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Campbell Library Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Library held its ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, October 17th. It was well attended by the city council and Campbell's dignitaries and community leaders. It was discussed and shared that this remodeling project is coming along well. Also, when the inside construction is completed there will be a Grand Opening. Originally the construction was scheduled to be completed in November. Unfortunately, the grand opening will be delayed. At this time, the best timeframe projected is Winter 2026. The Library wants to remind the public to continue using all services as we look forward to the new library. Open until further notice is the *Campbell's Express Library* located in the Campbell Community Recreation Center. Or use their website for services. The City of Campbell website also has renderings of the new Library and can be viewed by the public.

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD), in partnership with the City of Campbell, are looking forward to opening the fully remodeled Campbell Library. Previously, a grand opening date of November 22 was announced. Unfortunately,



Eric Gonzales (Mayor), Terry Hines (City Council), Elliot Scozzola (City Council), Sergio Lopez (Current Mayor), Dan Furtado (Vice Mayor), Ann Bybee (City Council), Charlene Uenaka (City Council).

just as in any major construction project, there have been some delays. The shared goal between SCCLD and the City of Campbell is to build a library that meets long-term goals and one the community will cherish for generations to come.

The remodel includes many features that will be greatly appreciated by residents including natural light coming through the floor to ceiling windows, meeting rooms available for public bookings, and a large community room with state-of-the-art technology. The fully remodeled library utilizes many natural elements such as the beautiful wood planks at the entrance, and a soft color palette inside of the library, reminiscent of nature. The building is also fully electric, which reduces energy costs and is environmentally friendly.

The children's room will feature a collection of new books and other materials to keep the littlest learners busy and thriving. In addition, the children's room will include the Dreamy Downtown early learning play space to instill a love of reading in children 0-10 years old. Filled with the alphabet, sight words, numbers, interactive elements, an

area dedicated to babies and pre-walkers, and other elements of Campbell that residents will recognize, this space is an invitation to families with children of all abilities to enjoy the library.

Upstairs, residents will find a flexible, welcoming space to read, relax, work or study called "The Overlook", with comfortable seating and a browsing collection. Downstairs, teens will appreciate their own dedicated space with a broad collection of materials to match their interests and seating areas for study groups. Adults have access to a new collection of reading materials, and there will also be laptops as well as charging devices available for patrons to use in the library.

The Campbell Library has been in the making for a while, and all good things take time. A specific opening date has not yet been determined, but Winter 2026 is the expected timeframe. In the meantime, Campbell residents can continue to utilize the Campbell Express Library at the Campbell Community Center through the end of December, visit any of the Santa Clara County Library District locations, or visit the online library available 24/7 at www.sccl.org.



Mayor Sergio Lopez

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



COLOGNE CATHEDRAL, KÖLN, GERMANY

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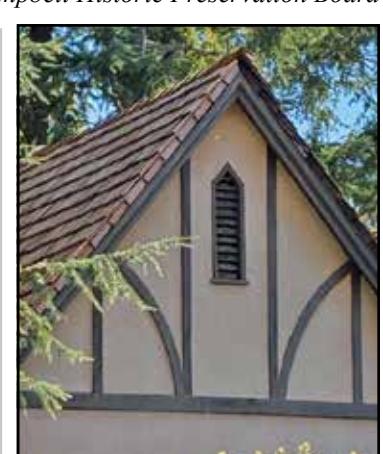
Just a Little Bit of History

By Susan Blake, Campbell Historic Preservation Board

The October mystery photo was taken in the front of the Dr. William I. Merrill House and Office at 39 N. Central Ave. This Neo-Classical house was built in 1910. An unusual feature is the central dormer with a hipped roof. The dormer has two diamond-pained fixed windows clad in shingles. The recessed porch has one leaded multi-pained window flanked by two one-over-one double-hung wood frame windows. The house is intact and in excellent condition, with no garage.

In its early days, it was the home and office of Dr. William I. Merrill. Dr. Merrill was on a volunteer Fire Commission who helped form the Campbell Volunteer Fire Department in 1913.

This house has been owned and rented out to many generations of Campbell folks. I am happy to see



it still survives, sitting between the Campbell Historical Museum and the Orchard Valley Coffee roastery.

Here is the mystery photo for November. Can you figure out what it is and where it is located? Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



WORD OF THE MONTH

"COLLEGIALITY"

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The cooperative relationship and shared responsibility among colleagues.

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**HAPPENINGS****Museum Happenings
November 2025****Holidays at the Ainsley House: A Centennial Celebration of Cheer**

As 2025 draws to a close, the Ainsley House is celebrating in the most festive way possible—through Holiday experiences for all ages

This year's *Holidays at the Ainsley House* lineup features our annual lineup of festive experiences and there's something for everyone to enjoy! Join us for a range of holiday celebrations, including Self-guided Holiday tours, Holiday Teas & Tours, the Holiday Boutique, Evening Open Houses, and Photos with Santa, as the Ainsley House spreads holiday cheer throughout Campbell

Holiday Self-Guided Tours
November 13 – December 21 | Thursdays through Sundays, 11 AM – 3 PM*(Closed Thanksgiving Day)*

Step inside the beautifully decorated Ainsley House, decked out in holiday charm. Each room in the house is decorated by local community members, volunteers, businesses, and more. The theme that guides each decorated space is Santa's Village.

From November 13 through December 21, the Ainsley House and Holiday Boutique will be open to the public Thursdays through Sundays from 11 AM to 3 PM. Please note that the Ainsley House will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Visitors can explore the beautifully decorated house at their own pace with self-guided tours. Admission is \$12 for adults (ages 18-64), \$10 for seniors (65+), and \$8 for youth (ages 7-17). Museum members receive free admission.

Photos with Santa Claus

Saturday, November 22 | 9 AM – 12 PM

Santa Claus is making a special stop at the Ainsley House! Families can meet Santa in the festive Sunporch, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, and make holiday crafts while they wait. Admission is \$20 per family, with one-hour time slots available (9–10 AM, 10–11 AM, and 11 AM–12 PM). Reservations are required and can be made at www.campbellmuseums.com.

Holiday Tea & Tours

December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 | Seating at 12 PM

A cherished Campbell tradition returns as the Campbell Museum Foundation hosts its annual *Holiday Teas & Tours* fundraiser. This year, our Holiday Tea and Tours were so popular that as soon as tickets were made available online, they sold out. We are very fortunate for such great community support!

Holiday Evening Open Houses

December 18 & 21 | 5:30 PM – 8 PM

Experience the Ainsley House in a whole new light—literally! The holiday evening open houses invite guests to enjoy the home's twinkling décor after dark, with live music in the living room and light refreshments in the Carriage House. Admission is \$20 for adults and free for children 17 and under. Tickets are available online or at the Carriage House on the evening of each event. www.campbellmuseums.com.

Holiday Boutique

Open during all public hours and holiday events, the Ainsley House Holiday Boutique offers a treasure trove of unique gifts, home décor, jewelry, and vintage finds—perfect for checking off your holiday shopping list.

FIELD TRIP RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN!

Hands-on History at the Campbell Historical Museum
A new school year means new adventures—and what better way to bring history to life than with a field trip to the **Campbell Historical Museum**?

Our long-running **Hands-on History** program is designed especially for **2nd and 3rd grade students**, offering an immersive, interactive journey into the past through play, role-playing, and exploration.

Field Trips run Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
\$8 per student | Teachers & chaperones are FREE Spots fill quickly

HERE'S HOWE

This column has almost always been about my observations, so I can only continue with what I see around me. Since I haven't been overseas in several years, I figured I would see many vast improvements. I am marveled they still have single sheet toilet paper nearly everywhere, there are still limited American TV channels, there are many cars you will never see in America, (some very cool ones) and the weather in the United Kingdom is still rainy and gloomy; but can change in a heartbeat regardless of what your weather app says. But that is never going to change no matter where you reside.

After the usual airport calamities that can take place, like the typical plane delays, short transfer times with connecting flights across the entire airport, gate changes, no time to eat properly, I finally made it to my destination in the UK. Get ready to experience everyone driving on the other side of the road and crazy roundabouts that seem far more dangerous than traffic lights—yet no one generally has to come to a complete stop, just a lot of yielding. Just because it's an English speaking country doesn't mean you will understand everyone! I have 5 men on my team, all from different areas in the country (one Welsh and one Belgian) and it's hard to understand most of them making communication a bit tough. I find myself blankly staring a lot or asking them to repeat what they said but SLOWER. Don't forget your power adaptors! This can

be a nightmare for your shaver, computer, cellphone etc. if you don't have a way to switch over to their connections. My first hotel had nothing of the sorts, so I had to borrow one from a co-worker. After working several days in a row of setup and rehearsals outside of Birmingham, we headed off for a flight to Austria for a much needed couple days off. Now we're back to driving on the right hand side of the road which gives you somewhat of a relief regardless if you're driving or not. Another type of power adaptor is now needed, the understanding of a different currency, and the learning of another language. Ok, forget that last one. I would HATE to be in a spelling bee here! There are generally eleven languages spoken. They all sound foreign to me. Not everything is translated to English either. It can feel very lonely and isolating. Thank god for those translation apps you can download on your phone! Surprising that when I feel so lost that so many people are asking ME for directions. In THEIR language. I didn't eat for a whole day. My feet were killing me, and I just couldn't easily find what I felt like eating near my hotel. But there is always what us road warriors call the American Embassy as a safe haven. McDonald's! You can always find one not too far away and so I did. Next door to it was a Burger King, Subway and Starbucks. Now I feel better. More on this later...

