll find the peace and clarity that felt so out of reach when you first began.

So, what's your first step today?

If you are stuck or need someone to talk with, please reach out.

All the best,
Jill

livinbalanced52@gmail.com



CITY NEWS *By Sergio Lopez*

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

Campbell City Council Retreat

The Campbell City Council held its annual retreat on February 13th, a highly successful event — bringing together the City Council in the morning, with city executive staff and directors/department heads joining in the latter part of the day. While many, though not all, cities organize an annual retreat, Campbell’s is noted for its strong participation and thoughtful focus on organizational excellence. In my personal view, this is a big part of why the city has grown increasingly successful in terms of its management and administration.

Often the discussions will center around how to foster creativity, support innovation, work towards Campbell’s values, and combat groupthink while still moving together as a team in spite of differences of perspective or opinion, whether from the Council or staff level. This level of honest and respectful discussion, in my experience, is a unique aspect of what lends our town and its administration its local flavor. It was a great discussion which, while dwelling on big picture values and ideas rather than specific policy areas, will, I believe, ensure we get off to a great start.

Campbell Priorities Session

As mentioned, the annual City Council Retreat begins the work of thinking through shared values and discussing ways to address times when conflict arises, but not concrete policy goals. That

work begins in earnest each year at the annual Council Priority Setting Session, a public workshop where staff members prepare ideas for department work plans, Councilmembers bring their priorities and guidance, and members of the public have one of the best opportunities to weigh in on the overall work of the city and to offer their suggestions for how to improve our community. While residents of course have the opportunity to do so on an ongoing basis through Council meetings and contacting representatives or staff, the Priority Setting Session is the time each year when the goals and resources for the city as a whole are weighed and where there is an opportunity to think more strategically and with a longer-term perspective.

If you are interested in weighing in or simply joining in person, mark your calendars for Thursday, March 6th, from 9 am to 12 pm. The session will take place at Orchard City Banquet Hall at the Campbell Community Center. Of course, members of the public are also encouraged to write in. Comments can be sent to councilmembers as well as to the City Clerk, Andrea Sanders, whose information can be found on the City of Campbell website, while I can also be reached individually at sergiol@campbellca.gov.

Representing Campbell in our Nation’s Capital

As Mayor for the City of Campbell, I have the opportunity to represent the community in a variety of settings. One such opportunity came up at the US Conference of Mayors, which takes place

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CAMPBELL RECREATION UPDATES AND EVENTS

By Lauren Council



Parks and Recreation Master Plan Prioritization Survey - Open through February 25th

The Campbell Parks and Recreation Master Plan Online Prioritization Survey is NOW LIVE! This is YOUR chance to help shape the future of our parks, recreation programs, and facilities! We’re developing our first-ever Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and we need your feedback to make sure it meets the needs of our community. Your input will help guide future improvements, planning, and development!

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Campbell Recreation Events

Saturday, March 1 at the Campbell Community Center

Open House | 10 AM - 1 PM

- Meet instructors and camp leaders
- Learn about summer classes, camps, and swim lessons
- Kids’ Zone with art and STEM activities
- Swim Lesson Assessments available at the CCC Pool from 11 AM - 1 PM

Pre-School Open House | 10 AM - 12 PM

- Meet instructors, see classrooms, and learn more about the pre-school program

Skatepark Revamp Event | 12 PM - 2 PM

- Skate professionals Cody McEntire and Julia Brueckler will engage with park users
- Provide input on future skate park improvements

Teen Wellness & Opportunities Fair | 12 PM - 3 PM

- Open to teens in grades 7-12
- Activities include martial arts, pet therapy, free food, bracelet making, and open gym
- Resource fair featuring job, volunteer, and teen program opportunities
- **Teen RSVP:** bit.ly/TeenFair2025RSVP
- **Business/Organization Participation RSVP:** bit.ly/CampbellTeenFair2025

Activity Guides & Registration

Winter/Spring Activity Guide: www.campbellca.gov/activityguide

Summer Camp and Swim Lesson Early Bird Registration

- Opens March 11 at 9 AM for Campbell residents

- Opens March 12 at 9 AM for everyone
- Summer Preview Activity Guide available online by February 28

Pre-School 2025-2026 Registration

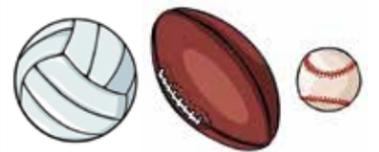
- Opens March 11 at 9 AM for Campbell residents
- Opens March 12 at 9 AM for everyone

CCC Passes – Available for ages 15+ and provide access to the Weight Room and Lap Swim facilities

Employment Opportunities – Now Hiring www.campbellca.gov/jobs

- Recreation Leaders (Summer Day Camp) | Ages 16+ – Apply by February 14 for first-round interviews
- Building Attendants | Ages 18+
- Open Gym Attendants | Ages 16+
- Skate Park Instructors | Ages 15+
- Lifeguards & Swim Instructors | Ages 15+
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City Council & Planning Commission News

By Adam Buchbinder



As new state laws come into effect, there are some areas of harmony with the direction the city is already moving in. Specifically, we’re moving away from a per-project model of discretion, and towards determining objective rules, so that applicants can know in advance what they need in order to propose a successful project.

From the state legislature, SB 450, which extended 2021’s SB 9, means that we can only use objective standards for all SB 9 projects, which includes single-family homes, so the

city’s Site and Architectural Review Permits, to the extent that they use subjective concepts like “privacy impacts”, are no longer enforceable.

From the city’s perspective, we’ve been debating the usefulness of the Site and Architectural Review Committee; it adds time to an application without providing a clear benefit, and rather than being an informal chat, has become a much more formal meeting which may be judged redundant. The Planning Commission will be

debating this year whether to continue those meetings in their current form, modify them, or abolish them altogether.

