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A REFLECTION ON MAYOR LANDRY'S CAMPBELL: 2024 STATE OF THE CITY By Benjamin Noel

Mayor Susan Landry's robust landscaping background took front stage at her State of the City Address. With sustainability as this year's theme, attendees were welcomed by booths presenting information on water conservation and creating droughtresistant gardens, as well as a

Mayor Landry's landscaping background necessarily tied her to the planet, and that shows in her careful consideration of human factors affecting the environment, such as air quality, solid waste and composting, stormwater and other water conservation. City

placed with drought tolerant plants, thanks to a \$50,000 grant. And briefly jumping back to the plants on stage with the mayor, be not surprised if you see them around city parks, as those very plants are now being tested by city landscapers for a wider launch in the city.

On the topic of housing, three residential projects have been approved, namely 2 100% affordable housing projects, and another development at Campbell Technology Parkway consisting of 28 detached single-family homes and 263 townhomes. These 3 projects tally together for a grand total of 485 units. For the medium-term future, the Housing Element plan cites locations for 2,900 housing units to be built in the next 8 years. Additionally, creation of the role of Housing Coordinator this year backed by the 2 year Unhoused Specialist Grant, shows clear strides towards solving the unhoused problem in the city.

A great deal more of city information, including the Economic Development Plan, Financial planning, Measure K, and other plans and projects can be found on city websites and on a recording of the State of the City Address, available to watch on YouTube.

Despite also being mayor back in 2020, during the height of the pandemic, Landry relayed that the job looked worlds different this year. With the world opened back up, Mayor Landry has been



The Police Department and a teen-age volunteer group are recognized by the Mayor for its work and dedication to protecting the community and public safety is a key element of this program. For more information look to the story on page 4.

providing acknowledgments and signing proclamations for notable and outstanding citizens. Landry was especially happy to regale the celebration of Victor, a 100 year old Campbellian who was suggested for a proclamation by his neighbor, who was celebrated by neighbors and officially recognized by the Mayor.

When getting together with Mayor Landry for coffee some time after the address, I learned more about what she's been the most proud of. Mayor Landry fondly reflected on some of the high points of her year as mayor, and further, during her stint on city council. With no hesitation, Landry recounted sticking the first shovel in the ground for the construction of the new police building as a highlight of her city career. This comes as no surprise, given her close involvement with Measure O throughout the years, starting from the immense legwork

behind getting the measure on the ballot all the way till the recent ground-breaking a few months back. The estimated completion date of both the Library Renovation Project and Police Operations Building is Summer 2025.

Mayor Landry emotionally confessed that it has been an honor to have served the people of Campbell. She worked to preserve the small town charm of our growing city. While Campbell is becoming host of larger businesses and buildings, some even 6-7 stories tall, Landry worked to balance the necessary growth of the city with the same charm that it has held for decades past.

She also has personally connected with and supported tons of city departments, in big ways and small, keeping Campbell feeling like home. Just know, if you see a police dog running around with a cape, know Mayor Landry is to thank!



Mayor Susan Landry has a home style interview with a journalism student who is a part of the Police Department's Teen Volunteers program.

Along with the review of the City. Mayor Landry created a sustainable display. The Valley Water District and the San Jose Energy Company were available for questions and information.

collection of succulents for attendees to take home. The green theme continued on to the stage, as the Mayor's fireside chat was surrounded by drought tolerant plants.

The theme of sustainability was all but superficial, as the Mayor was behind Campbell's very first Climate Action Plan. staff are taking measures to create updates and robust plans for all of the aforementioned factors, protecting our natural resources as Campbell continues to grow as a city to live and work in. Change will also be seen around the community center, as the non-functional lawns strewn between buildings will be re-

PICTURE OF THE MONTH THE RYMER FAMILY REUNION (see Here's Howe on page 2 for story) PHOTO © MATTHEW C. HOWE

Just a Little Bit of History

By Susan Blake, Campbell Historic Preservation Board

September's photo was taken of one of the two remaining original windows on the east side of the Hyde Cannery/Sunsweet Corporation (now The Cannery) at 300 Orchard City Drive. The windows can easily be seen along the light rail line, just south of the VTA station.

The fruit packing plant was established for the Flemming brothers in the 1880's. During the drying season of 1887, the Flemmings had 700 employees and shipped 1,800 tons of apricots and over 2,500 tons of other fruits. That summer 120 carloads of dried fruit were shipped out of Campbell to the east coast.

In 1892, orchardists established a farmer's cooperative, and the Campbell Fruit Growers Union was organized, talking over the facility. It included 17 acres of fruit drying yards.

In 1909, George E. Hyde bought the Fruit Growers Union acreage and converted it to a cannery, retaining most of



the drying yards. At one time, this was one of the largest drying yards in the world. Sunsweet Growers, Inc. took over in 1937 and was in operation here until 1971.

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

Happy Fall, Ya all.

WORD OF THE MONTH

"BOHEMIANISM"

[bō hēmēə nizəm] Noun

Practice of an unconventional lifestyle, often in the company of like-minded people.

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HAPPENINGS

MUSEUM MUSINGS...

30th Anniversary of Holidays at the Ainsley House

The Ainsley House is thrilled to welcome visitors this holiday season with a variety of festive events for the whole family. There's something for everyone to enjoy! Join us for a range of holiday celebrations, including Holiday Teas & Tours, the Holiday Boutique, Evening Open Houses, and Photos with Santa, as the Ainsley House spreads holiday cheer throughout Campbell. This year marks the 30th anniversary of celebrating the holidays at the Ainsley House, and the theme, "Holiday Heritage," will highlight the ancestral and cultural traditions of the decorators. Each room will be adorned to reflect these unique heritages, making the Ainsley House a magical and unforgettable experience.

The Ainsley House invites the community to enjoy a festive holiday season with a variety of events and activities. From November 14 through December 22, 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. The Holiday Boutique, located in the Carriage House and the kitchen on the first floor of the Ainsley House, will be open during regular visiting hours. It features a selection of unique seasonal gifts, ornaments, jewelry, scarves, and more, perfect for holiday shopping.

The Campbell Museum Foundation's annual Holiday Teas and Tours fundraiser will take place on December 6, 7, 8, 13, 14. and 15. Guests will enjoy finger sandwiches, champagne, a special Ainsley blend tea, and delicious treats in the Carriage House, followed by a self-guided tour of the Ainsley House. Seating begins at 12 PM, and admission is \$65 for the general public and \$60 for museum members. Proceeds support exhibits, education programs, and preservation efforts at the Campbell Historical Museum and Ainsley House. Reservations are required and can be made at www.campbellmuseums.com. Reservations Open October 16. Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the Ainsley House on Saturday, November 23, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Families can meet Santa in the festive Sun Porch room, with reservations available in one-hour time slots: 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, and 11 AM-12 PM. While waiting for their

turn, guests can enjoy hot choc-

olate and participate in holiday

crafts. Admission is \$20 per family,

and reservations can be made at

www.campbellmuseums.com.

The Ainsley House will host two special evening Open House events on Thursday, December 19, and Sunday, December 22, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. These events provide a wonderful opportunity to experience the house's holiday decorations at night, accompanied by live music in the living room and light refreshments in the Carriage House. Admission is \$15 for the general public, \$10 for museum members, and free for children 17 and under. Tickets will be available at the Carriage House on the evening of each event. For more information and to reserve your spot for the Holiday Teas, Santa Photos, and Open House events, please visit www.campbellmuseums.com.

HERE'S HOWE

So many great events are happening in Campbell this October and November. This Saturday and Sunday October 19th-20th is the 29th annual Oktoberfest (that I unfortunately will miss this year due to my travel schedule!) that will surely be another significant talked about hometown event. Check out the entertainment schedule on this month's back page. After you're done slurping beer at the festival, Saturday night at the Heritage Theatre you can enjoy a little nostalgia with a tribute to the music of Led Zepplin. Check out this talented group "Zepplin Live" as they run down the "Stairway to Heaven" of Zepplin's classic hits. Speaking of classics, on November 2nd at the Heritage is "Come Together: The Beatles Concert Experience." Enjoy the many songs we all know and love by this popular cover band. On November 9th is "Leonid & Friends" a tribute to the well-known horn group 'Chicago.' Then on November 22nd, Nick Carter, the youngest member of the Backstreet Boys, brings his solo act to the stage. I toured parts of the world with BSB back in 2001 when Nick

was barely of legal age. Now at the

that evening.

age of 44, I look forward to seeing him again and catching his seasoned performance. Starting at 4pm on October 27th, don't forget this year's "Creepy Crawl" downtown where your kids can enjoy receiving candy from local businesses and catch the zombie crawl performance to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" that takes place multiple times up and down the street

Lastly on the front page this month, is the 'Rymer family' that came back to Campbell after many years to celebrate their family reunion for three full days in style, enjoying local parks and restaurants including the Tower Kitchen, Garret Pizza, and Luna Mexican Kitchen in the Pruneyard. I grew up with the boys and was able to enjoy some good times and play some music with them, coming as far away as Temecula, California and Portland, Oregon to honor and respect where it all began for this great group of people. It was really great to see all of them.