THE CAMPBELL MUSEUMS**JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY**

Opportunities

- Docents
- Curators
- Special Events
- Gardeners
- Museum Collection
- Museum Foundation

Requirements

- 4 hours/month (days & times vary depending on volunteer duty)
- Enjoy working with people
- Interest in community building
- Have a good attitude

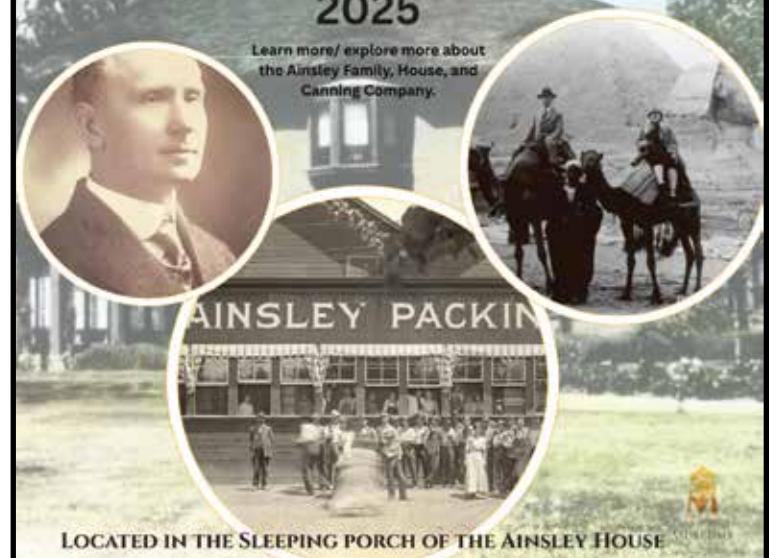
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email: campbellmuseumvolunteers@gmail.com**FROM THE ARCHIVES**

A permanent exhibit in the Ainsley House

Opening September

2025

Learn more/ explore more about the Ainsley Family, House, and Canning Company.



LOCATED IN THE SLEEPING PORCH OF THE AINSLEY HOUSE

Continued on page 7



Raising a well behaved dog, local trainers and their tricks of the trade

With many South Bay households owning a dog, an important thing for many owners is that their dogs are well behaved. While some owners attempt to train their dogs themselves, others go to specialized dog training schools. There has been both widespread debate and significant changes in attitude towards dog training over the years, with off-leash training and early socialization becoming increasingly popular.

Jamie Dunbar, who runs Sirius Dog Training—which has locations across the Bay Area including one in Campbell—has been in the business for most of his life. His father, Ian, has been a pioneer in the dog training world for decades, publishing numerous books and teaching the first off-leash puppy classes in America in 1982, according to the Sirius website.

At Sirius there is a strong emphasis placed on both early training and socialization for dogs. They offer an introductory training course with five classes in five weeks. The classes, in addition to socialization,

focus on basic manners in a way that is “enjoyable for both dogs and people,” according to Dunbar.

In addition to classes, Dunbar says that when someone brings a puppy home they should be exposed to lots of new sights and sounds early on. This includes introducing them to new people and dogs either at your residence or on “exposure walks,” where the puppy is carried around to avoid infections such as parvo before they are fully vaccinated.

Several other dog trainers in the area have adopted many of the techniques that Dunbar pioneered while also bringing in their own wisdom. Nathalie Smith is a dog trainer at South Bay Dog Training, another Campbell operation. She got her start running a dog hiking service in 2007. From there, she enrolled in classes before getting her dog training certification and becoming one full time.

She uses reward-based and humane training for the dogs she works with and strongly opposes the use of things

like choke and e-collars, both of which are banned in her native Netherlands and several other EU countries. Before her group dog lessons begin, she gives the dogs 5 to 10 minutes of off-leash play time. “The dogs are able to focus much better after play time,” Smith says.

In her intermediate manners class, which she calls Manners 2, the dogs and their owners do a series of activities together both on and off leash. These activities include loose-leash walking and off-leash recall work, with another off-leash play session in the middle of the lesson. The overall structure of her classes has yielded strong results while avoiding punishment-based methods.

While these two trainers have slightly different approaches, they both have several of the same pieces of advice for both new and experienced dog owners. The biggest of which is that positive reinforcement is the best way to yield desired results for dog training—whether it is you or someone else training your dog.

By Cuinn Huber

PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney

The Campbell Press Welcomes the Fall Season!

The Campbell Press has been enjoying a lively and festive fall with the many activities happening throughout our city. The Campbell Chamber of Commerce hosted its most successful Oktoberfest to date, welcoming more than 60,000 visitors into downtown Campbell. The Chamber continues to be an outstanding ambassador for our community.

The long-awaited Campbell Library remodel is almost completed, and the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony drew an enthusiastic crowd. Be sure to read more about the new features and resources the library will soon offer our residents.

For Campbell and our surrounding neighborhoods, page 5 features an important program on how to “Adopt a Drain.” This initiative helps prevent street flooding and keeps storm drains clear, benefiting all members of the community—including our unhoused neighbors—by creating a cleaner and safer environment. Also on page 5, you’ll find information about Neighborhood Hands, a volunteer-based organization that supports the unhoused and collaborates with other nonprofits to help individuals get back on their feet, especially during the difficult winter months.

On page 8, you’ll find details about a heartwarming holiday program that collects Christmas pajamas for children, organized by Action Day care centers. It’s a wonderful way to bring comfort and joy to local kids during the holiday season.

As the holidays approach, November marks the beginning of our festive celebrations. Both Downtown Campbell and The Pruneyard will be hosting their annual tree-lighting ceremonies, with The Pruneyard’s celebration taking place on Thursday, December 4. On the front page, you’ll also find details about the beloved Carol of Lights

event. The Campbell Press is delighted to participate once again. As in previous years, we will host a table where children can write letters to Santa, alongside the Country Women’s Club. We look forward to welcoming families for visits with Santa, hot chocolate, carolers, and plenty of cheerful activities!

The Chamber of Commerce Toy Program is now underway, with over 42 distribution locations throughout the community. You can visit the Chamber’s website for a full list of drop-off points and ways to donate. More details and featured locations are listed on page 6.

Our movie reviews can be found on page 8, and page 10 features a great story highlighting our local radio personalities who have been honored in the Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame. See if you can spot your favorite DJ!

Also on page 10, you’ll find information about the South Bay Choir’s Radio Hour concert, a performance The Campbell Press highly recommends. The San Jose Symphony returns with its renowned production of The Nutcracker—be sure to get your tickets early before they sell out. The Stage in San Jose is also presenting an exciting show, Million Dollar Quartet, a musical about the early days of rock ‘n’ roll.

Enjoy the back page featuring photos from both Oktoberfest and the very successful Creepy Crawly event—complete with zombie dancers from little ones to adults. It was a fun-filled celebration for everyone!

As the month comes to a close, we wish everyone a warm and joyful Thanksgiving filled with family, friends, and celebration. From all of us at The Campbell Press, have a wonderful start to the holiday season. See you at the Carol of Lights!

Fruits + Nuts



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NOVEMBER

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CAMPBELL REAL ESTATE

NOVEMBER

| ADDRESS | SALES PRICE | B/B | AGE | LOT SIZE | SQ. FT |
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| SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, SINGLE FAMILY HOMES | | | | | |
| Walnut Drive | \$2,900,000 | 3/2 | 77 | 18984 | 2292 |
| Steinway Avenue | \$2,898,000 | 3/1 | 77 | 22119 | 905 |
| Cameo Drive | \$2,800,000 | 3/2.5 | 67 | 7957 | 1898 |
| Ainsley Court | \$2,150,000 | 4/2 | 53 | 6215 | 1711 |
| Via Salice | \$2,110,000 | 4/2 | 63 | 6240 | 1413 |
| Virginia Avenue | \$2,020,000 | 3/2 | 66 | 8000 | 1281 |
| Lawndale Avenue | \$1,925,000 | 3/2 | 63 | 7200 | 1297 |
| N. Central Avenue | \$1,845,000 | 6/2 | 63 | 6120 | 2149 |
| Del Loma Court | \$1,650,000 | 4/3 | 62 | 6750 | 1870 |
| Esther Avenue | \$1,460,000 | 3/3 | 30 | 2736 | 1540 |

SOLD/CLOSED ESCROW, CONDO/TOWNHOMES

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|--------------------|-------------|-------|----|------|------|
| W. Hacienda Avenue | \$1,339,888 | 3/2.5 | 45 | 837 | 1597 |
| W. Rincon Avenue | \$1,330,000 | 3/2.5 | 44 | 1463 | 1665 |
| Darryl Drive | \$1,275,000 | 3/2.5 | 37 | | 1405 |
| Shelley Avenue | \$1,115,000 | 3/2.5 | 44 | | 1332 |
| Union Place | \$1,100,000 | 3/2 | 47 | 1426 | 1289 |
| Campisi Way | \$1,025,000 | 3/2.5 | 17 | | 1765 |
| N. 3rd Street | \$645,000 | 2/1 | 54 | | 798 |



LIONS IN THE FALL

Arthur Low
West San Jose – Campbell Lions



October tends to be a busy month for Lions activities. On October 5, Sunday, the West San Jose-Campbell Lions helped with the 7th local eye clinic at the Monterey Office of Education in Salinas. The Lions district encompasses the counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito so it was decided to have one in the south where the need is great. A total of 249 patients were seen and the great majority were fitted with donated eyeglasses from our inventory. Zenni made a few dozen eyeglasses where we could not get a close match. And

about 5 patients needed a more comprehensive exam that Lions will cover. One person was referred to the Lions Eye Foundation in San Francisco for possible eye muscle surgery.

