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Campbell Christian School Secures Victory in Bay Area Christian School Girls Volleyball Championship By Ruth Langa

Campbell Christian School's girls' volleyball team has emerged victorious in the highly anticipated Bay Area Christian School Athletic League (BASCAL) championship with 24 schools participating.

Comprising 18 talented girls spanning from 4th to 8th grade, Campbell Christian Schools' team had set their sights on competing against the best of the best, challenging themselves against top-tier athletes throughout the season. Their hard work and dedication culminated in a showdown against Fremont's Prince of Peace School in Alameda, California, where emotions ran high and the stakes were at their peak.

The championship match didn't start as planned for Campbell Christian School, as they faced a setback by losing the first set. However, instead of succumbing to despair, the girls rallied together, fueled by the support and motivation from the team. Tears were shed, but with resilience and determination, they wiped away

their doubts and rose to the occasion.

"What happens now and every second of the game will determine who will be the champion, so commit to me now, your teammates, your parents, and the school, and tell me you still believe that we have a chance, that

sportsmanship and a never give-up attitude that ultimately led them to a resounding victory.

With this victory, Campbell Christian School's Girls Volleyball team clinches the title of BASCAL 1st Place Champions, marking their 3rd League Girls Volley-



we will come back out there with no doubt and hesitation that we got this!" said the Coach, reflecting on the intense moments of the match.

The turnaround was remarkable as Campbell Christian School's girls stormed back, showcasing their teamwork, and unwavering spirit. They fought tooth and nail in every set, displaying exceptional

ball Championship to add to their school's athletic achievements. As they celebrate this well-deserved triumph, they extend their gratitude to their supporters, families, and the entire school community for their encouragement and support.

Congratulations to Campbell Christian School's Girls Volleyball team!

2024 2nd Annual Historic Downtown Campbell Car Show



2nd Annual Historic Downtown Campbell Car Show June 29, 2024 • Free • Downtown Campbell

Come join us in Downtown Campbell on Saturday, June 29th 10am to 3pm for a very fun day of car strolling of all decades and styles. So check out prize-worthy cars and meet their owners. After a well received inaugural show in 2023, the Historic Downtown Campbell Car Show is back for its second year and this time we're adding more cars so there'll be more to see.





BOOGIE FESTIVAL 2024 PHOTO & MATTHEW C. HOWE

Just a Little Bit of History

By Susan Blake, Campbell Historic Preservation Board

May's photo was taken of the ornately carved wooden brackets that support the roof of the First Bank of Campbell' second home, at 360 East Campbell Ave. This Italian Renaissance Revival style building was constructed in 1911 to house the expanding demands of the Bank of Campbell. It later merged with the Garden City Bank of San Jose and then with the American Trust Company. Since it ceased being a bank, some of its tenants have included the Campbell Water Company, the Ford Motor Company Showroom and Jeffer's Clothing. It has been transformed it to few

popular eateries and is now the home of Pino's Trattoria.

Below is a mystery photo challenge for June. See if you can figure out what is and where it is located.



WORD OF THE MONTH

"NUCLEOPHILE"

[New-cleo-file]

A chemical species that donates a pair of electrons to form a chemical bond in relation to a reaction.

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HAPPENINGS

MUSEUM MUSINGS... What is Happening For Spring 2024

Embark on a journey through time this summer with a visit to the Campbell Museum and Ainsley House. Step into the historic Ainsley House and immerse yourself in its rich heritage, where every corner whispers tales of days gone by. Explore the local history of Campbell at the Campbell Historical Museum, where handson experiences bring the past to life. Whether you're strolling through the elegant rooms of Ainsley House or delving into the interactive exhibits of the Campbell Museum, your summer adventure awaits, promising a deeper connection to the fascinating history of our community.

Both Museums are open Fridays through Sundays, 11am to 3pm.

The Ainsley House will have a free tour day in Saturday, July 13 from 11am-3pm.

XMAS IN JULY - A MUSE-UM FOUNDATION TEA & TOUR, JULY 19, 20, & 21 Celebrate a Merry Midsum-

mer with a Christmas in July Tea & Tour at Ainsley House! Escape the summer heat and embrace the festive spirit with a delightful Christmas in July Tea & Tour at the historic

Ainsley House.

Indulge in a delightful lunchstyle tea featuring a delectable spread of finger sandwiches and sweet treats, all beautifully presented in a box crafted by our professional caterer, Not Just Cheesecakes.

Raise a glass with a choice of sparkling wine or cider, per-

fectly paired with our signature Ainsley House Peach Black Tea.

Following your delightful tea, embark on a self-guided tour of the Ainsley House. Step back in time and admire the stunning ladies' fashions from the last century on display throughout the various rooms.

Explore and Shop:

- Discover hidden treasures at our special boutique sale within the Carriage House.
- Browse the unique offerings from local artisans showcasing their crafts on the outside patio.

Don't miss this charming and festive afternoon at Ainsley House!

- Reservations Required. https://www.campbellmuseums.com/shop
- \$65/general public | \$55/ Museum Members
- Tea & Tour Time 12pm-3pm
- Tea will take place inside the Carriage House

CAMPBELL MUSEUMS PUBLIC ART SHOW!

On Display Now at the Carriage House. Free to enjoy during public hours Friday-Sunday, 11am-3pm

The biennial public juried art show. Enjoy original artwork centered around the theme "Community" from local community artists.

There will be an artist reception on Saturday, July 13 from 12pm-2pm. Meet the artists and stay for the Free tour of the Ainsley House.

HERE'S HOWE

This year's **Boogie Festival** went off without a hitch and frankly, it was my favorite one ever! Perfect weather, some new music at the fountain blues stage as well as other spots, and the community stage really rocked with some amazingly talented kids!

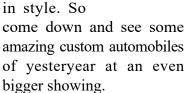
Doppio Zero finally opened during the Boogie Festival with a bang and it appears its going to do quite well as it always seems to be bustling. They held their official ribbon cutting ceremony soon after with many locals attending the event.



Flights Restaurant and Bar has now moved their trivia night to Wednesday's. The top three teams win coupons for free food and drinks! Flights is also bringing more music to the downtown area, so check out Thursday evenings there too for a variety of live music outside on the corner from 6:30-8:30pm.

The second annual car show in downtown Campbell this year will be held on Saturday June 29th. This was a very cool and successful show last year and proved worthy in and of itself. Many classic car owners lined Campbell Avenue, adjoining streets, and nearby parking lots showing off

their incredible creations





In other news, the Prunevard Cinemas and Cedar Room are facing significant challenges, due in large part, to unreasonable and unresponsive actions from its landlord, Regency Centers. The COVID-19 pandemic caused theater closures and revenue drops. Last year's film industry strikes disrupted film production, and Regency Centers has enforced a lease that leaves them paying disproportionately high rent compared to other cinemas throughout the US. Despite these challenges, they've adapted with live stand-up comedy nights, live music, culinary cinemas, and Queen Bingo at Cedar Room. But it's not enough.

The Campbell Press encourages you to visit their petition at www.change.org/p/keep-pruneyard-cinemasthriving to learn more and to show your support. Your signature will demonstrate to Regency Centers the community's strong backing for the Cinemas.

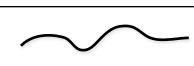
THEN AND NOW





In the early 2000's the Campbell Community Center renovated the Campbell High School football field (which it will always be to me) undergoing a huge transformation along with the track. As a Campbell High graduate, I spent 4 years in the late 70's marching on that field while playing drums during half-time shows to support our football team. Today, it is a popular workout destination that many people from around the bay area come to enjoy each and every day. MCH









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PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney

Congratulations to Campbell Christian School Women's Volleyball Champions! The front page tells the story of a great season of wins. The 2nd Annual DCBA Car Show is also on June 29th. Check out "Bit of History" and good luck in your search.

Look on the back page for more photos from the festival. The Double Tree Hilton at the Pruneyard has a great offer for your graduation or special parties. Look on page 8 for Capers party and menu specials including live music on Friday and Saturday from 6-9 pm. The start of summer movies are here, and reviews are on page 8 and 9 along with local night-club entertainment.

Speaking of live music, the nightlife scene has changed dramatically since the beginning in the 1970s-80's. Another iconic venue has closed in Los Gatos, "Charley's" used to be called Mountain Charley's Saloon.

The Campbell Press sponsored the first of two weekends of music tributes with music hosted by The Robert Anthony Band with a jam night. Thanks to this great blues band and all the other musicians who played blues, rock, and jazz to mark the history of its 52-year long era. The last night of musical jams on June 1st was hosted by Joel Nelson Productions. Joel said a moving tribute to the music and history of Charley's. Joel was one of the members of several bands that played there over the decades. What's

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next is the big question. No one knows yet. Stay tuned for more on that later. Barron Martial Arts has a great story along with successful wins at the tournament on page 9.

The legendary Mavis Staples of the Staples Sisters, with their hit song "We Are Family" was the historical musical performer at the Heritage Theatre. See the concert review on page 10.

Gardening tips from our master gardener on page 11 and a summer-style recipe from West Coast Chef Bill Peil. Books Inc. on page 15, has the best reads of the summer.

