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4th Annual DCBA Car Show By Piper Lacy

On Saturday, June 6th, our Downtown Campbell Business Association put on the 4th Annual Campbell Classic Car Show. Michael Van Zant, owner of the Olive Bar, worked for months and filled the streets of downtown Campbell with classic automobiles, so car admirers can look at a variety of vehicles from several decades each year. This year, the

number of cars entered was placed up and down the main and side streets. People came out in big numbers to enjoy the cars as it was the biggest one yet. Many

people enjoy the beauty of the cars and talk with the owners that share stories as to why their cars are so special to them.

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Italian Family Festa

Date & Time: July 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM (Pacific Time)

Location: History Park (operated by History San Jose)

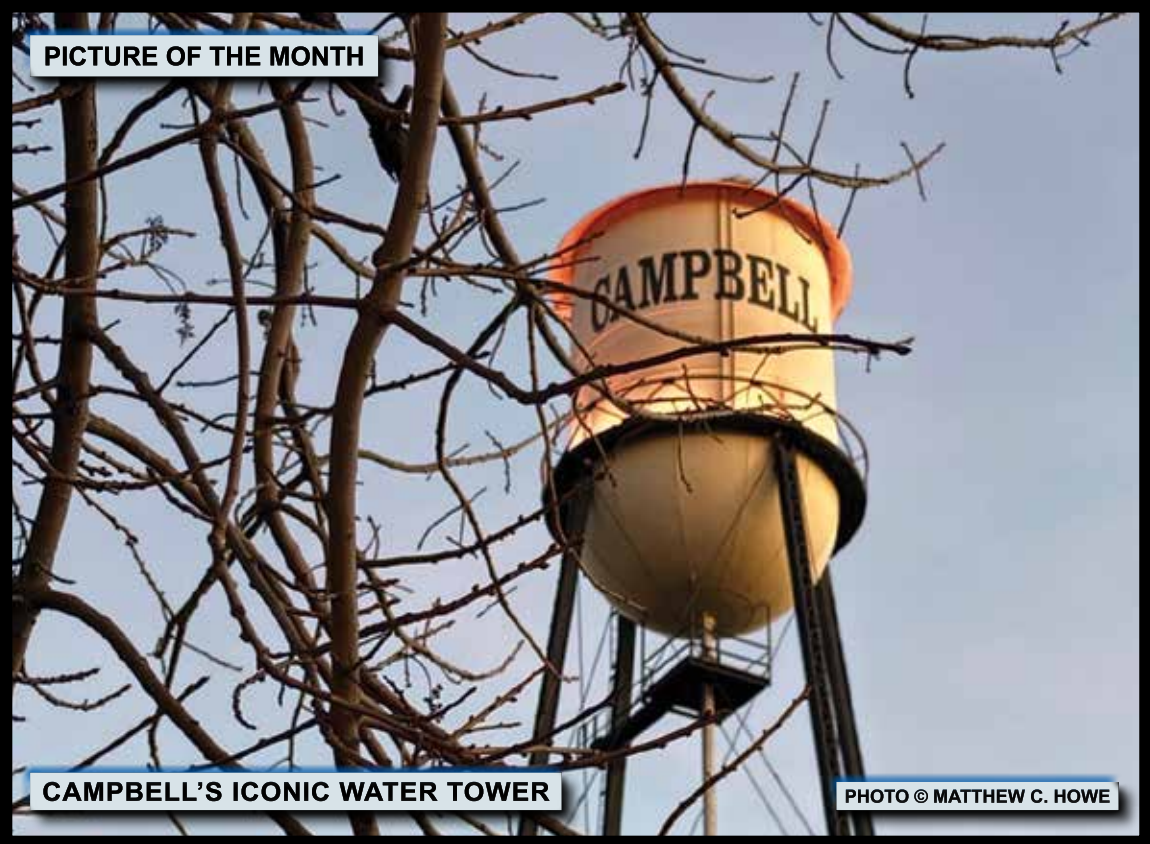
Join us for the vibrant **Italian Family Festa**, a joyful celebration filled with authentic **music** and delicious **food**. Explore a lively **vendor market** offering unique Italian crafts and treats.

Experience the charm of a **Roman encampment** and be dazzled by the spectacular **flag twirlers from Italy**. Don't miss the fun and excitement of the **celebrity grape stomp**-a true crowd-pleaser!

Wine lovers can savor exquisite selections in our **wine tasting garden**, while kids enjoy a safe and entertaining **kids zone** packed with activities.

Bring your family and friends for an unforgettable day celebrating Italian culture and community spirit!

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



CAMPBELL'S ICONIC WATER TOWER

PHOTO © MATTHEW C. HOWE

Just a Little Bit of History

By Susan Blake, Campbell Historic Preservation Board

May's photo was taken showing the ornate details of the eaves under the second story of the Watson Townsen House located at 142 N. Central Ave. It was the home of the first rural mail carrier, Charles Townsen.

Built in 1895, the Stick Style architecture shares a number of similarities with the Queen Anne Victorian Style. It has two rectangular bays as featured elements. The exterior siding is horizontal tongue and groove with an exposure of structural members in the form of vertical struts. The main ornamentation is confined to the gable ends with stick work in the upper story gables, fish scale shingles and window trim. The porches have turned column posts and jigsaw work in the wood. The windows and doors retain a tall, narrow rectangular form with large glass panes.

The house is the last remaining example of the "Stick Style" architecture (1870's-1890's) within the City of Campbell. It



is a familiar building in the context of the neighborhood. Overall, it is a fine example of adaptive use for a significant structure.

Here is the mystery photo for June. I think many people will know where this building is located.

Schools are out and Summer is on the way.



WORD OF THE MONTH

“PROSELYTISM”
[Pro-sel-li-tiz-em]
NOUN
The act or policy of attempting to convert people's religious beliefs.

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HAPPENINGS
Campbell Museum Happenings

Summer is one of the busiest and most exciting times at the Campbell Museums!

From the free summer concert concessions, new museum programs, exhibits, tours, special events, and community celebrations, there is always something happening.

We invite you to explore all the upcoming activities and join us as we bring local history to life.

July Programs at the Campbell Museums

Friday, July 17: Family Fun Friday at the Campbell Historical Museum

Bring the whole family to the Campbell Historical Museum for Family Fun Friday! Drop in anytime between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM for a free day of creativity and hands-on fun. Enjoy a variety of self-guided craft stations designed for different ages, create something special to take home, and explore the museum along the way.

No registration is required; just stop by, get creative, and make some family memories. Activities are available while supplies last.

Saturday, July 18: Free Museum Day at the Campbell Historical Museum & Ainsley House.

11 am-3 pm

Enjoy a day of local history—free for all! Join us from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM for Free Museum Day at the Campbell Historical Museum and the Ainsley House.

Both museums will be open for self-guided tours, giving you the chance to explore hands-on exhibits at the Historical Museum and step inside the beautifully preserved Ainsley

House at your own pace.

While you're there, stop by the Carriage House at the Ainsley House for a special exhibit reception celebrating our “Home”-themed public juried art show. Meet the artwork, connect with the community, and enjoy a relaxed afternoon surrounded by history, creativity, and local stories.

From 12 p.m.- 1 p.m., there will be live performances at the Carriage House courtyard.

Don't miss this cultural fun in celebration of the 2024 Museum Art Show winner, Majella Pinto

Friday, July 24: Night at the Museum: And an Adult Hands-on Experience at the Campbell Historical Museum

Tired of the same old Friday night?

Step inside the Campbell Historical Museum for an evening designed for those who believe history is best explored with a drink in hand and good company by your side. This isn't a lecture—it's an “out-of-the-box” social experience for adults who want to touch the past and connect with the local community.

Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, this is your chance to meet fellow history enthusiasts in a relaxed, social atmosphere. Sip on wine or mocktails, dive into hands-on heritage projects, and enjoy after-hours access to our exhibits.

Tickets: \$25 | 6pm - 9pm | www.campbellmuseums.com

Must be 21+ to attend. Space is limited—secure your spot for a night of history outside the classroom.

Summer Concert Concessions are BACK!

The Campbell Museum Foundation is back for another Summer Concert Series season, serving up great food, cold drinks, and community spirit! Join us every Thursday from July 9 through August 27 at the Ainsley House Carriage House patio, where we'll be grilling burgers, hot dogs, chicken skewers, and other concert favorites, along with beer, wine, and refreshments.

Whether you're coming for dinner, a snack, or a drink, we've got your concert needs covered, and every purchase supports the Campbell Museums' exhibits, educational programs, and preservation projects, helping us keep local history alive for future generations.

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HERE'S HOWE

Yes, it's true—life in Campbell was very different in the 1960s and 1970s.

There were no computers, no internet, and no cell phones. Freedom came in the form of a bicycle and the willingness to pedal wherever your curiosity led you, provided you made it home before dark. Missing curfew meant being grounded, and losing that freedom was simply not worth the risk. Most of us learned that lesson early and took full advantage of every moment of independence we were given.

My sister and I were what people then called “latchkey kids.” With both of our parents working full-time, there was rarely anyone home when we arrived from school. We grew up on the corner of Budd Avenue and Winchester Boulevard. Today, a 7-Eleven occupies the corner, but it was once my grandparents' home, where my father was raised. The property stretched across a full acre, and my father later built our house on the back third of that land.

For a young boy, it was paradise.

I spent countless hours exploring that acre and rarely wanted to be indoors. My father had built me a basketball court in the front yard where my friends and I spent a great deal of time. A small apricot orchard occupied the southeast corner, surrounded by almond, mandarin orange, loquat, grapefruit, fig, black walnut, apple, and even a pomegranate tree. During the summer months, nature provided an endless supply of snacks. The property felt like a world unto itself.

I would disappear for hours at a time, roaming the neighborhood, visiting friends down the street and beyond, creating adventures that existed entirely in the real world rather than on a screen. We played in orchards and open fields, and rode our bicycles across dirt mounds where John D. Morgan Park now stands. Long before it became a city park, it was simply open land where we spent weekends riding minibikes and motorcycles.

Our schools were open to the community after hours. There were no fences surrounding playgrounds and no thought that they needed to be locked away. If you wanted to shoot baskets, play catch, or simply gather with friends, you walked onto the school grounds and did it.

Of course, not all of our adventures would earn parental approval today.

We piled into pickup trucks without seatbelts, sometimes even standing in the back while challenging ourselves to hold on as we bounced down local streets. We met at predetermined locations and quietly wandered through neighborhoods late at night, occasionally decorating a friend's—or sometimes a teacher's—trees with rolls of toilet paper. We rang doorbells and ran. We made prank phone calls asking, “Is your refrigerator running?” and laughed far harder than the joke deserved.