On October 18 and 19, our club staff the beer booth by Blue Line Pizza for Oktoberfest. And that Saturday may have been the busiest day of serving beer ever. In the afternoon, there were two lines consistently of 20 people deep waiting for beer. However, people were patient and good natured.

Our club then helped the Registrar of Voters by volunteering during

the special election on November 4 and a week leading up to it. Members worked as couriers, driving to voting sites to collect ballots and taking them to the Registrar of Voters on Berger Drive in San Jose. Each courier had to be trained and there's always two people responsible for the ballots during transportation. The stipend is then donated to the club so this effort is a significant fund raising activity for our club.

On November 22, Saturday, the district Lions and will hold another sorting event at the Vista Center on Bascom Avenue from 9am to

2pm. We expect over a hundred volunteers to help sort 20 to 30 thousand pairs of donated eyeglasses. We get eyeglasses donated not just locally but from throughout the United States, ever since taking up the challenge as a major recipient from Assist International. Only about half the sorting volunteers are members of Lions Clubs. Other groups who send helpers include sororities and fraternities from San Jose State University, Stanford Alumni groups, the Campbell chapter of AARP, local companies, and individuals.

Finally, starting the next day on November 23, three of our members, Lucie Mueller, Pam Berry and I will be flying to Puerto Vallarta with Lions In Sight to contact three days of clinic in PV and La Penita. The team includes 4 optometrists and 15 others, including optometry students, Lions members and opticians.

We have weekly luncheons at the Danny's on Hillsdale and Almaden so join us anytime. Call me at 408-839-5495.

Arthur Low, OD
West San Jose – Campbell Lions

Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation



The Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation held its annual Veterans Day celebration. It included the dignitaries Senator Dave Cortese, Mayor Sergio Lopez far right along with Keynote speakers from the Military Veterans from Moffett Field.



Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation gave Special recognition to Senator Dave Cortese and it was presented by the President Harold Harvey.



The Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation gives a special recognition to the Del Mar High School band students for their hard working dedication and commitment to great music every year for the veterans celebration.



By Margaret Schieck, Co-President

Welcome to November and the chillier mornings of fall. On November 11th, we take a moment to thank our veterans for their service and honor all those who have served. Holidays are around the corner. Thanksgiving is on the 27th, when many of you will be welcoming holiday vacations or traveling to see relatives and friends. It's a fun and busy month.

Our AARP Chapter 5151 enjoyed a charming musical program put on by the talented stu-

dents of the DaVinci Academy. This excellent local school does community outreach, which was at our October meeting. This was followed by a presentation by our Legislative Chair on the pros and cons of Proposition 50. She worked hard to cut through all of the political advertising hype and explained the heart of the issue. California came together well for this issue. In November, Kerry Perkins of the Ainsley House and Campbell History Museum will be our speaker. She will be telling us about a Cold War-era spy who resided in Campbell. Kerry's presentations are always

very informative and extremely interesting. She is a very popular and educational speaker.

The Campbell Area Chapter 5151 of AARP meets on the third Tuesday of each month except January in room Q 80 of the Campbell Community Center. Coffee and snacks are ready at 9:15 A.M., as are the Treasure Chest and Book Tables. The formal meeting begins at 10 A.M. One does not need to be a Campbell resident to join this group. We welcome everyone and bring your friends too. We hope to see you on November 18th at our meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

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DECEMBER 4 6PM-8PM

Donate a Toy to support Campbell Toy Drive
Come & Enjoy Hot Cocoa & DoubleTree Chocolate Chip Cookies, and Asian Box Gluten Free Chocolate Chip Cookies at The Pruneyard Shopping Center

The Power of Connection at Neighborhood Hands

At Neighborhood Hands, transformation begins with a simple truth: we rise by lifting each other.

The Story

At Neighborhood Hands, we believe that real change starts with people. It begins when two neighbors meet, roll up their sleeves, and work side by side.

That's exactly how our Founder, **Bill Sullivan**, met **Luis Palacios**.



"I met Luis out at the park," Bill recalls. "One of our longtime participants, London Foreman — who has since passed away — kept saying, 'You've got to meet this guy Luis. He's got something special.'"

When Bill finally did, Luis was quiet, observant, and hanging back near the truck, watching how things worked. But Bill noticed something that stood out: a willingness to help, an openness to learn, and a spark of leadership.

Luis had only recently gotten back indoors after three years of homelessness. Finding work had been hard, and finding hope even harder. "I had just about given up," he remembers. "Then I heard about Neighborhood Hands — and it changed my life. It gave me purpose again."

Bill put Luis in charge of a small crew at the **Heritage Rose Garden**, a place where eve-

ry flower is cared for by devoted volunteers. "At first, they didn't want us working there," Luis says with a smile. "Then, after they saw what we could do, they asked us to come back."

That small act of trust turned into something much bigger — not just for Luis, but for everyone around him. "It's an awesome feeling," he says. "To go some-where and feel out of place, and then to be asked back. That's powerful."

A Friendship Forged in Purpose

What began as a park cleanup became a partnership rooted in dignity, respect, and shared faith.

"I saw in Luis what Neighborhood Hands is all about," Bill says. "He was willing to serve, he had no ego, and he led with compassion. That's rare. He reminded me that we don't need degrees or titles to change lives — just the heart to show up and do God's work."

Luis describes Bill as "different from anyone I've ever met. Most people in charge stand on the sidelines. Bill's right there with you. He's not just telling



you what to do — he's working beside you. That's why you feel like you belong."

That sense of belonging carried Luis through profound loss. When his brother became ill, Bill encouraged him to take time off to care for him. "Because of Neighborhood Hands, I got to spend those last eight months with my brother — indoors, not on the street," Luis says, his voice catching. "That meant everything to me."

Transformation, Inside and Out

Today, Luis leads Neighborhood Hands crews himself — guiding dozens of unhoused or economically insecure neighbors through each Saturday morning cleanup at Guadalupe Gardens. Bill has watched his growth with pride. "He's clean and sober, a devoted father and grandfather, and a leader with compassion that can't be taught. He's living proof that when people are given dignity and opportunity, they rise — and they lift others with them."

Luis now serves on the Neighborhood Hands Board of Directors, helping shape the very program that helped him rebuild his life. "I joined because I want people to see that homelessness doesn't define who we are," he says. "We just need people to see us, to know that we matter."

That belief — that everyone deserves to be seen, heard, and valued — is what fuels Neighborhood Hands. Each time our community gathers in the park, you can feel it: the laughter, the teamwork, the simple joy of connection.

"People think they're coming to help clean up a park," Bill reflects. "But what really happens is healing — for everyone."

Looking Ahead

As we enter a new year, we carry stories like Bill's and Luis's close to our hearts. They remind us that change doesn't happen because of one act of charity — it happens because of ongoing compassion, shared work, and the belief that everyone has something to give.

At Neighborhood Hands, we'll keep building that community of love and belonging, one Saturday, one handshake, one connection at a time.

Because when neighbors come together — housed and unhoused — hope grows, dignity is restored, and lives are transformed.

Summary Paragraph (for re-use as I create smaller versions for emails/social media)

At Neighborhood Hands, transformation begins with

Campbell Residents: Adopt A Storm Drain!

West Valley Stormwater Authority Is on the Job

The West Valley Stormwater Authority, which serves Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga, works year-round to manage stormwater runoff, reduce pollution, and maintain the drainage infrastructure that keeps our neighborhoods safe. City crews handle the large and complex jobs like cleaning inlets, removing debris, maintaining pipes, and meeting state and regional clean water requirements.

Campbell, Let's Do This!

To build on this effort, the Authority has launched a new one-year pilot "Adopt a Storm Drain" program in Campbell. The idea is simple: residents can "adopt" a storm drain near their home and help keep it clear of leaves, trash, and debris, especially before and during storms. Clean storm drains mean cleaner creeks, less flooding, and healthier neighborhoods for everyone now and in the future.