From both angles, this means that applicants wanting to develop housing will have a much more consistent and predictable experience. It means that the Planning Commission won’t be exercising judgment on individual applications nearly as much, and indeed, far fewer individual projects will come before the Planning Commis-

sion in the first place under these changes.

This doesn’t mean that the Planning Commission and the City Council won’t have anything to consider in terms of how Campbell will look going forward. Far from it! We’re already planning on further considering the city’s use of Conditional Use Permits for businesses going forward, for example, and we’ll also be considering how the city will implement unclear areas in state law, such as the provision in SB 1123 which allows redevel-

opment of vacant single-family lots: if you demolish your own home, it’s then considered “vacant” by the law’s definition. Does this mean that all single-family lots are redevelopable? The Commission will be debating this at some point in the spring.

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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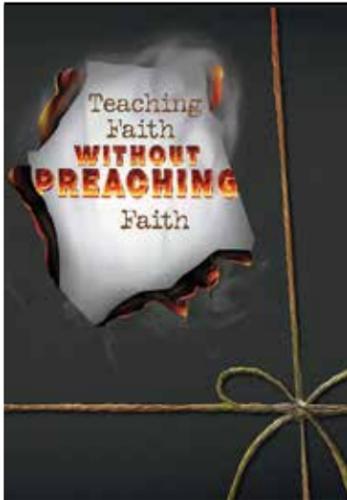
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FEBRUARY MOVIES

By Sam Wilson



Companion – B

Sci-fi B-movie thriller rising above its familiar tropes with wicked entertainment. R-rated mayhem ensues for a group of friends during a weekend trip to a lakeside estate. Sophie Thatcher (Heretic, The Boogeyman), Jack Quaid (2022's "Scream"), Lukas Gage (Smile 2), and Rupert Friend (Hit Man: Agent 47, Asteroid City) lead the fun romp about a commercial companion robot gone wrong.

Wolf Man – C

Writer-director Leigh Whannell (The Invisible Man, Insidious: Chapter 3) fails to replicate his prior success revitalizing a Universal monster property. A family is attacked by an unseen beast at a remote farmhouse and must survive the night while the wounded father slowly begins transforming. Christopher Abbott (Kraven the Hunter) is adequate but the stale horror tale gives Julia Garner (Netflix's "Ozark") little of substance and the werewolf material is unintentionally campy.

Heart Eyes – B-

Vintage horror comedy that's equally refreshing and conventional. Two co-workers (Mason Gooding, "Scream VI", and Olivia Holt) are targeted by the notorious "Heart Eyes Killer", a masked serial killer who for years has targeted couples on Valentine's Day. The self-aware humor, clever use of rom-com tropes, and creative kills elevate an otherwise standard slasher. Jordana Brewster (Fast X) and Devon Sawa (Final Destination) portray detectives.

Flight Risk – C

A sleazy low-budget thriller is a huge step down from the acclaimed work actor-turned-director Mel Gibson (Braveheart, Hacksaw Ridge, Apocalypto) is known for. Not everyone is who they seem when a pilot (Mark Wahlberg, "Ted", "The Departed") transports an Air Marshall (Michelle Dockery, "Downtown Abbey") and a fugitive (Topher Grace, "Spider-Man 3", "Interstellar"). Poorly constructed high-concept premise with bad dialogue and a hammy Wahlberg.

Love Hurts – C

Sweeping disaster of an old school throwback to over-stylized bad action flicks with colorful henchmen. A mild-mannered realtor's (Ke Huy Quan, "Everything Everywhere All at Once",

"The Goonies") criminal past is unearthed when his crime-lord brother (Daniel Wu, "Warcraft", "Geostorm") sends assassins after him. Ariana DeBose (West Side Story, Kraven the Hunter), Cam Gigandet (Violent Night, Twilight), and former NFL running back Marshawn Lynch appear.

Better Man – B-

Vibrantly cinematic musical biopic on pop star Robbie Williams that's better than its gimmicky hook. Charts the rise and fall of the British boy band member who remained little known in the U.S. while achieving mega-popularity in the UK after going solo. Williams uniquely voices himself and appears as a CGI chimpanzee while the rest of the cast is normal.

Den of Thieves 2:

Pantera – C+

Derivative yet competent action sequel relying heavily on star Gerard Butler's (300, Greenland) charisma. Nick (Butler) and Donnie (O'Shea Jackson, "Straight Outta Compton") cross the mafia in Europe while plotting a heist of the world's largest diamond exchange. By-the-book international heist flick with an effective centerpiece sequence that takes forever to arrive.

September 5 – B

Exceptional historical drama with strong pacing, grounded realism, and outstanding acting. Based on the 1972 Munich Olympic hostage crisis from the perspective of the ABC Sports crew as they transition from covering the Olympics to reporting on the hostage situation involving Israeli athletes. Peter Sarsgaard (The Batman, Black Mass), John Magaro (Overlord, The Big Short), and Ben Chaplin (Snowden, Cinderella) shine in the dialogue-driven journalism thriller primarily set behind-the-scenes of a newsroom.

Presence – C

Minimalistically dull supernatural thriller from two high pedigree heavyweight creatives. A family is convinced they aren't alone after moving into a new suburban home. Director Steven Soderberg (Magic Mike, Ocean's 11, Contagion) and writer David Koepp's (Jurassic Park, Spider-Man, Mission: Impossible) experimental team up featuring Lucy Liu (Charlie's Angels, Red One) feels oddly amateurish.



MUSEUM MUSINGS

Continued from page 2

ing history while shaping the future of Campbell's community.