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| Flamingo Drive | \$3,151,000 | 4/2 | 65 | 8500 | 2603 | | | | | |
| Shamrock Drive | \$2,700,000 | 4/3.5 | 0 | 9075 | 2859 | | | | | |
| Harrison Avenue | \$2,633,000 | 4/3 | 18 | 6970 | 2127 | | | | | |
| Acapulco Drive | \$2,338,000 | 4/2.5 | 50 | 7093 | 1910 | | | | | |
| Central Park Drive | \$2,150,000 | 3/2 | 52 | 6,970 | 1689 | | | | | |
| Waldo Road | \$2,038,000 | 3/2 | 62 | 6534 | 1166 | | | | | |
| Highland Park Lane | \$1,900,000 | 4/2 | 63 | 6970 | 1523 | | | | | |
| Via Milano | \$1,880,000 | 4/2 | 62 | 6098 | 1413 | | | | | |
| Hoffman Lane | \$1,850,000 | 3/3 | 116 | 10454 | 1750 | | | | | |
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| SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, CONDO/TOWNHOMES | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Monte Villa Court | \$1,230,000 | 3/2.5 | 40 | 1188 | | | | | | |
| Deercross Lane | \$1,167,000 | 3/2.5 | 43 | 1558 | | | | | | |
| Campisi Way | \$1,115,000 | 2/2 | 16 | 1414 | | | | | | |
| Valley Forge Way | \$1,095,000 | 2/2.5 | 49 | 1110 | | | | | | |
| Apricot Avenue | \$625,000 | 1/1 | 44 | 895 | | | | | | |
| Union Avenue | \$ 519,000.00 | 1/1 | 46 | 704 | | | | | | |





AND JUST LIKE THAT.



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

And just like that, it's the Boogie Festival with 27 Lions and friends signing up to sell tickets, check IDs, and pour beer. And just like that, it's our fourth Lions Eye Clinic where we will do eye exams, fit people for free glasses, (working with Zenni and local eyeglass providers), and arrange special treatment through the Lions Eye Foundation. And just like that, we are hosting our end of year celebration where we install new officers and board members, and give out annual awards and prizes. The old saying is "Time Flies When You Are Having Fun" and it sure has! Congratulations to new officers Larry Edson, president, Ginger Stasi, vice president, Pam Berry, secretary, and Desiree Mitchell, treasurer. They will be joined

by directors Dave Kaplow, Ward Eister, Mary Edson and Lisa Quan, plus Art Low, Program Director and Roald Alexander, Club LCIF Chair. 2023 - 2024 was such a great club year and I am sure 2024 -2025 will be even better.

Lions service concentrates on eight global areas. They are Childhood Cancer, Diabetes Prevention, Disaster Relief, the Environment, Humanitarian Aid, Hunger, Serving Youth and Vision. I am proud to say that this year, the West San Jose-Campbell Lions and Lions of District 4-C6 addressed all of these areas.

We worked with Jacob's Heart Childhood Cancer Services by providing art kits for the children to use while receiving their cancer treatments. We will be working with our South County Lions

in providing school backpacks along with a wonderful family barbecue party this summer. We have worked with Rotacare, the Rotary service group, by providing diabetes test strips and testing through our Mobile Health van. Our Club and all the clubs in the area contributed to financial relief programs after the devastating fire on Maui by partnering with the Lions on that island. Lions in our club and the district had the choice of fourteen environmental projects in the month of May. With our donations to the Lions Club International Foundation, we contributed to their mission to "improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally, and

encourage peace and international understanding". We have done many food grants and donations throughout the area and with the Campbell Church of Christ and their food pantry. We have worked with the Delta Gammas at San Jose State University, and Leos Clubs at both the high school and junior college level. We are forming a new partnership with West Valley Community College to provide vision services to their students. And of course, we, like all Lions, are committed to vision preservation. We have worked at eyeglass sortings, and at vision clinics and our members have also traveled to Mexico and Vietnam to provide vision services in those countries.

We have helped tens of thousands of people through hundreds of service activities and raised and donated thousands of dollars. Audrey Hepburn said, "You have two hands. One to help yourself and one to help others". It has been a joy and a privilege to be president of the West San Jose - Campbell Lions Club this year and I have sure next year's officers and directors will feel that way too!

As always, we welcome the community to join us at our club meetings, held at Denny's on Capitol Expressway each Thursday at 12:00 noon, and at our service activities. A calendar of all our events can be found at wsjclions.org. and of course, WE SERVE.



June brings us a wealth of events to celebrate. We have Father's Day, Flag Day, Juneteenth, and the Summer Solstice. It is also a month filled with graduation ceremonies, weddings, and anniversaries, so put on your party clothes and enjoy all of them.

In May, the Campbell Area Chapter 5151 of AARP enjoyed a presentation by Kerry Perkins, Supervisor of the Campbell Museums. Kerry enthralled us with the tragic story of the disappearance of Thora Chamberlin who vanished from Campbell High School in November of 1946. The fact that our chapter now meets at the Campbell Community Center, which was formerly Campbell High School, lent a particular eeriness to the tale.

Volunteers from our Chapter filled a table at the Lions glasses sorting and cleaning event at the VISTA Center on May 4th and are looking forward to assisting again at the next event on August 3rd.

Several of our members enjoyed the Senior Safari walk at Happy Hollow on May 23rd. We are looking forward to participating in this outdoor monthly activity through October. The next walk will be on June 27th. Arrive by 9:50 a.m. and attendance and parking are free.

The AARP Senior Safe Driving course will be offered at the Campbell Community Center on June 10th and 11th. Registration and more information can be obtained from the Adult Activities Office at the Community Center.

Our program for June 18th will feature Loretta Carlson whose topic will be "Happiness". In July, we will be treated to a demonstration of Indian Classical Dance.

Campbell Area Chapter 5151 of AARP meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the Campbell Community Center, 1 W Campbell Ave, in room Q80.

Coffee and socializing begin at 9:15 a.m. and the formal presentation and meeting begin at 10:00. Come join us.



Campbell Veterans Memorial

The day broke sunny, magnoliascented, and warm; a perfect backdrop for the united community. The universe graced the respectful audience, a diverse mix of young and old, civilians, veterans, and respected local political leaders who gathered to express their shared appreciation for the local veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice serving this great nation.

Master of Ceremonies and Gold Star Father Ken Estep managed the well-attended proceedings by initiating the Pledge of Allegiance and the posting of the Colors by the Campbell Union High School Marine Corps Jr. ROTC. The National Anthem was supplemented with reverential songs by the Mission Valley Chapter of the Sweet Adelines Chorus and capped by a memorable Invocation by Reverend John Sullivan.

This exceptional Memorial Day celebration was punc-



tuated by heartfelt comments from an esteemed cast of luminaries who honored CVMF with their presence. The Honorable Susan Landry, Campbell's Mayor, reminded folks of the city's strong history of honoring its veterans. Subsequently, the Honorable Susan Ellenberg, Santa Clara County Board President, inspired the audience with a review of the war-time contributions of her father, a "Paid-in-Full" Member of America's Greatest Generation.

State Senator Dave Cortese's remarks added profound honor and respect to the affair with his sage comments about the meaning

of Memorial Day, while Keynote Speaker U.S. Army Brigadier General Steven B. McLaughlin, for-

mer Commanding General, 100th Training Division, concluded the remarks with his authentic representation of what America owes to our veterans in Campbell and the United States.

Special thanks and salutations to the Del Mar High School Band for the music and playing Taps, Post 99/809 of the American Legion for their 21-Gun Salute, and De Young Flowers for donating the Memorial Day Wreath.



The Mid-Peninsula Widows & Widowers Association meets weekly and organizes social activities for those who have experi-

enced the loss of a spouse. The group meets every first Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. and every remaining Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Visitors should arrive 30 minutes before the meeting starts.

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

Jan 408-439-0776 for more information.







CWCC ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

By Lucille Maravilla

Country Woman's Club of Campbell (CWCC) scholarship awards are made possible with fundraising. In February, we hold our annual Crab and Pasta dinner, which raises a significant amount of scholarship funds. In addition, all year long we continually raise funds through community events as well as estate and garage sales. Our endowment also provides some money, with interest earned through investments.

Why do we do this? We are dedicated to supporting the

youth of the Campbell com-

munity. Every year we con-

tact school counselors in the

Campbell Union High School

District, asking them to

nominate or suggest students

who have faced adversity

and overcome it, students

who have a financial need,

students who have a goal

for their future. From these

students, we request two

letters of recommendation,

one of them from a teacher.

We want high school transcripts and an essay written in their own wordsinwhichtheyname service club participation, community activities, and tell us about themselves. We want to know where they plan Susan Lambert, Mary Ann Lucero, Cindy Conte, to enroll after grad- Karen Wagner, Maggie Church, Anna Rutledge uation and how they intend to finance their education and/or training.

This year we received 17 student applications. Our scholarship committee spent countless hours reviewing the submitted packets and interviewing the students. This year, we awarded \$30,000

> worth of scholarships. Here are the winners and their high schools: BOYTON-Alexandra Castro and Stephany Jimenez Flores. BRANHAM-Michelle Heo and Serena Nunes, DEL MAR-Marai Sal-

gado Benitez and Rainelle Daphne Guillen, LEIGH-Amber Buonomo and Katie Seok, PROSPECT-Raziel Maqueda Alvarado and Mia Sanpedro Bernal, WEST-MONT-Sia Aggarwal, Maria Edirisinghe, and Ava Helen Hope Garcia.