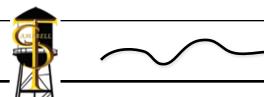
The Rymer Family Reunion

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Though the year of this orchard photo is unknown to me, it would accurately depict what I first saw across the street from my house on Budd Ave. in the early 1960's, before the Campbell Plaza shopping complex was built. The Campbell Plaza bottle shop where I had worked as a teenager, resided on the corner of the Safeway building underneath the giant 'S' sign before the Safeway's renovation in the 1990's. For those long-time locals who might remember, there was a laundromat once located on the back corner at Nido Dr. and Budd too, but I cannot recall its name. If any classmates or residents can remember, send me a message. Special thanks go out to my son Cyrus for taking the NOW photo for TCP, since I am currently out of town and unable to capture it myself.



LOCAL Cop Cards and New Cops By Carol W. Gerwitz



Move over Pokemon cards and baseball cards! Make way for Campbell PD's Cop Cards! The Cop Card Program, supported by the Campbell Police Foundation, was initiated in



1991 and re-vamped in 2016 with ongoing updates. The current cards are modeled after baseball cards with the officer's rookie year, rookie photo (from their childhood), a fun fact about the officer, and their bio on the back. The officers can choose their own pose for the front of the card, and the K9 officers have cards as well.

The cop cards (and stickers) are given freely to members of the community as a way of establishing lines of communication by starting impromptu conversations with kids-and adults. Chief Berg recalled that the most recent time he



gave out cards (and stickers) was while he was picking up lunch and saw a family with two kids. He made eye contact with the kids and started talking with the family and gave them his cop card. As



he walked away he heard the family discussing his fun fact found on the back of his card.

When an officer notices a child showing interest in their uniform, car or K9, offering a card provides a perfect opportunity for interaction. This simple gesture often attracts a crowd of curious kids and adults alike. Encouraging individuals to start a collection of cop cards has proven to be a popular and engaging way to build positive relationships within the community.

The CPD is proud to announce it has two more sworn-in officers. An enthusiastic gathering of family, friends, Campbell Police Department personnel, local government officials, and the public nearly filled the City Council Chambers for the Swearing in Ceremony of new police officers on



September 24. CPD Chief Gary Berg started the afternoon with a few remarks, expressing appreciation for and importance of family, not only among relatives but also within the community.

Next was the swearing in of Officer Sukhjit Hernandez and Officer Shelby Scanlan, fresh graduates from the police academy in Alameda County that morning. Chief Berg administered the oath, which

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PUBLISHER NOTES

By Nancy O. Whitney

Let the Holiday Season Begin!

October's issue is jam-packed with City and Chamber events and local news. You may have noticed that the front page has the state of the city address from Mayor Susan Landry. Also, a great photo of a local Campbell Family reunion, bringing relatives from far away places. That is a good example of why we love Campbell.

Page 3 tells the story of a unique program for our Campbell police department. It is a great community outreach and success having our local police officers with their baseball card photos with stats included. Get it signed and you are a collector. On page 4 an article written by upand-coming teenage journalist Sia Gupta. She was a volunteer in the police department's Teen Volunteer Explorer program and the journalist who interviewed the Mayor, Susan Landry.

The Chamber of Commerce is once again holding the Oktoberfest. The very first Oktoberfest was held in the early 1980s. It was started by the Campbell Express newspaper owner Kathryn **Hanchett McKaig**. Kathryn is also a past Chamber Board member. She told the story of the first Oktoberfest and organized a get-together of businesses in downtown Campbell. The idea was to have a neighborly celebration by closing the streets and enjoying the newfound camaraderie since they had begun to come together and have outside picnics over the summer and this one made it official. This particular time it was all of the downtown businesses and they voted to include beer and Oktoberfesttype food. It continued to grow over the years! It became so successful and has become one of the two festivals that brings thousands of people to Campbell. Boogie is the other festival and is held in May.

Special thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for making it their festival and continuing to do a great job each year for our community and our businesses. Check out our entertainment section this month. The movie reviews on page 8 include a Halloween favorite Beetlejuice. Another great movie in theaters now is about the very first Saturday Night Live show and recommended by our movie columnist **Sam Wilson**. There is also a local connection between the editor *Nathan Orloff* who is the son of **Dan Orloff**, a partner in the Pruneyard Cinemas.

The back page has the map and entertainment program. The Beer Garden and Vendor Food List on page 15 for the Oktober*fest*. Don't forget to pick up your copy of The Campbell Press or use the QR code as you stroll around the festival for the two days Saturday, the 19th, and **Sunday, the 20th**. Want to join in something fun then enter the beerstein-holdingcontest. Thank you to all our loyal readers, advertisers, and subscribers. We couldn't do it without your continued and growing readership. The holidays mean shopping lists to buy gifts, so remember to shop and support your local businesses. More holiday events ahead such as the Chambers Toy program and Downtown Business Association's Carol of Lights in the November and December issues.



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Virginia Avenue	\$2,200,000	4/2.5	75	9375	850				
W. Rincon Avenue	\$2,150,000	4/2	60	6,098	1586				
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Colleen Way	\$2,015,000	4/2	63	6098	1398				
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Heritage Place	\$950,000	2/1	20	1691	1128			





LIONS MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE



I've been a Lion for 15 years and I've discovered that, while everyone joins for different reasons, all Lions I've met are passionate about making the world a better place. Historically Lions are known for being "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" after Helen Keller made that challenge at their 1925 international convention. As reported by my predecessor, Gayle Kludt, our goal is to collect 1 million pairs of glasses by the end of June 2025 commemorating the 100th anniversary of that challenge.

But, in an organization as large and diverse as ours, other passions also stand out. My personal passions are for affordable housing and alleviating food insecurity.

The former stems from my association with Habitat for Humanity dating back to November 1978 when founder Millard Fuller spoke at Campbell United Church of Christ. Fighting food insecurity has been important to me for just as long. There's a picture somewhere of our son being pushed in a stroller on the first CROP Hunger Walk we participated in. My wife currently runs the Food Pantry Blessing Box at Campbell UCC and one of our newest members, Fifi, is passionate about diabetes. So, as you can see, we have a large tent and always have room for people passionate about serving.

In order to make a dent in any of the world's ills we, of



course, rely on fund raising to make that happen. You may have seen us running a beer booth at the Campbell Oktoberfest. And, in November we will be out collecting ballots and delivering them to the Register of Voters. This important work by us and other service organizations will help ensure a well run and transparent election

in our county. Lions pledge never to bring up religion or politics in a meeting but that doesn't mean we don't care about the future of our great country. One urgent need that we will undoubtedly work to fund with the money we make from the election is to help all those who have suffered so much from recent hurricanes.

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

The Campbell Police Dept. Explorer Program! A Great Place for Volunteers By Sia Gupta

Imagine the crackle of a police radio, the flash of red and blue lights cutting through the early morning fog, and the quiet hum of a city waking up. Volunteering can shape your understanding of the world and your role in it, especially when you step into a space that challenges you. My experience with the Campbell Police Department's Explorer Program has been just that—an opportunity to grow while making a tangible

As a freshman, I wasn't sure what to expect when I joined. High school was already packed with responsibilities, from balancing schoolwork to maintaining a social life. But CPD provided an experience beyond anything I could have imagined. The program isn't just about law enforcement: it teaches you what it means to serve others and how my

difference in my community.

contributions could directly impact public safety.

From the start, I was involved in hands-on tasks, such as learning police codes, flying drones, and filing incident reports. These were not abstract lessons; they were real-life applications of the skills needed to help keep a community safe. The program allowed me to shadow patrol officers, participate in 911 dispatch, and assist with community events, which deepened my understanding of how public safety works on a day-to-day basis.

However, the most profound lessons came from seeing the real challenges my community faces—poverty, crime, and homelessness are not just stories in the news; they affect real people. Volunteering with the Campbell Explorer Program to these issues in a way that textbooks or lectures never could. I saw how officers build trust with residents and how safety is about more than just enforcing laws—it's about understanding and supporting the community.

This experience didn't just stay with me during my time at CPD; it sparked a broader commitment to give back. I took what I learned and launched CitySafe, an app that helps people navigate their surroundings more safely by identifying safe and unsafe areas. This project, driven by my desire to contribute to public safety, allowed me to apply technology in a way that reflects my journey-connecting people and helping them feel secure in their neighborhoods.

Looking back, volunteering pushed me out of my comfort zone and taught me valuable skills in leadership and communication. As I approach college, I carry these lessons with me and hope to continue making an impact.

Volunteering became a foundation for my personal growth and future goals, especially as I look to college next year. I believe high schoolers have incredible potential to create positive change, and there are many ways for them to get involved. Programs like Police and Sheriff Explorer opportunities offered by local departments in Saratoga, Los Gatos, and Santa Clara allow students to engage with their communities in meaningful ways.

