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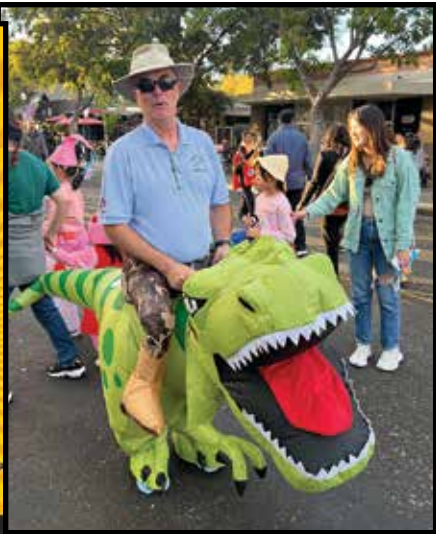
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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM TCP!



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THE DOWNTOWN CAMPBELL  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

# Carol of Lights

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 7TH,  
4 PM - 7 PM**

*In Memory of Sally Horn & Kelly Crandall*

- SANTA CLAUS - TREATS
- PETTING ZOO - PONY RIDES
- FACE PAINTING - BALLOON TWISTERS
- ARTS & CRAFTS - GAMES
- MUSIC - ENTERTAINMENT
- BOUNCE HOUSES
- PHOTO AREAS
- TOY DONATION DROP OFF



PICTURE OF THE MONTH

AINSLEY SPOUT HOUSE GROUNDBREAKING

PHOTO © MATTHEW C. HOWE

## Just a Little Bit of History

By Susan Blake, Campbell Historic Preservation Board

October's photo was taken of some ornate ceramic tile work on the front of the Grower's National Bank, currently home to 7 Stars Bar and Grill at 400 East Campbell Avenue. The building is a great example of adaptive reuse as it has been transformed into several different businesses over the years.

This Neoclassical building was constructed by B. O. Curry in 1920 as part of a "business block" development which consisted of five connected buildings in a row. It became home to the Grower's National Bank. The Grower's Bank was formed in late 1919 by Curry, Ralph H. Hyde and Frank C. Nelson were some of the original investors. A sign on the front indicates that at one time, this was the Mercantile Trust Bank. The building housed three different banks in the 1920's and then became a movie



theater for a short time. In the 1960's, it became the Gaslighter Theatre which performed vaudeville and melodramatic plays. It was very popular.

Here is November's mystery photo. See if you can figure out what it is and where it is located. Happy Thanksgiving.





WORD OF THE MONTH

**“PHOTOVALTAIC”**  
[Foh-toe-vahl-tay-ik]  
*Adjective*  
Something that produces voltage when exposed to light, such as a solar panel.

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HAPPENINGS

THE CAMPBELL HISTORICAL MUSEUM UNVEILS NEW EXHIBIT: GROWING UP IN CAMPBELL

Campbell, CA – The Campbell Historical Museum is proud to announce the opening of its latest exhibit, *Growing Up in Campbell*, an engaging and interactive exploration of childhood in the Campbell area and Santa Clara Valley during the early 1900s.

This unique exhibit offers a glimpse into what life was like for children over a century ago, showcasing the evolution of childhood through the lens of home life, school, and play. Visitors will step into a recreated early 20th-century child’s world and explore the and toys and furniture designed specifically for children—concepts just emerging during that time.

The exhibit delves into the daily chores that shaped life in the valley, from washing and constructing outhouses to helping with orchard work, such as picking and cutting fruit. School life is also brought to life with displays on early 1900s subjects, transportation to school, and the joy of recess.

Interactive features include:

- **A working candlestick phone** that connects to the museum’s general store exhibit.
- **A Tin Can telephone**

- **Fruit Processing Tools**
  - **A life-sized outhouse recreation.**
  - **Authentic school desks** from the era.
- The exhibit was made possible through the generous support of the **Campbell Museum Foundation** and the **Farrington Foundation** and was thoughtfully designed by **Wildways Illustrated**.
- The Campbell Historical Museum is dedicated to making history accessible and enjoyable for all ages. This hands-on approach allows visitors to immerse themselves in the past, bringing the history of the Santa Clara Valley to life.
- The museum is open **Friday through Sunday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**, and we are currently seeking volunteers to help support weekend operations.

Come discover the childhood experiences of yesteryear and make new memories at *Growing Up in Campbell*!



Continued on page 12

HERE’S HOWE



FOUR MORE YEARS! This month marks our FOUR-year anniversary of ‘**The Campbell Press**.’ Wow. It’s hard to believe it’s been that long already, yet at the same time it feels like a lifetime. Since not only did I deliver The Campbell Press newspaper as a young boy for a few years, I continued to watch my mother write articles and columns years after that back when the newspaper was located on Dillon Ave. across the railroad tracks from where we are today at 334 E. Campbell Ave. One time in the 90’s, the world renowned psychic Sylvia Brown took over the office, before she moved into the building on Winchester Blvd. next to the Walgreens. I found that fascinating since my mother was somewhat psychic. Kind of a drag when you’re a young kid, but let’s just say I couldn’t seem to get into much trouble that way. Looking back, it was a good thing. Thanks Mom! TCP is currently located within a block of where it was located back in the 1800’s. Opa’s sits on the property where the Oddfellows Hall building once sat, and where the newspaper rented a space at the time, so TCP been a mainstay within a few blocks in either direction for over 127 years. I had written articles for my mother back between 2011-2015, and again when my sister ran the paper and then again with the owners after that. But that was different. It’s a challenge for Nancy, Lisa and I to make it happen each and every month, but we always manage to pull it off! Thanks again to all our volunteer writers too because we couldn’t be celebrating

four years without you!! I am proud to be able to continue the legacy this paper has had since the mid-1800’s and winning 2023 Business of Year by the Chamber was testament to the fact that some of you out there in “Campbell Land” are paying attention, and we thank you.

A fairly new business has sprung up in the last few months, “**Olala**” **Columbian Taste**” is what it reads in the window. South American popsicles and more! Not sure what a Columbian popsicle would taste like, but I’m looking forward to checking it out, cold weather or not. Ice cream is always good year-round if you ask me. Just don’t tell my kids! **Olala** is currently taking up residence next to **Campbell Liquor and Deli** where the short-lived ‘**Mango Crazy**’ was located. Hopefully, it will be successful even in the winter months. ‘**The Good Salad**’ (and it is) is now in the semi-hidden spot off the strip location where ‘**Brown Chicken Brown Cow**’ once existed. For a great fresh quality healthy lunch, grab yourself a salad from there. Nearby on the main drag, is ‘**Woofboard**.’ The perfect place to fill your dog’s Christmas stocking. Check out their snacks and goodies for your pet pooch. Speaking of Christmas, it’s just around the corner and next door to ‘**Woofboard**’ is ‘**Pink Carnation**.’ They offer many styles of women’s clothing for that perfect xmas gift for that woman (or two) in your life, all with some holiday flair. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

THEN AND NOW



Photo: Campbell Express



Photo: © Matthew C. Howe

After the Campbell Plaza movie theatre on Winchester Blvd. became a Cinelux movie complex in the early 90’s, it was time for a new sign to be put up. It hasn’t changed much since then, and still serves the same purpose it once did back when it opened on November 16, 1966, with twin cinemas showing “GIGI” and a Disney movie called “The Tattooed Police Horse.” Cant say I remember ever seeing that one, but pretty sure I saw ‘GIGI’ with Leslie Caron. Living across the street, I saw many movies there. Ah, the good old days. Today it has food and beverages served to you and 8 screens for your viewing pleasure. But employees still having to put up one letter at a time with no LED or digital display? It seems a bit archaic on todays world, but it’s still an easy read!





FALLEN OFFICER MEMORIAL TREE

At  
Christmas in the Park –  
San Jose  
Plaza de Cesar Chavez  
–  
Main Stage  
**Tuesday, Dec 3, 2024**  
7:00PM – 7:50PM

In 2023, we lost 147 law enforcement officers and 26 police canines in the line of duty. As of Oct 29, 2024, we have lost 116 law enforcement officers and 18 police canines.



On December 3, 2024 the Silicon Valley Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 52 will honor law enforcement officers and police K-9's nationwide who have lost their lives protecting the communities they serve. We have dedicated a specially decorated Christmas tree at the park honoring our fallen. Custom made etched glass ornaments with the officer's name, agency, and end of watch are inscribed on each one.

Our December program includes an inspirational benediction, music, a K-9 special guest, Cub Scout flag ceremony, and a bagpipe procession. Community, government, and business leaders, along with people from all walks of life join together with families and friends of the fallen officers to honor and acknowledge their courage and selfless sacrifice. Volunteer ornament holders will follow the bagpiper to the tree at the end of the program and hang their fallen officer or K-9 ornament on the tree.

The ornaments, a small token of our appreciation, are then mailed home to the families of the fallen officers and K-9's.

**STACKS TREE**  
November - December 2024  
**Visit Stacks in Campbell**  
Visit our beautifully decorated indoor Fallen Officer Christmas Tree at Stacks Restaurant located at 139 E. Campbell Ave. Leave a note of hope/encouragement for the family of a fallen officer or police K-9. We will mail these notes home to the fallen officer/K9 families. Donations accepted.



We invite you to attend our memorial event on Dec 3, 2024 at Christmas in the Park – San Jose or visit Stacks Restaurant in Campbell. Thank you for your support.  
Silicon Valley Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 52  
Visit our website at [www.svfop52.org](http://www.svfop52.org)  
LODGE 52 IS A  
501(C)(8) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION



PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney

HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

This November issue is the *mile stone of a new year for us as we celebrate TCP's 4th Anniversary!*  
The newspaper made it through the pandemic when we first opened, and it helped to reignite the spirit of the community along with reconnecting the history of this 127-year-old newspaper. We will continue our mission to give the best local news and human-interest stories about our great city. Thank you for helping us get on our feet by supporting TCP newspaper as we continue in the years ahead.