On May 6, 2024 we presented the awards at the Campbell Community Center Roosevelt Room. CWCC



hosted a dinner for the students and their families. Many club members attended. This event is an inspiration and reinforcement of the power of giving. It's a tremendous emotional experience to hear the gratitude of these students and their belief in the future.

The next step is that each club scholarship committee member will present these scholarships at the Senior Awards Day for each of the high schools. We want these students to get as much recognition as possible.

A confirmation of the club impact is the acknowledgment we received at the California Federated Womens Clubs state convention. CWCC was awarded first prize in fundraising! If you want to be a part of this extraordinary effort, come join us. We are always looking for like minded members who want to make a difference in the community. For more information, contact Lucille Maravilla at 408 205-4621 or Cherri Fontana at 408 209-1310.

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Mindfulness for Your Health: **A** Primer By Toni T.

Exploring Some Benefits of Striving to Live More In the Moment

There is so much going on around and capturing our attention. It is tricky to experience what is happening now or think about what's coming up or things we can't change.

The question is it possible to

train ourselves to focus on the present moment? Can we become more aware of what's going on inside and around us—our thoughts, feelings, sensations, and environment? Can we better observe these moments in being more aware, connected, mindful of our health goals and healthier habits? The answer is YES and practicing Mindfulness is looking at our thoughts and feelings with curiosity, gentleness, and kindness. Where does Mindfulness come from? Mindfulness has its roots in Buddhist meditation. Meditation is a practice that aims to increase awareness of the mind and concentration. In recent years, Mindfulness has been something we hear about from our friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, athletes, and celebrities. It is often in the news and evidence-based in scientific research outlets. and commonly found in schools, workplaces, and hospitals.

Mindfulness can MANY forms. There is NO perfect, ideal, or standard way to practice Mindfulness. The most important thing is to be more aware in the present and we can figure out what method or approach works best for ourselves. Here is some general information on Mindfulness. Mindfulness can involve a sitting meditation that's practiced in a quiet space. In this practice, we focus on our breathing or bodily sensations. If our mind wanders—like thoughts popping in about things we need to do-we try to return our mind to the present moment. Mindfulness doesn't have to be done sitting still or in silence. We can integrate the practice into things we do every day like other habits. (**More on this—Mindful Eating in the next Campbell Press article). We can also be mindful while interacting

Health Benefits of Mindfulness

with others.

So, what can I get from working to be more mindful? There is research to show that focusing on the present can have a positive impact on health and well-being. There is evidence that Mindfulness can lower blood pressure, improve sleep, and even help people cope with pain. Those benefits alone are impressive but Mindfulnessbased treatments have been shown to reduce anxiety and depression.

Mindfulness appears to help with depression by helping us develop the ability to stay grounded in the present. It is so easy for our attention to get hijacked into the past or future. We spend time focusing on past negative experiences or worrying about the future unsure of what's to come. Mindfulness over time can develop the ability to stand back from these painful thought patterans. Mindfulness training can help with a variety of other mental health conditions, including PTSD, eating disorders, and addiction.

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INDIGENOUS PLANTS IN OUR AREA

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Words can be diagonal and backwards too! How many words can you find?







CHAMBER

Jay's journey into the world of

magic is steeped in herit-

age, tracing back to his great-

grandfather, Gentleman Ben

Darwin, a legendary vaude-

ville performer. Fueled by a

childhood discovery of a

trunk filled with magical won-

ders, Jay's passion for en-

chantment ignited at a

young age. When he was

fourteen, he became the

youngest recipient of the

Society of American Magi-

cians Gold Medal of Honor,

embarking on a lifelong mis-

sion to captivate audiences

with his spellbinding artistry.

At the Campbell Chamber's

July luncheon, attendees

can anticipate an exhilarat-

ing showcase of Jay's un-

paralleled talents. From

mind-bending mentalism to

jaw-dropping sleight-of-hand,

his performance promises

an electrifying fusion of com-

edy, magic, and mind-reading.

Audiences will be trans-

By Kirsten Frank

Campbell Chamber of Commerce

Magician Jay Alexander **Set to Mesmerize Again at Campbell Chamber Luncheon CAMPBELL**

magician extraordinaire Jay Alexander returns for an encore appearance at the Campbell Chamber luncheon on Wednesday, July 17th. Renowned for his masterful blend of magic and comedy, Jay is one of the premier entertainers in the nation, captivating audiences with his astonishing performances.

With a repertoire that spans corporate events to private shows for esteemed personalities, Jay Alexander has left an indelible mark on stages across the globe. He has appeared on the Today Show, TEDx Talks, MTV, and Good Morning America, solidifying his status as a virtuoso of illusion and entertainment.

At the helm of the San Francisco Marrakech Magic The-

Prepare to be spellbound as | ater, Jay has crafted an immersive experience unlike any other. Nestled within the historical confines of a former speakeasy turned Moroccan haven, the Marrakech Magic Theater exudes an air of mystery and sophistication. Here, Jay's acclaimed "Mind Tricks Live!" show reigns supreme, earning accolades as the top-rated attraction in San Francisco on platforms like Yelp and TripAdvisor.

> For Jay Alexander, magic is more than just a performance—it's a conduit for philanthropy and community enrichment. Beyond dazzling corporate audiences, he dedicates his talents to producing magical fundraisers that support arts and music programs in local schools, raising over \$100,000 for educational initiatives.





Money Empowerment by Jill



Low-Cost Summer Activities

Summer is a season of fun, and adventure. However, it can also be an expensive time of year. Below are a few affordable ways to enjoy summer without breaking the bank.

1. OUTDOOR **ADVENTURES**

Hiking: Hiking is generally free. Find some local trails and enjoy nature. Hike with a family and/or friends or join a hiking group. It's a great way to enjoy nature and get some exercise.

Picnics in the Park: Enjoying a meal outdoors is a refreshing change. Pack a picnic and head to a nearby park.

Beach Days: If you live near a beach, take advantage of it! A day at the beach can be very affordable, depending on which beach you go to. Bring your own snacks, drinks, and entertainment.

2. LOCAL EVENTS AND **FESTIVALS**

Community Events: Scout out local low-cost events like outdoor concerts, farmers' markets, and street fairs.

Free Museum Days: Many museums and cultural institutions offer free admission days during the summer. Check out their schedules.

Library Programs: Local libraries often host summer programs for all ages, including book clubs, craft sessions, and movie nights.

3. DIY PROJECTS AND **HOBBIES**

Gardening: Start a small garden in your backyard or even on your balcony.

Hobbies: Start a new budget friendly hobby. Painting, ing, upcycling old furniture are just a few ideas.

Get in the kitchen: Experiment with new recipes. Cooking at home is often cheaper and healthier than dining out.

4. BUDGET-FRIENDLY **TRAVEL**

Staycations: Explore your own city or nearby towns. Visit local attractions and enjoy the sights as if you were a tourist.

Road Trips: Road trips can be more affordable and they offer the flexibility to explore different places along the way. Pack your own food and snacks to save even more money.

Camping Trips: Camping can be a great way to travel on a budget.

5. FUN AT HOME

Backyard Fun: Turn your backyard into a summer oasis. Make it a place you can enjoy relaxation, as well as entertainment.

Movie Nights: Host a movie night at home with friends or family.

Games and Sports: Organize a game night with board games, card games, or outdoor games. Years ago, all of our neighbors would sit outside each evening, play badminton and chat. Hours of evening fun and no cost.

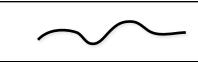
Summer doesn't have to be expensive to be enjoyable. Get creative and make the most of the season without overspending.

I'd love to hear what you did this summer. Feel free to send me a message

All the best,







CITY NEWS By Sergio Lopez

The Month of May brought a busy schedule with a variety of City Council agendas. While city staff continued to work on moving along the budget process, and residents attended summer events, many other items came up for consideration on Council agendas. Here is a sampling of some of those items.

May 7th City Council Meeting Municipal Clerks Week

The department of our City Clerk exists to serve the public. In Campbell, the City Clerk administers elections, plays a crucial role in organizing the agenda for City Council meetings, and serves as the "face" of the city for most people who interact with our local government. It is one of the oldest positions in local government, and one of the most important.

That's why Mayor Susan Landry declared "Municipal Clerks Week" in the City of Campbell in May. Long-time employee and City Clerk Andrea Sanders was also recognized for her service.

Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week The same meeting saw a recognition of our Campbell Police Department. This was done through the recognition of Peace Officers Memorial Day, which recognizes those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The Mayor also declared National Police Week to recognize our local officers.

Robson Homes

The Council unanimously approved a project proposed by Robson Homes. This proposal was for a series of townhomes as well as one apartment building, to be developed at what is currently 101 Gilman Avenue and 60 Dillon Avenue, across from Campbell Park. The exact number of proposed structures includes 25 townhomes with 12 "Junior Accessory Dwelling Units" (JADUs) and one apartment building with 10 units.

(The purpose of the JADUs is also to increase affordability and offer a greater variety of housing options). These also numbers include a total of four affordable housing units composed of two townhomes and two rental units at varying levels of affordability.

Civic Commission appointments Finally, the City Council unanimously appointed two new members to the Civic Improvement Commission. These were Sophia Commisso and Georgia Pattison, who were selected out of a total of four applicants. Altogether, this represented a relatively high level of engagement and interest in these positions from the public. Commisso and Pattison will go on to serve the Campbell community by contributing to beautification projects and other important initiatives through the Commission's work.