Whether it's assisting with community events, learning about law enforcement, or participating in patrol ride-alongs, these programs teach skills about leadership, perseverance, and problem-solving. They truly build an understanding of the importance of giving back—a lesson that stays with you.



By Margaret Schieck, President

Welcome to Fall and all its activities that begin to fill up our holiday calendars.

First of all, Happy Mexican Independence Day and Hispanic Heritage Month for October. Autumn also sees several Oktoberfests, especially the Chamber of Commerce's Campbell celebration on October 19th. In addition, we have Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Columbus Day/ Indigenous People's Day, United Nations Day, and, of course, Halloween. WOW!

In September, our AARP Chapter heard a presentation from instructors from the Older Adults Programs at West Valley-Mission Community Colleges regarding the FREE classes Seniors can enroll in. These classes are offered via ZOOM and in person. We discovered to our surprise some interesting ways to keep our brains and bodies actively engaged.

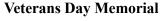
On September 25th, our Campbell Area Chapter 5151,

or AARP participated in the Active Over 50 Resource Fair. There was a good turnout and guests found fun and interesting vendors with at least one exhibit which drew their interest or appealed to them.

Our program on October 15th will feature speakers from The League of Women Voters who will discuss the pros and cons of the Propositions on the November ballot. This is always a very informational and extremely helpful meeting. So, we suggest if you want to review the election issues and people up for our vote please attend this one.

The Campbell Area Chapter 5151 of AARP meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in Room O80 of the Campbell Community Center, 1 West Campbell Ave. Coffee and snacks are ready at 9:00 a.m. The formal meeting begins at 10:00. You don't need to be a Campbell resident to join our Chapter. All are welcome! We suggest for parking that It is the most convenient to use the Campbell Avenue Parking Lot. Hope to see you soon.

Campbell Veterans



Mark your calendars for Veterans Day, November 11, at 9:00 AM, and join us next to City Hall to honor the brave souls who served our nation. CVMF is rolling out the red carpet for our annual tribute to local veterans. It's your chance to rub elbows with community leaders and maybe even snag a selfie with Campbell Mayor Susan Landry! We're also thrilled to announce that the Honorable Anna Eshoo will be our Keynote Speaker, wrapping up her illustrious career as our U.S. House | ing auctions, fabulous prizes, a

Representative for District 16 with a bang. Don't miss this heartfelt and inspiring event! We look forward to seeing you.

Saluting Our Veterans Gala **Dinner**

And just when you thought the excitement was over, think again! Five days later, on November 16 at 5 PM, join us at West Valley College in Saratoga, CA, for the CVMF Gala Dinner. This isn't just any dinner—it's a star-studded fundraiser featuring gourmet cuisine, thrilllittle music, and a selection of spirits to make your heart sing. West Valley/Mission College Chancellor Bradley Davis will be our Keynote Speaker, adding a touch of class to the evening. It's the hottest ticket in town, so dust off your finest attire, bring a friend, and get ready for a night to remember!

BUY TICKETS or DONATE: https://event.auctria.com/543daa 60-c251-4cb1-8c9e-07e89436a 462/a809178051b511ea91bae 14d12592328







COUNTRY WOMAN'S CLUB OF CAMPBELL ACTIVITIES By Lucille Maravilla

For our September 23, 2024 meeting, Country Woman's Club of Campbell (CWCC) invited the League of Women Voters to speak about the 2024 election process. (Most of our meetings are held in the Roosevelt Room at the Campbell Community Center.) The two speakers gave a great presentation about what services the League provides. They answered questions about voting locations and mailing ballots. The League also educates voters about candidates and distributes materials regarding state and local elections. It's important to be an infomed voter.

CWCC members continue to enjoy gathering for lunch at different Campbell restaurants and nearby eateries. We see our time together as an opportunity to have fun and stay connected.

We are members of the Campbell Chamber of Commerce. We will be volunteering at a beer booth for the 2024 Oktoberfest. Our members enjoy meeting the community and sup-

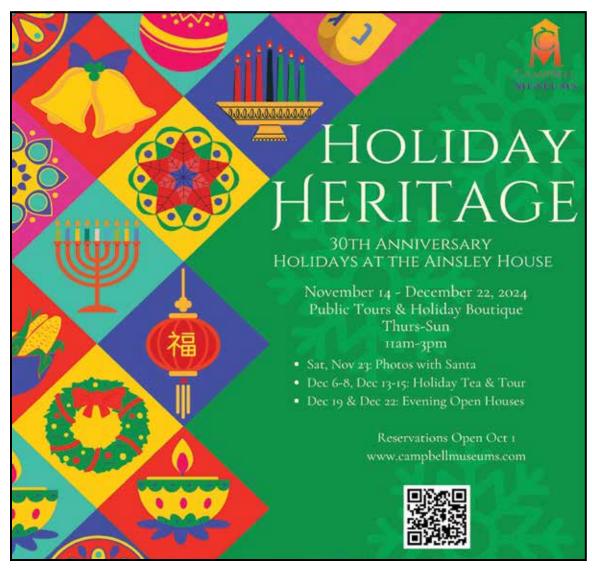
If you would like to contribute to the Campbell



porting the Chamber. Dude and our President greeted the public at the Campbell Festival recently.

The Country Women September Meeting is about women and fun!

community and enjoy working with like minded women, CWCC invites you to join us. New members bring more resources to our club. Feel free to drop by the Roosevelt Room. The next meeting we will hold there is October 28, 2024 at 1pm. We invite you to attend any of our meetings or volunteer with us to get acquainted with the club. For more information, contact Lucille Maravilla at 408 205-4621 or Cherri Fontana at 408 378-2391. You can also email us at: CWCC1905@gmail.com.



Seniors Prioritize Fresh Starts in Newly **Built Retirement Communities**

Carla, a senior in San Jose is preparing for a major lifestyle change. She'll be living in a new senior retirement that's yet to open, at the Watermark at San Jose. One thing that really excites her? "I love that it's brand-new. That's the first thing I tell people," she says.

Carla's not alone. Seniors looking for fresh starts at retirement communities are prioritizing two things: they want brand-new buildings, and they want to be the first to move in.

It's a trend that senior housing industry experts are seeing rapidly increase, says Brenda Ritter, Regional Director of Operations Watermark Retirement Communities. She attributes it to seniors wanting a lifestyle of their choice, and being first comes with benefits you can't get in an already established community.

"Senior retirement communities have listened and learned what seniors want for their lifestyle", Brenda says, and brand-new communities are able to offer modern up-todate design and choices, resulting in a better quality of life for their residents. New communities offer more options, like many dining choices from gourmet to casual, multiple amenities, and programs like their award-winning Watermark University, so that seniors can continue to live a "thriving and exciting life" Brenda says.

When everything is brand new, it also makes it easier for people like Carla to start a new life. "Lifestyle changes can be challenging. Moving to a building that is brandnew, being able to put your thumbprint on it, makes the transition into a new beginning more appealing," says Brenda.

Another part of the appeal is that new residents are all to forge new friendships. That's important because in an informal survey of new

residents at Watermark at San Jose, 70% said they were looking forward to new friendships, and participating in activities together. Being first allows them to create the community together, rather than worrying about fitting in. Another new resident, Sybil, agrees. "I look forward to shaping the culture," she says.

Companies like Watermark are recognizing the positive attitudes first-in residents bring. "We call the first residents 'Founders'. They help set the tone and energy of the building and help us create the culture, and we have monthly Founders Club events which help to build relationships and lay the groundwork for future friendships."

There's also a practical side to being part of the Founders Club - they're eligible for a variety of perks as a thank you, and it unlocks substantial savings, exclusive benefits, including priority access. In the resident survey 40% said being first was important, because it allowed them to choose the apartment they wanted. "When you are the first person to sign up, you get the first choice of where you will live, which is important for anyone, no matter your age," says Brenda.

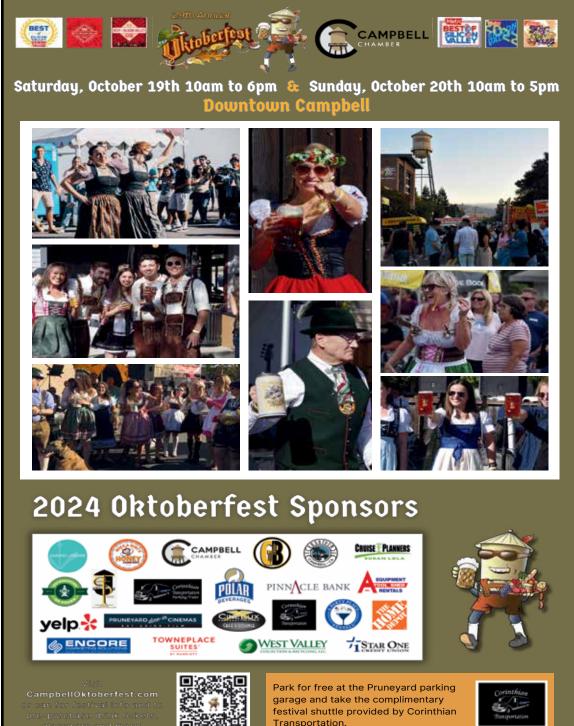
For Carla, the Founder perks sealed the deal. "That's what really swayed me. I love deals," said Carla. She thought a senior retirement community was out of her reach, but with the early move-in deal, the more she saw the new place, the more she thought "I could really be happy here. I really like what they have to offer, and it's beautiful."