This pilot will be evaluated after one year and, if successful, may expand to other West Valley communities. Signing up is quick and easy. Visit CleanCreeks.org/StormDrain to choose a storm drain in your neighborhood and become a Storm Drain Volunteer today.

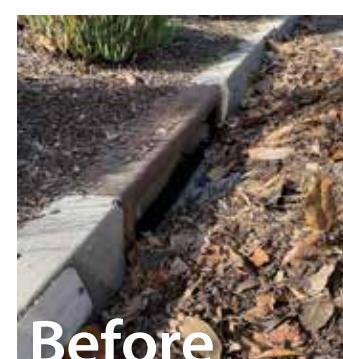
The Challenge Continues

Much of Campbell's storm drain system is decades old, and storms are becoming more intense and unpredictable. At the

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Campbell Residents: Adopt A Storm Drain!



Before

After

Volunteer to keep a local storm drain clean to prevent street flooding, protect our environment, and keep our waterways healthy. Sign up to choose a storm drain to adopt and receive cleanup supplies to safely remove trash and debris. We ask for a commitment to clean your storm drain twice a month for one year. [Adopt today!](#)



Sign up:
CleanCreeks.org/StormDrain



Protecting Our Waterways • CleanCreeks.org

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Connect With Your Neighbor, Change Lives

Our mission is to create opportunities for people experiencing homelessness or economic insecurity to connect with their community and find support. Through activities that improve shared spaces, we bring neighbors together—housed and unhoused—to build relationships, strengthen our neighborhoods, and foster a more inclusive community where everyone can thrive.



What We Do

We provide a no-barrier opportunity for unhoused and housed neighbors to come together to beautify underfunded city parks.

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-Adam, Participant

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Campbell Chamber of Commerce

Campbell Community Toy Program: Join the Holiday Magic!

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The season kicks off in **November** when toy collection barrels pop-up all over town. You'll find them at local businesses, schools, and favorite holiday events like **Carol of Lights** and **Making Spirits Bright**. Even **Santa Claus himself** joins the fun, rolling through Campbell neighborhoods for

the annual "*Santa Claus is Coming to Town*" toy drive—collecting donations and spreading cheer!

After the toys are gathered, volunteers at **Home Church** sort, bag, and prepare thousands of gifts for delivery to families in need.

Want to be part of the magic?

- Attend one or all of the community events that support the Campbell Toy Program

◦ **Carol of Lights:** Saturday, December 6th at 4pm, Downtown Campbell

◦ **Making Spirits Bright Community Open House:** Thursday, December 11th 6pm-8:30pm, Darling Fischer Campbell



- **Host a donation barrel or Fill-A-Truck event** at your business, school or organization

• **Donate** new, unwrapped toys, games, or sporting goods, puzzles, and books, especially items for ages 11-14

- **Volunteer** to sort or bag gifts

Visit CampbellToyProgram.com to learn more, sign up, or find a donation site near you.

Together, we can bring holidays cheer to every Campbell family!

Campbell Toy Program Donation Barrel Locations

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Pennyland Toy Store 1875 S. Bascom Ave., #530 Campbell, CA 95008

Money Empowerment by Jill



Holiday Budgeting Tips That Won't Break the Bank

The holiday season is upon us once again! While it's a time filled with joy, celebration, and togetherness, it can also be a season where many people unintentionally take a step backward in their financial plans. The good news? Holiday budgeting doesn't have to be stressful.

Here are some simple, practical tips to help you stay on track and still enjoy all the season has to offer:

1. Make a List

Start by writing down everyone you'd like to give gifts to, as well as any extras you may need, like home decor, food, or party supplies. Having it all laid out helps you plan realistically and avoid impulse buys.

2. Set a Limit

Set a spending limit for gifts, and consider proposing a price cap with friends and family. Not only does this help your budget, but it also invites creativity and intention into your gift-giving.

3. Give Meaning

The most memorable gifts are often the most heartfelt, not the most expensive. Focus on items that are useful or meaningful to the person receiving them.

4. Give Time

Offer your time instead of things. Help a friend with yard work, run errands for a loved one, or babysit for a busy parent. The gift of your time and effort can mean more than any store-bought item.

5. Host Informal Gatherings

Plan a cozy dinner, game night, or movie night with close friends. Make it a potluck to keep costs low and the vibe relaxed.

6. Decorate with Flair (and Frugality)

Get crafty with homemade decorations. Think popcorn garlands, dried oranges, tree branches, or cranberries. The internet is full of fun, low-cost DIY ideas that can make your space festive without draining your wallet.

7. Watch the Sales

Start early and keep an eye out for deals. I personally stock up on wine or gift cards when I spot a good deal. These are great for last-minute or unexpected gift-giving!

8. Bake and Share

Who doesn't love homemade treats? Organize a baking day with friends or family, then put together small gift baskets with cookies, candies, or breads to share with others.

9. Avoid Self-Gifting

We've all done it. We buy something for ourselves because it's "on sale." Try to resist unless it's something you genuinely need.

10. Keep It Simple

Don't overcommit yourself. Choose events that truly bring you joy and let go of the pressure to gift everyone. Suggest simply spending time together instead of exchanging presents.

This season is meant to be joyful, not stressful. Looking back, I don't remember all the gifts I've received, but I do remember baking cookies, laughing with loved ones, and cuddling up for holiday movies.

**Enjoy the season,
Jill Scarnecchia**

Have a money management question?

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Mayor Sergio Lopez in the middle, Ken Johnson on the left and Rishaan Samuel and Tanisha Samuel holding the ribbon.



Left to right - Ken Johnson (Chamber of Commerce), Amita Dhingra (Owner) and Teresa Stanko from Chamber of Commerce office.





CITY NEWS *By Sergio Lopez*

Last month, the City of Campbell celebrated an important new milestone in the life of our community: the ribbon cutting celebrating the completion of the newly renovated Campbell Library.

Throughout our history, the establishment of a library has served an important role for a community, whether as a turning point or a fresh beginning. Traditionally, these could be limited to elite audiences, such as the codices which served as the foundation of monasteries in medieval Europe. Closer to the modern era, however, libraries have served as a demarcation point for communities to put down roots, while democratizing access to knowledge. The foundation point of many institutions of higher learning, such as Ivy League universities, traces back to humble donations of a set of books. In America, the post-industrial era saw libraries established in towns and cities, ensuring the knowledge to train the next generation of workers for the jobs of tomorrow was free and accessible.

The common thread in these examples is the establishment of a library as a way for members of a community to invest in the future. Libraries serve as a sign that a community both has roots in its past, while investing and planning for its future. They are built with the knowledge that funds invested will reap rewards across generations to come, the full impact of which may never be known by the original founders.

This was the kind of commitment which Campbell voters made with 2018's Measure O. Its passage was due to teamwork and collaboration between the city, the County Library District, and many Campbell residents who formed a citizens' committee to organize for its passage. The Measure passed with a

strong majority and called for a new police station as well as a renovated library.

These projects were key not only for the future of public safety in our community at the police station, but also to reaffirm our commitment to the library. Prior to the passage of Measure O, the library had not undergone renovations or significant updates since it was first constructed in the 1960s.

I can remember, as a child, walking up the old ramp which led to the entrance of the Campbell Library. It was a happy place, where all were welcome regardless of income or background, and a visit, accompanied by my mother, was always a happy treat. As the child of immigrants, I had in the library a refuge where I could fully express my curiosity — heading home with stacks of books at a time. I remember library staff being kind, patient, and supportive, and I know countless other Campbell residents can share similar stories.

Since Measure O's passage, Campbell residents have patiently waited for the completion of construction. Located in the heart of downtown, with construction taking place on our civic center campus, on either side of the Orchard City Green, many of us have seen firsthand the daily updates in progress as we pass through the space. A common theme I heard has been what seemed like sudden quick progress in the last year — though I have seen all of the behind the scene efforts which staff undertook to make that progress happen.

While the police station building is still underway, the city has now hit a milestone with construction of the renovated library building. Residents will have to wait until early next year, while the library is furnished,

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MUSEUM HAPPENINGS *Continued from page 2*

NEW EXHIBIT AT THE AINSLEY HOUSE

From the Archives: Revitalizing History—Transforming the Sleeping Porch at the Ainsley House

Once used as a guest bedroom for the Ainsleys' grand-

daughters, the sleeping porch at the Ainsley House has long been closed to visitors due to challenges in interpretation.

Launching From the Archives—a brand-new exhibit featuring rarely seen artifacts, personal

stories, and a closer look at the legacy of the Ainsley Packing Company. The transformation will also highlight unique architectural features of the Ainsley House not covered in regular tours.

THE POWER OF CONNECTION *Continued from page 5*

connection. When Founder Bill Sullivan met Luis Palacios, who had spent three years unhoused, a friendship was born that embodies what our mission is all about: people working side by side to rebuild not just parks, but lives — together.



Campbell Recreation Center News

Storytime with Santa - Friday, December 5th and Sunday, December 7th

Santa Claus is making a special stop at the Campbell Community Center to share a holiday story and spread some cheer! Parents and children will enjoy this festive annual tradition together, which includes a heartwarming story read by Santa, followed by a family visit and photo opportunity with Santa. Children are encouraged to wear their coziest pajamas, and holiday crafts will be available while families wait for their turn with Santa. Families will be seen in

the order they arrive for their visit with Santa.