HISTORY HAPPY HOUR AT THE AINSLEY HOUSE

Discover our History Happy Hour events, where history enthusiasts, our vibrant community, and eager learners unite! Join us for these upcoming sessions:

- Friday, March 28: "Hiram Scott, Mountain Charlie, and the Toll Roads of the Santa Cruz Mountains" with Jay Topping from the Scotts Valley Historical Society. 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Friday, April 28: "The History of Fruit Salad and Fruit Cocktail" with Museum Researcher, Nick Garcia, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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

Reservations are required. Please go to campbellmuseums.com

Bringing History to Life: Campbell Historical Museum's Hands-On Field Trips

For over two decades, the Campbell Historical Museum has been a top destination for elementary school field trips, offering second and third graders a unique, hands-on experience with history. Students from across Santa Clara County visit the museum Monday through Friday, stepping into the past through interactive exhibits that allow them to see, hear, play with, and discuss history in an engaging way.

Since 2000, the **Hands-On History** program has been a favorite among educators, providing an immersive way for young learners to connect with local history. Recognizing the importance of accessibility, the Campbell Museum Foundation generously offers scholarships to schools in need, covering admission and transportation costs.

By making history tangible and interactive, the Campbell Historical Museum ensures that future generations develop a lasting appreciation for the past—one field trip at a time.

Campbell Museum Volunteers: The Heart of History in Action

The Campbell Museums thrive thanks to a vibrant community of volunteers who combine their passion for history and their unique talents to keep the museums running smoothly. From greeting guests to tending the historic Ainsley House gardens, these dedicated individuals are essential to preserving and sharing Campbell's rich heritage.



Saturday, February 15
7:30pm
Jinx Jones

Tuesday, February 18
5:30pm
Chess Night

Wednesday, February 19
6:00pm **Kurt, Johnny and Jim Bruno**

Thursday, February 20
6:00pm
Pro Blues Jam

Friday, February 21
7:30pm
Little Black Book

Saturday, February 22
7:30pm
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Tuesday, February 25
5:30pm
Chess Night

Wednesday, February 26
6:00pm
Acoustic Showcase

Thursday, February 27
6:00pm
Pro Blues Jam

Friday, February 28
7:30pm **Vicki and the Magic Men**

Saturday, March 1
7:30pm
The Lucky Losers

Tuesday, March 4
5:30pm
Chess Night

Wednesday, March 5
6:00pm
Ghosts of Calico

Thursday, March 6
6:00pm
Pro Blues Jam

Friday, March 7
7:30pm
Joint Chiefs

Saturday, March 8
7:30pm
East Side Funk Band

Tuesday, March 11
4:30pm
Chess Night

Wednesday, March 12
6:00pm
First Call

Thursday, March 13
5:00pm
Pro Blues Jam

Friday, March 14
6:30pm
Iconics

Saturday, March 15
6:30pm
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Tuesday, March 18
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Wednesday, March 19
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March 26, Wednesday
Little Lou's Barbecue,
Acoustic Showcase,
Campbell, 6:00 PM

Campbell Recreation Pre-school

Campbell Recreation Pre-School
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Pre-School Open House
Saturday, March 1st 10am-12pm
Campbell Community Center
Rooms - M-48, M-49, M-52

Registration Opens March 15th for Residents and 12th for everyone
A \$100 non-refundable enrollment fee is due at registration

Register Online ▶ campbellca.gov/recreation

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 1, 2025 10am-1pm
Campbell Community Center - 1 W. Campbell Ave

BE OUR GUESTS!

- Meet our instructors and camp leaders
- Learn about classes, camps & pre-school programs
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FREE SWIM ASSESSMENT

As we gear up for summer fun, we're excited to offer swim assessments to help find the perfect swim lesson level for your child or family member. These assessments will take place on February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 11 AM to 1 PM, as well as on April 5 and May 3, 10, and 24 from 2 PM to 4 PM. To sign up, please go to campbellca.gov/aquatics

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URINETOWN, THE MUSICAL

“It’s not a happy musical,” declares Officer Lockstock, aptly played by Doug Brook, setting the tone for South Bay Musical Theater’s production of Urinetown The Musical. While the subject matter may not be cheer-

pokes fun at the greed and authority, which is personified by the President of Urine Good Company, Caldwell B. Cladwell, convincingly played by Michael Rhone. Within the play is good-natured barbing of musical theatre itself with a parody of the dance scene from Fiddler on the Roof and a kick line with the dancers holding bejeweled plungers.

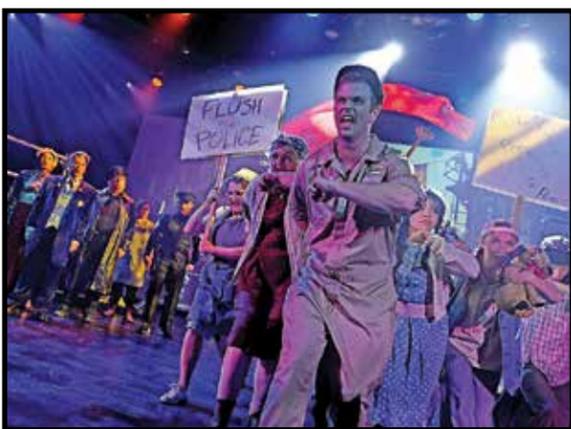


ful, the play should not be missed. The talented cast infuses the show with moments of humor, tender romance, and gripping drama.

Urinetown is a play of many layers. On the surface is the portrayal of oppressed citizens organizing to protest against the greed of a corporation which manages one of their basic human needs and which is imposing higher fees and tariffs. Andrew Cope gives a powerful performance as Bobby Strong, effectively leading the townspeople in rebellion and delivering his music with impressive skill. The clever script

unfolds in a shadowy, industrial-feeling alley dominated by blues and browns. A line of laundry—t o w e l s hung to dry—stretches between seconds t o r y pipes. The scene changes are accomplished quickly and efficiently. Even the sets themselves contribute to the entertainment: a neon sign labels a secret hideout “A

Secret Hideout”. The lighting plays its role well, flashing on to accentuate particular moments or changing color. The choreography is well-executed as are the musical numbers. Accompanying the singers and dancers from behind the scrim is an excellent five-person orchestra. Urinetown The Musical runs from January 25 through February 15. Up next at South Bay Musical Theatre is Titanic in Concert, presented in concert form with chorus and orchestra two nights only, April 12 and 13. Brigadoon opens on May 17 and runs through June 7. Tickets for all productions can be purchased on line at



By Carol W. Gerwitz

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https://southbaymt.com/shows/2024-2025-season/ or by calling the box office at (408) 266-4734.