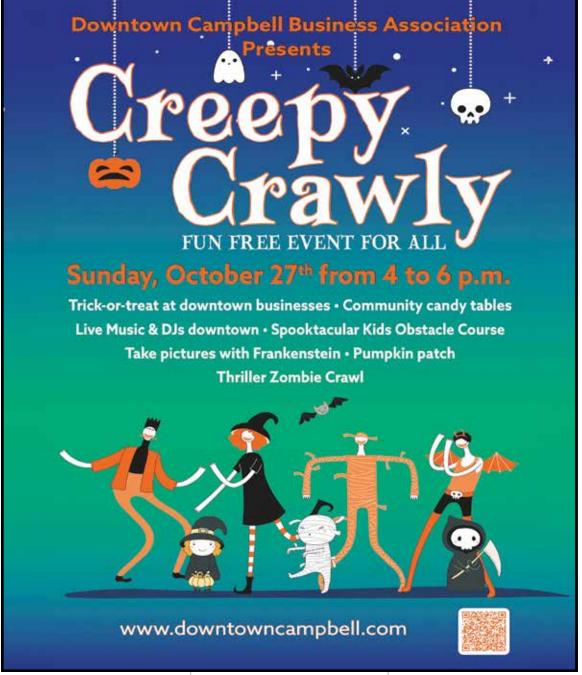
The Watermark at San Jose is a new community with assisted living and memory care opening in Fall 2024. in a shared experience, eager | For further information, you can visit www.watermarkcommunities.com, or call 669-321-5500.











Money Empowerment by Jill



Giving on a Budget: Making a Big Impact with Small Resources

Giving is indeed an amazing thing, benefiting both the giver and the receiver. It fosters feelings of gratitude, compassion, and unity, creating a ripple effect of positivity and connection.

What makes giving truly beautiful is that it doesn't have to be about financial contributions. While this can be impactful, other forms of giving—such as time, skills, or even simple acts of kindness—are equally valuable. In fact, I've found that these forms of giving often foster deeper connections and have lasting effects on the community.

Here are some budget-friendly ideas:

Donate Your Time
 Volunteering is one of the most valuable ways to give

most valuable ways to give back without spending any money. Many organizations need extra hands, whether it's helping at a food bank, assisting with community events, or mentoring youth.

• Share Your Skills

Do you have a skill that others might find valuable?

Consider offering your expertise to a local nonprofit or community group.

• Give Gently Used Items
Instead of throwing away
clothes, furniture, or household items you no longer
need, donate them to a local
shelter or charity. These
items could be invaluable to
someone else.

• Participate in Donation Drives

Local schools, shelters, and charities often organize drives

for items such as food, toiletries, and clothing. Contributing small items regularly can make a significant difference.

• Use Loyalty Points for Charitable Giving

Many retailers and credit card companies allow you to donate loyalty points or rewards to charitable organizations, turning unused points into meaningful support.

• Support Local Small Businesses

Instead of giving directly to a charity, supporting local businesses can be a form of giving back. Small businesses often invest in their communities by providing jobs and sponsoring local events.

• Advocate for a Cause
If you can't give financially, lend your voice to a cause.
Raising awareness through social media, attending rallies, or signing petitions can bring attention to important issues and inspire others to get involved.

Conclusion:

Giving is about making thoughtful, intentional choices that reflect your desire to contribute to the greater good. Whether it's a few hours of volunteer work, small donations, or simply lending a hand to a neighbor, these acts of kindness can create lasting impacts. When you give within your means, you help build stronger communities, foster a sense of connection, and prove that

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CITY NEWS By Sergio Lopez

This column represents opinion/ commentary and does not necessarily represent the views of the City Council, city staff, or the City of Campbell.

In the evening of the last day of September, I found myself on a flight to Southern California. I was in my role as Vice Chair of the Valley Transportation Board of Directors, and had been asked to step in on this visit on behalf of the Board and Chair Cindy Chavez.

This was a truly momentous occasion: the Valley Transportation Authority, Santa Clara County's public transit and congestion management agency, was being honored with the Outstanding Public Transportation System award at the American Public Transportation Association's annual conference.

This award is the greatest honor that can be awarded in the field of public transit in America. VTA was being honored for a number of achievements, including its comeback from the pandemic (with ridership



nearly at pre-pandemic levels, one of the fastest recoveries in the country), its workforce training programs (such as an innovative partnership with local community colleges to build the pipeline of professionals to staff our transit system), and for creating opportunities for women to enter the field of public transportation.

The award also came over three years since the tragic mass shooting on May 26 in 2021. The world of public transit at the national level is still a relatively small one, and as such, the tragedy shook many other agencies and transit professionals to their core. Sadly, the same weekend I made my trip, VTA was dealing with another shooting of an employee — this time an isolated incident and one which was resolved within 48 hours, with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's department making their arrest of a suspect — but one which nonetheless surfaced painful memories.

As a result, transit agencies around the country were rooting for the success of our local agency. At the awards ceremony, which was held in Anaheim, the VTA contingent included frontline service workers, such

as a bus operator and staff from maintenance and operations, in addition to senior staff at the agency.

Arriving at the convention center in Anaheim, I joined VTA staff, chatting with our frontline operators, who were wearing their service uniforms, at the banquet honoring all the awardees. But our table was quickly whisked away backstage. While I've never been to the Oscars, the backstage area had the feel of a major awards

ceremony — with carefully ordered seats for all the awardees and with large screens showing the onstage program.

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COUNTY NEWS



Joe Simitian

REBUILDING TOGETHER: HELPING By County Supervisor, WEST VALLEY SENIORS 'AGE IN PLACE'

For some homeowners, fixing a water heater, repairing a leaky roof, or modifying an entryway to allow wheelchair access is as simple as calling a contractor or getting out the tools for a DIY project. For others, especially our most vulnerable, tackling home improvement can be daunting.

The last several years have been difficult for a lot of folks; many were pushed to the absolute edge by the pandemic and the high cost of living. Home repairs fell by the wayside as people — particularly older adults, adults with disabilities, and low-income seniors attended to even more pressing needs, like food, medicine, or paying the mortgage. That meant living in unsafe or unhealthy environments, or in some extreme cases, having to move out with no place else to go.

That's why I recently proposed partnering Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley (RTSV) to help qualifying homeowners in my District, District Five, which includes Cupertino and most of the West Valley. I'm gratified that my Board of Supervisor colleagues unanimously agreed.

RTSV coordinates a network of volunteers, corporate sponsors, sub-contractors to provide crucial repairs and accessibility modifications for Santa Clara County homeowners, at no cost to residents. Older adults and individuals

living with disabilities form the majority of RTSV's clients; families with children and veterans also receive services.

Since the organization's founding in 1991, more than 5,300 projects — needing an estimated 55,527 repairs have been completed, providing life-changing support that allowed clients to live more independently at home. RTSV estimates that 11% of their clients would be homeless without their assistance.

As RTSV Executive Director Deanne Everton told me. "With a relatively low investment, we can restore a home to a safe and healthy environment for years to come."

Simply put, it's the smart thing, the cost-effective thing, the right thing to do what we can to help keep homes functional so people can have a safe place of respite. It's a vital investment in families and communities.

To be eligible for services, homeowners must have a household income at or below 80% of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Area Median Income for Santa Clara County. RTSV approaches each client individually, tailoring the repairs and modifications to the specific need of each household and the condition of the home. (To learn more about RTSV's projects and requirements, visit: rebuildingtogethersv.org.)

On a community level, RTSV helps to preserve affordable housing by keeping folks in their homes - a critical need given the housing crisis in our region. It costs 26 times more to build affordable housing than it does to repair or rehabilitate an existing home. Repairs can improve the quality of life of the client, the value of their homes, and allow people to stay in their communities.

Having to leave the home that you've spent years, or even decades in, is the type of life change that can have a very real and very negative effect on older adults, and for folks living with disabilities. Common sense, cost-effective approaches like this are the type of practical solutions we should be on the lookout for and support whenever possible. Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian represents the Fifth District which includes Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Saratoga, Stanford, portions of San Jose and unincorporated communities in the Santa Cruz Mountains. He was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 2012 and reelected 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 SupervisorSimitian.org.

City Council & Planning Commission News



By Adam Buchbinder

Because of the depth of the state's housing crisis, the legislature has, for state some years now, taken a keen interest in modifying or overriding local housing policy. The 2024 legislative session has been no different. Here are some of the bills which may be most consequential for Campbell's future.

SB 1123, an expansion of last year's SB 684, would allow for ministerial approval of up to ten small-lot starter homes on vacant single-family parcels, with at least twelve hundred square feet for each new

home. It would also place restrictions on some of the city's rules like floor-area ratios, parking minimums, and setbacks, and it would allow for tenancy-in-common ownership as well as ownership by a community land trust. Since most of the city's residential land is single-family zoned, this may be particularly relevant once it goes into effect next July.