Like many teenagers, we engaged in our share of school rivalries. Campbell High and Los Gatos High students exchanged practical jokes and harmless acts of mischief that today might be viewed through a very different lens. At the time, however, it felt

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FREE MUSEUM DAY
SATURDAY, JULY 18
11AM - 3PM



Both Museums Open from 11 am - 3 pm
Enjoy Self-Guided Tours
Art Exhibit Reception at the Ainsley House
Hands-on exploration at the Historical Museum

Discover History, No Cost Required



Calling all Campbell High School Class of 1976 Graduates!
50-Year Class Reunion to be held Saturday, August 22nd 2026

You are cordially invited to our 50-Year Class Reunion. Enjoy an evening of reminiscing with old friends, eating good food, and entrance to pre-reunion activities & the main event!

When: Saturday, August 22nd, 2026

Where:
Campbell Community Center
Orchard City Banquet Hall
(Former High School Cafeteria)
1 W. Campbell Avenue
Campbell, CA 95008

Pre-Reunion
1pm - 3pm: Campbell Historical Museum - Visit FREE of charge with Reunion ticket
51 North Central Ave,
Campbell (408) 866-2119

Time TBD:
High School
Tour -
More updates
coming soon!

Reunion
5pm - 8:30pm
Reunion -
Dinner
provided by
Buca di Beppo
Italian
Restaurant

Ticket Price: \$65 per person
+ Guest may accompany a
'76 Grad for \$65

**Ticket purchase deadline
August 15th - No walkups
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Reunion**

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Our committee has put together a special evening for everyone to enjoy. Our goal is to reconnect with as many Class of '76 classmates as possible. We will be posting occasional reunion updates and attendee lists if you are a member of the CHS Facebook group page and CHS Class of 1976 group on Classmates.com until the August 15th ticket deadline.

**Please help spread the word
by sharing the links and
information — Your support
will help make this a very
memorable event for everyone.
Thank you!**

Email questions to:
chs19762026@gmail.com

Your Class Reunion Committee:
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Christie Hardwick
Susan (Updegraff) Harden
Holly (Wheeler) Vargas
Jeannette (Hagey) Cox



PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney

Summer Is Here—And Our Community Is Buzzing!

Summer has officially arrived, and what a wonderful season it is shaping up to be! Everywhere you look there is excitement, from neighborhood events and concerts to visitors discovering all that Campbell and the South Bay have to offer. It's one of my favorite times of year because our communities truly come alive.

The FIFA World Cup has brought thousands of visitors from Europe and around the world to the Bay Area, creating an incredible boost for our local businesses. Downtown Campbell has been filled with people enjoying our restaurants, shops, and friendly atmosphere. Capers Eat & Drink and the restaurants at Nob Hill Plaza have been especially busy, while VTA has reported record-breaking ridership as visitors use public transportation to explore the region.

June also brought another successful Campbell Car Show, along with several exciting business openings. Please welcome Elia, Sultan's Kebab, and Maruwu Seicha, our newest Japanese tea and pastry shop. Supporting local businesses helps keep our community vibrant.

Now the summer fun really begins. Campbell's Summer Concert Series starts July 9. Bring your lawn chair, arrive early, and enjoy an evening of music while supporting the historic Ainsley House. You'll also find concerts in Willow Glen, Cupertino, Saratoga, and Los Gatos, along with the Italian Family Festa at History Park and many other wonderful summer traditions.

The Campbell Chamber of Commerce is preparing for its annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, August 26. Register early because this event always fills quickly and

offers a day of fun, networking, and terrific prizes.

If you're looking for a relaxing afternoon, visit Cooper-Garrod Estate Vineyards, Testarossa Winery, Savannah-Chanelle Vineyards, and J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines. Our Cork Crew wine reviewers continue sharing stories about outstanding local wineries, including this month's feature on the remarkable family behind J. Lohr.

Please remember to support the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. Every volunteer, participant, and donation helps bring hope to families whose lives have been touched by cancer.

Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our loyal readers and welcome all of our new readers. With so many new businesses opening in downtown Campbell, we've had the pleasure of meeting many first-time visitors who have stopped by our office, picked up a copy of The Campbell Press, and taken a few moments to chat with us. It has been wonderful to hear so many kind compliments about how much people enjoy reading a true community newspaper and how happy they are to see local news continue to thrive.

To our loyal advertisers and sponsors, thank you for your continued support. Your partnership allows us to keep sharing the stories, events, and people that make Campbell and our neighboring communities such special places to live, work, and visit.

We are always grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and appreciate every reader who picks up a copy of The Campbell Press. Thank you for your support, and as always...

See you around town!

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JULY

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N. Leigh Avenue	\$1,700,000	3/2	69	7177	1394
Dallas Drive	\$1,675,000	3/2	74	8712	1272
Hawthorne Avenue	\$1,505,000	3/1	79	6200	984
Linda Drive	\$2,375,000	5/3	72	12155	2311
S. San Tomas Aquino	\$2,165,000	4/2.5	42	6800	2410
Connie Drive	\$1,850,000	3/2	65	6100	1199
Shamrock Drive	\$1,506,000	3/1	76	8100	1140

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W. Campbell Avenue	\$1,410,000	3/2.5	46	2243	2065
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Dot Avenue	\$935,000	2/2.5	42	1619	1344
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LIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

Arthur Low
President West SJ/Campbell Lions



The West San Jose-Campbell Lions Club recently awarded \$1200 scholarships for a total of \$6,000 to five deserving seniors from the Campbell Union High School District. They were:

Youssef Daoud ... Branham High
Natalie Reynoso ... Del Mar High
Eliana Gonzales Leigh High
Lydia Tan Prospect High
Jake Oderio Westmont High

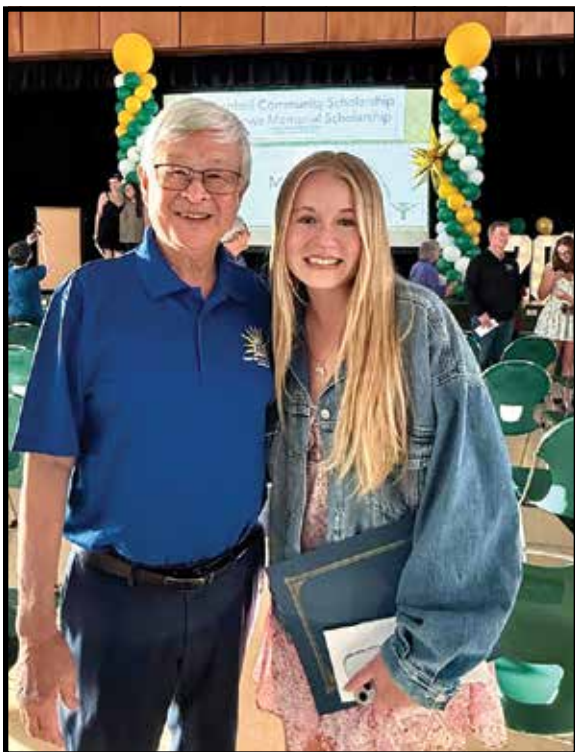
Our club was able to award these scholarships for community service due to the success of our Comedy Night fundraising event usually held in April. So

please continue to support our efforts.



Mary Edson and Lydia Tan

I personally presented the award to Eliana Gonzales. She used her baking skills to distribute baked goods to the needy through Cake4Kids. She also volunteers to help the homeless in Sunnyvale and will be attending UC Santa Barbara. We had one of our members at each school to present the award but the only other member who was able to take a photo was Mary Edson who was at Prospect High for Lydia Tan.



Art Low and Eliana Gonzales

Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation

CVMF is pleased to announce a grand partnership with the **Campbell Historical Museum** to showcase Campbell's military heroes in 2027. This project will display historical materials, including photographs, biographies, uniforms, and other artifacts that reflect the military heroes of Campbell who served this nation. And you can help tell these great stories.

Please send pictures, mementos, and related items about your hero(s) who served during the Vietnam War, the Gulf Wars, or current military operations. More information is coming in this publication during the next few months. Email: Info@CampbellVeterans-Memorial.org.

FIND YOUR BRICK: Tim Rodriguez of Skyguard Global MGA announced that CVMF just entered the brave new world of high-tech data retrieval. It took a few years, but we are proud to announce that people can now locate an engraved brick/paver within the Memorial flag rotunda when accessing our website. You can search by last name, first name, service branch, and specific conflict. Point your browser to this link: <https://tour-maline-gnome-3866dd.netlify.app>.



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
CAMPBELL VETERANS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC.

The Olive Tree

SCHOLARSHIPS: On May 8th, WVMC announced that CVMF's Annuity provided \$5,600 in scholarships that will help veterans transition from military life to productive civilian lives. Congratulations to all.

Anthony Martinez, Mission College, Computer Science
Nicholas Nation, Mission College, Fire Technology
Tracy Burruss, West Valley, Park Management
Brian Resendiz, West Valley, Economics

HERE'S HOWE

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less like criminal behavior and more like youthful rebellion fueled by school pride and teenage energy. It was, for the most part, an era of naïve innocence.

Some traditions brought the community together in ways that seem increasingly rare today. Every Thanksgiving morning, alumni and students gathered for a football game that alternated between Campbell High School and Los Gatos High School. It was one of the year's most antic-

ipated events—a chance to reconnect with classmates and friends before returning home to celebrate Thanksgiving dinner with family.

And yes, there were the inevitable teenage parties. Someone whose parents were out of town would volunteer a house, everyone would contribute a few dollars for a keg, and records would blast through the stereo at volumes that seemed perfectly reasonable at the time. After all, we were teenagers.

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Inspiring Hearts Through Music & Arts: Mind/Body/Spirit!

Inspiring Hearts Through Music & Arts, located downtown San Jose, is a great community opportunity with a vision to reach and teach through Music. The founder Juliette McDonald who has a MA in Human/Child Development & Lifetime Musician, Music & Art Teacher has been working towards this goal for many years!

IHTMA offers music and art opportunities for all ages. We believe in the "mind/body/spirit" approach that meets each student where they are and builds on their strengths. "Music & Art stimulates the brain uniquely to allow cognitive, emotional, and social learning to soak into our brain like nothing else. It promotes creativity, critical thinking, and improves math & spatial-temporal reasoning. Also exposes us to diversity & foster emotional intelligence, empathy & boost self-esteem & emotional regulation. It improves memory, attention span, and problem solving. Helps language development & encourages discipline & patience. All helping the brain to advance in all academic areas. This is why I feel



music and art must be a strong part of our education and human experience" McDonald says.