Kids' Day at the CCC: Elves' Fun Shop - Saturday, December 13th

Parents have a quiet day in or a day out on the town while children enjoy an day with their friends, creating their own arts and crafts, playing games, and having fun. Bring your own lunch and water bottle.

Winter/Spring 2026 Registration

Registration opens at 9 AM on December 2nd for Campbell residents and December 3rd

for everyone! Don't miss your chance to sign up early at campbellca.gov/register. Discover all the exciting classes, programs, and events happening in the Winter/Spring season! View the full guide at campbellca.gov/activityguide.

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City Council & Planning Commission News



By Adam Buchbinder

The Planning Commission isn't doing as much Planning as it has in years past, as our work in simplifying and streamlining the city's processes, combined with the state's drive to make permitting less discretionary and more predictable, has led to fewer decisions passing across our dais, though at the same time, more permits issued.

To get an idea of what's changing this year, most new laws go into effect on January 1st of next year, but there are some exceptions.

The CEQA updates which were rolled into the budget, which greatly reduce the use of environmental lawsuits to delay or impede development and make many infill projects exempt from environmental review, took effect immediately this past June. While few projects use CEQA, this may be a "dog that didn't bark" situation, in that projects that weren't proposed because they'd have to go through the process may now be proposed. The various provisions of SB 79 (legalizing apartments

near transit) will go into effect in stages. The upzoning provisions go into effect for incorporated cities like Campbell on July 1 of next year, and in the meantime, cities can provide their own plans, called "Eckhouse Plans", to exempt themselves from these rules by rearranging the areas to be upzoned. Historically, cities have advocated for the option of local control in instances like this, but have rarely used it. As Campbell's downtown is near a VTA station, and the City

Council has expressed hesitation in allowing new development there, the city may develop such a plan. Further out, greater penalties for cities that obstruct or improperly deny housing will increase starting at the beginning of 2027.

Other changes, such as AB 1061, which allows the use of SB 9 (2021) to build duplexes in historic districts, so long as a historic structure isn't impacted, will go into effect at the beginning of 2026. Similarly, AB 1308, which requires

cities to complete a final inspection within ten days after a builder notifies them of completion of construction, will go into effect at the beginning of next year.

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



Historical Landmark House with A Mystery!



By Angela Soto

Stepping onto the grounds of the famous Winchester Mystery House in San Jose, California feels like entering another world. One that blurs the line between history, mystery, and the supernatural. The seemingly never ending mansion remains in eerie coldness and silence. This stands as a testament to Sarah Winchester's strange obsession with continuous construction and the unknown forces she believed haunted her.

As you approach the massive Queen Anne-style faç-

ade, your eyes catch the dizzying array of gables, towers, and stained-glass windows. The air carries a sense of curiosity and unease. After checking in at the visitor center, the tour begins with a guide sharing the backstory of Sarah Winchester, the widowed heiress to the Winchester rifle fortune. According to legend, she built this labyrinth of a home to appease the restless spirits of those killed by the rifles her husband's company produced.

Inside, the mansion feels like a maze designed by a dreamer—or a ghost. The rooms are both beautiful and bewildering. Intricate woodwork and handcrafted details show Sarah's wealth and taste, yet her architectural choices defy logic. You climb staircases that lead directly into ceilings, open doors that drop off into empty space, and peer through windows that look into other rooms instead of outdoors. Every corner holds a surprise, and every hallway seems to twist back on itself, as if intentionally trying to confuse both visitors and spirits alike.

Closets to closed doors. Locked cabinets to walls. Beautiful garden rooms with bathrooms that don't close. What a beautiful place to explore and experience with such a lovely staff.

The various guided tours are a major national attraction and full of bizarre and odd architectural features. This is a must see major tourist attraction and it can be rented for private parties too!

It's a great way to explore what is happening and available for everyone to enjoy in this local community.

For tickets to see guided tours or learn more about the Winchester Mystery House. Check out their website at www.winchestermysteryhouse.com



Photos by Chris Hardy
courtesy of New Ballet.

Tago Hayato Fujita-Gomez
as The Nutcracker and
Naomi Le as Clara

Who: New Ballet, in collaboration with Symphony San Jose, presents

What: The San Jose Nutcracker

When: Saturday, Dec. 13 through Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025.

Where: California Theatre, 345 S. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113

Downtown Parking Guide: <https://Parksj.org>

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Choreographer: Dalia Rawson

Music: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky "The Nutcracker"

Conductor: Thomas Shoebottom

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The performances of this favorite holiday ballet span two full weekends (December 13-23, 2025).

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NOVEMBER MOVIES

By Sam Wilson



Tron: Ares – C

Arresting neon hues and a riveting Nine Inch Nails' score can't save the stale sci-fi action sequel from disappointment. After groundbreaking bringing digital constructs to life, a CEO (Evan Peters, "Kick-Ass") sends a program (Jared Leto, "Morbius") after a rival (Greta Lee, "Past Lives"). More a reboot than a sequel, mediocre director Joachim Ronning (Maleficent: Mistress of Evil, Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales) aims for spectacle, relying on generic action over quality storytelling.

Black Phone 2 – C+

Unnecessary cliche-filled sequel missing all that made the first a success. Four years after surviving the Grabber (Ethan Hawke, "Sinister"), Finn (Mason Thames, "How to Train Your Dragon") investigates Alpine Lake winter camp after his sister receives visions. Returning director Scott Derrickson (Sinister, Doctor Strange) creates a striking early-'80s aesthetic but misguidedly takes inspiration from "A Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Friday the 13th", leaning into supernatural and fantasy with less tension and grounded realism.

Bugonia – B+

Director Yorgos Lanthimos' (Poor Things, The Lobster) brilliantly bold paranoia black comedy delivers his quintessential surreal and uncomfortable style. A troubled conspiracy-theory obsessed man (Jesse Plemons, "The

Irishman") and his cousin kidnap a high-powered CEO (Emma Stone, "Cruella") they believe is an alien. A refreshing thriller that's bizarre and brutal with an epic score, proficient cinematography, and excellent lead performances.

The Smashing Machine – C+

Meandering and emotionally hollow biopic lacking strong drama and thrilling action. Tells the story of mixed martial artist and former UFC champion Mark Kerr (Dwayne Johnson, "Black Adam"), focusing on a difficult relationship and addiction to opioids. Johnson gives a transformative, career-best performance while Emily Blunt (Oppenheimer) similarly stands out. Writer-director Benny Safdie, co-director of "Good Times" and "Uncut Gems", takes a raw, documentary-style approach to the punchless material.

Good Fortune – B-

Comedian Aziz Ansari's (Funny People) writer-director feature debut is a likable but forgettable light comedy. A well-meaning angel (Keanu Reeves, "John Wick") swaps the situations of a rich tech entrepreneur (Seth Rogen, "Superbad") with an individual struggling to make ends meet (Ansari). Driven by star power with a traditional "Trading Places" and "It's a Wonderful Life" story that's underdeveloped. Rogen and Reeves form an exceptional duo while Keke Palmer (Nope) and Sandra Oh (Sideways) co-star.

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ENTERTAINMENT



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Roofman – B

Charming lighthearted drama with romantic-comedy elements from acclaimed indie director Derek Cianfrance (Blue Valentine, The Place Beyond the Pines). Based on a quirky true-crime story following a charismatic criminal (Channing Tatum, "Foxcatcher") hiding out at a toy store while falling for an employee (Kirsten Dunst, "Spider-Man") after escaping prison. Tatum and Dunst have great chemistry supported by a superb cast including LaKeith Stanfield (Knives Out), Peter Dinklage (Elf), Juno Temple (Apple TV's "Ted Lasso"), and Ben Mendelsohn (Captain Marvel).

After the Hunt – C+

Pretentious flawed-character piece that mistakes using ambiguity to provoke discussion as engaging storytelling. A Yale philosophy professor (Julia Roberts, "Pretty Woman") becomes caught in the middle of a star pupil (Ayo Edebiri, "Bottoms") accusing a colleague (Andrew Garfield, "Silence") of misconduct. The #MeToo cancel culture drama is easily one of director Luca Guadagnino's (Challengers, Susperia) weaker works. Roberts and Michael Stuhlbarg (A Serious Man) impress despite the muddled script and messy ending.

Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere – C

Rising-star Jeremy Allen White's (The Iron Claw) captivating performance as the uncompromisingly defiant icon aside, there's not enough meat here to justify crafting a feature. Director Scott Cooper's (Crazy Heart, Black Mass) mundane biopic follows a depressed young-30s Bruce Springsteen from 1981-1982 after his first hit album before making the anti-commercial album "Nebraska". Hindered by a limited scope while a brooding Springsteen moping around with flashbacks to his alcoholic father hardly makes for must-see drama.