SB 937 is a technical change which allows builders to defer payment of impact fees until a certificate of occupancy is issued for the project, i.e., until it's complete. This, along with the recent interest rate cut from the Federal Reserve, will make it much easier to finance these projects.

SB 1211 allows for more ADUs on multifamily lots. Previously, detached accessory dwelling units were limited to two per multifamily lot, but now up to eight are allowed. It also prohibits requiring replacement parking when parking spaces are repurposed for housing in this way.

AB 2580 (awaiting signature as of this writing) requires that new historical designations for districts or buildings be reported to the state. The intent here is to balance cities' interest in preserving their history against the potential for cities to simply arbitrarily designate vast swathes of their cities as "historic" in order to prevent development, as historical districts are much harder to develop.

AB 1820 will require cities to provide an estimate of the impact fees they'll charge a developer at the time of an application for a building permit. Impact fees are a source of uncertainty, and can easily reach six figures for some projects. This is intended to make those fees sensible and predictable, and to make cities' practices in charging them legible to the state.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Orchard City Community Chorus: A New Season

Carol W. Gerwitz

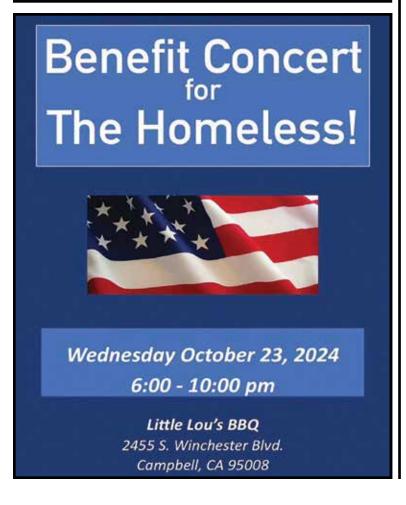
The Orchard City Community Chorus kicked off its winter season with a rousing pizza party at the local Round Table Pizza. The members enjoyed greeting each other after the summer hiatus. The chorus welcomed their new president Susanne Macdougall and their new board and gave a round of appreciate applause to outgoing president Howard Thomas. The party also was the opportunity to welcome new members as well as new interim director, Kevin Cormier, whose name may be familiar because of his involvement with the Sunnyvale Community Players, West Valley Light Opera and The Lyric Theatre. Welcome, welcome!

Under Kevin's enthusiastic directing, the choir is hard at work at rehearsals every Monday night

learning music for its holiday show, Songs of the Season, to be presented Saturday, December 7 at the Campbell United Methodist Church. Songs to be performed range from English carols to a Kenyan folk song. The choir is excited about the music they will be singing on the show, and they are excited about their guest musicians and soloists. Rounding out the evening will be an opportunity drawing. Homemade baked goods may be involved. Tickets are available now at www.orchardcitychorus.org.

Sadly, the choir is searching for a permanent director to begin duties in January, 2025. Interested parties should please email secretaryofoccc@gmail.com as soon as possible.





The Hawk

I envy you as you soar by nothing escapes your expert eye

I wonder what your thoughts entail as I watch you glide and sail

Do you ever appreciate the freedom you perpetuate?

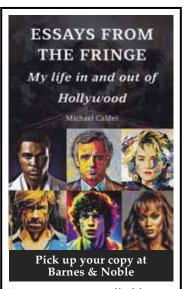
Do you see the beauty below the mountain peaks with caps of snow

or the waves that crash on the shore dancing to the oceans roar

Is there something that frightens you? Does the thunder intimidate you?

Or perhaps the eagle brings fear when he swoops down and sees you near.

Fly on, my friend and know that I would love to see life through your eye.



As a young actor climbing up the ladder, the author encountered other actors and celebrities. These vignettes capture the stars in unguarded moments away from camera lights and prying eyes. Until now.

The second half of the book is titled, "Conspiracy." This is the author's sojourn tracking down the assassins of President Kennedy and his brother, Senator Robert Kennedy. Personal interviews with Munir Sirhan, brother of the accused assassin, and men standing next to Senator Kennedy when he was shot. Sandra Serrano identifying the girl in the "Polka Dot Dress" and Robert Kennedy Jr.'s thoughts on his father's murder.

For more information email jfkvica@aol.com

OCTOBER MOVIES



Beetlejuice Beetlejuice - C+ Michael Keaton (The Flash), Winona Ryder (Stranger Things), Catherine O'Hara (Home Alone) and director Tim Burton (Edward Scissorhands) return after 36 years to see if the juice is worth the squeeze. 'Tis only a matter of time until Beetlejuice is released when the Deetz family return following a family tragedy. A toned down sequel that's at times dated yet resists the urge to go heavy on call-backs and fan service. Newcomers include Jenna Ortega (Wednesday), Willem Dafoe (The Northman) and Justin Theroux (American Psycho).

Speak No Evil - B-

Unsettling yet predictable remake of a 2022 Danish thriller that quickly evolves into the James McAvoy (Split) show. A dream holiday soon turns into a psychological nightmare when a family is invited to spend the weekend with a charming family they met on vacation. The charismatic McAvoy steals the spotlight from co-stars Mackenzie Davis (Terminator: Dark Fate) and Scoot McNairy (Gone Girl).

The Substance - B+

Refreshingly new and old school homage to "Tales from the Crypt" that also pays tribute to David Cronenberg body horror. After being fired by an executive (Dennis Quaid, "The Parent Trap"), fading celebrity Elisabeth Sparkle (Demi Moore, "Ghost") uses a black market drug that temporarily creates a younger, better version of herself (Margaret Qualley, "Poor Things"). While long at 141 minutes, the horror satire hilariously critiques the entertainment business.

Megalopolis - B-

Francis Ford Coppola's (The Godfather) grand epic is equal parts brilliant and meandering, equating to a beautiful mess. In a modern day alternate timeline where Rome didn't fall, brilliant Cesar Catilina (Adam Driver, "Ferrari") seeks to transform New Rome into a utopian before falling for the daughter (Nathalie Emmanuel,

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COP CARDS AND NEW COPS

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the two officers repeated. Their beaming families were then invited to pin the badges on their newly minted officers. Also sworn in was Public Safety Dispatcher Armida Montes-Bacaand, and Police Explorer Izabella Martinelli received her badge, pinned on by her proud dad.

The officers began two weeks of in-house training the following day. This training involves learning their way around the Campbell PD and its procedures. The officers will then go through field training. Field training completed, the new officers will be eligible for solo duty—and their own cop cards.

MONEY EMPOWERMENT

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generosity doesn't require a large bank account—just a big heart.

If you are looking for local organizations, check out Great Nonprofits in Campbell for a list of nonprofits in Campbell. You can also explore the Rotary Club of Campbell to learn more about upcoming events and ways to get involved.

All the best,

CITY NEWS

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Soon, our turn came up. Before the award, a video played highlighting VTA's bus operators and other frontline staff — many of them local residents who serve the Campbell, West Valley, and Santa Clara County communities. When the workers, wearing their service uniforms, walked out onstage, the response from the crowd was electric. VTA was unique in highlighting frontline workers, since many other agencies instead spotlighted their senior staff and board members. (The word around the convention center was that VTA may have started a new trend by spotlighting the operators who make our system function). As we all went back onstage for a picture, I handed the award to our workers — as the agency's success was truly their own, as well as those of the riders who take our transit every day.

It was the cap to a busy week, as I had spent time the previous week in Washington DC on behalf of VTA, as well as joining a meeting of West Vallev cities in order to share the service improvements, project funding, and other milestones coming to the Campbell and West Valley region. Soon, I had to board a plane for that day's Council meeting — but with new resolve to ensure our transit agency has the accountability, transparency, and service that Campbell and Santa Clara County riders expect.

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS

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"Game of Thrones") of his main opposition. While full of fascinating ideas and top notch worldbuilding, the story never takes off following a strong first act. Ensemble includes Aubrey Plaza (Funny People), Shia Labeouf (Transformers), Giancarlo Esposito (Breaking Bad), and Jon Voight (National Treasure).

The Wild Robot - B+

Rare heartfelt animated film that takes its time instead of moving fast full of pop culture references like most lazy kids animations. A shipwrecked robot (Lupita Nyong'o, "Black Panther") cares for an orphaned goose while bonding with the island's animals. Inspired by "The Iron Giant" and Hayao Miyazaki's works (Howl's Moving Castle, Princess Mononoke) featuring Pedro Pascal (Game of Thrones), Bill Nighly (Love Actually), Mark Hamill ("Star Wars" franchise), Catherine O'Hara, and Ving Rhames (Pulp Fiction).

Transformers One - C+

Animated prequel treated with more care than its live-action predecessors yet still based off a kids tov line of vehicle-turning robots. The origin story follows young Optimus Prime (Chris Hemsworth, "Thor") and Megatron (Brian Tyree Henry, "Bullet Train"), best friends instead of mortal enemies. Scarlett Johansson (Black Widow), Steve Buscemi (Fargo), and Keegan-Michael Key (Wonka) lend their voices.