We Celebrated the Life and Music of Greg Kihn in Campbell

By Chris Jackson
“Mayor of Silicon Valley”

Greg Kihn and I worked together on The Greg Kihn Show—mornings on 98.5 KFOX—for over 15 years. Greg was first known by the world as the successful singer, musician, and songwriter who released so many popular songs like, “Jeopardy,” “The Breakup Song,” “Lucky,” and many more. The day I learned Greg passed away in 2024, many listeners and fans said they’d like to attend a celebration of Greg’s life—and so they did!

ryone deeply by having one of Greg’s video recordings of “Knock-in’ on Heaven’s Door” surprise us on the big screen while Robert and I were about to start singing the second verse. Just as we were about to sing the next lyric, Greg started singing via the video. It really blew us all away.

I shared memories of my time working alongside Greg on the radio including the time Greg helped get



(me left, Greg Kihn right - after his performance at Pruneyard Cinemas June 2021)

We celebrated Greg’s life and music to full houses at the Pruneyard Cinemas, on January 25th and 26th. The celebration included performances by Grammy-nominated musician Robert Berry and me performing Greg’s greatest hits, including “The Breakup Song” and “Jeopardy,” plus “Meaning of Love”—one of Greg’s last written and even never-before-heard songs. Robert Berry, bassist for the Greg Kihn Band and producer of many of Greg’s most recent songs and albums, reflected on their creative collaborations, touring, and Greg’s musical legacy. Robert touched eve-

his friend, singer John Waite (The Babys) to sing John’s big hit, “Missing You” on Greg’s radio show, even though John wanted to focus on his newer material. Greg told John it was his wife’s favorite song and he’d be in big trouble if John didn’t sing it. John ended up singing it with a special added lyric—he sang it to Greg’s wife, calling out her name, “Jay”—as Greg breathed a sigh of relief and told him, “John—thanks for saving my butt.” ©

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By Sharon McCray, UCCE Master Gardener

Every month I struggle to figure out what to write about and every month, the same topics fill my head: seed starting, tomatoes, peppers, soil, fruit trees and food we love to eat. I tend to tell you about my personal experiences and the learning curve it took to get me to this place.

When I became a University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardener in 1992, I had no idea of the places my newfound knowledge and skills would take me. The journey has been phenomenal and I can't begin to convey the joy and sense of worth that I have discovered. Thank you for sharing your valued time with me. Please know I plan to write this monthly

column for as long as my editors will allow. With that said, it would be great if you could share some thoughts with me about what you are interested in learning more about.

Now I know there are more resources out there and with all this AI stuff going around, one never really knows the what local story is. I promise to do my best to research every word printed here based on what I have personally experienced or learned from a valued local source. So much of what is out there comes from afar. Everything about our "Valley of Hearts Delight" is different and as unique as those of us lucky enough to live here. We are accustomed to long hot dry summers

followed by bountiful harvests and a long, hopefully wet, resting period. We can grow just about anything here. Bananas? Yes! Avocados? Yes! Mulberries? Yes! It is up to us to decide what we want to invest in plant wise.

I believe that growing our own food should take precedence over growing much else. With the price of food being what it is, how nice to enjoy fresh strawberries from your garden. I remember after the floods in Monterey County a few years back, my local grocery store started keeping the berries in the refrigerator because of their high value.

When Brentwood corn is selling for ten ears for a

dollar, my thoughts include better uses of my garden space and what would provide a better value for my labor. Time spent in a garden never diminishes your wellbeing. Something about nature and soil and sunshine give us a renewed perspective on everything around us. Maintaining the weeds in the front almost always causes passersby to stop and start a conversation. Our gardens connect us.

Well, that is about enough philosophy for one month. What should you be doing right now? First, get outside. Weed. This morning at my Campbell home it was 32.9 degrees when I awoke. Yikes! A great day to think about all my plans for spring. In the meantime,

figure out what you want to grow based on your space, available time and food preferences. Next month I will give you some direct recommendations as what to plant and how much of it. We can feed our family of four all summer long on fresh produce from our gardens without breaking the bank.

I leave you with this: enjoy your garden, whatever you choose to grow. This is all supposed to be fun. We are at that place in our lives that pleasure should be our priority. Soon, your efforts will provide an abundance of fresh wonderful home grown food. And, if by chance, gardening is not your "thing", remember we have the best farmers markets around.

Another sold out CWCC Crab & Pasta Feed!

With a sold out crowd and lots of crab and pasta, everyone enjoyed plenty of food and extras were put in to-go bags for purchase too. All proceeds went to charity for their scholarships fund.





Coach's Corner

By Jay Harnden

DO YOURSELF A FAVOR? YES!