Schools & Summer Camps: We offer after-school choir on early let-out days got T-K through 5th grades and arts for all grades,

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HOT SUMMER NIGHTS
BINGO
FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2026
BENEFITING: COUNTRY WOMAN'S CLUB OF CAMPBELL (CWCC)
THE COURTYARD, CAMPBELL
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
ENTRY \$25
(Includes 1 Drink, 2 Cards, 1 Raffle Ticket)
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Country Women's Club of Campbell Garage Sale Raises Funds and Celebrates Community Spirit

By Nancy Whitney Gomes

The Country Women's Club of Campbell recently completed another successful garage sale, raising \$2,170 for the club's general fund and scholarship programs. Under the leadership of Club President Roberta Howe, members and volunteers worked together to create an event that showcased both fundraising success and community spirit.

While the financial results were impressive, organizers say the true success of the event was the teamwork, friendship, and dedication displayed by everyone involved.

From the moment the first request for donations was sent out, volunteers stepped forward to help. Over several weeks, members, spouses, neighbors, and friends contributed more than 300 volunteer hours collecting, sorting, organizing, pricing, setting up, and selling donated items.

"The numbers were fantastic, but the real story of this driveway sale is the incredible community effort that made it happen," said Cherri Fontana, Parliamentarian, Past President, and Committee Chairman. "It was a ton of hard work, but we had a wonderful time sharing laughs with our club ladies and working alongside so many generous friends and neighbors who donated items."

Approximately 25 volunteers participated throughout the project. Among the top contributors were Cherri Fontana with more than 58 volunteer hours, Maggie Church with 45 hours, Darla Forbes with 36 hours, and Izetta Kennedy with 30 hours. The busiest day was Friday, when volunteers logged an impressive 79 hours on-site preparing for the weekend sale.

The camaraderie among the volunteers was evident throughout the event. Members worked side by side for days, creating a welcoming atmosphere that reflected the club's commitment to service and friendship.

Fontana was especially grateful for the support of her neighbors and fellow community members.

"My neighbors are the best," she said.

Helen went above and beyond by lending two canopies and eight tables, bringing over plants to sell, and keeping volunteers fed with dozens of homemade egg rolls. Bob and Marlene generously loaned two additional tables, while Laura spent hours cleaning and polishing donated furniture to make it more appealing to buyers.

Cathi contributed her walkway as a dedicated gallery space for displaying donated artwork and photographs.

The event also benefited from specialized volunteer assistance. Michelle Lee photographed merchandise, while Cindy Conti tackled the enormous task of hanging every bag of donated clothing and organizing additional items. Mary from the Ainsley House Museum stepped in to organize clothing donations when the club ran short of hangers.

President Roberta Howe expressed her appreciation for the tremendous effort put forth by members, volunteers, neighbors, and donors. She noted that the success of the event reflects the club's long-standing commitment to supporting education, community service, and friendship throughout Campbell.

The Country Women's Club of Campbell extends its sincere thanks to every volunteer, donor, neighbor, and supporter who contributed to the event's success.

The garage sale not only raised important funds for scholarships and club programs but also served as a shining example of what can happen when a community comes together. Through hard work, generosity, and friendship, these dedicated volunteers demonstrated exactly what community spirit is all about.

4th Annual DCBA Car Show

By Piper Lacy

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Among the crowd were Steve and Kathy Pedone, proudly displaying their 1948 Chrysler Traveler, a vehicle that has been passed down through their family from father to son. The car is especially rare, with only 12 Travelers believed to remain in existence, nine of which are owned by Chrysler. According to the Pedone's, theirs is the only unrestored example still on the road, preserving both its original character and a piece of their family's history.

Ramon Quintana Jr. displayed "My Bonita," his 1957 Chevy 150 Sedan, a car he purchased for \$500 when he was 16 years old. He and his father completed the original in 2013 build together, and Quintana credits his father's automotive knowledge and patience for inspiring both his passion for cars and his career as an aircraft technician. Determined to fulfill a promise he had made years earlier, Quintana spent six years rebuilding the Chevy in his father's memory and it serves as a tribute to the man who first helped him build it. While

some owners view their cars to celebrate cherished memories, others saw them as a reminder to make the most of life as it is to enjoy and seize the opportunity now not later.

Cindy Diaz showcased her 1955 Pontiac Star Chief, a car that had only one owner before she purchased it. Diaz described it as her

be driven and enjoyed, not hidden away. "I'll drive it even if it's just going to the grocery store," she said.

Classic cars as they were lining the streets in all directions gave Downtown Campbell a nostalgic feel. While visitors strolled from each vehicle to the next, taking in every detail. Conversations sparked

between the car owners and intrigued car hobbyists alike contributed to the relaxed yet energetic environment.

As the event drew to a close, it was obvious that the Campbell Classic car show was not just about the historic vehicles out for the show. This was an event that offered people an opportunity to show admiration for incredible cars, nostalgic childhood stories, and conversations shared with people about great

memories from past decades. The owners of these incredible cars spend the day and pay a fee to be in the show and fix up their vehicles, so it's not an inexpensive hobby. But it is an opportunity to preserve personal memories and uphold the history of the way the auto industry has included most of us and created lifestyles that impacted our lives for decades!



"just say yes" purchase, inspired by family health challenges that changed her perspective on life. After watching loved ones face serious illnesses, she realized life was too short to wait for the perfect time to pursue happiness. Her personal motto, "just say yes," led her to buy the car she had always wanted. Diaz believes classic cars should

Saturday's Epic Nature Hike

By Melissa Wheeler

If you're anything like the people I work with, you're busy. You care deeply about your work, your family, and your responsibilities. You're trying to keep all the balls in the air, but lately it feels like there's never enough time. You know you need to do something differently, but you're stuck in the cycle of wake up, work hard, collapse, rinse and repeat. You want more energy. More peace. More time for yourself. And maybe, just maybe, you'd like to feel like yourself again. That's why I want to talk to you about something incredibly simple, yet surprisingly powerful: spending time in nature. 🌿

Last Saturday, I had the pleasure of hosting a few members of my favorite networking group, Highrise Connection, for a group hike at Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve.

We explored the trails, visited the old Jesuit priest college

buildings (one of which has been transformed into a bat habitat), walked around the pond, and enjoyed a few short stress relief, nature connection, and team-building activities.

Even though it got pretty warm, it was absolutely worth it. At the end, after just an hour and a half, people shared things like:

- 💡 *I didn't think about work once the whole time.*
- 💡 *My neck and shoulders feel so much lighter.*
- 💡 *I don't usually share so openly, but something special happened here today.*
- 💡 *I thought this was just going to be a walk and talk, but I feel like I went on a field trip.*
- 💡 *It was so nice that all I had to do was show up and everything was taken care of.*
- 💡 *I felt like a kid again.*

Those responses didn't surprise me.

Research consistently shows that spending time in nature can improve physical health, cognitive function, mood, self-esteem, immune function, focus, and creativity. It can also reduce stress hormones, anxiety, blood pressure, and symptoms of ADHD. 🌲

And here's the amazing part: Many of these benefits can be achieved with as little as two hours a week, or less than 18 minutes a day. 😊

Nature connection goes by many names: forest bathing, ecotherapy, nature therapy, wilderness cure, or simply green time. Whatever you call it, it's one of the most powerful forms of self-care available.

Yet it's often the first thing busy people eliminate. Why? Because it feels optional. **When you consistently ignore those needs, you don't become more productive; you become less efficient.**

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Campbell Chamber of Commerce

Tee Up for a Great Cause: The 61st Annual Golf Tournament Returns August 26th

It's been more than six decades, and the Campbell Chamber Community Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament just keeps getting better. This year, the community fundraiser returns for its 61st year on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at the award-winning Cinnabar Hills Golf Club.

Whether you're a scratch golfer or someone who considers a triple bogey a personal victory, this tournament is for you. All levels of play are welcome, and the day promises far more than just a day away from work.

A Day You Won't Want to Miss
Registration includes 18 holes on one of the South Bay's most beautiful courses, lunch, a cart for every foursome, unlimited beverages on the course, a variety of on-course games, and a buffet-style dinner and award ceremony to cap the evening. Each golfer also receives a swag bag filled with golf goodies and a polo shirt. Check-in begins at 10:30am and golfers can enjoy lunch, warm up, and try their hand at the Putting Contest.

After the final hole, the fun moves indoors for a delicious buffet dinner, live auction, and awards ceremony. Will your team hoist the coveted Top Team trophy — or will you be immortalized as the Most Honest Team? (That's the "Dead \$\$\$ Last" trophy, and yes, it's a real thing.)

Think your Chamber has game? Teams from local Chambers of Commerce are encouraged to enter the 7th Annual Chamber Cup competition. The winning Chamber gets to show off the trophy all year long until next year's competition.

More Than a Round of Golf

Here's the part that really matters: every dollar raised at this tournament goes right back into the Campbell community.

The Foundation's two signature programs are the heart of why this event exists. Since 1984, the Campbell Community Toy Program has been bringing holiday magic to thousands of local children each year, ensuring kids across our community wake up to gifts on Christmas morning regardless of their family's circumstances. And the Foundation's Scholarship Program awards three scholarships to graduating Campbell high school seniors, helping the next generation of community leaders launch their futures.

When you register to play, become a sponsor, or show up to volunteer, you're not just having a great time, you're making a real difference for Campbell kids and families.

Three Ways to Get Involved

Play Golf — Sign up solo or rally your crew for a foursome. It's a perfect outing for coworkers, friends, or anyone who's been looking for an excuse to get on the course.

Become a Sponsor — Businesses, this one's for you. Sponsorship packages start at \$300 and go up to \$5,000, with options ranging from hole signage and tee box booths to logo placement on every player's polo shirt. It's a tremendous opportunity to get your brand in front of a highly engaged local audience while supporting programs that strengthen our community. Sponsorship details are available at the tournament website.

Volunteer — Not a golfer? No problem. The tournament can't happen without dedicated volunteers who help with registration, logistics, and keeping the day running smoothly. You'll spend a beautiful August day outdoors doing something that truly matters.

Mark Your Calendar

What: 61st Annual Campbell Chamber Community Foundation Golf Tournament

When: Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Where: Cinnabar Hills Golf Club, San Jose

Registration & Sponsorships: Scan the QR Code or visit campbellchamberfoundation.org/golf-tournament for registration, sponsorship information, volunteer sign-ups, and more.

The Campbell Chamber Community Foundation supports community events and programs that make Campbell a better place to live, work, and grow up. For more information, visit campbellchamberfoundation.org.