May 21st City Council Meeting Public Works Week

In keeping with items from the previous discussion, the Mayor declared Public Works Week in the City of Campbell. This move honored our hardworking public works staff, who are responsible for such duties such as paving streets, making physical improvements to parks, and many more direct services which have an impact on Campbell residents.

Farmers' Market contract One final item which may be of interest to many residents was the renewal of the contract for the Campbell Farmers' Market. The weekly Sunday event is a jewel of our local community, also drawing many customers from outside of Campbell. As a best practice, to support fairness and transparency, the contract periodically goes out for proposals from interested potential bidders. In this case, the current servicer, Urban Village Farmers' Market Association, was recommended by staff and unanimously approved by City Council. This contract will run through from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028.

COUNTY NEWS



By County Supervisor,

Joe Simitian

MedAssist Milestone: Relief from the High Cost of Life-Saving Drugs

When Rachel Schultz first | haves. As Chair of the County's | heard about MedAssist — Santa Clara County's firstin-the-nation program to help cover the cost of life-saving medications for diabetes, asthma, and severe allergies —

she had a common reaction:

"Is it for real?"

It is! After years of hearing about high out-of-pocket costs for essential prescription drugs, I led the County's effort to create and launch MedAssist to offer real, easy-to-access relief for our residents.

For the past year, Ms. Schultz, a Campbell resident, has received \$240 a month to help offset the private insurance co-pays for her diabetes medication. "Costs are going up and we live in an expensive place," she said. "Everyone can use a little help."

Amen. Diabetes, asthma, and severe allergies are chronic, lifelong, and common conditions that can be well managed with proper treatment. No one should have to break the bank in order to afford that treatment — or go without, with potentially catastrophic consequences.

MedAssist recently hit a new milestone, having enrolled 2,000 residents. The program provides real relief to offset the cost of prescriptions for anti-diabetics (including insulin), asthma inhalers, and epinephrine auto-injectors (EpiPens).

These are not 'nice' to have medications; they're 'must' Health and Hospital Committee, I also know that they cost too much.

MedAssist was specifically designed to ensure that folks who need these life-saving medications can afford them. That includes the many folks in our community who fall into what I call the "missing middle" — those with a high enough income that they don't qualify for health care subsidies, and must often pay high out-of-pocket costs for medications. Even when drugs are "covered" by health insurance, they may not be affordable.

The state and federal governments have been working for years to address the high cost of prescription drugs. I applaud the effort, and hope it continues. But people need help right here, right now. Our MedAssist program provides that help.

I was pleased to present a recent Commendation from our Board of Supervisors in recognition of the role MedAssist has played in improving the health and wellbeing of County residents. But we can and should do more. In our County there are nearly 120,000 adults who have been diagnosed with diabetes, more than 250,000 adults and children with asthma, and more than 20,000 individuals who are prescribed epinephrine auto-injectors for allergic reactions.

If you, or someone you know could use a little extra help with essential prescriptions for these conditions, please look into MedAssist (health. sccgov.org/medassist), which will start accepting applications for the 2024-2025 fiscal year in July. Eligibility criteria are brief and straightforward, and annual gross income requirements set on

a sliding scale (e.g., below

\$296,088 for a family of four).

I'm delighted that Ms. Schultz is not only a MedAssist beneficiary, but also a booster. "I'm telling everybody who might qualify," she said. "My co-worker now gets money for her daughter's asthma medications. The application is easy, and the MedAssist people are so helpful. It's a great program."

It could be great for you.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian represents the Fifth District which includes Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Saratoga, Stanford, portions of San Jose and unincorporated communities in the Santa Cruz Mountains. He was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 2012 and re-elected in 2016 and 2020. Stay up to date on news and events happening in District Five by signing up for Supervisor Simitian's monthly newsletter at SupervisorSimitian.org.

City Council & Planning Commission News



By Adam Buchbinder

It's spring time, and both the lovely jasmine flowers and bills in the state legislature are blooming! While many things can change between now and when a bill crosses the Governor's desk, there are a number of exciting and interesting changes in the works.

Some of these seem pretty technical, or obvious. AB 1820, for example, would require cities to provide the building permit fees for a development at the time of application. There's a history of unexpected fees killing projects midway through

development, which this would prevent. SB 312 would update 2022's student housing streamlining bill (SB 886) to clarify that it requires LEED certification after the building has been completed, not at application time; LEED certification can only be granted on a finished building.

Some are more consequential. SB 1123 would allow for the subdivision of vacant lots up to an acre and a half into cottage courts, with homes as small as twelve hundred square feet. It also would restrict a variety of development standards like

floor-area ratios and setbacks to ensure that these projects are viable.

In the same vein, a recent appellate court decision, Bankers Hill 150 v. City of San Diego, states that existing Density Bonus law allows a project providing a certain proportion of subsidized units to use waivers on development standards rather than being redesigned, even if it could, in principle, be redesigned. This may mean that density bonus projects are essentially exempt from any development standards, but developers haven't tried to take advantage of this to such a radical degree yet.

And some are follow-ups to chase local jurisdictions which attempt to skirt state law. SB 450 would strengthen SB 9 (which allows for duplexes and lot splits on single-family parcels, and has seen little use) to prohibit local governments from putting development standards on SB 9 projects which don't apply to singlefamily homes in the same zone, disallow denial of a lot split based on its impact on the physical environment, add a sixty-day "shot clock",

and give the state department of Housing and Community Development enforcement authority.

We won't know until the end of summer how the legal landscape will change, but it's very likely that the state will move toward more streamlining and less local control.

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MUSIC ISN'T FREE

We all love music. It's everywhere we go, whether in the grocery store, bank, hospital, or gym. But do you ever think about the costs involved in creating the music you listen to?

Artists spend thousands of hours practicing and invest thousands of dollars in equipment and studio time. Marketing expenses also run into the thousands. Contrary to what Spotify CEO Daniel Ek recently suggested, these costs are far from "close to zero."

Artists and, if they are backed by a record label, absorb these costs. Record labels will recoup their investments through artist touring and album sales/streaming. Recently, concert ticket prices have surged far beyond inflation rates. The average concert ticket is now \$100, and prices can skyrocket to thousands of dollars for certain artists. While it's easy to blame artists for these high prices, the situation is not entirely under their control. Increased demand for an artist creates scarcity, which drives up prices set by artists, labels, and promoters. Popularity has certainly driven up prices, but so has corporate greed from

and Ticketmaster.

This surge in prices has a significant impact on fans, many of whom are priced out of attending live performances. The experience of seeing a favorite artist perform live, once accessible to many, is becoming a luxury. Corporate entities LiveNation and Ticketmaster dominate the ticketing industry, often adding exorbitant fees to ticket prices. These fees can sometimes exceed the base price of the ticket itself, further inflating costs for concertgoers.

Moreover, the secondary market for tickets has also become a battleground for fans. Scalpers and resellers take advantage of high demand, buying up tickets and reselling them at even higher prices. This not only makes tickets more expensive but also makes it harder for genuine fans to secure tickets at face value.

It's essential for fans to understand the financial realities behind the music they love. Supporting artists through legitimate channels, such as buying albums, merchandise, and attending concerts through official ticketing platforms,

companies like LiveNation | helps ensure that artists can continue creating music. Awareness of the broader economic forces at play can also drive collective action to push for fairer pricing practices in the music industry.

> Streaming music is another way artists are being shortchanged. They earn a mere fraction of a penny per stream. For instance, for 24,000 streams of my version of "Amazing Grace," I received just 34 cents. No artist can survive on such minimal royalties.

> If you love music, consider downloading songs and buying merchandise. Spread the word through social media. If musicians can't afford to make music and tour, we risk being left with soulless music created by AI. Is that really the kind of world you want to live in?

> Bill Lonero has performed and recorded with artists such as Simon Phillips, Stu Hamm, Mike Mangini, Cliff Williams and others and was a member of the band Steelheart as well as fronting is own band called 'Lonero.' He's also the inventor of Straptight Straplocks and founder of M.U.S.I.C. Reform at MusicReform.org.

JUNE MOVIES



By Sam Wilson

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga - B

Legendary writer/director George Miller's ("Mad Max" franchise) prequel to "Mad Max: Fury Road" is another action packed visual spectacle. Centered around a young Furiosa (Anya Taylor-Joy), who's kidnapped and must survive the wasteland while caught between two warlords: the calculating Immorten Joe and the chaotic Dementis (a spectacular Chris Hemsworth). There's strong worldbuilding, topnotch action, and a diverting war between two tyrants.

If - C

Ryan Reynolds (Deadpool) coasts through John Krasinski's (The Office) directorial follow up to the "Quiet Place" franchise. An adolescent learns she can see everyone's imaginary friends and commences on a journey to reconnect them. The half-baked kiddies magical adventure story with themes of mourning, loss, and growing up reeks of a discarded live-action Pixar flick.

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes - C

While not bad, the fourth entry in the current saga (10th in franchise history) is a banal narrative retread. A juvenile ape journeys out to aid his clan while a tyrannical ape builds his empire generations after Caesar's reign with apes now the

dominant species. Wes Ball ("Maze Runner" trilogy) directs dynamic rising actor Owen Teague (It), Kevin Durand (Abigail) and Freya Allen (The Witcher).