Over the years there has been quite an increase in the number of people who are dealing with depression and anxiety. We live in a time where the challenges of managing work, family, health, and so much more can be very overwhelming. Many of us try to "tough it out" only to become angry and frustrated when we aren't able to pull it off. People are more often reluctant to admit they need help, let alone ask for it. One of the areas where most of us fall short is self-care. While this topic may be foreign to some of us, the idea of self-care has actually been around since Socrates who is credited with founding the self-care movement in ancient Greece. I can remember growing up and being taught to care for others whenever possible. Self-care was never taught or discussed in my house. Thinking back, I would have benefited greatly if my parents had practiced and taught self-care to my sisters and me. I'm not talking about taking a vacation once in a while, (which my family did) but

I'm talking about adopting a lifestyle where self-care is as important as caring for others. So, what exactly is self-care? There are many definitions that exist, and one of my favorites is the practice of taking an active role in protecting one's own well-being and happiness, in particular during periods of "stress." Sounds pretty logical, even simple, right? It can be but it can also be challenging and seemingly unattainable think for a minute about some times in your life when you felt out of balance anxious behind the 8 ball unable to sleep etcetera I bet there were things you could have done to help yourself get through it but weren't able to for one reason or another I think we all have a basic idea of what self-care is so let's talk about some ways to include the practice into our lives. First of all, self-care does not need to be complicated or expensive, but it does need to be practiced. It can help you bring out your best 'self' and turn some otherwise negative

situations into positive life experiences. One of the important aspects of self-care is to understand that in order to be our best at taking care of others, we first need to take care of ourselves. This is a hard concept for many of us to understand. Taking care of yourself first is not selfish, it's essential. Remember what they tell us to do in an airplane if the oxygen masks come down out of the ceiling? Put your mask on first, then assist others. I'm going to share a few ideas of how to start your own self-care routine. Stop neglecting yourself. Put YOURSELF at the top of the list of people you care for. Are you paying enough attention to your needs? In order to help others, we must attend to ourselves, so that we are capable and prepared to help others. There is so much more to this topic that I can continue in the near future. I encourage you to research this topic on your own... you will be amazed at the information that's actually available.

Jay Harnden, CCC, CCLC



The John MacCalman Experience: Remarkable encounters with an Incredible man

Continued from last month...

This is about my good friend John MacCalman who wrote this column for years. To see part one of this story, please refer to the January 2025 issue of The Campbell Press.

On our 4th day together, Johnny Mac took me to Kelvingrove. Kelvingrove is a beautiful neighborhood north of the river Clyde in Glasgow and where there is a large park. An amphitheater is nestled amongst the trees and was the home of the annual Kelvingrove music festival that took place there for many years. It is also the grounds of the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. John was a huge part of the festival and ran the event for several years. He told me I needed to videotape some performances there when they happened and sure enough, he brought me back the next year to do that. Johnny was very well known in the city of Glasgow

a local pub after the show and the crew loved his dry sense of humor. Johnny loved to travel. It didn't really matter what he was traveling on, but he really loved to fly. He could rattle off airline schedules and itineraries for various airlines like Dustin Hoffman, who could of baseball stats in the movie Rain Man. He was well versed in the way to go just about any way at any time. He probably had more frequent-flyer miles than just about anyone in the world considering he seem to spend more time in the air than on land. Johnny drove me around the country as much as he could. I saw more castles in Scotland than anywhere else I ever traveled thanks to him. It was always quite an adventure with him. Johnny met up with me at times in England, Germany, and even once in France. He once drove me to the west coast

of Scotland and showed me a newly constructed suspension bridge, but instead of going over it, we took a ferry boat and went underneath it to the nearby Isle of Bute and hung out in the



as I quickly learned. He took me to various tourist destinations in and around the city and many of his favorite local spots. Literally everyone knew him, greeted him with kindness and clearly all respected him. It was like cruising around with a huge dignitary. John was very busy at Radio Clyde, and we always had to make periodic trips back there every day. He worked tirelessly day and night and seemed to never have a moment when he wasn't working. I traveled to Glasgow on several music tours throughout my career and would often do shows in Glasgow. I would always invite Johnny to the shows at the SECC; a large warehouse-like venue where major acts would perform. Johnny wasn't interested in the bands as much as seeing me and hanging out with my crew. John said he wanted to get "pissed" that night and I asked him why he wanted to get mad? He laughed deeply and told me that it was a term describing getting drunk. I had never heard that term before, but I still use it to this day. We did enjoy several rounds of beers at

town of Rothesay. Another joyous daytrip. In 2001 Johnny Mac flew my girlfriend and I over to Scotland for the Hogmanay New Years Eve celebration in the town square where thousands would show up to see many live bands throughout the evening. Johnny wanted me to cover it by videotaping it for him and I jumped at the opportunity. Before we had made the trip over the pond, my girlfriend had not been feeling well that morning and thought maybe she had a bit of the flu, but she pulled through like a trooper to make the trip and felt better later that day. Once we arrived in Scotland, she was still feeling a bit nauseous but maintained herself to enjoy the time there. We stayed with Johnny at his flat where he entertained us with music and meals for a couple days. He was the ultimate host. It was very cold that year and during the festival it was about 8 degrees. It didn't seem to phase anyone there but me, since I guess they just drank more to curb the

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PUBLISHER NOTES

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A Legacy of Community & Celebration

Anniversaries seem to be the theme of the season! We were honored to attend the Early Settlers luncheon, where we celebrated another 120-year milestone. Hosted by the Campbell Chamber of Commerce, the event highlighted not only the legacy of the city's earliest residents but also the centennial celebrations of the Chamber itself, the Ainsley House, and the Campbell Historical Museum. Stay tuned for more details on the upcoming events marking these historic occasions.

Health, Business & Community News

Our Health and Wellness section continues to grow, and we invite local businesses to join us in promoting education and awareness around well-being. This month's issue features new articles and advertisements

dedicated to helping our readers lead healthier lives.

Of course, we also continue to shine a spotlight on the businesses that make Campbell unique. Be sure to check out our feature articles on emerging and established businesses, along with a must-read restaurant review of Lira on our back page.

Support Local Journalism

As spring approaches, we're working to expand our subscriber base and would love for you to be part of our journey. A subscription or advertisement not only supports the Campbell Press but helps preserve the rich history and community spirit of our city. To everyone who contributes, reads, and supports us—you are the heart of this publication. Thank you for being part of The Campbell Press family. We look forward to seeing you around town and continuing to celebrate the people and places that make Campbell truly special.