ADOPT A STORM DRAIN

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same time, state and regional clean-water requirements continue to expand. Meeting these challenges will require continued investment from the City and from the community. Programs like Adopt a Storm Drain help residents protect the community and see firsthand how this hidden infrastructure works and why it matters. Learn more about West Valley Stormwater Authority at CleanCreeks.org.



Wednesday, November 5
7:30pm

Ghosts of Calico

Thursday, November 6
6:00pm

Pro Blues Jam

Friday, November 7
7:30pm

Mitch Polzak

Saturday, November 8
7:30pm

Jukebox Boyz

Sunday, November 9
5:00pm

Feelin' Randy

Thursday, November 12
7:00pm

First Call

Thursday, November 13
6:00pm

Pro Blues Jam

Friday, November 14
7:30pm

Encore

Wednesday, November 15
7:30pm

Jinx Jones

Wednesday, November 19
6:00pm

Kurt, Johnny and Jim Bruno

Thursday, November 20
6:00pm

Pro Blues Jam

Friday, November 21
7:30pm

Whole Shot

Saturday, November 22
7:30pm

Chrome Deluxe

Wednesday, November 26
7:00pm

HOOTENANNY

Thursday, November 27
CLOSED

Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28
7:30pm

Rachel Sprung and the Soul Service

Saturday, November 29
7:30pm

SwagTones

Wednesday, December 3
6:00pm

Eurotrash

Thursday, December 4
6:00pm

Pro Blues Jam

Friday, December 5
7:30pm

Lencat

Saturday, December 6
7:30pm

Engine Room

Monday, December 8
6:30pm

Sound Decision Toys for ToT's

Wednesday, December 10
7:00pm

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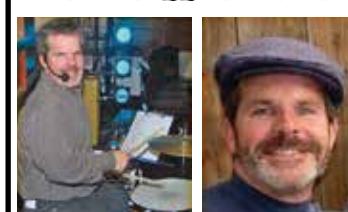


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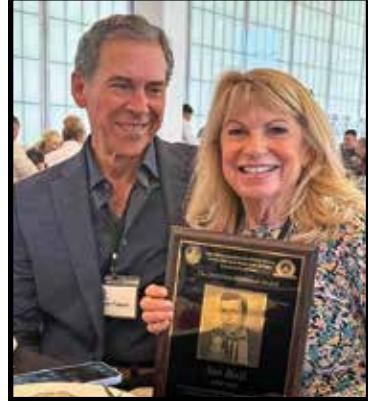
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Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame Welcomes Class of 2025 at Oakland Celebration

OAKLAND — The Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame (BARHOF) celebrated its Class of 2025 with a lively luncheon on Saturday, October 18, at Scott's Seafood Restaurant on Jack London Square. The annual event, which honors the region's most influential broadcasting voices, drew a packed room of industry profes-



As voted by the Bay Area radio listeners Sue Hall won the prestigious Don Sherwood Award among the active Bay Area radio hosts. She was given the award at the BARHOF luncheon at Scott's in Oakland Saturday October 18, 2025.

sionals, friends, and fans united by their shared passion for radio. BARHOF members Rosie Allen and John Evans served as emcees, guiding attendees through an afternoon of tributes, stories, and laughter honoring both new and legacy inductees. The 2025 class reflected the rich history and ongoing vibrancy of Bay Area radio, featuring longtime personalities and behind-the-scenes contributors who shaped the sound of local airwaves.

Among the new inductees were Clark Reid, Brian Copeland, Jona Denz-Hamilton, Cammy Blackstone, Lisa Carr, Ron Hummel, Mike Smith, Bob Harlow, the late Rick Shaw, Mike Krukow, Patti Reising, Rebecca Corral, and Jeanne Marie Acceturo. Each honoree received recognition for their lasting impact on listeners across generations.

The Don Sherwood Award — chosen by active Bay Area radio listeners to honor a current on-air personality — was presented to Sue Hall. Her enduring presence and engaging connection with local audiences earned heartfelt applause from the attendees.

BARHOF member Sam Van Zandt also acknowledged this year's Legacy inductees, honoring radio pioneers

who paved the way for today's broadcasters. The 2025 Legacy class included Ron Baker, Bill Collins, Jack Hayes, Jo Interrante, Herb Kennedy, Wally King, Jimmy Lyons, Doug Montell, Sean O'Callaghan, Mal Sharpe, Jeff Skov, and George Snell.

Capping off the celebration, BARHOF presented Lifetime Achievement Awards to founder David Ferrell Jackson and Executive Director Len Shapiro, both recognized for their dedication to preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of Bay Area radio.

The afternoon blended nostalgia with celebration, reaffirming that the voices and stories born from Bay Area studios continue to resonate — not just through airwaves, but through the shared memories of the community they've inspired.



Left to right Jean Marie Acceturo (educator, El Cerrito High School) Mike Smith (engineer), Lisa Carr (Specialty, Traffic Reporter), Brian Copeland (On Air Host), Cammy Blackstone (On Air Host), Bob Harlow (Management), Jona Denz-Hamilton (On Air Host), Clark Reid (Management), Patti Reising (News), Len Shapiro (Lifetime Achievement as Executive Director), David Ferrell Jackson (Lifetime Achievement as Founder). I sent you the article as Rick Shaw (On Air Host) has passed, Mike Krukow (Sports) could not attend, and Rebecca Corral (News) and Ron Hummel (Specialty Production) were not there in time for the photo.

CITY NEWS

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until it is open to the public, however. Expect another community celebration when the Library's doors officially open — it will represent a new page in the story of Campbell.

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

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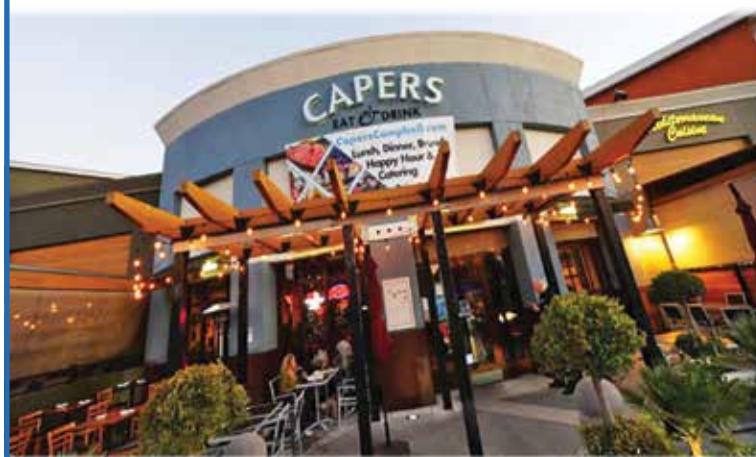
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By Chris Jackson
"Mayor of Silicon Valley"

It's November, and here in Campbell we can be grateful for our rich history of live music. Do you remember the clubs by the Campbell Water Tower? There was The Bodega which became Gilbert Zapps, and Smokey Mountain which became Puma's, then King's Head, then The Spot. My first professional gig was at Smokey Mountain—with my high school band (Leland High in San Jose). I'll never forget being told I couldn't come out of the little "backstage room" if I wasn't on stage, because I was underage. I thought that was so cool.

Today, Campbell's live music scene is easy to find. Campbell's big annual festivals: Boogie Music Festival and Oktoberfest offer several stages of free live music every

year. We have Little Lou's BBQ on Winchester near San Tomas Expressway, Heritage Theater next to the Campbell Community Center track, Cedar Room at the Pruneyard Cinemas, Capers Eat & Drink, one of my favorite spots, the Ainsley House, and many more.

And all through the years—from The Bodega to the Cedar Room today—there they were... Taco Bravo on Bascom Ave., right across from The Pruneyard. Taco Bravo was "open 'til 3:00am" feeding hungry club goers as they ended their nights. Oh, and Taco Bravo... it's still there. Have one for me ☺.

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

A HOLIDAY RADIO HOUR

By Carol W. Gerwitz

Get ready for "A Holiday Radio Hour Concert"! The Orchard City Community Chorus, celebrating its 40th year, invites you to the United Methodist Church (1675 Winchester Boulevard) on Saturday, December 6, at 7:30 PM.

Featuring the Chorus along with the Orchard City Band and host Robert Solis and directed by Michael Taylor, this concert

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GARDEN TOOLS

As I sit at my desk, looking at the glorious sunshine and mild temperatures, I am having some difficulty accepting that autumn is here. Next week will be rain and much cooler temperatures. Although the days are shorter and nights noticeably cooler, I still feel that need to get outside and do something!

Last week I planted a package of Snow Pea seeds. First I soaked the seeds overnight in tepid water and used a dibble to get them into the soil. A dibble is a useful tool with a sturdy wooden handle and a pointed end encased in metal that resembles a capitol "T". It is used as one would imagine by just looking at it. Use the tip to make a hole the depth you need for what you are planting. It works exceptionally well for garlic and onions.

There are a great deal of useful garden tools and with the holidays upon us, this might be a good time to investigate some.

Here are some ideas that your gardener friends might appreciate as gifts.