The Fall Guy - B

Ryan Gosling (Barbie) and Emily Blunt (Oppenheimer) share electric chemistry in David Leitch's (John Wick) fast-paced Hollywood satire that's equal parts action, comedy, thriller, and romance. A conspiracy spurs a stuntman to track down the star of his ex-girlfriend's blockbuster film. The stacked cast includes Aaron Tay-Ior-Johnson (Bullet Train), Hannah Waddingham (Ted) and Winston Duke (Black Panther).

The Garfield Movie - D+

If you like the classic comic strips, then this regurgitated kids animation isn't for you. Garfield (Chris Pratt) and Odie are forced from home to help Garfield's long-lost father on a high-stakes heist. The creatives opt for minimal effort with easy to please children audience, serving us leftover lasagna. Voices include Samuel L. Jackson, Nicholas Hoult, and Hannah Waddingham.

Hit Man - B

Glen Powell (Top Gun: Maverick) oozes leading man charm in profound director Richard Linklater's (Dazed

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Rick S's 2nd Annual Student **Drum Recital 6/15/2024**

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Rick teaches at Los Gatos Music Academy and Harker School. Rick's love for music carries over to students of all ages. All are welcome. Please support our local music, teachers, and their families. Don't forget to enjoy some bbq from the menu.

> For more information call or text 408-220-4119 or email to ricksalegria@gmail.com

MOVIE REVIEWS

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and Confused, School of Rock) latest hit. Loosely based on a true story, the R-rated black comedy follows a philosophy professor working part-time with the police pretending to be a hit man to catch people looking to hire one.

Tarot - C-

More dour teen horror full of cliches based off a known property. A group of friends including Jacob Batalon (Spider-Man: Homecoming) and Avantika (2024's "Mean Girls") do a tarot reading on a cursed deck, unleashing an evil that causes them to meet the physical manifestations of their card fates.

Force of Nature: The Dry – C+

Unspectacular light mystery drama starring Eric Bana (Munich) and Anna Torv (The Last of Us). Five women embark on a remote hiking company retreat but when only four return with different stories, agents are sent to find the missing person. The beautiful lush forest and mesmerizing Australian land-scapes help distract from the ordinary mystery elements.

The Strangers: Chapter 1 – D+

Third effort in the home-invasion franchise is straight-to-DVD horror fare that exists solely because studios love IP. After their car breaks down near a small town, an infuriatingly trite couple must survive the night in a remote cabin while they're terrified by masked strangers.

I Saw the TV Glow - B-

Uniquely strange psychological horror drama brimming with style and ideas yet lacking a satisfying payoff. Justice Smith (Jurassic World Dominion) is an awkward teenager in the suburbs who befriends a female classmate after she introduces him to a mysterious late-night supernatural TV show.



Thursday, June 6 6pm
Blues Jam

Friday, June 7 8pm Don Gilletti and Friends

Saturday, June 8 8 pm Mitch Polzak

Wednesday, June 12 7pm First Call

Thursday, June 13 6pm Blues Pro Jam

Friday, June 14 8pm Seven Shades of Grey

Saturday, June 15 7:30 pm Cubby's

Tuesday, June 18 6:30 pm Head Games Trivia

Wednesday, June 19 6pm Jazz Jam

Thursday, June 20 6pm Blues Pro Jam

Friday, June 21 8pm Blues Rockers

Saturday, June 22 8pm Sound Advice

Tuesday, June 25 6:30 pm Head Games Trivia

Wednesday, June 26 6pm Acoustic Showcase

Thursday, June 27 6pm Blues Pro Jam

Friday, June 28 8 pm Identity Problem

Saturday, June 29 8pm

Kaye Bohler Band









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Sunday June 16 Father's Day Cook'n Fenny Combo Satori Cellars winery, Gilroy 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Saturday June 22 Longstock festival, Los Gatos Mtns 1 PM to 2 PM

Sunday June 23 Clos La Chance winery, Morgan Hill 12 PM to 3 PM

Wednesday June 26 Little Lou's barbecue Campbell, Acoustic Showcase 6 PM to 9 PM. Cook'n Fenny Combo plays 6 PM to 7 PM. Followed by Bandanna 7 PM to 8 PM, then Just One More 8 PM to 9 PM

BARRON MARTIAL ARTS: CHAMPIONS IN LA

By Benjamin Noel



Gabriel Barron's Barron Martial Arts has recently returned from dominating a competition in Los Angeles last month, with all 11 competitors finishing on the podium. Gabriel has been chief instructor since before the pandemic when the dojo was Pro Martial Arts. Since the pandemic, he transformed Pro Martial Arts into his own academy, Barron Martial Arts Academy. He has rebuilt a strong team of competitors since the pandemic backed by his team of instructors, Sifu Geoff, Mr. Tino, Mr. Bryan, and Coach Andrew. Gabriel comes from a strong line of Mexican women entrepreneurs, upon which he draws his leadership skills. Over the years, he has built up his program into a successful academy producing tournament winners and mentally strong young men and women.

He teaches a style of martial arts called Tang Soo Do. This art is very similar to karate in practice which emphasizes striking. The art prepares students to defend themselves, and empowers especially young girls to protect themselves.

While the academy focuses on Tang Soo Do, Gabriel and the other coaches have a mix of martial arts experience they bring to the table. This rounds out the skillsets of the students that Barron Martial Arts produces. The academy has scrimmage matches with local Karate schools throughout the year. Barron will be hosting a tournament in July, which will be followed by festivities for all the competitors.

The students have experience competing against national and international level competition, and perform at a very high level. Recently, the youth squad went to The Battle of LA in which all 11 competitors finished on the podium, with multiple golds.

In martial arts, "Do" refers to way, to the effect of "philosophy" or "way of living" (i.e. Judo: gentle way). The "do' practiced at Barron Martial Arts empowers students to be strong mentally as well as physically. Every month, the dojo covers a new "kata" which the students live both inside and outside the dojo. Some "katas" include discipline and perseverance. This is one of the ways Gabriel's students learn "not to be ordinary, but extraordinary".

There is a high level of respect and discipline within the dojo. Students address their teachers as "sir" while still being spoken to as mature individuals. One of the common sayings amongst students at the dojo when faced with a challenge from one of their sense is "bring it on sir!"

Gabriel does not simply hand out black belts. Each of the belts requires growth in skill acquisition and forms, as well as toughness. The brown belt test is hours long, and the test for black belt runs the course of two days. The test evaluates students' skills and more than anything else, their fortitude as they perform katas, test their endurance, and push themselves further than they have before.

There are also adult programs at the academy. Coach Andrew leads Muay Thai on Tuesday Thursday evenings, and there is also grappling offered on Friday evenings.

Barron Martial Arts invites folks to visit their dojo conveniently located in Downtown Campbell behind Cardiff's and El Guapo's. Sensei Gabriel says that martial arts are for everybody, and that simply trying out is the hardest part. He emphasizes the help the arts provide in strengthening mental health and overcoming self doubt. Everyone is invited to visit and be challenged to grow with the help of the senseis and the art of Tang Soo Do.



Campbell's Warm Welcome for Mavis Staples

By Sergio Lopez

"Campbell, California!"

Mavis Staples smiles broadly, delighted at the response from the audience.

"I ain't never been to Campbell before," she says.

On May 10th, Campbell was visited by musical royalty. For a night, the Heritage Theatre played the part of palace for the reigning queen of gospel and soul — a figure from our country's musical past, choosing to share with us the lessons she had learned over a lifetime. Like the hymn she once sang with her family, "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?", Mavis Staples represents an unbroken line connecting our present moment with nearly all of American musical history.

That line stretches back through her own distinguished solo career, which featured collaborations which brought her music to new heights with figures from Prince to Levon Helm of the backbone of America.

the Band (as well as the Band themselves during the height of their popularity)

to modern day artists such as Arcade Fire and Jeff Tweedy. That line stretches back to her time as part of the Staple Singers with her sisters and family, during which time they provided the soundtrack to the civil rights movement and marched alongside the leaders of their day. It stretches back to the days of their father, Roebuck

"Pops" Staples, who, in his childhood, was there for the birth of the music which would become the blues. gospel, and many more the sounds which would form

Mavis Staples' life was an eventful one. Bob Dylan who she first met during the



civil rights era — was enamored with Mavis, going so far as to propose marriage. (She turned him down).

Yet the weight of all the history which Mavis' song carries was apparent on May 10 in Campbell. Mavis Staples' second song, after a confident and rousing introduction, was one which she used to sing with the Staple Singers: "I'm Just Another Soldier." "You know," she wails, "I'm just another soldier in the army of love."

It's towards the end of the song that Mavis sings: "Now Martin, John, and Bobby once fought here by my side/ But the captain called them to that command post in the sky." She is referring, of course, to Martin Luther King, Jr., John F. Kennedy, and Robert Kennedy — all of whom were slain in the tumultuous 60s. They were all men Mavis knew in some capacity.

When Pops Staples met Martin Luther King, Jr., he saw an opportunity to move civil rights forward — by providing the soundtrack to countless marches and demonstrations. Mavis' lyric, therefore, carries a profound meaning: she knows not just what it is to struggle and fight for justice, but the awesome toll that battle takes on both spirit and body.