Planning family holiday fun? This year's *Carol of Lights* will be held on December 7 from 4 to 7 PM in downtown Campbell. Photo of the month shows the groundbreaking for the *Ainsley Spout House*, a new bier garden that will open next fall with a permanent food truck and a variety of local beers on tap. Thanks to John Ainsley's family, Alan Greenberg's vision, along with Architect Salvatore Caruso for creating a future space for enjoyment.

The *Police Department Foundation* is inviting all to *Christmas in the Park* in downtown San Jose on December 3rd. Check page 3 for more details. When they honor fallen officers, their families receive a personalized glass ornament in the Officers' name and the location(s) of their service. You can donate to this cause at *Stack's Restaurant* downtown. Look for the blue Christmas tree in the front lobby when you walk in. There is a clear donation box with memorial cards inside to write a note to the fallen officers' families.

The *Campbell Chamber of Commerce Toy Program* is starting its annual donation drive.

Please look on pages 5 and 6 for more information about their fundraising event where you can scan a code to find the locations where you can leave a toy.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the *Nutcracker Magical Christmas Ballet at the Heritage Theatre* on December 16. For more information go to the City



of Campbell and the Heritage Theatre page.

Page 8 has Sam Wilson's Movie Reviews as well as an historical look back on a musical family and Page 10, the *San Jose Symphony presents the San Jose Nutcracker with the New Ballet. It runs between December 14th-23rd.*

Our back page shares the story of Scout Troop 330's 75th anniversary. We congratulate them on their many years of service.

There are also exclusive discounts going on at the *Hilton DoubleTree Hotel* for your holiday parties and events. Don't forget to drop by the Cedar Room for food & live entertainment while shopping at the Prune-yard. *We at TCP, thank all our supporters, readers, subscribers, and advertisers.*

NOVEMBER

CAMPBELL REAL ESTATE

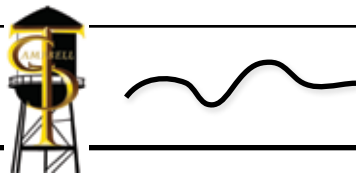
NOVEMBER



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ADDRESS	SALES PRICE	B/B	AGE	LOT SIZE	SQ. FT
SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, SINGLE FAMILY HOMES					
DeCarli Court	\$3,100,000	5/3	29	6534	2745
Springfield Drive	\$2,558,888	4/3	66	6600	1764
Shady Dale Avenue	\$2,475,000	3/2.5	71	11326	2347
Lemoyne Way	\$2,282,600	3/2	60	6098	1486
Virginia Avenue	\$2,200,000	4/2.5	75	9375	850
W. Rincon Avenue	\$2,150,000	4/2	60	6,098	1586
Xavier Court	\$2,020,000	3/2	62	7405	1271
Colleen Way	\$2,015,000	4/2	63	6098	1398
Ridgeley Drive	\$1,825,000	3/1	77	9583	1136
W. Rincon Avenue	\$1,795,000	3/2	62	5663	1486
SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, CONDO/TOWNHOMES					
Union Avenue	\$1,200,000	3/2.5	37	1058	1537
Duncanville Court	\$1,200,000	3/2.5	46		2005
Campisi Way	\$1,121,250	3/2	16		1717
Braxton Terrace	\$151,000	3/3.5	8		1955
Shelley Avenue	\$1,410,000	3/3	35	1860	1626
Campisi Way	\$1,105,000	3/2.5	16		1414
Heritage Place	\$950,000	2/1	20	1691	1128





Legal Notice – Petition to Ascertain and Establish Standing as a Newspaper of General Circulation

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State Bar Number 52519  
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**SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SANTA  
CLARA**

In the Matter of the Petition  
of NANCY ORTOLONI  
GOMES to Have the Stand-  
ing of The Campbell Press  
as a Newspaper of General  
Circulation Ascertained and  
Established.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION  
TO APPLY FOR AN  
ORDER DECLARING  
PETITIONER A NEWS-  
PAPER CIRCULATION:  
(Gov C§6021.)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
Nancy Ortoloni Gomes, will

move for a Petition to Ascer-  
tain and Establish Standing of  
THE CAMPBELL PRESS,  
as a Newspaper of General  
Circulation on or after Novem-  
ber 20, 2024 with the above  
entitled Court.

The Petition will be based  
on this Notice and the  
accompanying Petition ac-  
companied herewith, and  
on such evidence as may be  
presented at the hearing of  
the Petition.

Dated: October 4, 2024

GEORGE C. KASOLAS  
Attorney for Petitioner

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**PETITION TO ASCER-  
TAIN AND ESTABLISH  
STANDING AS A NEWS-  
PAPER OF GENERAL  
CIRCULATION**

Petitioner, Nancy Ortoloni  
Gomes,

1. Petitioner, Nancy Orto-  
loni Gomes, publisher for  
the newspaper known as  
The Campbell Press, here-  
inafter referred to as “the  
newspaper”.

2. The newspaper is a news-  
paper of general circulation

published for the dissem-  
ination of local news and  
intelligence of a general  
character in Campbell Cali-  
fornia. The business address  
of the newspaper 334 East  
Campbell Avenue, Camp-  
bell, Ca 95008.

3. The newspaper has a  
bona fide subscription list of  
paying subscribers number-  
ing 350 in that Santa Clara  
County and elsewhere in the  
surrounding area and has  
an average circulation of  
25,000.00.

4. For more that one year  
preceding the filing of this  
petition, the newspaper  
has been established under  
the name of The Campbell  
Press and has been print-  
ed and published regularly  
every month in Campbell  
California.

5. During the whole of the  
one-year period preceding  
the filing of this petition,  
the mechanical work of  
producing the newspaper,

that is, the work of typeset-  
ting and impressing type on  
paper, has been performed  
in Campbell California; the  
newspaper has been issued  
from the same city where  
it is printed and sold; it has  
been both printed and pub-  
lished in the same city and  
it has been published as a  
monthly newspaper on the  
5th day of each month of  
each calendar week.

WHEREFORE, petitioner  
prays for judgment ascer-  
taining and establishing The  
Campbell Press as a new  
paper of general circulation,  
as defined in Section 6000  
of the Government Code, for  
the City of Campbell and/or  
the County of Santa Clara  
and the State of California.

Dated: 10/04/2024

NANCY ORTOLONI  
GOMES  
Petitioner

Dated: 10/04/2024

GEORGE C. KASOLAS  
Attorney for Petitioner

Redefining Senior Dining: Creativity and Connection on the Menu

Chef Tony Crane never envi-  
sioned his culinary career lead-  
ing him to a senior retirement  
community. A veteran of luxury  
dining with experience at the  
Ritz Carlton in San Francisco  
and later one of the world’s larg-  
est culinary service providers,  
he thought senior retirement  
communities wouldn’t give him  
much creative freedom.

So when his sister suggested he  
consider a senior community,  
he was skeptical—until he saw  
the opportunity it presented.  
“I looked at the elegant dining  
spaces and thought, this feels  
like the Ritz Carlton,” he recalls.  
“During my interview, they said,  
‘If you’re bored, change the  
menu.’ That kind of freedom and  
responsibility—it’s unheard of  
in most kitchens.”

That’s because today’s seniors  
want to lead thriving, vibrant  
lives in retirement, he says, and  
that includes dining. Residents  
want dishes that rival those of  
top restaurants, he says, as well  
as staples like comfort food.

In his current role at *Water-  
mark at San Jose*, a new senior

retirement community near  
Campbell, Chef Tony thrives  
on the challenge of creating a  
dining experience that is both  
innovative and deeply per-  
sonal. For him, cooking in a  
senior retirement community

goes beyond dining—it’s also  
about building connections.  
“I walk the dining room every  
night,” he says. “The residents  
are my critics. They tell me what  
they love and what they don’t

want to see again. That feed-  
back is invaluable.”

For Chef Tony, the responsibil-  
ity of cooking for seniors is also  
deeply personal. Having lost his  
grandmother to Alzheimer’s, he  
keeps her photo and a heartfelt  
poem by his desk for inspiration.  
“When things get stressful, I  
look at that picture and remem-  
ber why I’m here,” he shares.  
Meals for memory care residents  
are crafted not just for nourish-  
ment but to bring comfort and  
familiarity, helping them feel  
connected and cared for.

Watermark also provides extra-  
ordinary living for their residents,

he says through many other ame-  
nities, services and programs  
built around. But for Chef Tony,  
it’s evident in the care he and  
the team put into the food they  
prepare.

“I have a sign that hangs in the  
kitchen and says, in this kitchen,  
the food is made with love. And  
as long as we’re putting that in,  
people realize it.”

*The Watermark at San Jose is a  
new community with assisted liv-  
ing and memory care opening in  
Fall 2024. For further informa-  
tion, you can visit [www.watermarkcommunities.com](http://www.watermarkcommunities.com), or call  
669-321-5500.*



Chef Tony Crane, Watermark San Jose

Campbell Veterans



The Board of Directors for the  
CVMF is honored to give a big  
heartfelt thanks and a round of  
applause to the community that  
helped us have the most successful  
dinner to date. *Thank you so much  
to our Sponsors West Valley  
College and Taco” Bout It and  
their generous donations for the  
venue and catered dinner that was  
delicious. Also to key donating  
Partnerships and Sponsors. Both  
Business and private donations.  
Thank you to Jim and Lucille Free,  
Dan Furtado, The Campbell Press,  
Kirkwood Plaza, DeYoung Florist,  
Gold Star Parents, the Campbell  
Chamber of Commerce, the Po-  
lice Officers Foundation, Darling  
Fischer, Cooper Garrod Winery,*

*San Francisco 49ers, and so many  
more who donated and supported  
our Veterans Scholarship Dinner  
on November 16, 2024.* Our Vet-  
erans fundraising dinner was our  
most successful to date and over-  
whelmed with generous dona-  
tions from the local business  
community for our newly created  
live auction and raffle too.