CAMPBELL MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

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History Happy Hour at the Ainsley House

Friday, July 31: The History of Baseball, America's Favorite Pastime with Dr. Lindsay Bell

As America celebrates its 250th anniversary, join us for a look at the history of our national pastime—baseball. Historian Dr. Lindsay Bell explores how a simple game grew into a powerful symbol of American identity, reflecting the nation's values, challenges, and aspirations. From sandlots to stadiums, discover how baseball became woven into the fabric of American life and earned its place as America's pastime.

Step up to the plate on July 31 for this fascinating journey through sports, culture, and history.

\$25/Person | 5:30pm–7:30pm | www.campbellmuseums.com

Children's Summer Writing Contest

Children's Writing & Illustration Contest:

A Tale From My City

Calling all young authors and artists! Share your creativity through words and pictures in *A Tale From My City*, a writing and illustration contest celebrating the places, people, stories, and imagination that make our communities special.

Whether you create a magical adventure, tell a family story, explore local history, or invent a hero who lives in your city, we want to see your unique tale come to life. Entries may be submitted as a picture book or graphic novel and must include both illustrations and storytelling.

Open to children and teens ages 4–17, the contest is divided into two age groups (4–7 and 8–17). Stories must be original, at least six pages long, and created without AI assistance.

So grab your pencils, markers, paintbrushes, and imagination—and tell us a tale from your city! www.campbellmuseums.com for more information.

Heroes of Campbell Project Share Your Story for Home-town Heroes

The Campbell Museums and the Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation are seeking stories, photographs, and memories for an upcoming 2027 exhibit, *Heroes of Campbell*, celebrating the military service of individuals and families from the Santa Clara Valley.

Have you served in the military? Do you have a family member, friend, or loved one who served? We want to hear your story. Whether your connection is recent or reaches back generations, your experiences help tell the larger story of service, sacrifice, and community.

Help us preserve and share these important histories by submitting your story through the Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation website at <https://www.campbellveteransmemorial.com/>.

Together, we can honor the men and women who served and ensure their stories become part of our community's history.



Ridership Records Continue to Soar on Public Transit to San Francisco Bay Area Stadium

San Jose, CA — Maybe it was the fact that Austrian citizens are among the top public transit users in Europe, or that Jordan is steadily working to modernize its public transit system. Or maybe it's just the convenience, affordability, and lack of stress of taking transit to the San Francisco Bay Area Stadium...but Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) ridership there continues to smash records.

More than **39,500 riders** made their way to and from the temporarily renamed Levi's Stadium for the FIFA World Cup match between Austria and Jordan on June 16. That was about 2500 more rides than were taken for last Saturday's Bay Area opener between Qatar and Australia.

"People are finding out with each big event that public transit is the way to go to avoid getting stuck in traffic and paying high prices to park," said Carolyn Gonot, VTA's General Manager/CEO. "We never imagined the crowds would soar as they have, but our employees have shown they're up to the task," Gonot said, as there have been very few service interruptions for the matches. Regular season 49ers' games have previously drawn about 15,000 passengers. Those

ridership numbers began to increase during the 2023 Taylor Swift concerts, which drew 23,000 and 22,000 on the first and second day, respectively.

Careful coordination with BART and Caltrain brings passengers from San Francisco, the East Bay, and the Peninsula, where they transfer at either Mountain View or the Milpitas Transit Center to ride VTA directly to the stadium.

Four more games are scheduled at the SF Bay Area Stadium. VTA will offer the same service with extra trains running both pre and post-event. Riders are strongly encouraged to plan their trip ahead, arrive at light rail stations early (before and after the game) and buy fare on mobile devices through **Token Transit**.

As a reminder, **light rail service ends 2 hours after the end of the match**, unless the platforms are still crowded.

About VTA

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district that is responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations, transportation planning, and serves as the county's congestion management agency.



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CITY NEWS By Sergio Lopez

This month, I write to share details about the latest state of Campbell’s finances — from our newly adopted budget and capital improvement plan, to updates on Measure K.

Campbell has a long tradition of careful and prudent fiscal management. As I near six years on the Campbell City Council, my colleagues and I have continually raised up fiscal sustainability and sound budget practices as city priorities. These priorities have led to workplan items such as setting aside funds for reserves, as well as streamlining and cleaning up the reserve funds themselves. The work of both council and the staff on this front has led to outside recognition: Campbell, in fact, has received the highest level of recognition for its budget documents and practices for over three decades from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), the national industry association for municipal finance professionals. These practices are in keeping with the tradition of past city councils.

This year, during the June 16th meeting (but following many other public meetings on the budget going back to March of this year), the City Council adopted its Operating Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2027 (from July of 2026 through June of 2027). The operating budget includes a balanced assumption of both Revenues and Expenditures in the amount of \$74,008,821. With a small structural deficit, balancing the budget required drawing down \$2,692,174 from reserve funds, which would reduce an \$18,470,961 overall reserve to \$16,778,787. This was largely a status quo budget maintaining existing letters of service, without adding new permanent positions, but accounting for rising costs from inflation and already agreed upon increases to contract costs.

While many councilmembers, myself included, expressed the strong sense that reserves should only be used when absolutely necessary, it was ultimately my

opinion that this was such a case. Despite the drawdown of reserves, the remaining amount in the fund of nearly \$17 million still is in excess of the amount which the GFOA recommends as a best practice for cities. Several councilmembers also expressed that this step was only a one-year fix, and that when funds become available, the reserves should be replenished. Closely tied to this is the fate of Measure K.

All cities have a fundamental responsibility to present a balanced budget for city services. As a smaller city within Santa Clara County, the council and staff work each year to balance the level of services which residents expect with the reality of rising materials and labor costs every year. Accordingly, you may rightly wonder about the impact and the current status of Measure K, a voter-approved initiative from the November 2024 election which was meant to raise the sales tax by half a cent, thereby generating approximately \$7 million in new revenue for the city each year to fund services.

Unfortunately, Measure K remains in litigation from a lawsuit filed in January of 2025 in Santa Clara County Superior Court, and so the funds collected from the half cent increase in sales tax are currently sitting in escrow (as well as earning interest). Since its filing, the lawsuit has been appealed further, and the City of Campbell has fared well, winning several procedural arguments. I expect the City to emerge victorious, and for these funds to help not just balance our budget, but to provide us with a structural surplus. This would allow Campbell to continue its tradition of carefully planning through the future through careful fiscal management — and you can stay tuned here for further developments.

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

DISTRICT NEWS



By Susan Ellenburg

Funding Cuts Poised to Hit Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services with the Perfect Storm

It seems fitting that I’ve cycled through a range of emotions during Mental Health Awareness Month, with Santa Clara County’s behavioral health services top of mind. **Joy** at the opening of 269 new inpatient treatment beds, halfway to the 2030 goal I helped set after declaring mental health and substance use disorders a public health crisis four years ago. **Frustration** and **Sadness** that the County will have to reduce some essential services because we can’t keep up with rising costs while facing fiscal cliffs and mandates demanding we do more with less.

I’ve felt all of this and more as I fight to sustain the progress we’ve made — we’re able to support more than 2,000 additional patients every year — amid the chaos and havoc coming down from outside forces.

Let me be clear: *I’m talking about the federal government’s H.R. 1 cuts to Medicaid, which cover the majority of mental health care services for eligible individuals, coupled with the statewide move from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA).*

Both legislative mandates have largely limited our County’s access to and command of funding streams for essential services, particularly preventative and early intervention services, both because of the dangerous belief that only certain groups deserve health care access and a systemic overhaul due to inherent philosophical shifts.

Regardless of the reasoning (or lack thereof), our County behavioral health department is facing the perfect storm for the roughly 30,000 patients it serves every year, even as we make strides toward better, more accessible treatment. We are, of course, doing everything we can to mitigate the impacts the community will feel, but we can’t shoulder this alone -- let me explain.

Most of our patients rely on Medi-Cal for our mental health services because they can’t afford private insurance. Naturally, then, most of the behavioral health department’s budget comes from Medi-Cal reimbursements. But H.R. 1 has already made it exponentially harder for millions of residents statewide to maintain their insurance coverage.

At the same time, we are contending with the shift from the MHSA to the BHSA. The MHSA, formed in 2004, created a dedicated fund for mental health services through a statewide 1% income tax on residents making personal incomes of more than \$1 million a year. Our County used the funds to expand prevention programs.

The BHSA, which replaced the MHSA after voters passed Proposition 1 in 2024, fundamentally redefined the tax’s framework and the state’s expectation of county behavioral health systems. While the intention to diversify where funding goes for mental health treatment is not

inherently bad, and expanding substance use treatment is necessary, putting the onus on counties to expand their services with restricted funding. This change, especially during this perfect storm, will directly impair programs that historically work, and on which patients have come to rely over decades.

You can see the predicament we’re in. We know people need these services because our numbers rise every year. We are doing everything within our control to sustain this critical care: we’ve directed more money from our already strained general fund, I’ve traveled to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to make our case for sustained funding, and we’ve eliminated positions to reduce costs.

But the reality is we have very limited control... because the state and federal governments have the power to dictate what counties must do without being required to provide the resources to fulfill legal mandates. We need governments to hear us when we say: This. Is. Not. Tenable.

There’s not much we can do to halt the impacts of H.R. 1 at this time, but we can and must talk with our state legislators to ensure they understand the challenges we face in meeting the needs of the residents we both serve.

I’ll keep fighting for our residents who need these services, and I’ll likely keep feeling all the feels. Please make your voice heard, as well.

City Council & Planning Commission News



By Adam Buchbinder

The Planning Commission subcommittee on housing streamlining continues its work, and has received some feedback from concerned members of the public on several fronts. We’re addressing those concerns as we proceed.

First, commenters wanted to see the interim report; it’s rapidly changing, but current versions will be included in the agenda packet going forward. The full report will be voted on by the Commission in a public hearing, before being sent

to the City Council, which will also hear it publicly. While we’re not directly attributing quotes in order to allow people to speak freely, a list of our sources and plentiful footnotes will be included.

Some members of the public believed that there was an improper relationship between commissioners and developers. We take the trust which the public places in us seriously. Commissioners must adhere to a code of ethics and disclose our interests on an

annual Form 700 to ensure transparency.

Second, SB 79, which legalizes apartment build-outs near transit hubs, goes into effect this summer. Preliminary reports indicate that it will add up to forty thousand units of capacity to Campbell. While this seems massive, cities rarely build out to their zoned envelope; Los Angeles, in the 1950s, had two million residents but zoned capacity for ten million. We simply don’t know in advance what will be built. When

evaluating the Housing Element in 2023, there was concern about overperforming. We are currently far underperforming.