CITY NEWS

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annually in Washington, DC and is intended as an opportunity for the executives and representatives of our nation's cities to collaborate, learn, and walk away with resources to support their community.

I was excited to attend sessions on the FIFA World Cup, which will come to the Bay Area next year, as well as on supporting our communities in the face of an uncertain and hostile immigration landscape. The conference heard from dignitaries including then-President Joe Biden and Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg. I also met with representatives organizing the celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary, connected with big city mayors on opportunities to collaborate, and was interviewed for outlets such as KCBS and Radio Bilingue. I look forward to doing my part to represent and advocate for our community as the year goes forward.

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Campbell Crime Report



By Carol W. Gerwitz

E. Hamilton Ave. (S1), (S2), and (S3), stole about \$150 worth of merchandise. They were stopped to the rear of the store, where the property was recovered. (S2) and (S3) were juveniles, and (S2) was booked into Juvenile Hall. (S1) was cited and (S3) was released to his father.

Ontario Lane Unknown (S) forced entry into (V)'s home and stole Jewelry (\$6,000), and cash (\$5,400). Unknown (S) remains at large.

Nello Dr. Unknown (S) stole camping equipment from (V)'s driveway. (S) is at large.

N. Leigh Ave/Cronwell Dr. (S) was reported as being involved in a solo vehicle collision into a tree. (S) was contacted and determined to be DUI. Arrested.

W. Hacienda Ave. (S) broke (V1)'s door causing more than \$400 of damage. (S) was too intoxicated to care for his safety. Arrested.

N. San Tomas Aquino Rd. (S) was contacted after causing a disturbance. Released to Mission Street Recovery Station.

E. Hamilton Ave. (S) was seen by store employees using magnet to remove sensors from clothes. (S) was contacted and found to be in possession of burglary tools, under the influence of a controlled substance and with an outstanding \$10,000 arrest warrant out of Merced. Booked.

N. 1ST ST. (S) came to the Campbell PD lobby and was moving items around and laying on the floor. (S) was determined to be too intoxicated to care for his safety. Booked.

N. Curtner Ave. (S) fled the scene of a reported domestic violence incident. CPD pursued him on foot and took him into custody. (S) was observed by a witnesses tackling the (V) to the ground prior to police contact. Booked.

Almarida Dr. (S) was reported yelling and pacing back and forth on the homeowner's front property. (S) was determined

to be under the influence of methamphetamine. A records check revealed (S) to be on active probation. Booked.

N. San Tomas Aquino Rd. Unknown (S) impersonated Chinese international police and requested \$686,000 as bail to resolve fraud ring (V) was accused of being involved with. (V) wired at total of \$686,000 over 5 different transfers to bank accounts in China. Report.

S. Bascom Ave. (S) was passed out in the drive through lane and found to be DUI. Booked.

Aram Ave. Unknown (S) used a screwdriver to gain entry to a locked vehicle. (S) stole tools from the vehicle and left. Report.

N. Central Ave/Payne Ave. (S) was the driver of a vehicle involved in a collision. (S) fled the scene prior to officers arriving on-scene but was contacted a short distance away and identified as the driver. (S) displayed objective symptoms of alcohol intoxication and was determined to be DUI. Booked.

E. Campbell Ave. (S) was contacted and (S) spit at and kicked CPD officers while being searched. Booked.

Winchester Blvd. (S) hit (V) in the hand as she covered their tip jar, then stole three dollars from the tips. (S) was contacted a short distance away and taken into custody.

E. Hamilton Ave./Salmar Ave. (S) was contacted in the driver seat as the sole-occupant of a parked pickup truck. (S) was intoxicated and verbally stated he drove his vehicle after drinking at an undisclosed time prior to CPD contact. Arrested.

N. Central Ave./Grant St. (S1) was contacted after his vehicle was in the middle of the street. In the vehicle in plain view was scaffolding valued at approximately \$2,000. (S1) admitted to jumping the fence with (S2) stealing the scaffolding and putting it in the vehicle. (S1) was on the phone with (S2) and (S2) was positively identified as being involved. (S1) booked; (S2) is at large.

Hardy Ave. (V) learned that unknown suspect(s) rented an apartment in San Jose using his PII (Personal Identifiable Information). Report.

Winchester Blvd. (S) forged a check for \$37,000 to someone else in New Mexico. (RP) (reporting party) said no one had permission to do so. Report.

W. Campbell Ave. Over several months, (S) gave away free merchandise from his employer and/or did not charge full price for merchandise. The business is at a loss of approximately \$1900. (S) admitted to his actions. Arrested.

S. Bascom Ave. (S) vandalized (V)'s vehicle by smashing the windshield and the windows and by throwing rocks at it. (S) then sat in the vehicle and smoked from a glass bulbous pipe while pretending to drive the vehicle. (S) was determined to be under the influence of a controlled substance, in possession of drug paraphernalia and on formal probation. Booked.

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Books Inc.

By Drew Howard and Christine Cargnoni



Happy March, readers! We have many books for all ages to celebrate Women's History Month, St. Patrick's Day, and Cesar Chavez Day! We also have a full roster of local authors—both new and familiar faces—who will be coming by to talk and sign books!

On March 2nd at 2:00pm, we have Santa Cruz author and former journalist Carol Foote coming to discuss her children's nonfiction book *Trouble Dog*. Her book recounts the true tale of a shelter dog who became an advocate for conservation across the globe!

San Francisco author Lewis Buzbee will be joining us on March 7th at 7:00pm for a celebration of his newest novel, *Diver*, centering around family, memory, and heroism in the 1960s. Buzbee also managed Upstart Crow, a former bookstore in the Pruneyard!