We thank those who gave gener-  
ously or bought VIP and dinner  
tickets or donated at the dinner for  
our 17th year of the Veterans  
Scholarship Program, held at West  
Valley College for the first time  
filled with veterans and students  
and friends and family. Thank you  
to West Valley College’s Chancel-  
lor Bradley Davis, our KeyNote

speaker who had us all captured  
with gratitude. We are proud to be  
partners with the college and were  
invited there for the next year’s  
November fundraising event.

As we look toward the future for  
the benefit of the betterment of  
our veterans’ community and the  
three pillars of our mission state-  
ment for the Campbell Veterans  
Memorial Foundation

The Board of Directors wants  
to say...

Thank You to all those who have  
supported our veterans mission!  
For more information call  
1-408-370-2200 or visit the  
website [http://www.campbell-  
veteransmemorial.com](http://www.campbell-veteransmemorial.com).



By Margaret Schieck, President

Here we are in Novem-  
ber, it doesn’t seem possi-  
ble. November is National  
Native American Heritage  
Month, so we may be seeing  
quite a few special programs  
both in person and on televi-  
sion. The days already seem  
shorter, and are about to  
seem even more so as Day-  
light Savings Time ends on  
November 3rd. Don’t forget  
to set your clocks back one  
hour so that you don’t miss  
any events. Election Day is  
November 5th, so don’t for-  
get to vote.

Our chapter will, once  
again, assist the Lions club  
with cleaning and sorting  
donated eyeglasses at the  
Vista Center at 101 No. Bas-  
com Ave. San Jose on Satur-  
day Nov. 9th from 9am-2pm.  
We have found this to be a  
rewarding activity.

On November 11th we hon-  
or all those who have served  
our nation in a military

capacity on Veteran’s Day.  
Then on November 28th we  
celebrate Thanksgiving!

The October meeting of  
the Campbell Area Chap-  
ter 5151 of AARP featured  
Eleanore Yick, a member of  
the League of Women Vot-  
ers, who presented the prod  
and cons of several import-  
ant Propositions on the bal-  
lot. She presented both sides  
of some of the more con-  
fusing issues and clarified  
the language that is used. I  
know I personally changed  
how I will vote on one issue  
based on a greater under-  
standing of just what the  
Proposition would do. I’m  
sure I was not alone. Thank  
you to the League of Women  
Voters for your voter educa-  
tion efforts and fair and bal-  
anced presentation.

In November, our speaker  
will be one of the instruc-  
tors from the AARP Senior  
Driving Course who will let  
us know about the advantag-  
es of taking this course and  
when and where the next  
classes will be held.





# CWCC CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS WITH CAMPBELL

By Lucille Maravilla

Country Woman's Club of Campbell (CWCC) supports and collaborates with other Campbell community organizations. We know that working with each other makes the community a better place. For the Christmas holiday season, the club decorated a room at the Ainsley House, Campbell's historic house museum. The museum's mission is to interpret and preserve the history of the Campbell area,

from it's early beginnings to today. Our club records dating back almost 120 years are stored with the museum. Museum supervisor, Kerry Perkins, is a CWCC member. Cherri Fontana, CWCC board president, is on the Ainsley House board.

Club members decorated the Ainsley House dining room and surrounded it with mannequins dressed in period clothing, shoes, and accessories. It's as if CWCC members from different eras were



Izetta Kennedy decorating mannequin

participating in holiday cheer. We provided the clothing. The museum provided items like the china and silverware for the table and other furniture. Club members also decorated the Christmas tree. A festive Ainsley House sets the stage for holidays tours and Christmas teas. It's an opportunity for museum fundraising. As of this date, the Christmas teas are sold out, but House tours are still available.

Carol of Lights, produced by the Downtown Campbell Business Association, is also an event where CWCC members will participate. We will partner with Nancy Whitney, Campbell Press publisher. We will help with letters to Santa and a crafts table. Our club members also donate to the Campbell Community Toy Program.

If you would like to join us in supporting the community or want more information, please contact Lucille Maravilla at 408 205-4621 or Cherri Fontana at 408 209-1310.



CWCC Ainsley House dining table

## MORE CAMPBELL BUSINESSES

F	O	U	R	E	C	Y	C	L	E	B	O	O	K	S
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Words can be diagonal and backwards too! How many words can you find?

# Campbell Community Toy Program: Bringing Holiday Joy to Local Families for 40 Years

The holidays are a time for joy, celebration, and generosity. For four decades, the **Campbell Community Toy Program** has embodied these values, brightening the holiday season for families in the Campbell area. Established in 1984 by then Mayor Jane Kennedy, this program has grown into a community tradition, making it possible for children up through age 14 from families facing financial hardship to receive new toys, games, books, and other gifts each December.

Since its inception, the Toy Program has brought holiday cheer to tens of thousands of children, distributing an estimated \$1 million worth of toys and gifts. Local businesses, residents, and community groups have been instrumental in helping the Toy Program thrive, donating countless items to spread seasonal cheer.

## Community Innovation and Resilience During the Pandemic

In 2020, the pandemic posed significant challenges to traditional toy collection methods. However, the Toy Program adapted creatively, launching **Amazon Wish Lists** that allowed people to order items online and have them shipped directly to the program. Another pandemic-friendly innovation was **drive-up and drop-off donation events**, making it easy and safe for people to contribute. These have continued as Fill-a-Truck events, held at local schools where children

donate items appropriate for their age group.

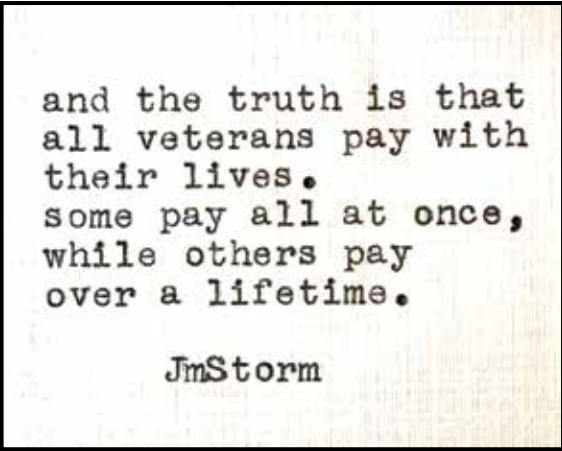
One of the standout events is **Santa Claus is Coming to Town**—a festive, mobile celebration that has become a beloved tradition in Campbell. Santa, accompanied by local police and fire departments, tours Campbell neighborhoods on his makeshift sleigh, collecting donations and spreading joy along the way. This initiative continues to be a fun and effective way to gather donations and bring the holiday spirit to residents.

## Making Spirits Bright: A Festive Fundraising Tradition

Since 2018, **Making Spirits Bright**, an annual fundraising mixer, has been held at **Darling Fischer Memorial Chapel** in Downtown Campbell. This event is much more than just a fundraiser; it's a joyful celebration of community, charity, and holiday spirit. Guests enjoy food and drinks, live music, and the excitement of auctions—all in support of the Toy Program. The event would not be complete without a special appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Claus, bringing an extra touch of holiday magic.

Each year, a new ornament is placed on the Kelly Crowley tree in honor and remembrance of one of Campbell's most beloved and active citizens, and one the Toy Program's most ardent supporters, who passed away in 2019.

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Past Chamber President and Attorney George Konzales takes his grandson on a ride in his Fire truck, while his daughter takes a holiday photo.







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[CampbellChamber.net](http://CampbellChamber.net)

## Money Empowerment *by Jill*



### PRACTICAL TIPS FOR SAVING MONEY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

As the holiday season approaches, it's easy to overspend. Lunches and dinners with family and friends, festive events, gifts, decorations, and more. Of course, it's fun to partake in all of the activities and I don't suggest being a scrooge and doing nothing. With a little bit of planning and prioritizing you can enjoy the festive season without breaking the bank. Below are a few suggestions:

#### 1. Set a Holiday Budget and Stick to It

Start by identifying all the expenses you anticipate this season—gifts, meals, decorations, travel, and any extra activities. Assign a spending limit to each category, and track your spending as you go. A set budget can help you avoid impulse purchases and feel in control of your holiday finances.

#### 2. Embrace the Gift Exchange

Instead of buying individual gifts for every friend, family member, or coworker, suggest organizing a Secret Santa or White Elephant exchange. This way, everyone receives a thoughtful gift without the pressure of buying for multiple people. Plus, gift exchanges can add a fun element to holiday gatherings!

#### 3. Give Personalized, Thoughtful Gifts

Expensive doesn't always mean better. Personalized gifts—like framed photos, handmade crafts, or even a homemade treat—can mean a lot to the recipient and are often much more memorable. Consider creating experience-based gifts, like planning a future outing or creating a "movie night" kit.

#### 4. Shop Early and Strategically

Waiting until the last minute can lead to higher prices and stressful shopping. Start early, if possible, to give yourself time to find deals.

Use tools like price-tracking websites or apps to see if you're getting the best price, and take advantage of sales without getting swept up in holiday "deal fever."

#### 5. Decorate on a Budget

Holiday decorations don't have to be expensive! Look for items that can be reused year after year, consider DIY decorations, or visit thrift stores for unique finds. Simple touches, like string lights and fresh greenery, can go a long way in creating a festive atmosphere without overspending.

#### 6. Be Smart with Holiday Meals

Holiday meals can get pricey, especially when hosting a crowd. Instead of shouldering the entire cost, invite friends and family to contribute a dish potluck-style. Planning meals in advance also allows you to watch for grocery deals and prevent last-minute splurges.

#### 7. Look for Free or Low-Cost Holiday Activities

Many communities offer free or low-cost holiday events, like tree lighting ceremonies, holiday parades, or outdoor markets. These can provide a festive experience without any admission costs. Hosting a cozy holiday movie night or a cookie-baking day can also create lasting memories without a big budget.

Ultimately, the holiday season is about connection, not consumption. Focus on spending quality time with loved ones, giving back where possible, and creating memories that don't revolve around spending. Sometimes, the most meaningful moments are the simplest ones.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season

All the best,  
Jill

Spreading holiday cheer to local children since 1984



Learn about events, drop off locations and ways to support at

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CITY NEWS By Sergio Lopez

*This column is written by Vice Mayor Sergio Lopez in an individual capacity and does not necessarily represent the views of the entire City Council, city staff, or the City of Campbell.*

The November 2024 general election saw several important milestones for the City of Campbell. (I voted at the Campbell Community Center and am grateful to the local volunteers who came out to ensure residents could exercise their right to vote).