Lastly, there are concerns about Campbell’s infrastructure. Where will the new homes get water and sewer service? Fortunately, the planning process includes these concerns; Campbell’s Plan For Housing, our Housing Element from 2023, specifically (pages H.IV.40-42) states that we have sufficient water and sewer capacity for

our planned growth through 2040. The City Council at the time received this report, and would be aware of this.

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

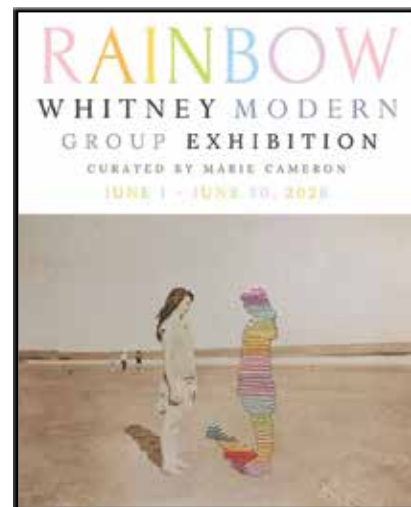


RAINBOW Exhibition Brings International Artists Together at Whitney Modern

By Nancy O. Whitney

What began as a personal artistic response to the isolation of the pandemic has grown into an international exhibition celebrating hope, creativity, and human connection. The RAINBOW exhibition, guest curated by Bay Area artist Marie Cameron, is on display throughout the month of June at Whitney Modern in downtown Los Gatos.

The exhibition features 38 artists from the United States, Canada, England, and the Bay Area.



Bringing together both established and emerging artists, the show explores the many meanings of the rainbow through painting, photography, mixed media, textile art, and contemporary installations.

Whitney Modern, owned by Suzanne Whitney Smith, is located above Gallery 24 in the historic Templeman Building. The gallery is known for presenting carefully curated exhibitions that showcase contemporary artists and unique creative perspectives.

For Cameron, the inspiration for RAINBOW began during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. Known for her large-scale oil paintings focused on environmental themes, she found herself searching for a more intimate way to create while working alone in her studio.

"During the pandemic, I wanted to find the rainbow in myself and in my community," Cameron explained.



One day while standing near the shoreline beneath dark clouds, she witnessed a magnificent rainbow stretching across the sky. The image stayed with her and inspired a new body of work. Cameron began creating embroidered rainbow designs layered over photographs sent to her from around the world. The contrast between the ordinary photographs and the vibrant silk threads became a visual expression of hope, gratitude, and wonder.

As she shared these works online, Cameron also began noticing how many artists were using rainbow imagery in their own creative practices. She started keeping a list of artists whose work resonated with her. What began as a simple collection of names eventually became the foundation for a future exhibition.

For nearly six years, Cameron continued adding artists to her growing list. When the opportunity arose to curate a major exhibition, she began reaching out through social media, email, and professional art networks. Many of the artists were connected through galleries, schools, exhibitions, and mutual friends.

The response was overwhelmingly positive. Artists from different countries and backgrounds embraced the opportunity to participate in a show centered on a universal symbol of optimism and connection.

Cameron credits much of the exhibition's success to the strong sense of community among artists. She frequently attends gallery openings, photographs artists with their work, and shares their accomplishments online. Her passion for supporting the arts has helped her build relationships throughout California and beyond.

The planning process officially began in January. While preparing for her own exhibitions, Cameron spent evenings organizing contracts, coordinating artwork shipments, designing catalogs, and communicating with participating artists.

"It was painting during the day and curating at night," she said.

Despite the tremendous amount of work involved, Cameron views curating as a labor of love. The result is an exhibition that celebrates diversity, creativity, and



L-R NCWCA - Back Row: Samuray Akarvardar, Rinat Goren, Theresa Giammattei, Victoria Veedell, Chandrika Marla, Ally Kraus
Front Row: Marie Cameron, Priscilla Otani, Elizabeth Addison, Vicki Gunther, Durba Sen, Laura Abrams, Myrna Ehrlich, Wendy Lowengrub

the power of art to bring people together.

The RAINBOW exhibition is on display through June at Whitney Modern, located at 24 N. Santa Cruz Avenue, Suite 2, Los Gatos, California. For more information about the exhibition, featured artists, and upcoming gallery events, visit MarieCameronStudio.com or WhitneyModern.com.

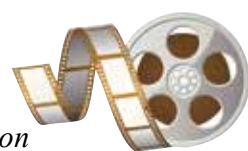


L-R Rainbow Artists: Chandrika Marla, Victoria Wagner, Karen M. Gutfreund, Sabrina Sanchez, Erin Fong, Marie Cameron, Rinat Goren, Kerith Lisi, Charlotte Kruk, Jaya King (photo Credit-Hadi Aghaee)

For Cameron, the exhibition stands as a reminder that even during difficult times, beauty and connection can emerge in unexpected ways. What began as a personal search for hope has become an international celebration of color, imagination, and community.

JULY MOVIES

By Sam Wilson



Obsession – B+

A refreshing "Tales from the Crypt"-style monkey's paw horror tale that's highly amusing and entertainingly twisted. A shy young man's wish that his crush will love him more than anything shockingly comes true, with horrific consequences. The relatable toxic rom-com excels at getting maximum effect from its basic premise. Young up-and-coming director Curry Barker delivers incredibly impressive work with a low budget and an unknown cast.

Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu – C

Essentially a paint-by-numbers season of Disney's "The Mandalorian" condensed to feature length with improved effects. Bounty hunter Din Djarin (Pedro Pascal, "Materialists") and Yoda-like Grogu take a job to locate Rotta the Hutt (Jeremy Allen White, "Iron Claw"), Joba the Hutt's son. Director Jon Favreau's (Elf, Iron Man) action-packed space western is ultimately too formulaic, lacking a strong narrative and interesting villain.

Backrooms – B

Attention-grabbing from the start with an intriguing concept that's unsettlingly atmospheric. A store owner (Chiwetel Ejiofor, "Serenity") discovers an eerie maze of distorted rooms revealed to be a strange dreamlike dimension. Newcomer Kane Parsons directs, based on his viral YouTube series, which itself was inspired by a creepypasta. Filled with claustrophobic dread and striking production design, the film loses some of its mystique once explanations demystify the premise.

Scary Movie – C

The welcome dose of nostalgia from the OG cast isn't enough to compensate for the litany of stale jokes. A killer is on the loose, targeting the legacy generation of the original's core four survivors. The sequel-reboot to the R-rated spoof horror-comedy franchise is too disjointed, like random sketches stitched together. Anna Faris (Waiting...), Marlon Wayans (Him), Regina Hall (One Battle After Another), and Shawn Wayans (White Chicks) lead the returning cast.

Masters of the Universe – B

A conventionally enjoyable, campy romp using Marvel's "Guardians of the Galaxy" irreverent superhero-comedy

playbook. Stuck on Earth since youth, Adam (a magnetic Nicholas Galitzine, "Bottoms") finally reunites with his people, becoming who he was meant to be: He-Man. Director Travis Knight (Bumblebee) does well catering to fans of the popular '80s IP while also making it accessible to newcomers. The ensemble includes Idris Elba (Thor), Alison Brie (Together), Morena Baccarin (Deadpool), and the voices of Jared Leto (Morbis) and Kristen Wiig (Bridesmaids).

Mortal Kombat II – C+

Cheesy B-movie with a thin plot serving as a bridge between over-the-top action sequences. The Mortal Kombat tournament begins, pitting Earth against Outworld, led by Shao Kahn. The sequel leans heavily into fan service but struggles to adapt the popular game franchise's rich lore and to balance world-building with coherent storytelling. While the costume design is strong, there are underdeveloped characters with undercooked arcs, exotic locations that appear green-screened, and flat emotional beats.

The Sheep Detectives – B

A delightfully whimsical "Babe" meets Agatha Christie whodunit. A shepherd (Hugh Jackman, "Logan") who reads murder-mystery stories to his sheep daily is found dead and it's up to the sheep to find the killer. Director Kyle Balda's (Minions, The Lorax) adaptation balances light family humor with existential themes. Nicholas Braun (Sky High), Emma Thompson (Cruella), and Nicholas Galitzine appear alongside an all-star voice cast including Julia Louis-Dreyfus (Thunderbolts*), Bryan Cranston (Argo), and Patrick Stewart (X-Men).

Is God Is – B+

Highly stylized road-trip revenge thriller taking inspiration from "Kill Bill" and "O Brother, Where Art Thou?". Two sisters with a dark family history embark on a wild quest to kill their estranged father (Sterling K. Brown, "Black Panther"). Based on a stage play that was itself a modern take on classic Greek tragedy, blending myth, violence, dark humor, spaghetti western, and colorful characters. Brown transcends as the chillingly sociopathic antagonist.

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EPIC NATURE HIKE

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You need more time to complete the same work. Your focus drops. Your patience shrinks. Your decision-making suffers. Everything feels harder than it should.

Nature helps refill the tank. It helps you slow down enough to think clearly, focus better, and work smarter instead of harder. In other words, making time for nature doesn't take time away from productivity. It supports it.

If you've been feeling stressed, overwhelmed, exhausted, disconnected, or like you're constantly running on fumes, I encourage you to start small.

- ✔ Take your lunch outside.
- ✔ Go for a walk around the block.
- ✔ Sit under a tree for a few minutes.
- ✔ Visit a local park.
- ✔ Leave your phone in your pocket.
- ✔ Just notice what's around you.

And if you're wondering how on earth you're supposed to fit one more thing into an already packed schedule, that's exactly the kind of challenge I help people solve in my *Banish Burnout 1-to-1 Coaching Program*. Together, we create a realistic plan that helps you reclaim your time, improve your energy, and feel like yourself again without adding more overwhelm to your life. It starts with a *free consultation here*.

For more support, I also recommend listening to my podcast episode, *"Break Free From Stress & Burnout: 7 Essential Self-Care Practices,"* where you'll hear why experiencing nature is one of the foundational practices for preventing or recovering from chronic stress and burnout. You don't have to earn rest or wait until everything is done.

P.S. If you're interested in growing your business or checking out what I believe is the best networking group around, you're invited to visit Highrise Connection. Every Friday from 7:00–8:30 a.m. in Los Gatos, a group of highly motivated, friendly, and successful professionals gathers to help one another grow their businesses through meaningful relationships and referrals. Free hot breakfast from Los Gatos Cafe and coffee from BLVD Coffee are included. Reply, and I'll get you registered!