The Killer's Game - C-

Textbook romantic action romp led by Dave Bautista (Dune: Part Two) that forgets to romp. A top hitman diagnosed with terminal cancer takes a hit out on himself, but must fend off the hitmen he hired when they target his ex-girlfriend (Sofia Boutella, "Kingsman: The Secret Service") Incredibly dull despite Ben Kingsley (Schindler's List), Terry Crews (Training Day), and Pom Klementieff's (Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2) best efforts.

Never Let Go - C-

Producer/star Halle Berry's (X-Men) horror-drama aims for thought provoking and lands on forgettable. In the remote wilderness, home protects a family haunted by evil until one of the children begins questioning if the evil's real. Arquably genre director Alexandre Aja's ("Crawl", 2006's "The Hills Have Eyes") worst work, a tedious exercise that treads familiar territory while heavy on allegories and light on entertainment.



Wednesday, October 16 6pm Aaron Madsen's **Magic Honey Band**

Thursday, October 17 6pm

Pro Blues Jam

Friday, October 18 7:30pm St. George & The Sinner's

Saturday, October 19 7:30 pm Levi Jack

Wednesday, October 23 6pm

Acoustic Showcase

Thursday, October 24 6pm

Pro Blues Jam

Friday, October 25 7:30 pm **Little Black Book**

Saturday, October 26 7:30 pm Lencat

Sunday, October 27 4pm

Jazz Showcase Wednesday, October 30 6pm GOLD MONEY

BAND SHOWCASE Thursday, October 31

6pm **Pro Blues Jam**

Friday, November 1

7:30 pm Chain

Saturday, November 2 7:30 pm **Dennis Dove Band**

Wednesday, November 6

Ghosts of Calico

Thursday, November 7 7pm

Pro Blues Jam

Friday, November 8 8pm

Feelin' Randy Show

Saturday, November 9 8:30 pm

Chrome Deluxe

Wednesday, November 13 8pm First Call

Thursday, November 14 7pm

Pro Blues Jam

Friday, November 15 8:30 pm **Marshall Law Band**

Saturday, November 16

Blues Rockers

Wednesday, November 20 7pm Aaron Madsen's **Magic Honey Band**

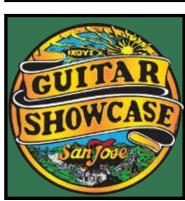
Thursday, November 21 7pm

Pro Blues Jam

Friday, November 22 8:30 pm JukeBox Boyz







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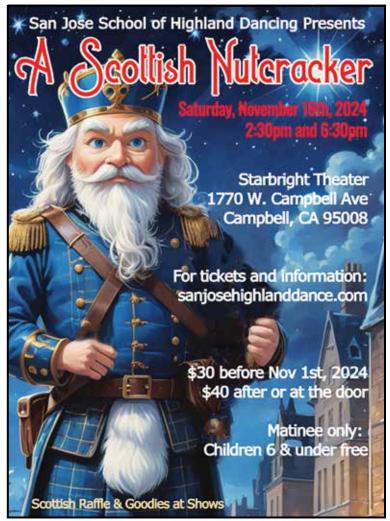
Wednesday October 23

Little Lou's Barbecue Loaves and Fishes benefit and FENNY's birthday

Saturday October 26 Buddie's Pub 6:30 to 9:30 PM









Questions contact: tickets@missionvalley.org



GROWING UP IN CAMPBELL

By Matthew C. Howe

This is a continuation story from TCP. To catch yourself up, see our August and September online issue at thecampbellpress.com.

My sister and I both attended Campbell High School, where we excelled academically (her more than I) and we graduated with extra credits just a few years before the school's closure in 1980. Today, the property serves as Campbell's Community Center. We were both deeply involved in the school's music program; my sister played clarinet, while I took to the drums in marching band, concert band, and orchestra. To this day, I can still play the Campbell High School drum cadence by memory, often keeping a pair of drumsticks nearby for the occasional alumni request.

We also attended summer music camps and performed in school musicals in our auditorium which is now the Heritage Theatre. I remember doing shows such as 'Lil Abner' and 'West Side Story.' While I was widely recognized as a drummer, I secretly dabbled in piano. Our orchestra director, Mr. Perkins, granted me special access to the grand piano in the choir room a privilege he extended to few others. Reflecting on it now, I see that his gesture was an unspoken vote of confidence.

During my sophomore year, a few fellow students and I formed a rock band called "Tyme." In 1976, our drama teacher, Mr. Hall, granted us a rare opportunity to play on the school's auditorium stage. Although Mr. Hall was notoriously strict, he allowed us this freedom as long as the auditorium remained closed to others. Being on that stage, performing my own songs, was a pivotal moment that hinted at the musical path I would continue to pursue.

I also had a keen interest in sports at the time, I had previously played in Campbell Little League until the age of 12, but my small frame posed limitations—I was too small for football and too short for basketball, standing at just 4'11" and weighing a mere 99 pounds as a freshman. Dripping wet. My size often made me a target for bullying, and I found myself the subject of cruel pranks, like being tossed into a metal garbage can or placed atop a classroom table with my feet comically dangling. I vividly recall being atop that table, waiting helplessly for help as laughter echoed around me and the smell of overripe bananas clung to my hair. Bullying, while present then as it is now, was often dismissed as a rite of passage rather than the serious issue we recognize it as today. I decided to go out for cross-country and diving. Neither one I was great at, but they were both individual sports that I enjoyed over team sports. I did not like to swim (still don't like the water much) but I enjoyed the gymnastic aspect of springboard diving and its formidable challenges, plus I only had to swim to the edge of the pool. In my junior year of high school I grew 12" in 14 months eventually bringing my final height to 6' 1" tall. The cartilage in my knees still talk to me on occasion, reminding me about that rapid growth.

Due to limited space this month, growing up in Campbell will continue in our November issue.

Before the Song: "Mayor of Silicon Valley"

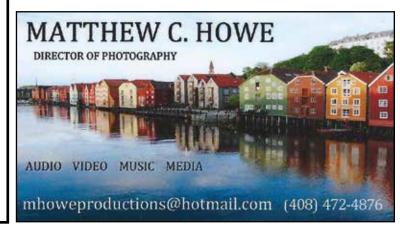
"Jump" by Van Halen

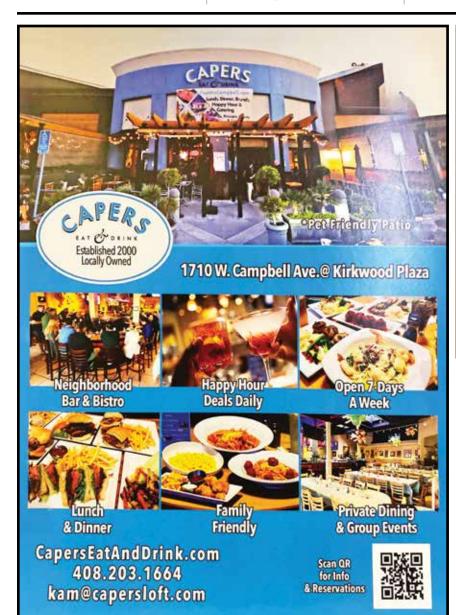
Our Warriors' season is beginning, so we're about to hear parts the song "Jump" played over and over during basketball games and sports highlight shows-but that's not what Van Halen intended their song to be about.

First of all, the song almost never happened. Lead singer David Lee Roth didn't want to release it because it was so different from bands' more heavy guitar based songs. But, lead guitarist Eddie Van Halen took piano lessons before he played guitar, and he was a very good piano student-so it made sense that he'd someday want to play keyboards in Van Halen. "Jump," from Van Halen's album, "1984," was written by Eddie on a keyboard, and there were many written that way to follow.

Eddie actually included a big keyboard type song on the previous album, "Diver Down," called "I'll Wait." David Lee Roth had given in to that one, and he eventually gave in to recording "Jump" as well. But David's idea for the lyrics didn't have anything to do with basketball; rather, like most of his lyrics, he came up with words by driving around Los Angeles in a convertible and just putting together fun phrases that worked together rather than made sense. An example is the second verse of "Jump," "Hello, hey you - who said that? Baby, how you been? You say you don't know, you won't know until you begin." Um, what? Hey, it's art. Go Warriors ©

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with SAM

By Sharon McCray, UCCE Master Gardener

Seed Saving

The question was raised the other day about saving seeds This is a simple topic that can get very complicated. I feel the best place to start is in the beginning.

Seeds have been saved for thousands of years. Corn and honey were buried in the pyramids in Egypt. America's native people saved seeds and in the end, saved the pilgrims from starvation with their saved seeds and traditional growing methods. When we recall our ancestors coming here from all around the world, especially the pioneers crossing our vast prairies, they certainly must have known the importance of seed saving. There were no local sources of food crop seeds as there are today. They had to depend on each other to survive.