Locally, Terry Hines was elected to represent District 1, replacing Susan Landry, who is termed out at the end of the year. I was re-elected in District 2. And finally, Campbell voters overwhelmingly passed Measure K, a sales tax and a transient occupancy tax (a tax on hotels and motels). As of the writing of this column, the vote totals reflected nearly 72% support for Measure K. The funds raised from this measure will be used to shore up the city's budget and can also be allocated toward critical services such as public safety and infrastructure.

Outside of Campbell, other local bodies also saw change. On the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors, longtime Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez stepped down for a new position in New Mexico. After serving the past year as Vice Chair and closely collaborating with Supervisor Chavez on the major issues and projects VTA is tasked with, I was unanimously elected Chair of the Board upon her departure. This will be the first time since 2003 — over two decades — that a Campbell City Councilmember has held the leadership of VTA.

As Chair of the Board, my focus will be on ensuring ac-

countability and transparency. VTA is tasked with one of the largest capital projects in the country, the BART Extension to Silicon Valley. During my time on the board, I have worked to lift up the voice of West Valley residents, such as supporting noise reduction measures for local highway corridors and exploring creative ways to increase local service. VTA has also been a strong ally to the city on local issues, including by awarding grants to support Campbell's bicycle and pedestrian efforts and through the development of a 100% affordable housing project at the VTA Winchester station.

At the same meeting, San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan was elected Vice Chair of VTA. He and I have had a strong working relationship and are meeting frequently to coordinate and ensure that VTA is meeting the needs of all our county's residents.

However, the work of city business continues despite the changes brought on by the electoral cycle. For example, at its October 15 meeting, the Campbell City Council discussed how to allocate the remainder of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds which had been awarded as part of the recovery from the Covid pandemic. The end of 2024 represents a critical deadline by which all ARPA funds must either be allocated or else returned to the federal government.

Campbell's plan had been to use the awards conservatively. While most of the funds had been previously allocated, just over half a million dollars in funding remained. In October, the Council, with the support of staff, allocated funding to support repairs of city infrastructure, moving ahead

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COUNTY NEWS



INVESTING IN WOMEN'S HEALTH FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL

By County Supervisor, Joe Simitian

Women's health is so much more than a "women's issue"; it's a complex set of issues with widespread impact on families and communities — and merits attention and action from all of us.

Ensuring that women in our County have access to comprehensive health care has long been a priority for me. Most recently, I worked to make our County's OB/GYN Urgent Care program, an innovative pilot program we launched for pregnant women during COVID-19, a permanent offering of Santa Clara Valley Healthcare.

Reproductive health care, including family planning services and preventative care, is at the heart of women's health. Yet, these services are frequently under threat and underfunded.

Following the Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v. Wade in 2022, I took action to protect access to reproductive health care by authoring a resolution that reconfirmed our County's continued support for reproductive rights and called on Congress to enact national legislation protecting those rights.

Back in 2018, when we learned that the MayView Community Health Center, which provides health care to low-income families and individuals, had been operating on reduced hours, I persuaded the Board of Supervisors to take action. The County's support enabled MayView to hire a

full-time OB/GYN and a part-time nurse practitioner, allowing the health center to keep all of its clinics in Sunnyvale, Mountain View, and Palo Alto open and preserve accessible and affordable health care for women.

In 2020, I pushed for funding to support Pink Ribbon Good (PRG) and Cancer CAREPoint in their work with patients receiving cancer treatment at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. Our county's support enabled these two organizations to provide vital services to patients during the height of the COVID pandemic.

Considering the profound importance of preventive care, I've pushed to expand opportunities for breast cancer screening for residents to ensure early detection of breast cancer, particularly those with dense breast tissue.

In September, a new federal law went into effect requiring mammography facilities nationwide to notify patients of their breast density in their mammogram reports. An overwhelming majority of women are unaware of their breast density, yet nearly half of women have dense breast tissue, and the risk of breast cancer for women with extremely dense tissue is about five times greater than for those with low density.

The new FDA mandate will help women make better decisions about additional

medical screenings or care they may need. It's essentially what we did here in California more than a decade ago with Senate Bill 1538, legislation I authored (as a member of the California State Senate) to improve breast cancer detection in women with dense breast tissue.

To all the women reading this: I urge you to take charge of your health today. We often hear of women taking care of themselves last, missing a sign or symptom because they were busy taking care of others. Schedule your mammogram, and encourage others in your life to do the same. Listen to your heart and call 911 if you are experiencing a stroke or heart attack. It could be the action that saves your — or a loved one's — life.

*Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian represents the Fifth District which includes Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Serrano, 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 [supervisor-simitian.org](mailto:supervisor-simitian.org).*

City Council & Planning Commission News

SOME MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ARE COMING TO CAMPBELL! By Adam Buchbinder



The Hick'ry Pit site at the southwest corner of the intersection of Campbell and Bascom has been vacant for more than four years now. The city turned down an application to build a mixed-use apartment and hotel there in 2020, because it wasn't part of our General Plan. That plan has since been updated, and the developers have returned with another, preliminary, plan for a hotel and apartment building. At this point, because it complies with the General Plan and is two-thirds housing by floor area, our input is purely advisory; by state law, they're entitled to build the project.

It would be a seven-story 149-room hotel along with 205 apartments. A parking podium would make up the center of the first three stories with about five hundred stalls, there would be a courtyard above that, and there would be street-facing activity along Campbell Ave, but not along Bascom; the developer believes that retail won't work without on-street parking. Hotels and apartments are generally built by different contractors for different reasons, but putting the projects together makes sense because of the way the city measures density. On one hand, the density of

commercial buildings like hotels is defined by floor-area ratio (the amount of floor space divided by the lot size), not counting any residential component; on the other, the density of residential buildings like apartments is defined by units per acre (the number of apartments divided by the lot size). So by building these together on the same lot, both can be larger than if they were built individually, since the denominator in both fractions includes the other half of the project.

Perhaps most notably, the current proposal is about eighty-five feet tall. Back in the 1980s,

the city passed a referendum establishing a seventy-five foot height limit, which has been a given for the last forty years. However, the "Bankers Hill 150" court decision means the city cannot, in effect, make design decisions about a housing project, the developer can request that the height limit can be waived, and the city must grant the waiver. Despite this, it would still be less than a third of the height of the Pruneyard Tower across the street.

This project, by itself, will provide about a fifteenth of all of the new housing that

Campbell has planned for over the current eight-year period. To keep up, we would be approving a project of this scale about every six months; on that note, staff informed us at the meeting that they had just received a preliminary application for the parcel directly to the south.

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](mailto:planning@campbellca.gov).





THE ONES WE CHERISH

The back story

Ladies and gentlemen, I wish to convey my gratitude for being in your presence by telling a story of a little boy and his first experience of an act of undying love for another. I wrote this story to design tonight's presentation about a character that wanted it all: fame, fortune, and of course love by another. I will leave it to you to decide if he accomplished everything he set out to do. Let's begin with the little boy.

The setting begins in central New Jersey, a Wednesday evening, the wee hours of the night. A few short hours before day-break. It is 1959, it is hot and



muggy. Air conditioners weren't available to the public yet. The house was built in the early 20th century by his grandfather. The country was involved in the Korean conflict and World War 2 was 14 years in the past.

As the little boy struggled in his bedroom that he shared with his four brothers and sister, the stuffiness prevented him from getting in full night's sleep. It was 2 am when he began to detect a faint voice coming from downstairs. He craned his ears to focus on what it could be.

Perceptions grew into curiosity, and he became impatient and

decided to sneak downstairs to investigate. As he began to descend very gingerly, the voice grew in volume and distinctness. It kept lyrically repeating the same words. Over and over.

He began to creep along once he reached the foot of the stairs to slowly maneuver in the living room. It seems to be coming from the next room. The dining room.

Once arriving at the entrance, he kept hidden behind the sash of the opening and carefully peered around the corner. He caught a glimpse of his father's back sitting at the

table holding a microphone to his portable tape machine.

It chained him into silence, as he watched his father singing into the machine the same song over and over. All the long weeping as he attempted to get it right. This was the first time; the little boy would experience the meaning of undying love. Sorrow and sacrifice are part of the meaning of true love. The mother was upstairs and was gravely ill. The father was beside himself feeling helpless and not knowing what to do.

At first, the boy could not make heads or tails of this activity.

He knew his father served in the Navy in the South Pacific in the boldest conflicts with the Japanese. He came home to marry and remained committed to loving his precious wife and mother.

He had never seen him sob like that all the while making a recorded song into the tape machine. He was signing in an off-key Voice the following:

*"I had the craziest dream last night.*

*Yes, I did.*

*I dreamt that you were in love with me.*

*I found your lips close to mine, so I kissed you and you didn't mind it at all*

*When I'm awake, such a break never happens.*

*So, why can't I go on dreaming*

*If there is a chance that you'll care,*

*Oh please, say you do.*

*Say it and make my craziest dream come true."*

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are looking forward to being entertaining for each of our shows. Come and enjoy a nostalgic and great musical evening. We encourage you to join us on the dance floor for some good clean fun and let's be teleported back to an era gone by as we share our version of Sinatra's signature Songs.

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NOVEMBER MOVIES



By Sam Wilson

**Joker: Folie a Deux – C-** Pretentious misfire destined to disinterest fans and non-fans alike. Arthur Fleck (Joaquin Phoenix, "Gladiator"), locked up and on trial, falls for Lee Quinzel (Lady Gaga, "A Star Is Born") in Arkham. Writer-director Todd Phillips (The Hangover) drives the narrative off a cliff with odd choices including stuffing the sequel with tedious musical numbers. Phoenix is terrific but Gaga's version of Harley Quinn is underwhelming, Catherine Keener (Get Out) and Brendan Gleeson (In Bruges) are underutilized, and the court scenes are rudimentary.