Apart from such meaningful moments, the set list which Mavis moved through was generous, inviting the audience to bring their own meaning to the songs and to participate in moving and singing right

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By Chris Jackson "Mayor of Silicon Valley"

Albums Were Hot-Then Not

When you hear the song "Rock and Roll All Nite," by KISS, you're probably hearing the "live" version. Why is that? Is it possible that a recording made in an uncontrollable atmosphere sounds better than a studio version of the song made in an expensive, controlled environment?

KISS aren't the only ones that can claim their live versions are more popular than their studio counterparts: Cheap Trick's most popular version of their song, "I Want You To Want Me" is the live version. The same can be said for Peter Frampton's "Baby I Love Your Way," "Show Me the Way," and "Do You Feel Like We Do." Studio versions exist, but the live version gets the love-or should I say, got the love. You see, that doesn't happen now.

Live versions were more popular than studio versions because bands used to have trouble capturing a big, exciting sound in the studio. Their live versions had a cheering crowd that gave the recording more energy. Yes, bands would "touch up" their in-concert recordings back in their recording studios, but recordings made only in the studio just didn't sound as electrifying.

Eventually, bands learned how to make their studio recordings sound bigger-so big that there was no way that live albums could even compete with the studio albums! Recording software was released that makes studio recordings sound alive and exciting all with the touch of a mouse click. Just like that-no need for live albums. No matter-these days, fans make their own live versions

Chris Jackson can be heard on 98.5 KFOX The South Bay's Classic Rock, weekdays 6am-9am

Message to the Class of 2024: Nate Austin "The clock can't turn this one back"

In the words of the great Estee Lauder, "I never dreamed of success. I worked for it." This is the mantra for the Class of 2024. With each year passing by, a new generation gets called upon to be the closing act of the primary, secondary, and high school systems. The children within this graduating class (even though many of them are not children anymore as many have 18th birthdays before graduation) have countless amounts of memories with the loved ones they are sharing their experiences with. Graduation is a time for all these moments to be celebrated and cherished-because you only get to do this once, the last thing you want to do is take it for granted.

With graduation comes more responsibilities and obligations, as you are being freshly dropped into the real world as an adult. The things taught to you by your parents, family and friends, and the teachers present throughout your learning. Being fearful of being an adult, putting in the hard work and long hours to be successful, navigating new waters in life as a college student or pursuing other endeavors; all come into action after graduating.

If I have any word of advice, it would be to trust what you have learned and put it to use when you have the opportunity; nine out of ten times it will go in a direction you wanted or expected, so there is little room for surprise.

With each individual graduating in 2024 being unique in its own way, embrace what is special about your journey and celebrate it: life is only able to be lived once, so appreciate your experiences and what made you into that special person you are right now. Each member of the Class of 2024 has a different perspective on how they were raised, what life is like outside of school, and what it means to be a member within our community. All the teachers that taught the Class of 2024 over the years must feel old right now, as this generation of kids that they once knew are all about to be, if not already, full-blown adults. The beauty in it for teachers is everything; they get to watch a child that has no idea what they want to do, what they're capable of, or what their impact will be on the world, and grow into a confident, thriving individual who benefits the outside world in one way or another. It must be one of the most rewarding jobs in the world to teach children to be the way they are and what they know and get to see that growth out of each individual. I know each of the teachers that the Class of 2024 have had over the years are over the moon for each one of you and are proud of what you have done and what you will accomplish.

In the grand scheme of things, graduating from high school will be a small memory that will be compiled into a lifetime worth of good, bad, happy, and sad times, but right now, for the Class of 2024, this is everything. All their hard work, all their sacrifices, it all comes down to this. The culmination of everything they have worked for, everything they have accomplished, is solidified by their name being etched into the 2024 books forever.

It is something that should never be taken for granted, because it is incredibly hard work and takes perseverance, determination through many obstacles along the way, all to be rewarded with the glory of a diploma and a roar from the crowd as they walk on stage. Congratulations Graduates of the Class of 2024, make sure you take in that standing ovation; you deserve it.







DIG IT...



with SAM

By Sharon McCray, UCCE Master Gardener

Summer garden problems

It's nearly that time of the year when our gardens start bursting with abundance. The cucumbers are forming. Fruit on the trees taking shape as we are trying to figure out how to save them from the squirrels. Melons and squash are looking good. Keep an eye on those zucchini as they explode in girth almost daily.

Garden centers and advice lines start to light up with questions: what is eating my tomatoes? What is this ugly black spot on my leaves? White powder has taken over my pumpkins. These and more issues will be presenting themselves in the coming months and it is good to understand what exactly is happening.

If you have read this column before you may already know about chewing and sucking pests. To refresh your memories: chewing insects, like earwigs and caterpillars, chew on the outer edge of leaves and sucking pests, like snails and slugs attack the soft tissue inside the plant leaves.

Tomato hornworms, large green caterpillars with a distinct horn on their backside, traditionally do not eat the tomato itself and instead prefer the tender leaves. They pupate in the soil from season to season and annually produce a beautiful sphinx type moth. I really welcome them and most forms of flying insects into my garden and try to plant extra tomatoes so there is always plenty to harvest. The loss of a few leaves will not hurt the plant.

As for the big brown hole on the bottom of your tomato, it is called blossom end rot and usually makes the fruit inedible. It is typically caused by a lack of calcium in the soil. Most vegetables prefer more than just nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in their diet and I recommend looking for a good fertilizer that will include iron, calcium and other micro-nutrients. Plants purchased directly from retail outlets are heavily fertilized during their initial growing and usually will be fine without additional amendments. Remember, nitrogen forms vigorous green growth, phosphorus for fruit and flower production and potash for strong root growth (think carrots and beets).

Sunscald is another problem with certain vegetables, including tomatoes, melons, peppers and eggplant and forms a light colored spot

on the fruit. Make sure that ripening fruit has enough leaf or light fabric or shade cloth coverage to protect them.

Bear in mind that some fruits, especially tomatoes, won't set fruit when the daytime temperatures reach 90 degrees and night time temperatures fall below 55. Because you can not change the weather but by providing some shade or selecting unique varieties can help with some of those issues. If your melon leaves droop during the heat of the day, wait to water them until after the sun has set. In some cases, the plant forces water into the roots to reserve it for later and the plant should recover by morning. If it doesn't, water the base of the plant and never the leaves.

Another issue you may encounter is mildew on melons and other cucurbits. The mildew can be devastating and looks like a white chalk powder covering the leaves. Some experts recommend washing the leaves with plain water while other say a mixture of one third cup baking soda mixed with a gallon of water, sprayed on the leaves will solve the problem. Whatever course of action you take, just don't spray the leaves during the heat of the day.

Avoid pesticides and learn what the problem is before attempting to fix it. Master Gardeners are a great resource for diagnosing plant problems with practical and reliable solutions.

Here's to another fantastic growing season, filled with all the wonderful bounty this beautiful places provides.

WEST COAST CHEF

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE SUMMER

A truly glorious time of the year awaits each summer. It's our celebration of the writing of the Declaration of Independence, and the birth of our nation. Living here in paradise, we are in an oasis of abundance. The hills are green, rivers and streams are flowing, and farmers markets are abuzz with a plethora of culinary delights. It's a wonderful time of year to cook and enjoy the great outdoors. We can enjoy the tidings of summer without fear of drought, which is nice.

Look for peak flavors from Sonoma red onions, cantaloupe, and various melons, apricots, avocados, basil, blueberries, olallieberries, Bing cherries, carrots, cabbage, collards, corn, garlic, leeks, nectarines, various plums, raspberries, summer squash, tomatoes, baby halibut, Oregon and Washington salmon, fresh herbs, & soft shell crab.

Now is the time to picnic, beach, or backyard, and nearest park. Show off all your favorites... Fresh blackberry or melon margaritas, Corn on the cob with melted butter, California chili beans, Moms garlic bread, BBQ or Rockefeller oysters, grilled marinated jumbo shrimp, Chips with homemade salsa, Dry rubbed pork ribs with favorite BBQ sauce, tri-tip or flank steaks with chimichurri sauce, garden

salad with goat cheese, homemade macaroni or potato salad, Caprese

salad, steamed clams bordelaise, strawberry shortcake, fresh peach ice cream, lots of cold beer, chilled wines, sangria, and margaritas.

Baseball gloves, footballs, pickleball, paddleboards, volleyball, and all the good beach stuff will embellish the proceedings. People will be scantily clad from coast to coast.

It always makes me feel grateful for our freedom, and very rich history and culture. Makes me think of all my great American heroes, actors and actresses, sports figures, and musicians. So, play all your favorite music, eat and drink your favorite foods with those you know and love.

Here is a recipe for my westcoast version of an American classic. I've enjoyed them from their birthplace in New Orleans, New York, Florida, San Francisco. This is my version of the best of all of them.