There are many valued reasons to save seeds, but in the nutshell, by preserving seeds we are preserving our history, we are saving money and in the end, producing foods that have adapted to our specific growing conditions including soil, weather and elevation.

Fruits and vegetables were hybridized for two main reasons: 1) to create a new and different variety and 2) for economics. When states in the north lusted after our beautiful fruits and vegetables, new varieties were hybridized to withstand the rigors of long range travel and a longer shelf life. Note, that taste and texture are not a main part of the equation. Hybrid seeds produce excellent products for

the first year, thereafter, the plant may revert back to the dominate variety. Only open pollinated or heirloom seeds should be saved

With the exception of onions, seeds can last decades if harvested and stored properly. Always select the best fruit from the strongest plant when saving seeds. Scooping out a few dozen seeds from your favorite tomato will not cause any harm. Over the years, the plants you have grown in your own garden, will adapt or fail. The choices you make are important but not critical in these times of abundance.

Seeds can easily be saved from tomatoes, peppers, beans, peas, and lettuce. Plants that cross pollinate. such as carrots, celery, eggplant, peppers and okra can be more challenging to preserve. In order to keep the fruit from altering its form, taste or texture, these plants should be isolated from like plants. Growing two different peppers is a common practice, but if you are saving the seeds from the mild ones, and it cross pollinates with a hot one, you could be in for a real surprise. Once a seed is pollinated, I isolate the fruit by placing a bag over it and tying it off with a string. This will keep the pollinators from introducing different pollen into my seed source. I only do this when I am attempting to save a particular variety of pepper or other cross pollinating fruits or vegetables.

It is illegal to save seed from patented plants, this includes

cuttings. The grower or agency creating this patented plant has invested a lot of money, time and science in creating something unique and special and strive to preserve its rarity.

There are seed libraries throughout Santa Clara County and I urge you to look into these valued and free sources of local seeds. The only condition is that you promise to return the next season to help replenish the seeds to borrowed.

With over 1,700 hundred seed banks worldwide and only 20 in the US, it is even more important today that we home gardeners help to preserve the genetic diversity and uniqueness of the plants we grow on our home soil.





Spina Farms Pumpkin Patch is the biggest patch in the South Bay. All are welcome for Food and Fun! With a giant corn maze, train rides, animatronic dinosaurs, pumpkin blasters.

"Year of Girls' Sports" at W.C. Overfelt High School with Support from BAWSI (Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative)

Girls' sports have gained popularity at W.C. Overfelt High School for girl athletes. Nearly 3x as many girl athletes in 2024 tried out when compared to 2023. This year, 121 studentathletes tried out. Some teams even had to make cuts, bringing the final number to over

90 athletes in girls' sports - a 2x increase in participation. The popularity of girls' sports at W.C. Overfelt is in part explained by a partnership with the BAWSI (Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative) and the school's work in creating spaces for girls' sports.

sports participation at the middle and high school levels.

The results of the BAWSI partnership with over 46 athletes participating. All girls' sports at the high school have also seen increased interest. Girls' Tennis saw an 80% increase in team size, Girls' Cross Country



Brandi Chastain BAWSI event on Eastside girls soccer. Bay FC Defenders were

To promote sports participation at W.C. Overfelt High School, BAWSI conducted communitycentric Youth Participatory Evaluation Research (YPE) to provide recommendations to boost girls'

had a 60% increase in team size, and Girls' Volleyball had a 75% increase in tryouts - this led the team to have to make cuts for the first time in years. The work BAWSI has done together is

making waves. Bay FC, Bank of America, and BAWSI hosted a Q&A at W.C. Overfelt with Bay FC Defender Maddie Moreau and Co-Founder U.S. Women's National Team Legend Brandi Chastain This is intended to build up even more excitement around women's sports and

> specifically Bay FC, the new women's professional soccer franchise representing the Bay Area in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL). Brandi Chastain - U.S. Women's National Team, Bay FC, and BAWSI Co-Founder Maddie Moreau present.

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Books Inc. By Ashley Bailey & Christine Cargnoni

Newsletter October, 2024

Happy Fall, readers! We hope you've been having a great start to the season, and here at Books Inc, we're so excited to offer you an endless array of books to cozy up with as the weather gets cooler. With Halloween just around the corner, we have four spooky reads to help you get in the spirit.

Walking Practice - Dolki Min Originally written in Korean, Min's out of pocket alien narrator grapples with their feelings of isolation after being stranded on Earth by turning to dating apps. What better way to practice their shape-shifting? And what would you know, humans don't just make for great practice partners, they make equally delicious prey! You'd think this book would have the farthest thing from a relatable narrator, but the narration of topics like loneliness and disability are poignant.

The Unmothers - Leslie J. Anderson

A journalist is sent to a small town centered around the industry of horses because of a rumor. The talk of the town lately is this: a horse has given birth to a human baby. Pick this up for the Horse Girl Horror and stay for the unexpected conversations on women's bodily autonomy. This ended up being more of a slow burn, but it was consistently engaging because of the small town folk horror vibes and complicated character dynamics.

Deep Dark - Molly Knox Ostertag

Mags is in her last year of high school which means she has a lot on her plate. She's in charge of taking care of her grandmother and works to help support the family. Not to mention she has to take a trip to the basement each night so her family's secret can feed on her blood. This is a Young Adult graphic novel where the monster is just as much an allegory for queerness as it is a thing with glowing eyes and fangs. Enjoy the powerful storytelling along with the thoughtful illustrations (color says so much in this!).

Bog Myrtle - Sid Sharp A story about two sisters, one cheerful and one moody, who live in a spider-infested house. Sunny sister Beatrice is on a mission to make a sweater for her cold (and cold-hearted) sister Magnolia. She's gifted magic yarn



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TRAVEL...AND MORE



Coach's Corner

By Jay Harnden

HERE WE GO AGAIN!

It's hard to believe, but it is happening again. The holidays are rapidly creeping up on us, and if we don't prepare, they will come and go in the blink of an eye. We have some time to get ready, but no time to waste!

So take a good look at your overall situation. As I have shared my feelings about the holidays in the past, nothing much has changed. I'm still a fan of setting a modest budget, sticking to it, not overspending on items that will lose their excitement very shortly after Christmas. The big goal here is to enjoy the holiday season without going broke or paying bills for months. It can be done, but requires discipline and careful planning. To start, make a list of those you're buying for. Prioritize your list in order of who you'll spend the most money on. Also include those who you might not spend money on, and think about making a personal gift for them. I can

think of a few people who would love to have some of the Reese's peanut butter cup cookies that I make. Of course it will cost a few bucks for the ingredients, but it's a gift that will deliver a big bang for the buck. Also think about purchasing an inexpensive pot and plant a small plant that will turn into a beautiful flower. You get the idea.

Another idea that I'm thinking about is giving away personal items that are important to me. Let me explain. I have what I consider a pretty cool mancave, full of really cool stuff I've collected over the years. Everyone who sees it thinks it's pretty awesome. There's so much stuff in there that I know someday most of it will be tossed. So I'm gonna try and start giving away some of it. To be honest, collecting has lost much of it's attractiveness the older I get. So the thought of giving new life to some of my

favorite "things" by sharing with people seems like a good idea. Look around... do you have things that others might enjoy? I'm not talking about junk or garbage, but something you used to cherish but would like to give to someone else? I've done this already a few times. A friend of mine mentions from time to time how he still has the beer stein I gave him a few years ago. He says he thinks about me whenever he looks at it. And guess what...I haven't missed it since I gave it to him.

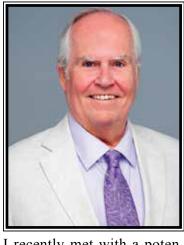
In case you're on the normal side, and don't have treasures to give away, think outside the box when planning gifts this year. Last year we discovered that a family pass to the Reno auto museum was \$75 for a year... the grandkids love it there. My point is that a good way to remove stress from the holidays is to keep control of your budget, but go wild with giving and generosity.

ON THE FLY... BY JOHN MACCALMAN

The Shortest Flight in the World

To take this, you'll first have to fly to Scotland and then on to the Orkney Islands for this amazing experience. The trip is just 1.7 miles. It usually takes around two minutes, but the fastest recorded time is just 53 seconds! Many students and their teachers take these flights to study the sixty archaeological sites on Papa Westray, making up the majority of passengers. Occasionally health professionals are needed to assist one of the island's ninety residents, and patients will also take the flight from Papa Westray to medical facilities when needed. The flight has also become very popular among tourists. Loganair operates this flight with one of its two Britten-Norman BN-2 Islander aircraft. The Islander is a high-wing, twin piston engine, propeller-driven aircraft. It is flown by a single pilot, and there is seating for eight passengers in the passenger cabin. One additional seat usually remains empty next to the pilot. Loganair's chief executive, Jim Cameron, once described the islander as "robust" and "well suited to the vagaries of Scottish weather." The aircraft "has a good

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



What is Owning?

I recently met with a potential seller who wants to sell a home and move to Nevada. For many, this is an option for several reasons. For some it's the cost of living, for others it's the realizing of a dream and, for this person in particular, for peace of mind. The issue became, "who owns the home?"