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Friday, July 3
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Wednesday, July 8
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First Call

Thursday, July 9
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Pro Blues Jam

Friday, July 10
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Summit Boys

Saturday, July 11
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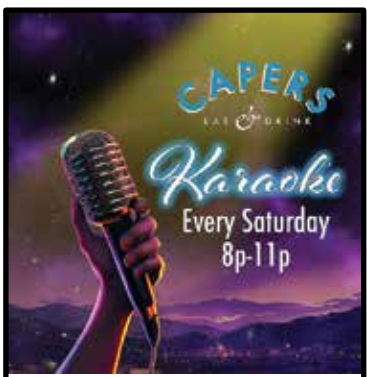
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Pro Blues Jam

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Reggae’s Ripple Effect: How Jamaican Rhythms Shaped Rock — and Why KKUP’s Reggae Marathon Matters

By Dana Jang

From Friday July 17 at 6 p.m. through midnight on Sunday, July 19, 91.5 FM KKUP and KKUPFM.org will once again host their beloved Annual Reggae Marathon — a three-day celebration of Jamaican music and a fundraiser supporting one of the Bay Area’s last true community-powered radio stations. This year’s theme highlights something music fans often feel but don’t always name: the profound, surprising ways reggae reshaped rock music.

The Jamaican Beat That Rock Musicians Couldn’t Resist

Reggae’s influence on rock began almost the moment the genre emerged from Kingston’s studios in the late 1960s. Its signature elements — the offbeat guitar “skank,” the bass-driven groove, and the spacious, dubinspired production style — offered rock musicians a new rhythmic vocabulary.

Bands across the world began weaving reggae into their sound:

- **Led Zeppelin** experimented with reggaeinfused rhythms on “D’Yer Mak’er,” blending Jamaican pulse with doowop nostalgia.

- **Paul Simon** traveled to Kingston to record “Mother and Child Reunion” with Jamaican musicians, creating one of the earliest reggaerock crossovers.
- **The Clash** built entire songs around reggae’s political and rhythmic power, helping define the punkreggae hybrid.
- **The Police** fused reggae guitar chops with new-wave energy, creating hits like “Message in a Bottle” and “Walking on the Moon.”
- **Talking Heads** absorbed reggae’s tension and space into their artrock experiments.

Even jamband icons like the **Grateful Dead** explored reggae grooves, most famously in “**Estimated Prophet**” — a psychedelic reggae rhythm stretched into 7/4 time.

Reggae didn’t just influence rock — it expanded it.

Why Reggae Resonated With Rock Artists

Rock musicians were drawn to reggae for three big reasons:

- **The Rhythm:** Reggae’s emphasis on the offbeat opened new creative doors for guitarists and drummers.

- **The Bass:** In reggae, the bass isn’t background — it’s the lead voice. Rock bands embraced this, reshaping their sound from the bottom up.
- **The Message:** Reggae’s themes of unity, resistance, and spiritual resilience resonated deeply with rock’s countercultural roots.

The result was a musical conversation across oceans — one that continues today.

Why KKUP’s Reggae Marathon Matters

KKUP’s Annual Reggae Marathon isn’t just a radio event — it’s a living tribute to the cultural exchange that shaped modern music. For nearly five decades, KKUP has championed independent voices, noncommercial programming, and communitydriven broadcasting.

This marathon keeps that mission alive.

Your donations during the event help KKUP:

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- train and support local volunteer DJs
- broadcast diverse music rarely heard on corporate radio

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Levi’s Stadium — Concerts or Sports?

By Chris Jackson
“Mayor of Silicon Valley”

What costs more to attend at Levi’s Stadium, **concerts** or **sports**? If you said, “both,” you’re not wrong—lol—but if you’ve gone to at least one of each, you know **sporting events** cost more. Have you tried buying World Cup soccer tickets? Ouch. Knowing fans must save for a long time to be able to afford going to their concerts, one hometown Bay Area band recently came up with an idea. Last year, when I saw Metallica at Levi’s Stadium, they didn’t play their most popular song, “Enter Sandman.” They decided, as a gift to their fans, to not repeat

any songs over two shows in two nights. I went the first night, and they played “Enter Sandman” the second night. I couldn’t help but think what a welcome change that must’ve been for the band. When that song first became popular, they opened every show with it, and soon after that it became the closer...for every show. Still, I wish they would’ve played it both nights!

Message to Joan Jett, Rick Springfield, and Vanilla Ice—don’t get any ideas. ☺

Chris Jackson can be heard on 98.5 KFOX weekdays 9am-2pm

J. Lohr Wine Center

By The Triple Cork Crew

Bright, airy and beautiful are just a few adjectives that describe our experience at J. Lohr Wine Center. Coincidentally, these same adjectives describe the wines we tasted there too. Located in a gorgeous, historic brick building in San Jose, this wine center was where J. Lohr first served its first bottle of wine, a petite sirah, back in 1974.

Hanging on the walls, like the ivy that drapes the outside of the building, are pictures of Jerry’s (The founder and CFO) family and the vineyards in Monterey County, Paso Robles and Napa Valley. These works of art contain the memories of hard work and dedication that is relevant in every bottle of wine produced there today. Inside the tasting rooms you will find large tables for group tastings, couples tables for a more romantic feel, and a soft couch with chairs, showcasing the sense of family and belonging.

wines (Named in honor of Jerry’s late wife) to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, to maintaining eco-friendly farming practices, this caring family embodies all of what it truly means to be family owned and operated. In fact, Jerry still works the business at 89 years old!



J. Lohr offers two tastings, a seasonal tasting and a luxury line tasting. We tried the seasonal tasting. We tasted 2 white wines and 3 red wines from their vineyards based in Monterey and Paso Robles. One of our favorites was the Pinot Blanc. This fruit-forward wine was very smooth, with a hint of pear and apple. Another one of our favorites was the Grenache Rose, which was perfect with a lite summer vibe. With our wine we ordered a cheese plate which came with cheeses from around the world, dried fruit and nuts. We also had the marinated olives which they marinate in the wine center. J. Lohr also has a charcuterie board with fresh Italian meats that can accompany your wine tasting experience.

Did you know that J. Lohr offers a dealcoholized line of wine through their Ariel collection? That’s right, through reverse osmosis, they are able to take out the alcohol. So if you are looking for a place to make memories, share memories and encompass the true meaning of family for every member (even non-drinkers), set up a reservation at J. Lohr today!



As we sat down at our table, we were greeted by hospitality manager, Blake Cooper. Although he was very busy, he sat down with us for a quick interview. We learned a lot about the history and the daily operations at the wine center. We learned about the artistry of the wines, the sustainability of the vineyards and the Lohr family business. The Lohr family are true leaders and innovators in the wine business. From donating a portion of the proceeds from every bottle of their Carol’s Vineyard line of

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DIG IT... with SAM

By Sharon McCray, UCCE Master Gardener

In February I had the opportunity to volunteer at the San Francisco Orchid Society annual show and sale in Golden Gate Park. It was amazing. Thousands of orchids for sale from every corner of the world along with a plant show that was over the top.

Now, I've never been keen on orchids and much prefer to grow food crops outside. Orchids are no easy plant and some require impossible conditions. I find in all things "plant", it is always best to learn their history first - where do they come from, where do they grow naturally and what are their specific growing needs.

The more you learn about orchids, the more you will realize what an amazing plant family they belong to. There

are more than 28,000 species of orchid with more being hybridized every year. They are considered one of the largest plant families and grow on every continent except Antarctica. Many orchids do not have a fragrance but some smell fantastic. They are typically grown in hot humid places as epiphytes, clinging to trees and other plants. The need for bright indirect light makes it somewhat challenging, to find the perfect place to grow. Further, defining bright indirect light can be difficult to the novice gardener.

But some of the orchids on display require so much more than I care to give. Almost constant attention, high humidity and a dedicated fertilization schedule. Robert introduced me to these complex plants

and I have grown to appreciate his dedication and the amazing flowers his collection produces.

My cymbidium orchids grow fantastic outside and enjoy our weather. They rarely disappoint. In the past, when I have fussed over them too much, there was some disappointment. These bulbs like to be crowded in a pot, watered irregularly and crave regular fertilizing. Growing alongside a north facing shaded spot with lots of light, they are currently blessing me with dozens of new flowers. The flowers will last weeks and certainly grace any place they are shown. Easy peezy just like I prefer.

I was surprised to see that the San Francisco show had many other types of rare plants for

sale including Hoyas and begonias. There were several clubs and vendors represented and the selections were outstanding.

There are two other orchid plant sales going on this spring. The next one is on April 18 and 19 in San Mateo and is hosted by the Gold Coast Cymbidium Society and the Peninsula Orchid Society. I plan to attend both events and see what's new and perhaps, pick up a couple of nice plants.

On May 9 and 10, the Santa Clara Orchid Society will host a plant sale in Cupertino where you will have the opportunity to learn firsthand, about each variety they are offering as well as get general orchid information. Talking face to face with a local expert will no doubt get you hooked, just like me.

The Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society meets in the evening on the first Wednesday of each month in San Jose. The speakers are knowledgeable and the members great mentors. These informal gatherings bring some of the brightest and most engaging speakers to the meetings, and every month I learn so much more. The meetings are free and open to all.

According to AI, "Orchid symbolism broadly represents love, beauty, strength and refinement". These delicate flowers represent aristocracy to me. Maybe this is why they are the flower of choice for corsages and wedding bouquets.

Get to a show and learn from the experts and maybe you will cultivate a new hobby.

A Father's Day Narrative Honoring the Courage, Character, and Community Legacy of James Joseph Jang *By Dana Jang*

On Father's Day, I find myself reflecting on the life of my father, **James Joseph Jang** — a life defined by courage, intellect, humor, and a deep commitment to lifting others. Though his years were few, the imprint he left on our family and on his community continues to resonate across generations.

He was born in Canton in 1917 and came to America with determination and a belief in what education could unlock. He pursued graduate studies at the **University of Michigan** and completed his **Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota**, entering academic spaces where few Chinese immigrants were welcomed. His presence there was an act of courage — a quiet insistence that he belonged, that he had something to contribute, that his voice mattered. And he used that voice.

In 1947, he published articles in *East Wind* magazine, including **"Two Lives: Paper Son: James Joseph Jang"** and a commentary titled **"San Francisco."** In these pieces, he wrote with clarity and conviction about the challenges facing Chinese American youth — overcrowded housing, lack of recreational space, and the absence of adult guidance. His writing revealed a man who understood both the structural barriers and the human stories behind them. His concern for youth wasn't theoretical — it was lived.