A Hori Hori knife is one of the most important tools in my garden arsenal. One end of the blade is serrated for sawing and the other has a straight edge, useful for cutting. With its total length of 11 inches, it is extremely useful for digging small trenches and extracting bulbs and tubers. The blade has markers indicating the depth you have dug, which is helpful for spacing starts and the depth requirements of seedlings and bulbs.

Every gardener has that one pair of gloves that they treasure. My preference are the cloth covered ones with rubber finger tips. They allow me to get into the soil and helps keep my hands clean. Although I must admit, I am mostly a bare handed gardener. Gloves only last so long and having the best one for the designated job is use-



ful. Long sleeve gloves work great for pruning roses and waterproof gloves are useful working damp or wet soil. Also, there are some things in the garden we just don't want to touch.

The obvious trowel is a must and as essential as a good set of pruning shears. Prices of shears range from a few dollars to several hundred. Keep in mind, these are tools that should last a very long time and focusing on cost rather than reliability and quality will only disappoint. I have shears for several different uses: roses, small flowers, large branches and a nice little saw for fruit trees.

Garden books seem to take a back seat to the internet these days and I must admit, my entire garden library seldom gets utilized. I do enjoy browsing through the older books while searching out a specific plant for a designated purpose such as good pollinator or drought tolerant plants.

A garden basket is useful for harvesting just about anything although it seems it is always full of something waiting to be washed, sorted or recycled. There are some really nice baskets that I prefer for mushrooming as they are light weight and easy to clean. Specialty pots can be a real treasure and I have some that I received as gifts 40 years ago. Finally, don't be afraid to get creative when selecting gifts

or plants for your gardener friends. My garden is filled with decorations and unusual signs and "things". Bulbs and plants are always welcome and not to worry, the gardener will find the right place for everything. Anyway, best of everything in 2026. Your gardener will appreciate your insight. And just in case you are the gardener, grow something new and try a different method.

In Addition... Campbell All High School Reunions

The Campbell Press wanted to clarify the recognition of the Organizers Committee.

It was originally printed with Dave Turner and he shared that it was a full committee and gave the Organizers Committee names.

The Campbell Press referred to "Dave Turner, organizer." In fact, the organizers, whom you labeled as "volunteers" under one of the photos, were the members of the Campbell High Class of 1967 Reunion Committee, who began working on this in December 2023 (Gary Zietlow, Linda Lamb Gera, Charlie Childs, Patti Barbano Jones, Joanne Bravo, Jim Crouch, Michael Silva, Dave Turner (all class of 67), Shirley Hennessy Dourgarian (class of 69), and Jeanne Navarra (class of 66)).

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Created by Colin Escott and Floyd Mutrux

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Directed by Randall King, MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET runs November 19 – December 14, 2025, at The Stage (490 South 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113). The press opening will take place on Saturday, November 22, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$34 – \$84 and can be purchased through the Box Office at (408) 283-7142 or online at www.thestage.org.

On the night of December 4, 1956, four legends walked into Sun Records Studio, and rock 'n' roll history is made. Million Dollar Quartet takes you inside that legendary jam session

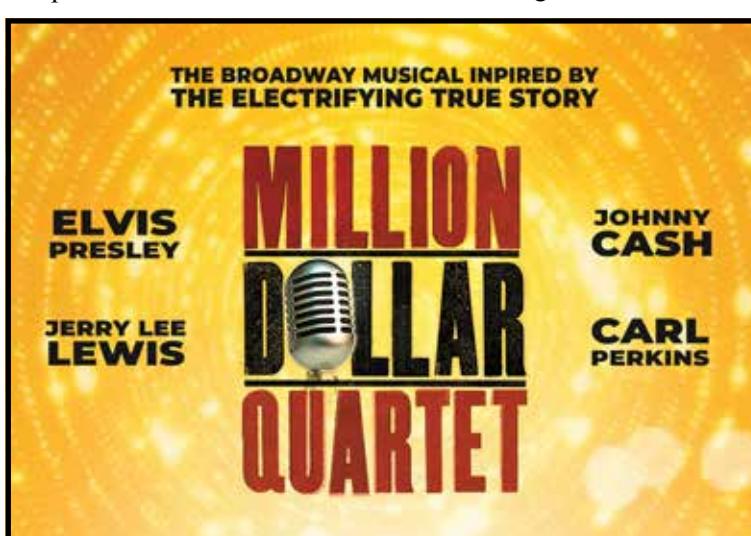
when Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins came together for one unforgettable night of music. What started as a casual drop-by turned into musical magic—with tensions running just as high as the harmonies. This holiday season, enjoy the Tony Award-nominated musical packed with the hits that defined an era: "Blue Suede Shoes," "Great Balls of Fire," "Walk the Line," "Hound Dog,"

risk, and rebellion that defined a generation. We're thrilled to bring this story to life on our stage this holiday season." – Randall King, Artistic Director

The cast of MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET will feature Bryant Cobb as "Johnny Cash," Cody Craven* as "Elvis Presley" Ashley Garlick* as "Dyanne," Nick Kenbrandt as "Jerry Lee Lewis," Tarif Papu as "Carl Perkins," Teddy Spencer* as "Sam Phillips," Daniel Murguia as "Brother Jay," and Troy Herner-Brown as "Fluke."

In addition to Randall King, the creative team includes Nick Kenbranndt (Music Director), Monica Moe (Choreographer), Robert Pickering (Scenic Design), Ashley Garlick (Costume Design), Maurice Vercoutere (Lighting Design), Steve Schoebeck (Sound), Bill Vujevich (Scenic Paint), Iliana M. Karbowski* (Stage Manager), and Kris Contreras.

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TICKET INFORMATION

Single tickets and subscriptions to San Jose Stage Company's 2025-2026 Season may be purchased online at www.thestage.org.

Tickets: \$38 – \$84 at [thestage.org](http://www.thestage.org) or (408) 283-7142

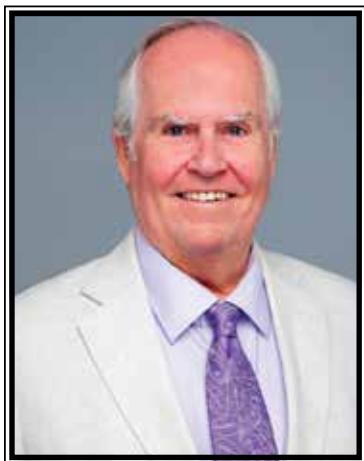
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The first and most obvious one is shelter. People need a place to live and owning a home provides that and more. With your own home you're free to landscape, garden, paint, remodel or expand to your heart's content. Many people find consi-

derable satisfaction in the create they put into their homes. Of course there's costs but you don't have to ask for anyone's permission other than your own.

Investment is another goal people have. Buying a home has proven to be a great way to build inter-generational wealth as appreciation and loan pay-downs work together to increase one's net worth. Of course there's the idea of buying or owning rental property as well. Rental property could be residential or commercial. Either way, one builds equity and, again, contributes to building wealth. Rental income helps to pay-down any mortgages and can provide additional income.

Some have a goal of a larger home...others a smaller home, depending on what stage of their life they're in. A young couple that bought a comfy townhouse and started their family may want a bigger home with a yard for their kids and dog. That same family, years later, may want a smaller home to feel more relaxed in or to be

closer to their grandchildren. Some homes are sold to settle the estate of those who've left us.

Most people buying a home want to be close to their work and have an easy commute. Some want a second home for vacations or retirement. Some people want to venture further into the rental area with multi-family buildings or commercial properties of one sort or another. Each option requires different skills from a Realtor. Different property types have different disclosures and inspection, some optional and other required. A good Realtor knows what to use and when to call in additional support.

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ALL-INCLUSIVE RESORT GETAWAYS

By Susan Lola

Virgin Islands, US Virgin Islands, and more. Additionally, Mexico has many in places with all-inclusive resorts such as Cozumel, Cancun, Puerto Vallarta, Playa del Carmen, Riviera Maya, and more. Europe also has some all-inclusive resorts in Greece, Italy and Switzerland to name a few countries.

TYPES OF RESORTS

All inclusive resorts come in different types - adults only, family friendly, couples only. Resorts have many different features beaches, scuba, snorkeling, golf, skiing, tennis, pickleball, spa, and waterparks and more. Many provide wedding, and vow renewal, options assisting with your plans. Resorts range from Contemporary to Ultra Luxury, including butler service and over-the-water bungalows.



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CHOOSING A RESORT

Does it fit my budget is one thing to consider, but there are many things to ponder. What activities are available, such as scuba, water skiing, golf or water parks? What resort features appeal to you, such as the beach, resort size – big/small or in between, intimate or lots of family, accessibility? What types of rooms – need to fit your whole family or just 2 people? What pool types are available - swim up suites, rooftop/sky pools, infinity pools, private pools? Does the resort have an active nightlife or peace and quiet? What age group - some resorts attract travelers of a particular age group, and some are good for all ages? Are food options important to you – variety of food types, quality of food? There is an all-inclusive resort for everyone!