**Smile 2 – B** Bleak horror sequel that improves with a big assist from Naomi Scott's (2019's "Charlie's Angels" and "Aladdin") dedicated performance. A Miley Cyrus-esque global pop star prepares to embark on a world tour when the creepy demonic curse passes to her. While bogged down by a 127-minute runtime, returning director Parker Finn starts with

a bang then maintains an unsettling atmosphere. Rosemarie DeWitt (Rachel Getting Married) portrays Scott's controlling manager mom.

**Conclave – B** Gripping thriller from Edward Berger (All Quiet on the Western Front) with light humor and unexpected twists and turns. In the Vatican halls, a Cardinal (Ralph Fiennes, "The Grand Budapest Hotel") is tasked with leading the world's most secretive event: choosing a new pope. The enrichment of excellent actors like Stanley Tucci (The Devil Wears Prada) and John Lithgow (Interstellar) makes the unraveling drama juicier as several candidates have potential baggage that could shake the foundation of the Church.

**Venom: The Last Dance – C-** Sony's nondescript trilogy, a throwback to bad 2000's superhero flicks, comes to an anticlimactic end. Eddie (Tom Hardy) and Venom are on the run chased by both a generic monster and govern-

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Tree Lighting Ceremony  
November 29th at 6 pm  
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- Tune your radio to **93.5 FM** to enjoy the synchronized light show as you drive through.

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- Vehicles over 9ft. cannot be accommodated. A yellow height bumper at the entrance indicates the height limit.
- Staff members wear red vests and hold light-up batons to guide you to the entrance. Please respect their instructions and follow their guidance.
- For safety, please remain in your vehicle throughout the entire drive thru experience.
- Limited portable toilets are in the ticket queue parking lot. There are no toilets at the end of the event.
- Your furry four legged family members are welcome at our drive thru event. Please keep your pets safely inside your car at all times.
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MOVIE REVIEWS

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ment agency. The creatively inept franchise plays up the duo's buddy-buddy relationship while providing its worst antagonist. Talented actors Chiwetel Ejiofor (Children of Men), Juno Temple (Ted Lasso), Rhys Ifans (HBO's "House of the Dragon"), and Stephen Graham (Snatch) are wasted.

**Saturday Night – B+**  
Exhilarating fast-paced story about the chaotic 90 minutes before the first broadcast of "Saturday Night Live". Lorne Michaels (Gabriel LaBelle, "The Fablemans") navigates cast, crew, and executives to ensure his edgy, irreverent show makes it to air in 1975. Portrayals of famous names including the "Not Ready For Prime Time Players" are a nostalgic treat, with Chevy Chase, Dan Akroyd, and John Belushi amongst the highlights. Writer-director Jason Reitman's (Juno, Ghostbusters: Afterlife) passion project due to his father Ivan Reitman's (Ghostbusters) SNL ties includes Willem Dafoe (Spider-Man) and J.K. Simmons (Whiplash).

**The Apprentice – B**  
Surprisingly well-made R-rated drama with strong character work that's occasionally dark with a sense of humor. Follows the early years of Donald Trump (Sebastian Stan, "Avengers: Endgame") in the '70s and '80s as he builds his real estate empire with the influence of infamous lawyer Roy Cohn (Jeremy Strong, HBO's "Succession"). Maria Bakalova (Borat Subsequent Moviefilm) appears as Trump's first wife Ivana.

**We Live in Time – B-**  
Bring your tissues for this non-linear romantic drama that resembles a Nicholas Sparks tearjerker. Cancer survivor Almut's (Florence Pugh, "Midsommar") chance encounter with Tobias (Andrew Garfield, "Silence") leads to a relationship and more. Mixture of conventional, banal, and uncomfortable realism with believable chemistry between its stars.

**Here – C-**  
Robert Zemekis' (Back to the Future) experiment works for a stage play but keeping the camera entirely fixed in one place is detrimental to engaging storytelling. Based on a graphic novel focusing on a single spot of land and the inhabitants that occupy it over the course of time. Tom Hanks (Cast Away) and Robin Wright's (Wonder Woman) reunion with their "Forrest Gump" director is sadly a forgettable slog.



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6:00pm  
**Pro Blues Jam**
- Saturday, November 23  
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**JukeBox Boyz**
- Wednesday, November 27  
6:00pm  
**Acoustic Showcase**
- Friday, November 29  
7:00pm  
**Pro Blues Jam**
- Saturday, November 30  
7:30pm  
**Dennis Dove Band**
- Wednesday, December 4  
6:00pm  
**Ghosts of Calico**
- Thursday, December 5  
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**Pro Blues Jam**
- Friday, December 6  
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**Lencat**
- Saturday, December 7  
7:30pm  
**Cadillac Jack**
- Wednesday, December 11  
7:00pm  
**First Call**
- Thursday, December 12  
6:00pm  
**Pro Blues Jam**
- Friday, December 13  
7:30pm  
**Chain of Fools**
- Saturday, December 14  
7:30pm  
**Newlyweds**
- Wednesday, December 18  
6:00pm **Aaron Madsen's Magic Honey Band**
- Thursday, December 19  
6:00pm  
**Pro Blues Jam**
- Friday, December 20  
7:30pm  
**Seven Shades of Grey**
- Saturday, December 21  
7:30pm **Ho Ho Ho with Engine Room**
- Thursday, December 26  
6:00pm  
**Pro Blues Jam**
- Friday, December 27  
7:30pm  
**Kaye Bohler**
- Saturday, December 28  
7:30pm **Vicki and the Magic Men**
- Wednesday, December 31  
7:00pm – 12:00am  
**NYE 2025 Bash**
- Thursday, January 2, 2025  
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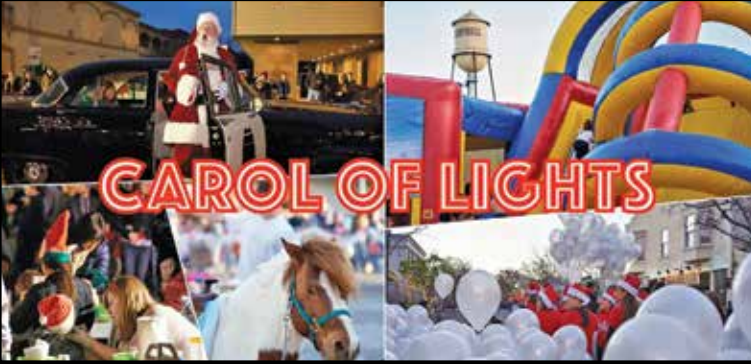
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- December 14 private party
- December 15, Sunday  
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- December 18, Wednesday  
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Buddies Pub
- December 31 private  
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## Symphony San Jose presents HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR “Christmas at the California” December 7 & 8 with family fun

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**Who: Symphony San Jose presents**

**What: HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR “Christmas at the California”**

**When: Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2:30pm**

**Where: The California Theatre, 345 South First Street, downtown San Jose, 95113.**

Convenient, inexpensive parking is available at a city-owned garage one-and-a-half blocks from the theater at San Carlos Street with entrances on Second and Third streets.

**SINGLE TICKET PRICES:** \$35 - \$115 (Note fees listed below)

**TICKETS: Phone:** 408.286.2600

**Website:** [www.symphonysan-jose.org](http://www.symphonysan-jose.org)

**Email:** [jmeyers@symphonysan-jose.org](mailto:jmeyers@symphonysan-jose.org)

### Walk-Up Box Office:

325 South First Street, San Jose, 95113.

Located between San Carlos and San Salvador Street next to the California Theatre.

**Ticket Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 10am to 5pm.

**City Fees** – There is a mandatory Theatre Preservation Fee and Facility Fee of \$2.50 applied to every single ticket sold.

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### THE PROGRAM:

J.S. Bach: *Jauchzet, frohlocket* (from “Christmas Oratorio”)

M.Torme/R. Wells: *The Christmas Song*

G.F. Handel: *See, the*

*Conqu’ring Hero Comes!*

(from “Judas Maccabaeus”)

Alan Silvestri: *Polar Express Suite*

G.F. Handel: *That Trumpet Shall Sound* (from “The Messiah”)

Albert Hague: *You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch*

Traditional: *12 Days of Silicon Valley*



ArtWork: Courtesy of Symphony San Jose.

### ARTISTS:

**Elena Sharkova**, Conductor  
**Nathan Stark**, Bass-baritone  
**Symphony San Jose**  
**Symphony San Jose Chorale**  
**Cantabile Youth Singers**  
**New Ballet**

Pre-concert Festivities begin one hour prior to the concert.

### SAY “HELLO” TO SANTA.

Join us before the concert for a jolly good time with Santa Claus himself. Capture the holiday spirit and create lasting memories as you take pictures and share “Christmas Wishes” with Santa. But keep a lookout for the mischievous Grinch who may be lurking around, trying to steal some Christmas cheer. (You’re a mean one, Mr. Grinch!)

**DECORATE A GINGERBREAD COOKIE!** Join the fun one hour before curtain and unleash your inner pastry artist by decorating your own gingerbread cookie with royal icing. The festivity is open to everyone. Come hungry and make some sweet and delicious memories. (Note: Cookies are NOT gluten-free.)

## Oktoberfest 2024 – Campbell’s Best

By Chris Jackson  
“Mayor of Silicon Valley”

Thousands come to eat, dance, listen, shop and take in Campbell’s best in October, and the weekend of Oct. 19th and 20th I saw many of you at this year’s “Oktoberfest.”



The best local bands and artists performed, and among them, I had the pleasure of introducing Mary Ellen & Thom performing mid-festival, and Neverland on the 98.5 KFOX Main Stage!

As I walked around Oktoberfest, I even saw the headquarters of this very publication! You can pick up a copy of each issue (while supplies last) in front of

the Campbell Press office in downtown Campbell: 334 E. Campbell Ave.

I always love to find the “Campbell” hat at this booth at Oktoberfest. Can you find it in the photo?