BILLY'S WEST COAST OYSTERS ROCKEFELLER

- 3 strips bacon
- 1 pkg. frozen chopped spinach, or fresh
- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 3 scallions, finely chopped
- 3 Tbsp. chopped Italian parsley



By Bill Peil

- 1 tsp. fresh chopped tarragon, or dried
- 1 finely chopped shallot
- 2 cloves chopped garlic
- 1 oz. Pernod
- ½ cup parmesan cheese
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 tsp. Tabasco
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 18 plump oysters
- 1 cup hollandaise sauce
- Lemon slices
- Rocksalt for baking

Sauté bacon till crisp. Drain off most of fat, finely chop bacon, reserve. Add butter to pan. Sauté scallions, shallot, garlic. Add spinach and crumbled bacon. Sauté 5 minutes. Add Worcestershire sauce, juice of lemon, Tabasco, tarragon, parsley, and salt and pepper. Then add Pernod, and liquor from oysters after shucking. Add dash of grated nutmeg, take off heat. Preheat oven to 450. On top of each shucked oyster, put a good Tbsp. of spinach mixture and sprinkle parmesan on top. Bake until cheese turns golden. It is best to set oysters on rock salt on sheet pan before putting in oven. Do not overbake. When oysters come out, top with a tsp. or so of hollandaise sauce. Serve immediately with lemon wedges... Happy 4th to all of us. Cheers, Billy

MINDFULNESS

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Developing Healthy Habits

Being mindful may also help us make healthier choices as we become more aware of our lifestyle habits, behaviors, and intentions. We can bring Mindfulness to our eating habits, as well. Some studies suggest that it can help reduce binge eating and emotional eating. Paying closer attention to our body can help us notice signals that we're full and help us better enjoy our food.

This mind-body awareness is one part of how Mindfulness helps people adopt healthier habits. This goes for positive feelings too. When we exercise, we usually feel better afterward. So, with Mindfulness training we're aware of it improving our mood, and then we can use that reward to train ourselves. Mindfulness may also help with setting goals. We can focus on being more active or eating more fruits

and vegetables. And if we place our intention there.

Mindfulness takes practice. Mental training can take time and dedication. Aim for a few minutes of Mindfulness each day to start. A body scan meditation can be a good way to connect with your body. It helps make you aware of how your body feels as you mentally scan from head to toe. Start in a comfortable position with your eyes closed. Take several deep breaths. Then, notice your feet. How do they feel? Let your scan travel up your body legs, stomach, arms, hands, neck, and head. Notice any sensations or discomfort. Try not to change or judge these feelings—you're simply checking in. Doing body scans regularly can help increase mindfulness.

* Stay TUNED We will explore how to incorporate a more mindful approach to eating in my upcoming Campbell Press article.



TRAVEL...AND MORE



Coach's Corner

By Jay Harnden

FEELING OLD

Thirty seven years ago, I became a father. It was just about the best day of my life. Even though I felt ready, I was not really prepared for the flood of emotions that engulfed me. Alyssa was a beautiful, healthy baby girl. I couldn't take my eyes off of her. I had no idea where the love I had for her came from, but it was extremely deep. As the days moved on, so did the bond we developed. We spent so much time together; I was truly blessed. After about three years, her little brother Josh came along, and she became the most wonderful big sister. She's always had such a sweet, loving soul, and she made and maintained friends quite easily. It might sound like I'm bragging, but I assure you I'm not...I'm just speaking the truth. She developed a thirst for knowledge and worked hard in school. My wife and I always received compliments about how kind and well-behaved she was as a kid. All the parent-teacher conferences were

always fun for us to attend as it was great to hear that your children were liked and well-mannered at school. I've worked with many parents over the years where that was not the case.

As she matured, her interests came to include Brownies, Girl Scouts, Scottish dancing, and playing the flute to name just a few. On several occasions we would get dressed up and go on daddy-daughter date nights. Awesome memories that continued to knit our hearts together. She had for several years wanted to become a teacher, but as she got older, she changed her mind and decided to become a nurse. Along the way she met a boy in high school named Brian and knew early on he was a "keeper". They dated for a few years and then got married. Fourteen years and three kids later, they're still going strong. I could not have hoped for a better man for my daughter. When she had her first child, I went into

the hospital room as she held him...I looked her in the eyes and said "now you know"... as I believe our kids can't really understand how much we love them until they have their own.

I have really been blessed in that the jobs I've held while my kids were growing up enabled me to pick them up after school, every day, and be with them until mom came home from her job in the child development field. Maybe I had to get up at three o'clock in the morning, but it was very much worth it!

While the title of this article is Feeling Old. I wouldn't change much. The time I was able to invest in their childhood has paid off tremendously. That, along with my wife and God, has made this feeling old situation a pretty good thing.

Invest as much time as possible with your kids so that when your time comes to feel old, you will be able to embrace and enjoy it!



Boeing Boeing Bong!

It's a bit unfortunate for Boeing's reputation, that by taking their eye off the ball on quality control, they have completely lost the plot.

While they are taking steps to remedy the situation with extreme oversight from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), there are many passengers who will try and avoid flying in their aircraft, and many airlines which depend on Boeing. Take Southwest for example. Their fleet is entirely of Boeing aircraft.

Now, before you panic and take the attitude "If it's a Boeing, I'm not going", consider this: Now that the airlines are aware of the issue, you can be sure that they have taken major maintenance steps to fix any issues before they arise. But, how safe are they now?

You can rest assured that maintenance crews are giving any new aircraft a thorough examination before allowing them to go into service. This brings me back round to the topic of how do you protect yourself on board?

Were anything serious to happen in flight, and you were not strapped in to your seat properly, you could end up with serious injury. It's crazy just how many folks sit in their seats without their

seat belt fastened, even if the seat belt sign is on!

Forget bits falling off the aircraft, it's turbulence that is so unpredictable and dangerous that can be fatal as a recent flight with Singapore Airlines.

One person died and several others were injured when Singapore Airlines flight SQ321 encountered severe turbulence while en-route from London. The victim was named as 73-year-old British man, Geoff Kitchen, who died from a suspected heart-attack onboard.

Even when your plane has landed, do not unbuckle your seatbelt until the aircraft has been parked at the gate and the sign has been switched off.

Now here's another danger that you might not be aware of on a plane, and it comes from your mobile phone. If you drop your phone and it slips behind your seat don't try and recover your phone yourself – let the flight attendant do this.

Boeing has taken steps to fix their quality control issues and are now subject to strict inspection by the FAA.Senior management changes have also been made that should help address the issue.

The lesson is – never reduce quality control as a cost saving exercise.

Exploration Portal Opening Dedication

Friday, June 21, at 11:00 a.m. **Educare California at Silicon** Valley, a longtime museum partner, will act as our first "test pilots" for the big reveal before bursting through the gate into the Exploration Portal to discover, play, and explore. Educare families from one of the most financially disadvantaged areas of San Jose will enjoy a free Family Day!

Speakers at Dedication: Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez; San Jose Councilmember Omar Torres; Andrea MacKenzie, General Manager of Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority; Richard Santos, A Board Member of Santa Clara Valley Water District, and FIRST 5 Santa Clara County CEO Jennifer Kelleher.

Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose Opens Exploration **Portal**

San Jose's newest outdoor educational playspace where children explore math, science, art, and nature!

Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose is helping children discover patterns, proportion, scale, and symmetry at the intersection of math, science, and nature with its new outdoor educational play space. Exploration Portal's eight interactive exhibits will provide endless opportunities for STEM-based discovery and learning in nature.

"Children learn through patterns, and by linking patterns, scale, proportion, and symmetry to the things we see in nature, we're helping children better understand the natural world," said Marilee Jennings, executive director of Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose.

"Thinking about patterns also helps children make sense of math and science, and we know that introducing these early in life nurtures critical thinking, and problem-solving, and sets the stage for future academic success,"addedJennings."STEMis a natural approach to early childhood education. STEM gives them tools to question, investigate, and hypothesize." In addition to STEM learning, sustainability and inspiring tomorrow's environmental stewards were top of mind in the designing the Exploration Portal. The space role models the use of drought-tolerant and native plants for biodiversity and water conservation, while also improving the health of the Guadalupe River. "Having the opportunity for Educare to partner with Children's Discovery Museum for this amazing launch is exciting," said Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools, Mary Ann Dewan. "Children learn best when they have hands-on experiences." Exploration Portal invites full-body engagement! Beehive Climber,

Whirling Flyers, and Patterns

Everywhere will mesmerize visitors with beauty and delight all ages. Measure Me! exhibit, kids will use their own bodies as measuring devices and be surprised to learn that one's forearm equals the length of one foot. Four Giant Kaleidoscopes with varying shaped viewing windows will allow children to investigate patterns in the surrounding environment, Rocks that Sing, stone Xylophonestyle instruments, will fascinate all who "play" the melodic sounds they make. Come by for a fun day for everyone!

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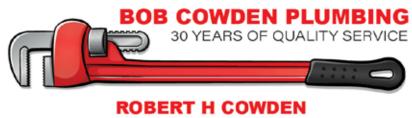
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Campbell Crime Report



By Carol W. Gerwitz

300 Blk. Budd Ave. (S1) and (S2) were contacted after the report of a physical fight. (S1) was in possession of a stolen functional firearm in a vehicle, under the influence of a controlled substance, in possession of narcotics for sale. (S1) was arrested and booked. (S2) was found to be in possession of Alprazolam and was cited and released from the scene.

and (V2) are protected parties in served peaceful contact orders protecting them from (S). (S) was in an argument and threatened them if they called the police. (S) fled to the residence's roof upon CPD arrival and refused to come down. (V1) and (V2) did not desire prosecution for the threats and only for the violation of the restraining orders.

1800 Blk. S. Bascom Ave. (S) cut (V)'s blinds/curtains that enclosed their apartment's exterior patio causing \$75 in damage. (S) stole (V)'s fishing rods valued at \$75. (V) desired prosecution.