WHERE CAN YOU FIND
AN ALL-INCLUSIVE
RESORT

All inclusive resorts are located on many islands in the Caribbean such as Jamaica, Turks and Caicos, St. Lucia, Dominican Republic, Curacao, St. Vincent, Grenada, Barbados, Bahamas, British

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Campbell Crime Report



By Carol W. Gerwitz

Hazel Ave./Virginia Ave. (S) was reported to be stumbling in the middle of the street. Upon contact (S) displayed objective signs and symptoms of being under the influence and was later determined to be under the influence. (S) also found in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Booked.

Emerson Ave. Unknown (S) removed (V)'s vehicles door handle, forced entry into the vehicle and rummaged through the items inside of the vehicle.

E. Hamilton Ave. (S) started a fire at the front door of the business. (S) was located and stopped. (S) was in possession of a methamphetamine pipe, was under the influence of a controlled substance, and was on Post Release Community Supervision for PC 451 (arson). Booked.

Budd Ave. (S) was observed driving into a park during closed hours. (S) was con-

tacted and determined to be DUI. Booked.

Virginia Ave. (S) intentionally broke and removed (V)'s passenger window from his vehicle and fled due to the car alarm. (S) fled prior to CPD arrival.

E. Hamilton Ave. (S1) and (S2) were seen stealing electricity. (S2) was seen in possession of a glass smoking pipe. (S2) cited and released for possessing drug paraphernalia.

Orchard City Dr. (S) brandished a knife in a rude and threatening manner with intent to cause harm. (S) was also publicly intoxicated. Booked.

Camden Ave. (S) was contacted after calling 911 stating people were after him. (S) was determined to be under the influence of a CNS stimulant. Booked.

Marathon Dr. (S) used her vehicle and tried to back up into (V) by running him over. (S) is at large.

E. Hamilton Ave. (S) called for medical assistance and

when contacted was determined to be in possession of a switchblade. (S) fled into his residence prior to the arrival of CPD officers. (S) was unable to be contacted again. To DA.

Campbell Technology Pkwy. (S) was contacted inside his vehicle. (S) was seen with pepper spray and controlled substances in the vehicle and a large amount of bills on his person. Booked.

Crockett Ave. Unknown (S) requested nude photos from (V) and then called (V) telling him they could help him get the photos off of the internet.

Victor Ave. (V) stated that an unknown (S) attempted to steal her identity and attempted to transfer money out of her bank account. (S) is at large.

Budd Ave. (S) got into an argument with another dog owner. (S) approached (V) and brandished a firearm at him. (S) fled on foot prior to CPD arrival. (S) was located and was cooperative and taken into custody. (S) was found to be in possession of

a loaded firearm concealed in his waistband. (S) provided written consent to search and take his additional firearms. (S) disclosed he was in possession of a conversion kit (glock to SBR).

Sunnybrook Ct. (V) was a victim of mail theft and his stolen credit card was used.

Budd Ave. (S) was reported as sitting in his vehicle drinking a beer. (S) then drove to his residence with his juvenile daughter in the vehicle. (S) was contacted and determined to have been driving under the influence of alcohol. Booked.

Industrial St./Kennedy Ave. (S) was reported as an unwanted subject who was throwing rocks towards vehicles parked in the area. No vandalism occurred. (S) was contacted and provided false identifying information. (S) had an outstanding warrant for grand theft out of SCCSO. Booked.

Jeffrey Ave. (S1) forced entry into the back of a USPS delivery truck, stealing a tray

of mail, before entering the passenger seat of a different vehicle and fleeing the scene.

E. Hamilton Ave./Salmar Ave. (S) was stopped for CVC violation. Vehicle had expired registration, but had a "2026" registration tab on the license plate. (S) admitted the registration was expired and the tab belonged to another one of his vehicles. Cited and released.

Union Ave. (S) was a solicitor that got into a verbal argument making criminal threats to (V) who was a resident at the apartment complex.

Winchester Blvd. (S) attempted to buy alcohol past the 0200 hour curfew. (V) told (S) he could not sell him the alcohol. (S) walked behind the counter and hit (V) on the forearm two times. (S) fled the scene on foot westbound on Budd Avenue.

Ricky Ct. (V) reported that (S) arrived at his house and left items on the front yard, being in violation of a court order. (S) is at large.

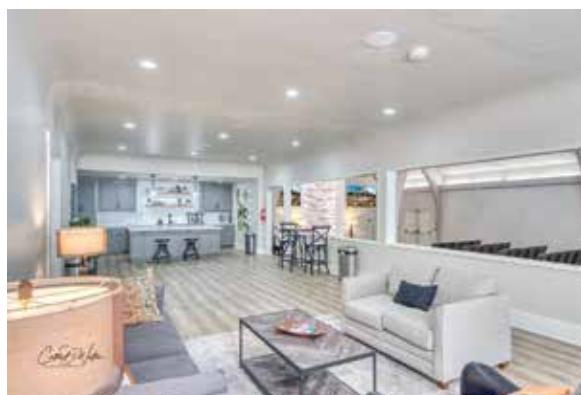
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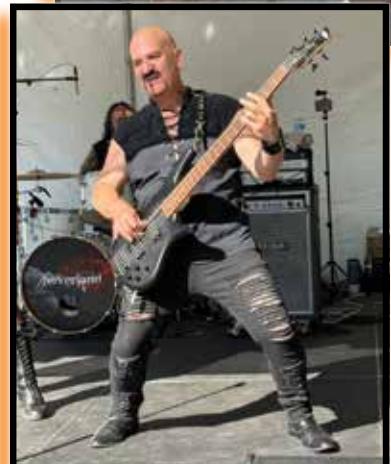
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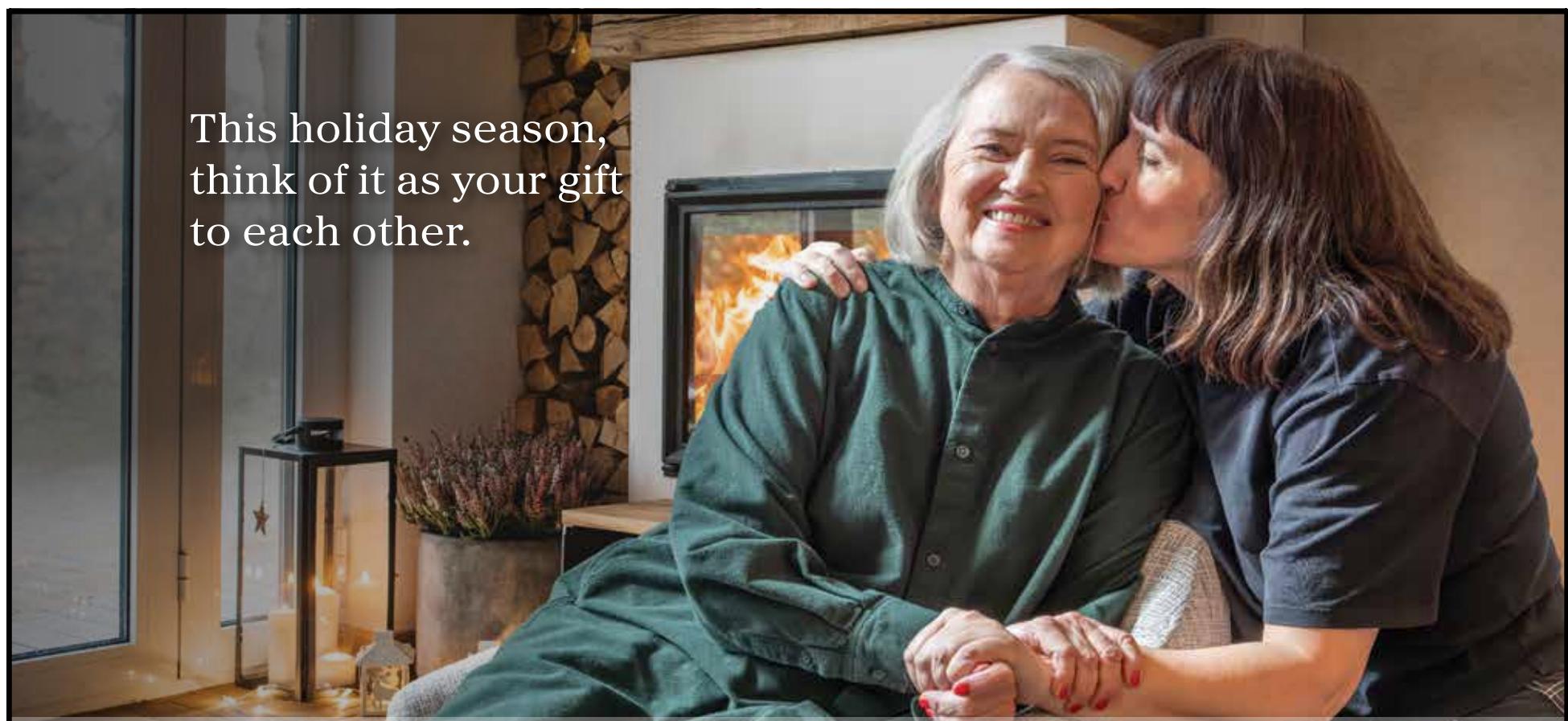


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