In case you don’t see it—look in the upper left corner: it’s the one with the Campbell Water Tower on it! Interesting to see a hat with “Munich” (Germany) (upper right) on it amongst



The weather was perfect, and Campbell’s own Water Tower mascot was all smiles greeting everyone, and no doubt enjoying the smell of all the incredible food.

all the hats with only Bay Area cities on them. At first I thought it was a mistake, but then I realized, “Duh. It’s Oktoberfest!” ©



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



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By Sharon McCray, UCCE Master Gardener

Pets and dangerous foods, plants and & household items

It's that time of the year. Family and friends, too much food and desserts along with too much to do. Shopping, cleaning, cooking, the list goes on. One thing you shouldn't have to worry about is your pets. But, especially during these busy times, it is important to think about our pets, whether they be dogs, cats or whatever.

First off, knowing the difference between dangerous, toxic and poisonous plants, food or household products is a good place to start. Dangerous may cause nausea and vomiting, while toxic reactions run the gambit: vomiting, diarrhea, anorexic and believe it or not, depression. Poisonous is obvious and trying to revive a pet

that has eaten something that they shouldn't of, is usually not successful.

Some of the most obvious toxic plants include Amaryllis, holly and mistletoe. There is always the talk about poinsettias and while they are toxic, the toxicity is usually mild. It is always best to err on the side of caution and keep suspicious plants and foods safely out of easy reach.

Every part of lily is highly toxic to cats, including pollen and excess water from the plant basin. If any part of the plant is ingested by a cat, it can cause serious life threatening kidney damage. Beware of this issue if you have curious cats that like to nibble on plants, especially

during Easter when lilies are everywhere.

Amaryllis are so much a part of the season, it can be hard to accept that both the bulb and flowers can be dangerous for your dogs. Holly and mistletoe are both toxic to pets and should be kept out of easy reach. Use caution is placing where they are easily accessible.

While the focus of this column is plants and gardening, it is also important to mention foods that should never be given to pets, including chocolate. Some animals that have been eaten too much chocolate have perished.

According to the ASPCA, in alphabetical order, these foods should not be given to your pets: alcohol, avocado,

chocolate, coffee and caffeine, citrus, coconut and coconut oil, grapes and raisins, macadamia nuts, milk and dairy, onion, garlic, chives, raw/undercooked meat, eggs and bones, salt and salty snack foods and yeast dough. Xylitol is used as a sweetener in candy, gum and toothpaste and is also toxic. It is interesting that Xylitol can cause insulin release in most animal species and lead to liver failure.

The ASPCA has a very useful website and can help with more specific information. [www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org). If you think your pet has ingested something they should not of, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center can be reached at 888-426-4435. Dogs seem to be more prone

to eating things they shouldn't than other family pets.

Household items should also be kept out of reach. Why anything would drink a household cleaning product is beyond me, but it happens. Aspirin, including baby aspirin, Avon Skin So Soft, breath fresheners and grape seed oil, ibuprofen and naproxen, Pepto Bismol and Kaopectate and sorbatol should also be kept out of reach.

I sincerely hope this information is useful and not alarmed anyone. No one wants to spend their holidays worrying about their pets and an ounce of prevention could certainly help keep everyone safe. Have a safe holiday.

WEST COAST CHEF

THE MOST GLORIOUS TIME OF THE YEAR



By Bill Peil

After Halloween comes another American institution called Thanksgiving. And Thanksgiving is the gateway to our beloved Christmas holiday. So, indeed, it is the most wonderful time of the year. It is a time for reflection, fulfillment, revelation, friends and family, and the true embodiment of the spirit.

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln issued the 1st National Thanksgiving Day proclamation. Just after Gettysburg, he asked that we "pray for those who have become widows, orphans, or mourners; or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which e are unavoidably engaged."

This holiday season look for peak flavors from black and white truffles, Dungeness crab, goose, turnips and greens, fennel, snow peas, persimmons, tangerines, radishes, red peppers, winter pears, butternut squash, fennel, oysters, rockfish, artichokes, beets, horseradish, sorrel, winter melons, beautiful apples, Brussels sprouts, grapes, pomegranates, broccoli, kale, celery root, grapefruit, lemons, winter squash, mushrooms, spinach, chestnuts, and much more...

Charles Dickens wrote, "Christmas is a good time. A kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time. The only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one content to open up their shut-up hearts freely, and to

think of people below them as fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And if it has spiced the merriment of the holidays, I say, long life to it."

The gathering of longtime friends, acquaintances, and family embodies the Thanksgiving holiday. All of our families favorite foods are served. Sure, there is football, long hikes, Macys Thanksgiving Day parade, a new movie, some ag-



gressive Christmas shopping, but it is all about the camaraderie. Also, there is roast turkey, cranberry, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, pasta, and lest we forget the pumpkin pie.

Christmas in the bay area is a blessing. Campbell is lit up with merriment, and full of family

fun. There is Willow Glen in all its Christmas regalia. We have Christmas at Filoli, which is magical. The Dickens faire at the Cow palace is a must-do. Or a trip up to the city to see the giant gingerbread house at the Fairmont. San Jose's own Christmas in the Park is an enchanting encounter. There are festivals of lights everywhere, and many versions of the Nutcracker, A Christmas Carol, feasts, and joy in abundance. Los Gatos has festival of lights...and on and on. This is a time I roll out all the fun holiday faire. Foie gras, pates, exotic cheeses, Porchetts, caviar with blinis, Scottish smoked salmon, Parma prosciutto, plum pudding, homemade tamales and enchiladas, pasta Bolognese, roast prime rib with horseradish cream, and demi au jus. Homemade cucidates, and resplendent cookies, pies, and cakes and tarts of all types. Don't forget the boozy eggnog, and a carol or two. And always watch your favorite Christmas movies, and enjoy your favorite carols.

Every summer, when great fruit is abundant, I make this wondrous chutney, knowing that it is absolutely a perfect match for roast turkey, crown roast of pork, or roasts of beef. It will get into your soul, and you will want to make it time and again. So, cheers to our glorious holiday season, and to a hopeful 2025.



BILLYS SUMMER HARVEST CHRISTMAS CHUTNEY

- ½ chopped yellow onion
- Juice and rind of 2 tangerines, or 1 large orange
- 2 peeled, cored green apples chopped or grated
- 1 small coin finely chopped ginger
- 6 cups fresh or frozen pitted cherries
- 2 cups sliced fresh plums, chopped finely (I use Santa Rosa or Satsuma)
- ½ cup red wine vinegar
- ½ cup dark brown sugar
- ¼ cup molasses
- 4 garlic cloves, chopped
- 3 bay leaves

- 3 fresh chiles, Serrano or jalapeno, chopped
- 6 whole cloves
- 1 Tbsp. green peppercorns
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. fresh ground pepper
- 1 tsp. fresh sage

Combine all ingredients in a large pot. Cook covered for 30 minutes on medium low heat, stirring after 15 minutes. Uncover, and continue to cook, stirring often, until the mixture is the consistency of jam, about 30 more minutes. Always keep a small amount of liquid on top. If it starts to dry, add a splash of water or apple cider.





## Coach's Corner

By Jay Harnden

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Over the years, I've had many clients share words, paragraphs, and phrases of inspiration that have helped them, and in turn have helped others to focus, sort, and organize their thoughts. This past weekend I ran across one that I had saved, and decided to share it with you, and maybe break it down and think about the importance of slowing down and taking some time to refocus on items that are important...here's the phrase.

Someday, we'll forget the hurt, the reason we cried and who caused us pain. We will finally realize that the secret of being free is not revenge, but letting things unfold in their own way and own time. After all, what matters is not the first, but the last chapter of our life which shows how well we ran the race. So smile, laugh, forgive, believe, and love all over again.

This really brought a lot to mind as I read it and read it again. I was, or maybe am,

one of those who thought that maybe getting a little revenge would be a quick path to freedom. If someone was unfair to me, human nature calls for revenge. But as I think back, nothing good ever really came from a vengeful heart. Most difficult situations came to favorable outcomes when things were left alone and worked out in their own time. But as creatures who feel the need to "make things right" we seldom want to take time.

As I think back to when I felt it was "up to me" to make things right, it seldom was. I've noticed that when we can get out of our own way, there's much less pressure to perform to reach unrealistic expectations.

It appears that the last chapter in our lives is the one that does really show how well we ran the race. Do you smile enough? Laugh enough? Do you forgive freely?

My dad passed away when he was 62. He was an awe-

some man. He wasn't rich or famous, but there wasn't anyone who had a bad thing to say about him. Why? Because he did smile, he did laugh. He forgave, he believed, he loved...until the day he died. At his memorial service, so many people came up to me and said that he was the nicest, kindest man they had ever met.

We need to really focus whatever time we have on the things in life that really matter. Spending time with family and friends, forgiving those who we're holding a grudge against, laughing freely with our loved ones. This will create a legacy much more valuable than financial wealth.

So, as we gather with family and friends this holiday season, let's try and focus on how we can spread peace, love, and joy that will be remembered for years to come. It's not too late...so make necessary improvements!

Happy Thanksgiving!

## NEW BALLET and SYMPHONY SAN JOSE present "THE SAN JOSE NUTCRACKER" DECEMBER 14-23

### The San Jose Nutcracker.

Symphony San Jose announces a special collaboration with New Ballet for the 2024 holiday production of *The San Jose Nutcracker*, choreographed by New Ballet Founder and Director, Dalia Rawson. This unique take on the classic tale of Clara and the Nutcracker is set against the backdrop of 1905 San Jose, including its famous Electric Light Tower, and celebrates the heritage that has made Santa Clara Valley the center of innovation it is today.

Who: **New Ballet in collaboration with Symphony San Jose** present

What: **The San Jose Nutcracker**  
When: **Saturday, December 14 through Monday, Dec. 23, 2024**  
Where: **California Theatre, 345 S. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113**

Choreographer: Dalia Rawson  
Music: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky  
"The Nutcracker"

Conductor: Thomas Shoebotham

*The San Jose Nutcracker* features New Ballet's professional dancers, students from New Ballet's American Ballet Theatre Certified training program, the Ragazzi Boys Chorus, and dancers from Los Lupeños Juvenil.