During the postwar years, he was deeply involved with the **Chinese Christian Youth Conferences at Lake Tahoe**, held every July. These gatherings were more than retreats; they were lifelines for young Chinese Americans navigating identity, faith, and belonging in a rapidly changing world.

His civic leadership extended to the **Public Affairs Committee at the Chinatown YMCA** on Sacramento Street, where he worked with others to address housing, family stability, and youth development. He was a man who didn't just see problems — he stepped forward to help solve them.

That same courage guided him as a young husband and father.

He began his family in the familiar comfort of **San Francisco's Chinatown**, surrounded by community and culture. But when opportunity called, he made a bold choice: he moved our growing family to **Freeport, Texas**, a place where there were almost no Asians in the early 1950s. It meant stepping into the unknown, trusting his abilities, and believing he could build a life for us anywhere.

And in that new neighborhood, he taught me one of his simplest and most enduring lessons: **how to be a good neighbor.** Together, we built a "good neighbor fence," alternating each wooden plank so both sides looked the same. It was his way of showing that respect and generosity should be built into the very structure of how we live with others.

But some of my most cherished memories of him are not about courage or leadership — they are about love.

He respected my mother's independence and her need for time to herself. On Saturdays, he would care for me so she could pursue her own interests, her own desires, her own sense of self. Those Saturdays became our time. And they always began the same way: with **"Cowboy Pancakes."**

Instead of making round pancakes, he would shape the batter into the silhouette of a cowboy hat, boots, etc. In those moments, he wasn't a scholar, or a community leader, or a rising executive. He was simply my father — playful, attentive, and full of love.

And before all of that, in his younger days in San Francisco, he served as a **Chinatown tour guide.** These stories paint a portrait of a man who was brave, warm, humorous, and full of life.

And then, on June 30, 1956, his life was cut short when his **TWA Flight** collided over the Grand Canyon. He was just 39. He never saw his children grow up. He never met the daughter born after his passing. But his legacy did not end there. It lived on in my mother's strength. It lived on in the memories we carried. It lives on today in the values he left us — courage, kindness, humor, intellectual curiosity, community service, and the belief that we belong wherever we choose to build our lives.

On Father's Day, I honor not only the father I lost, but the man he was: A scholar who crossed oceans. A writer who grappled with identity and justice. A mentor who shaped young lives at Lake Tahoe. A civic leader who fought for better conditions for Chinatown youth. A pioneer who stepped into unfamiliar worlds. A neighbor who built fences that welcomed rather than divided. A man who danced without fear. A guide who made strangers laugh. A father who made Cowboy Pancakes on Saturday mornings. A man whose love and courage still shape us.

His life was short, but it was full. And remembering him is a way of carrying his spirit forward.

REGGAE MARATHON *Continued from page 10*

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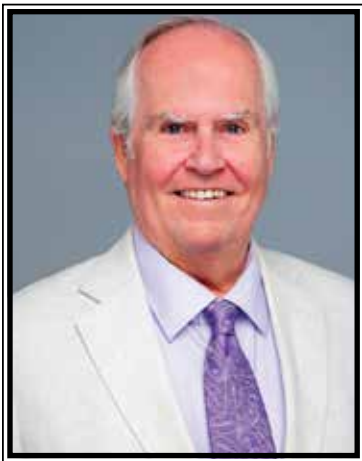


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Opportunity and Affordability

By W. Gene Hunt, CalDRE 01124702
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Here we are, the end of May. Memorial Day has passed and we're about to run into the summer months which typically have a slowing down of home sales compared to the spring buying season. This year is different, though. While sales have continued and there are some instances of multiple offers, overall, sales in Santa Clara are lower today than they have been in the past 2 years at this time. In 2024, there were 1134 homes available for sale in Santa Clara County; in 2025, 2301 and this year; more than 2500. Back in 2024 we had 1178 homes under contract, in 2025 we had 1168, but this year we have only 1006. In short there's more opportunity for home buyers and more competition for home sellers.

Home values, based on median homes prices, continues to rise. In 2024 our median home price was \$1.498 million. In 2025 it was \$1.598. In May of this year it was \$1.69 million. Days on market (DOM) is a measure of the time on the market of homes that sold. Currently it sits at 10, however that doesn't take into account a number of homes that are sitting for an extended period and even undergoing a price adjustment, typically lower. So, why the huge slowdown in sales? For many, the noise in the world appears to be impacting their plans for the future. Consumer Confidence has taken quite a dive as the war in Iran, higher gas prices, inflation and a myriad of other issues are a constant drumbeat on our ears. Some issues are more intimate and impactful such as one current client reporting his company just laid off 15% of the engineers in the company. Events both near and far affect people's decision to get involved in Real Estate. So, what to do if you're contemplating a Real Estate move? For buyers, this could be the best buying

opportunity we've seen in years with the ability to negotiate a deal on a property improving as more sellers compete for those willing to buy a home. For those contrarian souls, the reward in a few years is likely to be pretty tremendous. For sellers, it means you've got to work closely with your Realtor to prepare your home so that it shows well and make the price inviting to potential buyers in order your goals are achieved so you can get on with your life. This is important information for you when getting involved with a Real Estate transaction, however, this is not the entire story. More specific numbers for the micro market you're considering are available and I can help you with that. If buying or selling a home in our area is part of your plan, let's talk. Not only can I help you to fully understand the ramifications of the marketplace activity, I help to make your transaction seamless. You'll find, as others have, that there's no one more dedicated to your goals. Call or text me at (408) 887-4731 or email to geneshomes@earthlink.net.

Asia



By Susan Lola

Asia offers virtually any travel experience imaginable. A continent so full of intrigue, adventure, solace and spirituality that it has fixated and confounded travelers for centuries. From sublime coastlines to snow-capped mountains, the majestic Mekong River to wildlife infested jungle, Asian terrains hold an immediacy and vibrancy that captivates and enchants. Immense expanses of desert flow down from massive mountains, which in turn give way to seemingly endless forests. In a land where tigers still roam free (don't worry, they don't roam near any tourist attractions) nature continues to be the driving force in many people's lives.

Beijing
Beijing, China's sprawling capital and second largest city after Shanghai, has history stretching back 3 millennia. Yet it's known as much for modern architecture as its ancient sites such as the grand Forbidden City complex, the Imperial Palace during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Nearby, the massive Tiananmen Square pedestrian plaza is the site of Mao Zedong's mausoleum and the National Museum of China, displaying a vast collection of cultural relics.

Bangkok
With its hulking skyscrapers and ultramodern hotels, Bangkok is one of the most contemporary cities in Asia. Thankfully, it never lost its Thai charm, with the museums, temples, food and, of course, people that make Bangkok both quintessentially Thai and culturally diverse. A great way to explore both sides of Bangkok is to traverse the streets for a taste of the modern, but to take to the canals to get a feel for the historical, more old-style Bangkok.

Bali
Mythical and magical, a diamond shaped island of spectacular volcanic mountains and lakes, enchanting rice terraces, ancient temples and palaces, surrounded by sparkling coral seas, Bali is alight with cultures and traditions. The mere mention of Bali evokes thoughts of paradise. It's more than a place; it's a mood, an aspiration, a tropical state of mind. Although it's one destination, it has many

islands, each just begging to be explored.

Tokyo
Anyone who has laid eyes upon the city of Tokyo can confirm that it is truly a jaw-dropping sight. Although history and culture are rich within its walls, Tokyo's love for everything new can be seen in its futuristic architecture. As soon as you're convinced you're in a time warp, ancient performing arts and museums will have you feel like you are traveling back in time.

Singapore
An island that you wouldn't mind being stranded on! Singapore is so much more than just a pretty face: within this beautiful city that is constantly evolving and reinventing itself, find unique cuisine and a rich tapestry of arts and culture. Or take a deep breath and enjoy the tranquility of its many refreshingly green spaces.

Hanoi
Change everything you think you know about Vietnam. Although it is one of the most ancient capitals of the world, Hanoi boasts a vibrant nightlight, modern cuisine, and envious shopping. Make it a real getaway by heading to its tranquil countryside full of lush greenery and sprawling mountains, and don't forget to stop at the iconic Ha Long Bay.

Doha
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The ongoing book sale is now located in dedicated shelves near the restrooms on the upper floor, and the next large-scale book sale will be held on Saturday, June 13th. Admission is free - stop by the community room of the library any time between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm: there will be a wide variety of gently used books, plus puzzles, games, CDs and DVDs. Future sales will be held on the second Saturday of each month, so mark your calendars! We will resume accepting items for future book sales on June 15th.

The year-round See's Candies Fundraiser storefront is open now through December 31st: order online, and have items shipped to your chosen address. Heat-sensitive items are shipped in insulated containers with reusable cold packs.

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Campbell Crime Report



By Carol Gerwitz

Almarida Dr. (S) and (V) were involved in a physical altercation with (V) sustaining injuries. (S) was determined to be DUI. Booked.

Winchester Blvd. (S) hit (V) in the face, took the hat off (V)'s head, and broke (V)'s hat. Cited and released.

Winchester Blvd. (S) was contacted after being reported to be passed out behind the wheel of a running vehicle. (S) was found to be under the influence of and in possession of a controlled substance, Alprazolam and drug paraphernalia. Booked.

Del Mar Ave/Stokes St. A stolen vehicle was located and recovered. (V) arrived on scene and took possession of the vehicle.

Peachtree Ct. Three unknown (S)s stole (V)'s vehicle from his driveway. (S)s are at large.

Harriet Ave. (S) pushed (V) to the ground and punched her upper arm. No visible injuries on (V) or complaint of pain. (S) remains at large.

Wilton Dr. (V)'s front license plate was stolen from her vehicle. (S) is unknown and at large.

S. Winchester Blvd. Following a report of subjects drinking on the side-

walk (S1) was contacted and issued a new court date for his outstanding misdemeanor warrants and (S2) was given a citation for a CMC violation.

Del Roy Ct. (S) experienced medical emergency. During assistance, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, and an unsecured firearm were located. (V1) and (V2) were under conditions that could have placed them under great bodily harm or death. To DA.

Hoffman Lane (S) kicked (V) on her buttock. Booked.

Budd Ave. Unidentified (S) broke into (V)'s vehicle and attempted to steal it. Was unsuccessful and fled.

Apricot Ave. (S1) and (S2) robbed (V1) of his landscaping tools by brandishing a firearm. (S1) and (S2) fled the scene, but were later located by CPD officers. Booked.