March 19th at 7:00pm sees us welcoming back Los Angeles author Greg Hurwitz, here to celebrate the release of his newest novel, *Nemesis!* Part of his well-received Orphan X series, *Nemesis* follows his main character Evan Smoak on a thrilling new adventure filled with danger, friendship turmoil, and a dash of revenge.

March is Women's History Month, and we encourage you to read more about the valuable and often-overlooked historical women who shaped the world. Here at Books Inc., we have so many wonderful books showcasing the strength and power of women of all ages.

One such novel is *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Picoult. This novel is inspired by the theory that Shakespeare was not the true author of all his works. It follows two protagonists—modern playwright Melina and young Emilia Bassano from Shakespeare's time—grappling with the limitations of the worlds they live in, what it means to be a woman and find strength in their identities.

Thought-provoking and heart-wrenching, this novel is unapologetic, feminist, and well-researched, highlighting the struggles of women today and throughout history.

For our younger readers *The ABCs of Women's History* by Rio Cortez is a great overview. This colorful picture book showcases women throughout history who have made strides in various areas—including but not limited to the arts, the environment, and civil rights. The alphabet features important concepts like intersectionality and being outspoken.

We have an exciting upcoming title perfect for Happy St. Patrick's Day!

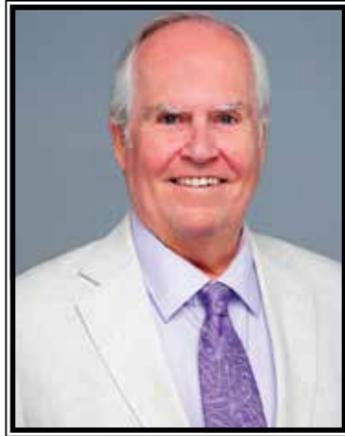
For our adult readers who adore a combination of romance and laughs, *Go Luck Yourself* by Sara Raasch is the newest release in her *Royals and Romance* series centering around the concept of holidays as fantasy kingdoms! Her latest book follows the prince of St. Patrick's Day falling in love with the 2nd in line Prince of Christmas in a laugh-out-loud plot infused with a hearty dose of politics and mystery. *Go Luck Yourself* releases on March 11th of this year.

Lastly, we have a handful of books in Spanish to celebrate César Chávez Day this March 31st! *César Chávez un libro ilustrado* by David A. Adler and Michael S. Adler outlines his life and activism for civil rights and labor reform. It also includes a timeline of important dates to remember in the back of the book! In addition, we have a Who HQ book titled *¿Quién fue César Chávez?* by Dana Meachen Rau for our more advanced young readers.

We hope your March is filled with good luck, and don't forget to eat lots of pie on Pi Day (3/14)! Happy reading, and we hope to see you soon! As always, check our website for book clubs and events!

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I recently sold a well-kept home that had been built in 1948. It was a three bedroom, one bath home of about 1000 square feet. It came with a gas water heater, a gas stove and a gas burning wall furnace. The inspections showed the home was in pretty good shape and the seller and I did some repairs to handle the minor issues that showed up. The Home Inspection also indicated that electrical system was pretty original, very functional but, perhaps a little under powered for modern usages.

The new owner is happy to have it but may have other considerations after 1 Jan 2027. That is when the new law con-

cerning gas powered water heaters goes into effect. What law, most people ask. It's a law the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) passed about a year or two ago that takes effect on that day.

That law prohibits the purchasing or installing of a gas water heater to replace a worn out one in any of the nine Bay Area Counties. The home referenced above is in Alameda and, just like the other counties, there are thousands if not millions more just like this home in the 1940s, 50s, 60s and 70s. Of course gas water heaters will still be available in other areas but, even if you secure one, you won't get a permit to install it.

The home I mentioned was inherited by a woman on a limited income. Imagine it's 2 Jan 2028 and her gas water heater dies. She'll have to travel outside of the Bay Area to find one and then she has to hire someone who will install it without a permit. She won't be able to make a claim to her insurance company because they'll require she spend the money to upgrade to an elec-

tric water heater. What's she to do while waiting for the installation of a new electric water heater?

But wait, the Home Inspection indicated the electrical system was fully functional but wasn't sufficient for modern usage let alone a new gas water heater. But, wait again, the BAAQMD has also banned gas furnaces after 1 Jan 2029. Can you image what would happen on 2 Jan 2029 once her furnace fails? And, don't forget, it's a wall furnace. The costs of replacement, if she can find an appropriate service provider, becomes daunting. Think about that as you consider your home or the one you're planning on purchasing.

There are many issues to consider when selling or buying a home. With my years of experience and involvement with the Association's Government Relations committee, I am prepared to help in the great adventure that is home buying and selling. If you, or someone you care about, are considering a move in Real Estate, call or email me: (408) 887-4731 or geneshomes@earthlink.net.

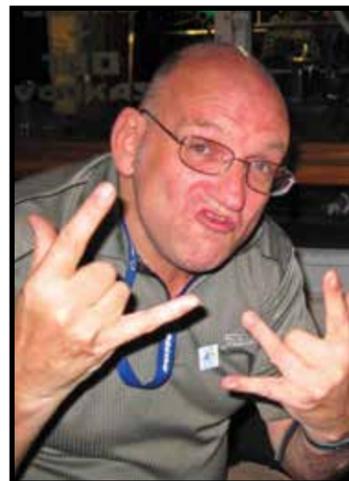
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far and few. After about a three mile excursion, mostly on foot, I managed to find an open pharmacy and purchased not one, but two kits and made my way back to the flat. Not long after I returned, and not long after she exited the bathroom, sure enough, she was indeed pregnant with our first child! She needed to return to the states before I did, so she flew back to California the next day. I had to transfer the footage I had taken of the show and was there for another day. Johnny suggested I fly over to Ireland for a day trip before I needed to leave for America from Glasgow in the next couple days. Being the guy that he is, he set it up for me and used some of his frequent flyer miles to pay for it. Before long I was on a Ryan Air puddle-jumper jet heading to Dublin. It's a rather short trip and I remember thinking how cold Scotland had been- but I had not prepared for the wind-chill factor in Ireland. It was miserably cold there (about minus 15 degrees) as the wind literally blew me from bar to bar. I never drank much whiskey before that day (or after for that matter) but it was the suggestion of the Irish to try and stay warm. It didn't work. It was hard to enjoy my time there being so cold. Fortunately, I

made it back to Ireland many times since then to enjoy it in the summertime!