It turns out this person does own the home but owns it with another person. This is a problem for the potential seller since they own the home as "Joint Tenant." Whenever the manner in which property is held comes up, an attorney should be consulted. As a Realtor, I'm not the source or the correct person to seek advice from when it comes to the "vesting" of the property.

"Vesting" simply means the manner in which the property held by the owner. In CA there are several different types of vesting for real people as well as created entities such as corporation, Trusts, etc. Which method is correct for you is subject to your needs and, perhaps, future estate planning. Always consult with a qualified attorney when seeking such advice.

The term "joint tenants" means the persons named have equal ownership of the property and, should one pass on before the other, the property goes wholly to the remaining individual. This is a popular method of ownership by not the only one, by far. The problem described above come about as the other person doesn't want to sell and, so, the first person who approached me can't proceed without further legal help.

Another choice of vesting is "Community Property" which as two sub-choices; one with the "right of survivorship" and one without. The "right of survivorship" means should one person, pass, the remaining person becomes the sole owner. Without that right, issues | shomes@earthlink.net.

can arise after the death of one of the co-owners. You can see why consulting an attorney is important when deciding what manner you want to own your home.

A very popular method for home ownership is to create a "Living Trust". Commonly simply referred to as a "Trust" this created entity becomes the owner of the property while those who created the Trust are the Trustees who have control over this and other assets moved into the Trust. There are several other aspect of a Trust to discuss with an attorney. Deciding if this is a good choice for you comes from getting full information with the proper advice.

These are only a few of the many choices available to you when you own a home. As a Realtor I can name them but you'll need to seek the advice of an attorney to determine which is best for you. When in need of Real Estate expertise, you can reach out to me at any time. You'll find there's no one more dedicated to your goals. Call or email me at (408) 887-4731 or gene-

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by the giant spider Bog Myrtle to make her sister a sweater better than all others. Rather than gratitude, Magnolia responds with greed. Pick up a copy to find out what becomes of these two sisters! This Middle Grade graphic novel has a great sense of humor and touches on issues such as sustainability, capitalism, and labor rights in a bright and colorful way that make them easy to comprehend.

As always, we thank you for your support. Don't forget to check our website for any upcoming events, and to all our educators who joined us last month at our Educators' Night, thank you, and we hope you had a great time. And of course, Happy Halloween to all who celebrate! safety record and had proved versatile in operating from the shortest and roughest Highland runways." There is no time for in-flight service or movies! Once you arrive you can stay on the island. There is an independent, community run hostel conveniently situated within easy walking distance of Papa Westray's beautiful beaches, archaeological and historic sites, coastal walks, and it has the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds North Hill Nature Reserve and local amenities. The newly refurbished hostel is warm, friendly, and comfortable with private rooms, with two modern well-equipped kitchens for self-catering, a spacious dining room, a lounge with TV, DVD player, board games and books plus a large garden overlooking the island and the sea. The hostel accommodation is provided in six private single, twin, double, and family rooms. All rooms have shower facilities, individually controlled central heating, bedding, towels and sea views. They offer beds in shared rooms subject to availability and have one dog friendly bedroom available by arrangement. The large lawn area provides space for campers with access to a hostel kitchen, dining room and a WC. Located in the middle of the island, and only a 10-minute walk from the Papa Westray airfield and about two miles from the ferry pier, is a wellstocked community shop, where they offer the perfect base to explore the beautiful island of Papa Westray. For aviation geeks this trip is a must. Enjoy!



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Campbell Crime Report



By Carol W. Gerwitz

00 Blk. W Rincon Ave. (V) paid \$1500 to someone posing as an agent from the Federal Government through using gift cards. Report

2500 Blk. S. Bascom Ave. (S) was driving when (V) grabbed the exterior of his car and she was dragged a short distance. (S) was determined to be DUI. Arrested.

San Thomas Expy./W. Hamilton Ave. Officers responded to a report of a driver passed out at the wheel. The driver was found to be intoxicated and was arrested and booked.

100 Blk. Hardy Ave. Unknown (S) stole (V)'s laundry which had been left on the front porch to be picked up by his laundry service. Report.

2400 Blk. Winchester Blvd. (S) had been previously admonished and told she would be arrested if she returned to the business. (S) returned and was arrested: trespassing and refusal to leave property.

500 Blk. E. Hamilton Ave. (S) was reported as stealing. (S) was found to be in possession of the stolen merchandise, burglary tools, and under the influence of a CNS Stimulant. (S) was also a parolee at large with a no bail felony warrant. Booked.

1600 Blk. Winchester Blvd. (S) was contacted on the report of a welfare check and was in possession of drug paraphernalia. Cited and released.

00 Blk. N 1st St. (S) was causing a disturbance. (S) was determined to be in possession of suspected narcotics and under the influence of a controlled substance. Booked.

900 Blk. E. Hamilton Ave. (S) violated a work place restraining order by going onto the property. Arrested and booked.

San Thomas Expy./Budd Ave. During a call for service, elderly citizen was contacted and could not provide her name, address, phone number, or any information regarding relatives. Officers were later able to contact her relative who responded and took custody of her.

300 Blk. E. Hamilton Ave. Two masked suspects attempted to force entry to the front and rear doors of the building. Suspects were interrupted and both fled without making entry. Both remain unknown and at large.

100 Blk. S. Leigh Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered (V)'s residence via a dog door and stole jewelry. Suspect remains at large.

900 Blk. W. Hamilton Ave. During an argument, (S) grabbed (V) around the throat for several seconds causing difficulty breathing. Arrested. Emergency Protective Restraining Order granted.

Chapman Dr./Theresa Ave. CPD officer observed a male and a female (S1) and (S2) sleeping in a vehicle and conducted a welfare check. (S2) possessed drug paraphernalia and narcotics and (S1) had two active warrants. (S2) was cited and released for drug paraphernalia and narcotics, and (S1) was arrested for her two active warrants.

500 Blk. E. Hamilton Ave. (S1) and (S2) entered the business. (S2) then fled with \$1000 worth of clothing. (S1) was contacted and determined to be out on SORP (Supervised Own Recognizance Release Program) for a prior felony. (S1) was booked; (S2) is still at large.

000 Blk. Hollis Ave. Officers responded for a report of the mailboxes being tampered with and discovered forced entry made to the rear of the mailboxes and unknown quantities of mail stolen. (S) remains unknown and at large.

Fewtrell Dr./S. Bascom Ave. CPD responded to a report of a male (S) who was taking off his clothes and yelling. (S) was determined to be under the influence of narcotics. Arrested.

500 Blk. Railway Ave. Officers responded to a call that (S) came home intoxicated and pushed their 7-year-old child. (S) fled the scene prior to CPD arrival. The Reporting Party (RP) and (V) were contacted at the residence and no

visible injuries were observed. An EPRO/Move-out order was granted and (S) later contacted CPD via telephone to provide a statement. (S) was made aware of the EPRO, and Child Protective Services was contacted. To DA.

600 Blk. Inwood Dr. Unknown (S) stole (V)'s vehicle from in front of the residence some time overnight. Report.

300 Blk. Llewellyn Ave. (S) was at the residence in violation of multiple served no contact restraining orders protecting (V1) and (V2). (S) became agitated and a verbal argument ensued between (S), (V1) and (V2) when they would not procure cigarettes or alcohol for (S). (S) threatened (V1) and (V2), and (V1) and (V2) left the residence. Once outside the home, (V1) and (V2) contacted police. (S) remained inside the residence and refused to leave. Warrant was issued the next day. (S) was contacted and arrested outside the residence. It was determined (S) had also caused more than \$400 in damages to property inside the residence. Booked.

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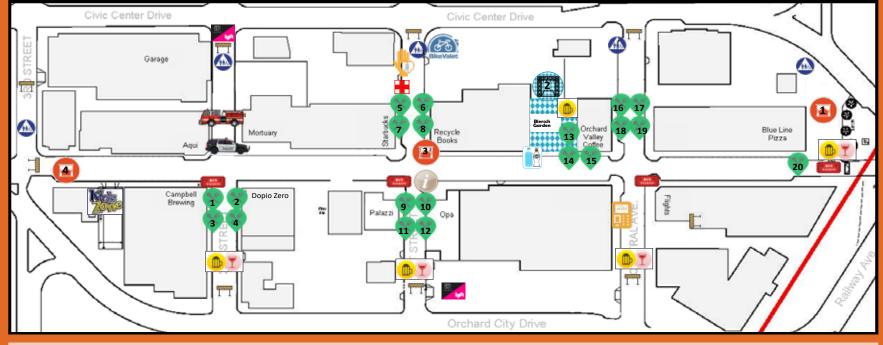






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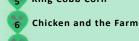




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The Hitmen

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

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Zicke-Zacke Band 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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> > Chaz & Co.

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1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

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10:00 AM Pinki Martini

03:30 PM California Sports Center 04:00 PM Athena Richelle 04:30 PM Everywhen 05:30 PM Zumba with Cel Galiza



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