Tickets: **\$20 to \$115 (plus fees)**  
**\$35 to \$115** for *The San Jose Nutcracker* (Full-Length).  
\$41.50 to \$121.50 with City fees and ticket order fees.

**\$20 to \$90** for *My Very First Nutcracker* (One-Act). \$26.50 to \$96.50 with City fees and ticket order fees.

Box Office: 408.286.2600  
Box Office Hours: 10am to 5pm, Mondays through Fridays  
Email: [jmeyers@symphony-sanjose.org](mailto:jmeyers@symphony-sanjose.org)  
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Performances: **Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 through Monday, Dec. 23.**

Sat, Dec 14 at 2pm and 7pm  
Sun, Dec 15 at 11am (My Very First Nutcracker) One-Act  
Sun, Dec 15 at 2pm  
Fri, Dec 20 at 7pm  
Sat, Dec 21 at 2pm and 7pm  
Sun, Dec 22 at 11am (My Very First Nutcracker) One-Act  
Sun, Dec 22 at 7pm  
Mon, Dec 23 at 2pm

The performances of this favorite holiday ballet span two full weekends (December 14-23, 2024). Pre-concert festivities begin one hour before curtain and include an organ concert in the lobby, holiday decorations throughout the theater, and photographs taken with costumed characters.

**More Information:** *The San Jose Nutcracker* takes place in San Jose at the turn of the last century. This unique production features landmarks of the era, with dazzling new scenic elements including a growing replica of the historic San Jose Light Tower and a skyline of San Jose inspired by the city in 1905. Costumes for the first act were inspired by period

dolls from the History San Jose archives and the second act was inspired by our valley in the last century, carpeted in orchard blossoms and known as "The Valley of Heart's Delight." Swirling snowflakes, waltzing flowers, and The Sugarplum Fairy will make this holiday ballet a new favorite for the entire family.

The 2024 production of *The San Jose Nutcracker* features a ground-breaking collaboration between New Ballet and Symphony San Jose. Symphony San Jose General Artistic Director Robert Massey says, "This year's production of *The San Jose Nutcracker* represents the union of two leading arts organizations in San Jose and is something to truly celebrate. We can't wait to share the festive holiday season with New Ballet at the California Theatre this December."

Also presented will be two performances of *My Very First Nutcracker*, a one-act performance ideal for families with toddlers, preschoolers, and young children. The production features the festive holiday party at which Uncle Nikola reveals his fascinating gifts. Kids will marvel at the historic San Jose Electric Light Tower rising magically above the streets of San Jose, and cheer on adorable mice and toy soldiers who compete to win a magic crown. Run time of approximately 55 minutes, also accompanied by Symphony San Jose.



## IF YOUR FACE FITS

Airport and airline security is essential, but it is also one of the major irritants of today's travel scene.

It's not just security but the need to do identity checks at every stage of the departure process from check-in through security then departure control/immigration and on to the gate for access to the gate lounge area and finally boarding.

Each time you have to fumble for your passport and documentation for each of the checks. Wouldn't it be nice if you could do all the identity checks at one stage and then once each checkpoint knows it is you based on facial recognition you are clear to go.

The industry is now providing the solution through biometric screening which will aid all stages of your trip through security, boarding and immigration at destination.

It is relatively simple how it will work. All the processing will be done at check-in which will be full identity check and biometric facial screening. At this point all the relevant information relating to the passenger's trip will be logged against biometric facial recognition. This is likely to include all passport information required for immigration plus other key points from lounge entitlement to seating assignment.

This would have to be pretty thorough but once completed it means the passenger's

identity has been thoroughly checked and verified. A biometric photograph is then taken and stored in the data record, and it is that photograph – not the passport that becomes the verification of identity for all further checkpoints.

This means the passenger only has to show their passport once as they go through the six stages to get to their seat on board from check-in, baggage drop, immigration, security screening, and lounge access to boarding.

At each point there is a quick biometric scan and if your face fits you are on to the next stage.

This is now developed even further whereby the complete recognition data is stored for each passenger on the flight and sent on to the destination airport for an equally speedy processing by customs and immigration right down to baggage reclaim.

The one issue I do see will be the reliability of the facial recognition scanners at the various checkpoints. But I now have it for my Global Entry to the USA and it works superbly.

Naturally, there are the usual concerns about data protection, but it should be a pretty secure system unless you are prepared to go through the face swop operation carried out by John Travolta and Nicholas Cage in the 1997 movie "Face Off".

Anybody want to swop faces with me?

## MUSEUM EXHIBIT

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Campbell Crime Report



By Carol W. Gerwitz

**300 Blk. Budd Ave.** (V) and (S) engaged in a physical altercation. (S) was intoxicated and slapped (V). A struggle ensued; both parties sustained injuries. (S) was determined to be dominant aggressor. Arrested.

**400 Blk. E. Hamilton Ave.** (S) was contacted during a noise complaint. (S) was determined to have warrants out of Fresno County and Santa Cruz County. Booked.

**500 Blk. E. Hamilton Ave.** (S) exited without paying for merchandise. (S) tried reentering the store but was stopped by loss prevention. (S) fled on foot and was contacted by CPD in the parking lot. Cited and released.

**Los Gatos Creek Trail:** Unknown (S) damaged the lights to the trail overpass. Report.

**00 Blk. Kennedy Ave.** (S) was contacted after being reported sleeping in his vehicle in the staff parking lot. A records

check of (S) revealed he had a warrant out of San Benito County. Report.

**200 Blk. E. Hamilton Ave.** (S) threatened (V) after being asked to leave the property. (S) was located and positively identified by (V). Arrested.

**1500 Blk. W. Campbell Ave.** Unidentified (S) stole laundry cleaning supplies, then fled on foot. Report.

**300 Blk. Budd Ave.** (V) got into a verbal argument with her ex-boyfriend, (S), during which (S) threw a raw steak at (V), striking her. (S) fled prior to CPD's arrival. To DA.

**1600 Blk. Winchester Blvd.** (S) was reported to be walking around the business naked. (S) was contacted and displayed signs and symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Arrested.

**500 Blk. E. Hamilton Ave.** (S) walked up to (V) and without provocation punched her in the head several times causing (V)'s hearing to be temporarily

impaired. (S) fled the business but was followed by witnesses. Officers located (S) who displayed signs and symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Records check revealed outstanding warrants. Arrested.

**3100 Blk. Superior Dr.** (S) and her boyfriend, (V), were contacted at their apartment after neighbors heard screaming and items being smashed. (S) and (V) both denied anything physical had occurred but (V) had a visible laceration to his nose and fresh scratch marks on his neck and chest. (S) booked.

**300 Blk. E. Campbell Ave.** Unidentified (S) forcibly grabbed and took (V)'s purse off her arm as she walked on the sidewalk. Report.

**1800 Blk. S. Bascom Ave.** Unidentified (S) slapped (V) during a parking dispute before hitting (V)'s vehicle with his and fleeing the scene. CPD officer to follow up.

**400 Blk. E. Campbell Ave.** Unknown (S) spray painted the

back of the business. Report.

**1600 Blk. S. Bascom Ave.** Three victims notified CPD that a stolen laptop was pinging at this location. Laptops were in plain view upon CPD's entry into the business. Several electronic items and proceeds of theft were identified and arrived to reclaim their property. Two Suspects booked.

**1500 Blk. W. Campbell Ave.** (S1) and (S2) were shoplifting and when confronted by (V), (S1) pushed (V) to the ground and fled. (S2) was located and arrested; (S1) is at large.

**100 Blk. E. Sunnyoaks Ave.** Unknown Suspects forced entry into a storage building by ramming the roll up door. Unknown take at this time. Report.

**1900 Blk. E. Hamilton Ave.** (S) was contacted and displayed the signs and symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance. (S) was in possession of a meth pipe. Arrested and booked.

**1600 Blk. W. Campbell Ave.** (S) stole items and was later contacted via telephone and admitted to it. To DA.

**300 Blk. Budd Ave.** (V) lost her Cash App and Venmo card inside the complex. \$400 dollars were used from the cards by an unknown (S). Report.

**2500 Blk. S. Winchester Blvd.** Three unidentified (S)s were involved in a physical fight with (V) after an argument. (S1) brandished a knife during the fight. Report.

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# Books Inc.

By Christine Cargnoni  
Books Inc. Campbell Newsletter, November 2024

Happy November readers! We hope you had a fun and not-too-spooky Halloween. We also want to thank all who came to our event last month for Nico Lang's *American Teenager*, a much-needed book on the lives of Trans kids in America. Their work highlights not only the struggles Trans kids go through, but also uplifts their voices. As we move into November, we are excited to share our many upcoming events.

To kick-start the month, on November 8th at 7pm we're welcoming returning local author Evie Blum to talk about her newest release, *Light It Up*. "*Light It Up* is a dual POV Jewish story about love, growing as a person, facing your fears, and learning to trust yourself and others. Finding true love can be a winding path, with doubts and challenges along the way, but sometimes... one match is all you need." (BooksInc.Website; Evie Blum). You may recognize Blum from her first two novels, *Ship It and Pitch It*. She will be in conversation with romcom author Elle M. Stewart, who wrote *Taking Initiative*, her first novel, in June. We are so excited to have both back for a book signing!

On November 19th at 7pm, join us in welcoming local author Rebecca Robinson. Her romantasy, *The Serpent and the Wolf*, is described as "high-stakes political intrigue and a steamy, slow-burn, enemies-to-lovers romance" (Books Inc. Website), so if you love a healthy dose of action, politics, and romance with a sliver of magic, this is the book for you! Come by to get your copy of *The Serpent and the Wolf*, have it signed, and get all your questions answered!

On November 30th, Books Inc is proud to celebrate Small Business Saturday! As a small business, we want to take this opportunity to thank our loyal customers who make our job so rewarding. On November 30th, we will be having an event for the day, where we will be hosting Mark Purdy, author of *San Francisco 49ers*:

*An Illustrated Timeline*. Purdy has been an NFL reporter for many years, and has written a sports column for the San Jose Mercury News. We are honored and excited to host Mr. Purdy on Small Business Saturday.