500 Blk. E Hamilton Ave. (V) confronted (S) (identity unknown) while (S) was shoplifting. (S) struck (V) with a skateboard and then fled the store with stolen item. Report.

300 Blk. Union Ave. (S1), (S2), (S3), and (S4) used (V)'s personal identifying information to rent an apartment and used their name as the primary lessee. (V) stated their signature on the rental agreement was forged. All suspects are known and at large.

900 Blk. E. Hamilton Ave. (S) was stopped for a California Vehicle Code violation. (S) fled upon contact and ran across traffic lanes. However, (S) was detained after a brief foot pursuit and was found to be in possession of items determined to be recently stolen from store. (S) was also on out-of-county probation and was placed on a probation hold and transported during which time (S) slipped their handcuffs to the front and damaged the rear-facing camera equipment in the patrol car. Booked.

1800 Blk. Villarita Dr. Unknown (S) used (V)'s PII to open a cell phone account which now has a delinquent fee of \$1125, discovered when (V) checked their credit report. Report.

200 Blk. Dillon Ave. (S) was in an altercation with (V), punching V several times in the face and then fleeing on foot. (S) was located downtown and taken into custody after a brief struggle. (S) had 3 restraining orders in effect restraining (S) from (V). Booked.

200 Blk. Wren Way. Unknown (S) forced entry into an unmarked Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department vehicle and stole miscellaneous police equipment.

1600 Blk. S. Bascom Ave. (S1) and (S2) entered the business together and loaded a cart with merchandise. They exited and returned, attempting to fill another cart. (S1) was interrupted by employees and fled. Both (S) walked to a parked vehicle and eventually fled the scene. Loss: approx-

imately \$1000. Both (S)'s are at large.

600 Blk. Beta Ct. Officers responded to a report of a domestic violence incident. (S) fled the scene prior to police arrival. Through interviews with (V) and family members, it was determined that (S) strangled (V), prevented her from leaving, and feloniously assaulted her. (S) is still at large.

1200 Blk. Lorelei Ct. (S) was contacted after seen sleeping in the street. Upon searching (S) they had a small baggie of methamphetamine in their pocket. Cited and released.

Los Gatos Creek Trl. (S) was contacted after they made a 911 call reporting a false incident. (S) was determined to be under the influence of a CNS stimulant. Arrested and booked into jail.

1700 Blk. S. Bascom Ave. (S) was involved in a non-injury vehicle accident in the drive-through and exhibited signs and symptoms of alcohol intoxication. (S) was

unable to perform SFSTs as demonstrated and explained. Arrested.

S. Winchester Blvd. (S) and (V) have been in a long-term dating relationship. (W) saw (S) push (V) into a fence. (S) then walked (V) to the car with his arm around her neck. (V) looked like she was trying to get out of (S)'s hold. (V) had two small lacerations. (S) was on Post-Release Community Supervision. Booked.

300 Blk. E. Campbell Ave. (V) reported that their business had been burglarized of approximately \$10,000 worth of merchandise by unknown (S). Report.

200 Blk. Hollis Ave. An unknown (S) obtained \$50 from the (V) via a Zelle transfer claiming the (V) owed money and threatened to contact family if he did not pay. Report.

1700 South Bascom Ave. (S) was contacted for littering, fled, but was apprehended in the Los Gatos Creek. Booked.

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Books Inc. By Ashley Bailey & Politics and Real Estate

As the weather gets warmer and school comes to a close, June is finally here. June is a time to celebrate Pride Month and Juneteenth, and we have an endless array of diverse, thought-provoking, and fun books to celebrate both. Below, we have collected a wide array of books for teens and adults for Pride Month that we, your local booksellers, love!

Fantasy: *The Final Strife and* The Battle Drum by Saara El-Arifi–In these incredible, entertaining novels (final one expected to publish Sep 2024), enter a queer-normative, Africa and Arabia-inspired world of complex characters; thrilling politics; secrets; and unique magic. Nothing is as it seems in this society divided by blood color and thriving off violence and hierarchy. Join Sylah, Anoor, and Hassa as they work, across these novels, to discover the truths behind the world they thought they knew, navigating love, friendship, and fighting for social change along the way.

YA: Gwen and Art Are Not in Love by Lex Croucher-Descendant of King Arthur, Lord Arthur Delacey is set to marry Princess Gwen of England. However, their hate is mutual, their childhoods nothing short of endless teases and pranks. But when they realize each has a crush on someone else, what starts as an agreement to keep the other's secret turns into a heartwarming, hilarious story about found family and queer romance with a healthy dose of politics and intrigue.

Nonfiction: Ace: What Asexuality Reveals About Desire, Society, and the Meaning of Sex by Angela Chen-In this informative, educational, and eye-opening anthology, Chen uses interviews of asexual people, her own experiences, and research to educate and discuss asexuality in terms of relationships, identity, and in society. As asexuality is often overlooked in queer

communities-and in society as a whole, given how much of a focus sex gets in media and our lives-it's important in Pride Month, and always, to acknowledge those who are, as Chen says, "the 'A' of LGBTQIA+" (back cover)

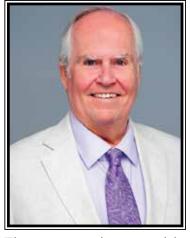
Horror: Chlorine by Jade Song – Ren Yu's coming of age is just like any other girls. She's juggling her mom's expectations while trying to make time for swimming practice, on top of the romantic tension between her best friend and her. But her biggest trial is that no one but her seems to realize her lower half is better suited for a fish tail. (Body horror galore!)

Romance: The Prospect by KT Hoffman - Being the first openly trans man in professional baseball comes with its own set of challenges, but Gene Ionescu's made a comfortable spot for himself at Portland's minor leagues team—that is until his once-friend-now-rival Luis Estrada takes his starting position. The Beavers have no shot this season unless the two of them are able to find common ground.

Although reading is often a solitary activity, books wouldn't be half as investing if we didn't have communities for literature discourse. Books Inc. Campbell is home to several local book clubs who are always open to new readers. The Unbanned Book Club reads anything that has been banned past or present, including this month's book Gender Queer. Their next meeting is June 23rd or check out Bibliophiles which meets on June 20th to discuss *Remarkably* Bright Creatures. If you have a book club of your own looking for a new cozy space, call (408)-378-2726 for relevant information.



By W. Gene Hunt, Realtor Cal DRE 01124702 The William Jefferies Co. CalDRE 01260763



There's no getting around it; Real Estate and politics are entwined. Some laws and State Constitution propositions are specific to Real Estate. A short time ago, I wrote about Proposition 13 and the coming attack on it in November. There's another long time law that has been under repeated attack and will be again this November; the "Costa-Hawkins" law.

Costa-Hawkins is a product of bi-partisan cooperation in our State legislature. Enacted in 1995, it may be one of the last bi-partisan pieces of legislation to come out of our legislature. It basically has three main components: 1) it established that multi-family buildings built after 1995 were not subject to rent-control, 2) it exempted

single-family homes, individually owned condos and townhouse from rent-control and, 3) it allowed landlords to raise the rent on a vacant property to the market rates of the time they're re-renting the property.

Not everyone is a landlord but everyone understand personal property rights. Costa-Hawkins enshrined the rights of the owner to their own property and worked successfully for decades. Unfortunately, some politicians have a different agenda and they look to property owners for solutions and funding for their projects.

An initiative qualified for the ballot in early April of this year. This initiative would make the following changes in the Costa-Hawkins law. First, rather than a date certain for exemption to rent control, a rolling 10 year window would be established. If it were to go into effect, complexes built in 2013 could become rent controlled this year and complexes built in 2014 would be eligible for rent control in 2025. All the apartments, etc. built since 1995 would immediately become eligible for rent control.

Second, once a property goes vacant, the housing pro-

vider would not be allowed to increase the rent to market rates...they'd have to rent to the next tenant at the same amount as the previous tenant. And, lastly, all single-family homes and privately owned condos and townhouse would become eligible for rent control as well. In short, this initiative would fully eviscerate the current law.

Housing costs are high for everyone and, since only about 15% of the workers in California can afford a median priced home (\$854,000 in CA), the lack of supply leaves a lot of people still hoping to get that leg up on developing family wealth. Passage of this initiative would reduce the availability of existing homes and would likely discourage further home construction.

To make good decisions when you vote, you need a full understanding of the issue. When it comes to your next move in Real Estate, you'll want the best education available to make decisions you'll be called upon in a transaction. Call or email me for the latest on home buying or selling, (408) 887-4731 or geneshomes @earthlink.net.

MAVIS STAPLES

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alongside the band. The show managed to convey emotions ranging from jubilance (as in the Talking Heads cover "Slippery People"), to opportunities for audience singalongs (the Buffalo Springfield classic"ForWhatIt'sWorth"), to moments of profound beauty (as in one of the final numbers, "Celestial Shores.")

The latter song is one of the most profoundly beautiful in Staples' repertoire. After having lived through so much history, she sounds as if she sees ahead to what lies beyond. "Way beyond the surly bonds of earth and hate and war/On a far celestial shore,' she sings. "There's a land of plenty where no child shall want for more/On a far celestial shore." And she brings the audience right there with her.

By the end, not just the concertgoers, but Mavis herself, have all been on a journey together. She concludes where she began.

"I ain't never been to Campbell," Mavis repeated.

Once more, she smiled.

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