When I flew over to England that evening, I stayed in an old hotel that was famously haunted. It felt that way and I did experience some strange things while there, but that's another story unto itself. I decided to make the trip out to Stonehenge the next day since I always



wanted to see it. It was a rather challenging and fairly long bus trip on a double-decker bus. I was one of the first passengers to get on and decided to go to the upper level and sit in the very front. It was quite exhilarating to see England from that perspective. The bus made several stops along the way and slowly filled up. The weather was sketchy that day, as I watched the trees blow hard in the wind. I managed to get to Stonehenge for what

ended up being the final tour of the day-though it was still early. Stonehenge was a fascinating place with a cool store and museum you pass through before taking the underground tunnel under the highway to the monument. Before long, it started to get quite really windy, and a large dark cloud was approaching fast. Soon large bolts of lightning started hitting the ground in the near distance and it began pelting rain. We had many guides telling us it was time to go, and they were probably going to have to shut things down, so many of us made a run for it. The rain and thunder were relentless and holding out in the museum seemed like a waste of time, so I decided to board the next bus back to London. I watched many umbrellas invert and fly away from people on city streets and though I was soaked, I was happy to be warm in the bus. The next day, Johnny Mac drove the 400+ miles from Glasgow to London to bring me back just in time to board my plane. There were times he was driving quite fast to make it back. We laughed a lot during that excursion. He drove over 800 miles to do that for me. Nuts. But that was Johnny. A little bit crazy, a little bit quirky, and one of the nicest, fun-loving, and giving people you would ever meet. I will miss him with all my heart. Rest in Peace my dear friend.

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temperature. My future wife was not feeling well that evening and took it rather slow. I felt bad for her not being able to celebrate along with all the other wild and crazy Glasgow people. The next morning being ill again she said to me "Maybe I'm pregnant" and chuckled. My jaw nearly dropped to the ground at the thought. She had been sick in the morning in the USA and then sick in the evening in the UK, so it actually seemed plausible. It was a quiet and cold Sunday morning

on the first day of the year. We decided it would maybe be a good idea to do a pregnancy test. Johnny fired off a couple possible places to pick one up along with a memorized train schedule and bus route to get there but not much was open on a Sunday and especially New Years Day. The ground was extremely icy and slippery, and I actually fell a number of times as I trekked out in the snow and wind. I think I was the only dummy to be out anywhere that morning since humans seemed



LIRA: A Symphony of Memory, Music, and Fine Dining in Campbell



By Emory Ryan

In the heart of Campbell, where history and modernity hum together, a new glow has appeared at 368 E. Campbell Ave. LIRA isn't just another restaurant—it's a story, a sensory experience, a carefully orchestrated composition of memory, music, and fine dining.

The name came about the way great things often do—through intuition, collaboration, and a moment of unexpected resonance. When Chef Tucker Ricchio, Faisal Gowani, and Zak Smith pored over name after name, none quite captured the essence of what they were creating. Then, almost as if waiting to be found, they landed on LIRA.

For Ricchio, it struck a deeply personal chord. As a child visiting Italy, her Nonna handed her a bag filled with lira, the country's currency before the euro. To young Ricchio, it felt like

a small fortune, ready to be spent on gelato and souvenirs. In reality, it was worth about \$40—a charming lesson in perspective, a fleeting moment of wonder that never quite left her. Years later, the name LIRA resurfaces, tying together nostalgia, heritage, and the transportive magic of food.

And food, as Ricchio often says, is love. It's an expression of care, of attention, of generosity. That belief is woven into every plate at LIRA, where the menu balances comfort with the unexpected. Take



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the steak and uni dish: succulent filet mignon melting

into a miso-infused mash, bathed in a ponzu demi-glaze, crowned with sweet, briny uni. It's surf and turf reimagined, a dish that lingers in memory long after the last bite.

This kind of culinary alchemy doesn't happen in isolation—it takes trust, dialogue, and a shared vision. That's where Faisal and Zak come in. Their role isn't just to run a restaurant; it's to create an environment where Ricchio's food can shine. Working closely with the chef, Faisal—an

entrepreneur with an instinct for what draws people

in—ensures every element, from the warmth of the lighting to the weight of the glassware, supports her artistry. Similarly, Zak's meticulous precision keeps the creative ambition grounded in flawless execution, solidifying the collaborative spirit behind every dish.

LIRA hums with intention. This is a space where music isn't just background noise—it's a playlist hand-selected by Chef Tucker, shifting throughout the night to enhance the rhythm of the meal. A song may underscore a moment of indulgence, mirror the acidity in a dish, or fade into the background, letting conversation take center stage.

At the heart of it all is Ricchio, whose career spans Michelin-starred kitchens like Sons and Daughters and Acquerello. Her technical precision and creative in-

stincts made her a standout on *Next Level Chef*, where she triumphed under the mentorship of Gordon Ramsay, Nyeshia Arrington, and Richard Blais. But accolades aside, what defines her cooking is the same thing that defines LIRA itself: a deep belief in food as an experience, a connection, a form of love.

Together, Faisal, Zak, and Ricchio have built more than a restaurant. They've composed something that resonates. Campbell, with its warmth and enthusiasm, has welcomed them as more than just a new addition—it's made them part of its evolving story.

Because LIRA isn't just about food or memory. It's about stepping into a space where everything—every bite, every note, every moment—comes together in perfect harmony.

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