As always, we have some great books recommendations for you! November hosts Thanksgiving, and for our younger readers, we have some fun books. Both *Thanksgiving Friends* (Tammi Salzano) and *My Thanksgiving Blessings* (Jill Roman Lord) are adorable, beautifully-illustrated board books for your little ones, detailing the importance of giving thanks for all you have.

For our older readers, Books Inc. has an endless supply of books chronicling love and friendship, both things to celebrate during Thanksgiving. Below you can find two great novels, the first for our middle readers and the second for our adult fantasy lovers.

**Splinter and Ash** (Marieke Nijkamp) is a heartwarming fantasy adventure following a disabled princess and non-binary squire who persevere in the face of bullying and rejection to fight not only for their endangered kingdom, but for one another as well. Friendship is represented beautifully in a story that proves strength can come from anywhere, and it's a delightful read full of plot twists and political intrigue!

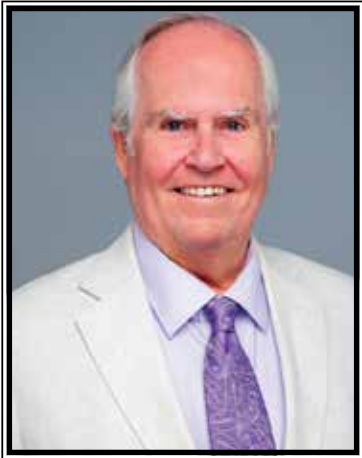
**The Phoenix Keeper** (S. A. MacLean) is a beautifully-written debut! Filled with magical creatures and strong friendships, this cozy fantasy is perfect for anyone looking for a sweet queer romance and well-written anxiety representation.

Thank you again to all our customers, and we hope you have a fun, relaxing Thanksgiving! Check our website for updates, events, and book clubs, and stop by and say hello!



# THE UNREPRESENTED BUYER

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There's a new paragraph in the California Association of Realtor's Listing Agreement that results in a new opportunity... or increased risk... for those buying or selling a home. Paragraph 4 is entitled "Compensation to Broker". This is where the negotiations for commission amount for services rendered is discussed. The amount paid is open to negotiation and every Agent will show their worth before giving it a value.

Within this major paragraph, though, is subparagraph 4C, "Optional Additional Compensation for Unrepresented Buyer". An "Unrepresented Buyer" is someone without an Agent, lawyer or other party to represent them. In previous versions

of the Listing Agreement this buyer wasn't identified and a "Dual Agency" was formed. In Dual Agency the one Agent is representing both parties.

The "Unrepresented Buyer" clarifies there is no Dual Agency being established if the seller's Agent locates a suitable buyer who wants to make an offer on the home. The Agent remains loyal to his client and fulfills his fiduciary duties to the seller. The Agent has no such duties to the Unrepresented Buyer. While the Agent still has the duties of honesty, reasonable skill and care as well as full disclosure, he doesn't owe the unrepresented buyer confidentiality, diligence, accountability or any of the other duties an Agent provides their client.

The addition of this new paragraph in the Listing Agreement is, in part, due to the recent changes in how our business is conducted in Real Estate across the country. Because it's relatively new, it's an area of unknown risk for the seller and their Agent. One concern is the emotional nature of home buying could lead to unreasonable expectations and disappointment for the buyer

with their purchase that could result in a suit after the transaction has closed. From an Agent's point of view there's more risk and work and thus paragraph 4C comes into play.

Previously, many buyers thought going to the Listing Agent would help them secure a home at a discount. Though this was, in practice, a mistaken belief. Some buyers may still believe it is true and go to the Listing Agent but, as shown above, the Agent remains an Agent of the seller. There is no agency between the buyer and the Agent so there is no confidentiality, no loyalty, no obedience, etc. Without someone on their side, they go through the transaction unrepresented and without the aid of an Agent to help them through.

Buyers, sellers and their Agents can all choose to accept the risk and enter into a transaction, but why? If you're interested in buying, selling or investing in Real Estate get an Agent. Someone who provides the full range of services owed a client. I'm available and you'll find there is no one more dedicated to your goals. Let's talk. Call me at (408) 887-4731 or email to [geneshomes@earthlink.net](mailto:geneshomes@earthlink.net).

## CAMPBELL COMMUNITY TOY PROGRAM

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Held on Thursday, December 12th from 6pm-8:30pm, this festive evening is an opportunity for residents to connect, contribute, and share in the season of giving. Funds raised during Making Spirits Bright help the Toy Program secure toys and other gifts for local families, ensuring that each child receives something special.

### A Community Effort: The Toy Program's Elves

The Toy Program relies on a dedicated group of volunteer "elves," who donate their time to sort, bag, and prepare thousands of toys for distribution. **The Home Church** serves as the hub of this bustling holiday activity, where volunteers organize and distribute donations to families in need. This culminates on **Distribution Day**, a heartwarming event where families pick up the holiday gifts that volunteers have carefully assembled for them.

Families interested in the program receive applications via the **Campbell School District** each November, allowing them to specify the number and ages of children in their household. The Toy Program also supports children within the local **American Cancer Society** chapter, further extending its reach to those who need holiday cheer the most.

### The Role of the Campbell Chamber Community Foundation

The **Campbell Chamber Community Foundation**, a 501(c)(3) organization, plays a vital role in supporting the Toy Program and other charitable initiatives. The Foundation's events, including Making Spirits Bright, raise funds to keep the Toy Program's mission going strong each year. By contributing to the foundation or participating in its events, community members make a meaningful difference in the lives of local families.

### How to Get Involved

The Campbell Community Toy Program continues to thrive thanks to the generosity of Campbell residents and the hard work of its volunteers. Community members interested in getting involved can donate new toys, attend Making Spirits Bright, or volunteer as an "elf" to help bring holiday cheer to local children.

For more information, visit **CampbellToyProgram.com**, where you can learn more about upcoming events, donation guidelines, and ways to contribute to this beloved holiday tradition.

The Campbell Community Toy Program exemplifies the power of community and kindness, proving that the spirit of giving truly makes the season bright.

## CITY NEWS

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on a project to renovate the skate park at the Community Center, and funding to support the homeless population in Campbell.

While the year is winding to a close, there are still important milestones for the City. One such moment will be the December 17th reorganization meeting of the City Council. At that time, in the Council Chambers, we will bid farewell to current Mayor Susan Landry, swear in our new Councilmember, and select a new Mayor and Vice Mayor — and all are welcome to join.



The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority bids farewell to Supervisor Cindy Chavez and elects Campbell Vice Mayor Sergio Lopez as Chair of the Board for the remainder of 2024 through the end of 2025.

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# Troop 330 Celebrates Its 75th Anniversary

By Benjamin Noel



Troop 330 current and former Scouts and leadership with Senator Cortese. Photo Credit: Cesar Acosta

Since October 1, 1949, Campbell has been home to Boy Scout Troop 330. Chartered at various locations in the city, the troop currently convenes Wednesday evenings in the banquet hall of Saint Thomas of Canterbury Church. Scouts plan future outings, teach knot-tying and other skills. Besides their weekly meetings, the scouts host an annual pancake breakfast, run a coat drive to hand out jackets and other essentials on Christmas day, and monthly overnight camping trips. Every four years, Troop 330s summer camp takes them to British Columbia Canada, where scouts work to earn merit badges, run the camp themselves, and see the sights of Victoria Island.

Troop 330 is led by longtime scoutmaster Daraius Sorabji, and Maria Guardado, scoutmas-

ters of the boys and girls troops, respectively. The Troop has grown exponentially in the past years, and greatly more in 2019, when Scouting opened its doors to girls. Since the admission of girls into Scouting, the troop has already seen a handful of female Eagle Scouts, two of whom were part of the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts of February 8th, 2021. Scoutmaster Guardado had this to say, "Once girls were allowed to join BSA Scouts, I knew they would bring incredible energy to our troop—and they have exceeded all expectations. Their dedication to advancing in rank, stepping confidently into leadership roles, and connecting with all the scouts has been inspiring. Having girls as part of our troop has enriched our group and strengthened us as a whole."

The 75th anniversary festivities filled the banquet hall of San Thomas Church with current and former scouts, troop leaders and community members cherishing memories held dearly by all. Those involved with the troop in the past had a chance to share their favorite memory from their times in the troop. Former scouts regaled stories of hijinks on outings and fond memories as others listened on and reminisced on their own journeys in Scouts. In addition to members of the Campbell Scouting community, some local government royalty was also present. The celebration saw State Senator David Cortese share words celebrating the importance of scouting to the boys, who will become the next generation of leaders and family men in the community, and cutting the cake to congratulate the troop for its work in the community.

In its 75 years of troop-dom, 330 has made a name for itself as a staple of the Campbell community. You may find the tan uniformed scouts serving as color guard for Veterans and Memorial day ceremonies, State of the City addresses, and other city events throughout the year. Notable, representatives from Troop 330G (the girls troop), did the flag ceremony for the latest State of the City (which can be found on the front cover of the October edition). Moreover, the troop, well known for its high production of Eagle Scouts, has completed many an Eagle Project throughout schools, churches, and parks in Campbell and surrounding cities.

A few weeks after the event, I reached out to Scoutmaster Sorabji for some words to share with the community on behalf of Troop 330. He says,

"It's funny you ask me this on election day. With a country so divided. I think that the best we can do to help our youth navigate their future is something Lord Robert Baden Powell put together over a century ago. The Scout Oath and Law. If we could only have more scouts in the world, it would be a better place. It is my hope that the troop continues to grow and spread and share scouting's values in our community and then as adults, our scouts, whether having earned the rank of eagle or not, can take the values and share them within their sphere of influence. Here's to hoping to be present at the Troops 100th anniversary."

A mainstay of the community, as integral to the city of Campbell as the water tower, Troop 330 has grown with the city, continuing to serve and feed it with pancakes!

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