S. Bascom Ave./Pruneyard CPD officer attempted to stop three motorcyclists for CVC but they fled. One of the motorcyclists was later stopped and determined to be driving under the influence of a controlled substance, in possession of a controlled substance with two or more qualifying drug priors, and be in possession of drug paraphernalia. Booked.

Winchester Blvd. (S) shoplifted approximately \$48 worth of merchandise by concealing the items inside a paint can. (S) was also under the influence of a CNS stimulant. Booked.

Camden Ave. (S) went to (V)'s workplace where he pushed and scratched (V). Emergency Protective Order issued.

Pamilar Ave./Almarida Dr. (S) was contacted during a welfare check. A records check revealed (S) had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Booked.

E. Hamilton Ave. (S1) and (S2) shoplifted approximately \$400 worth of merchandise before exiting the store where they were contacted by officers. Property was retrieved; (S1) and (2) cited and released.

Almarida Dr. During a verbal altercation (S) squirted shower soap in (V)'s direction, in violation of a no-contact domestic violence order in place protecting (V). (Resolution not provided.)

Wilton Dr. (V) was attacked by (S). Both sustained injuries. (S) was determined to be the dominant aggressor. Booked.

Camden Ave./S. Winchester Blvd. (S) collided with the guard rail and light pole on San Tomas Expressway and

fled without providing his information. (S) also had a suspended license for a prior DUI conviction. To DA.

Winchester Blvd. CPD officers responded to a 911 hang-up and contacted (S). A records check revealed (S) had a warrant and was issued a notice to appear.

S. Bascom Ave. (S) used personal information to open credit cards under (V)'s name and utilize them.

Dell Ave. (S) punched (V) on the chest and shoulder after being told to put his dog on a leash. Cited and released.

Union Ave. (S) opened an account in (V)'s name using (V)'s social security number. (S) then did not pay his bill and (V) was reached out to by a collections agency and noticed a flag on his credit report.

S. Bascom Ave. (S) stole (V)'s bicycle and phone. (S) was unidentified and at large.

S. Bascom Ave. Officers were dispatched to a welfare check on (S) who was slumped and unconscious in vehicle that was running. Officers arrived on scene and contacted (S). (S) was determined to be under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Booked.

Camden Ave. (S) was reported as unwanted on private property. (S) was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. Cited and released.

W. Hamilton Ave. (S) stole approximately \$80 and fled the store. (S) was located a short distance away and had at least two prior theft convictions. (S) also threatened great bodily harm to officers numerous times. Booked.

Sanderling Ct. (S) called 911 multiple times sounding paranoid and stating there was intruders in his home. (S) was contacted and determined to be under the influence of and in possession of a controlled substance and in possession of drug paraphernalia. Booked.

Winchester Blvd. (S) was contacted standing on the sidewalk with an open can of beer. (S) was in possession of meth. Booked.

E. Hamilton Ave. (S) was contacted in a GMC Yukon which had paper plates belonging to a Subaru affixed to it. (S) was on formal, searchable probation and admitted to making the paper plates in order to not be stopped. A search of the vehicle revealed (S) was in possession of drug paraphernalia, shaved keys, and pepper spray despite being a convicted felon. Booked.

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Money Empowerment *by Jill*
Smart Ways to Save Money on
Back-to-School Shopping



It may feel like summer just started, but back-to-school season is already appearing in stores and for many families, that means it's time to start thinking ahead.

Back-to-school shopping can add up quickly between school supplies, clothing, backpacks, and classroom necessities. The good news is that with a little planning and a few smart strategies, you can reduce the financial stress while making sure your children are prepared for a successful school year.

Here are eight practical ways to save money on back-to-school shopping:

1. Create a Budget and Stick to It
Before heading to the store or shopping online, decide how much you want to spend. Setting a realistic budget helps prevent impulse purchases and keeps expenses under control. Divide your budget into categories such as supplies, clothing, shoes, and extras so you can track spending more easily.

2. Make a List and Follow It
One of the easiest ways to overspend is by shopping without a plan. Create a list of exactly what your children need before making purchases. Many schools release supply lists ahead of time, making it easier to buy only what's necessary.

3. Take Inventory of Last Year's Supplies
Before purchasing anything new, look through what you already have at home. Leftover notebooks, pencils, folders, calculators, backpacks, and lunch containers are often still in good condition and ready for another year of use.

Reusing supplies not only saves money but also reduces waste.

4. Shop Sales and Use Coupons
Back-to-school promotions can offer significant savings if you time your purchases well. Compare prices between stores, look for digital coupons, and take advantage of loyalty programs or discount codes when shopping online.

Small savings on multiple items can make a noticeable difference overall.

5. Buy in Bulk When It Makes Sense

Items your children use regularly throughout the school year such as pencils, notebooks, tissues, and printer paper can often cost less when purchased in bulk.

If buying large quantities feels excessive, consider splitting purchases with other parents or family members to lower costs.

6. Consider Thrifting
Thrift stores can be an excellent source for gently used clothing, jackets, backpacks, and even school accessories. You may find high-quality items for a fraction of retail prices.

Children often outgrow things quickly, making secondhand shopping a practical and budget-friendly option.

7. Delay Non-Essential Purchases
Not everything needs to be bought before the first day of school. Waiting to purchase certain items later in the season can help spread out expenses and may allow you to take advantage of additional sales.

Focus first on essentials and add optional items over time.

8. Get the Kids Involved
Back-to-school shopping can also become a valuable learning opportunity. Give your children a spending limit and involve them in decision-making. Teaching them to distinguish between needs and wants encourages smart money habits that can last well beyond the school year.

Final Thoughts
Preparing for a new school year doesn't have to mean overspending. By planning ahead, shopping intentionally, and making thoughtful choices, families can save money while still giving children everything they need to start the year confidently.

A little preparation now can make back-to-school season feel more manageable and leave more room in the budget for future school year spending.

Wishing you and your children a successful and exciting school year ahead.
— Jill

Effie's Appreciation Celebration *By Dana Jang*



This is the 4th Annual Customer Appreciation Day for Effie's in Campbell.



Laura Uden is singing Karaoke as Kenny Watson hosts the music event with both live entertainment and karaoke.



for as long as 20 plus years and keeping them in business all these years! It starts with a BBQ kick off with live music and some karaoke singing on the first Saturday in June. Then they have live music every Saturday in June from 5-8 pm on the patio for a summer concert.

For more information <http://www.effiesretuarantand-bar.com>.



Blue House kicks off the live music on Saturdays! They are rocking the house at Effie's!

Effie's, opened in 1988, is an American diner and bar known for its classic breakfast, lunch, and dinner comfort food with vegan options, and a casual atmosphere and karaoke nights.

They have recently undergone a fresh new look to continue to create a warm, inviting space to enjoy great food and memories with friends and family. They have many customers from all over the Bay Area and a strong and loyal base. They want to say Thank You to all their customers for patronizing them

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RELAY FOR LIFE BRINGS HOPE, COMMUNITY, AND ACTION TO CAMPBELL

By Myrna Gonzalez

As unfortunate and life changing as it is, cancer affects almost everyone. Whether it be yourself, a family member, or even a friend, cancer has effected many people. However, Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society has built a community of support with the opportunity of shared emotions, which is why Relay for Life is so extremely successful and important in its mission. Relay for Life is a 24-hour event that not only brings people together because of this shared experience of their loved ones but also raises money to fight cancer. This allows people to connect in remembrance and experience with their loved ones but honor those who have battled against the devastating illness. Furthermore, Relay for Life allows participants to walk at any pace they feel comfortable with as they raise donations. Some stay the entire 24 hours, but it's not uncommon (or unwelcome) to only come for a short period! Or stay they entire weekend. They want to convey the message that cancer never sleeps, and neither do they.

After interviewing two people involved with the activity, Kerstin and Lillian both shared beautiful insights on Relay for

Life. Kerstin Barr has been involved as a volunteer for fifteen years and is a part of the leadership team. She explained that this team is involved with things such as obtaining permits, informing potential participants, and figuring out logistics. She said, "The bringing together of the community is the most amazing part, the celebration and the energy are incredible." According to her, it's one of the most important aspects of helping plan these races. She then expressed, "It's a very powerful event of remembrance and support, and I hope everyone can experience it regardless of how they're connected to cancer." She broke this down to say even if it's only a friend of a friend, or a distant relative, most people have encountered it. It doesn't always have to be the closest person to you to raise awareness.

While planning is a huge factor, volunteers are just as crucial. For craft-lover Lillian Glim, also a longtime volunteer was

able to find Relay for Life after a close friend was diagnosed with cancer. She felt a desire to help the cause and began making handmade cards from her Almaden home to sell as a fundraiser. She wanted to put her energy towards something important and knew this was it. She explained, "I got very crafty and into card making, and I wanted to do

the cause, including KPMG, which donated \$15,000. While a team like Lillian's makes cards and sell it as individual's for fundraising there are so many different teams that create whatever they wish to do for their ability to raise money from home baked goods to games. This brings a new sense of creativity to a topic that is surrounded by

heavy feelings like love and grief. At the track which is at the Campbell Community Center where this Relay for Life is held, teams come in and set up early and usually gather in the middle of the fields around the track to set up "camp" where they can sell their goods and inform customers of their "why". They enjoy sharing their stories of their loved ones and the family journey that so many experiences in this time of illness and healing or recovering this is the magic that opens so many more emotions of comradery in this temporary community atmosphere.

While Relay for Life has been very successful, there are still challenges organizers are facing. The main issue is the lack of volunteers, as it can be difficult to spread the word or get people to commit.

When asked about it, Kerstin Barr said, "We want the community to know that it's a fun event with a serious message," she explained, "Don't be afraid to come check us out and say hi." Relay for Life hopes to show everyone that no one has to face cancer by themselves, regardless of whether they're supporting someone fighting it or fighting for themselves; no one has to be isolated. This event is a symbol of community and hope, Kerstin Barr added, "Most people have ties to cancer regardless of who they are. Relay for Life is a celebration of moving forward, finding peace, and supporting one another. The Relay for Life for the South Bay will host the 24-hour community event at Campbell Community Center 1 W. Campbell Ave, Campbell CA on July 11-12th from 10 am to 10 pm. For more information call the Campbell Chamber of Commerce at 408-378-6252 or email info@campbellchamber.net or website www.campbellchamber.net.



Kerstin Barr and The Campbell Water Tower Dude

something meaningful to help." Lillian is a part of a team that all contributes to raising more money. There are around forty teams involved in Relay for Life this year alone! They are working toward the shared goal of \$300,000, and we are before the event nearly halfway there. Thankfully, many Hi-Tech companies and local businesses are local sponsors who helped with

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