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Kaylee Earnshaw (center) and Vietnam Veterans. The veterans were moved that someone would care enough to create a memorial to their fellow servicemen.

Vietnam veterans honored at Pioneer High

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

As the “Star Spangled Banner” rang out, all eyes turned to the American flag and the new bronze plaque beneath it.

“We’re here to unveil the memorial plaque that was made to honor former Pioneer High School graduates who fought for our country in Vietnam; my great uncle, Timothy Michael Carroll, being one of them,” says Pioneer senior Kaylee Carroll Earnshaw, who brought the project to fruition.

The only son out of five children, Carroll was killed in Vietnam after he threw himself on a grenade to save his unit, three weeks before he was due to come home.

The dedication took place on Veteran’s Day at Pioneer High School. In attendance were family members of the deceased,



Pioneer High School student **Kaylee Earnshaw** leaves a legacy to Vietnam Veterans who lost their lives in service to their country.

Pioneer alumni and other Vietnam veterans.

“It feels good to honor the vets,” says Earnshaw. “I think people forget the sacrifices they made. It’s nice the plaque is in the gym, so people can see it and remember them all year round, not just on Veteran’s Day.”

“In memory of fellow classmates of Pioneer High School who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their country,” reads the plaque. “Killed in action, Republic of South Vietnam 1962-1975.” The names on the plaque include: Samuel Arthur Sharp, William Holt Fowler, Robert Ralph Hammer, Donald Ray Williamson, Timothy Michael Carroll, Richard Harold McGuire and Michael Edward Burns.

After the plaque was cast and bronzed, another name came to light, Armando Chapa, Jr., who
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Jenna Ryan wins first place in InnovateHER Challenge National Competition

By William Bellou
Publisher

A new approach is taking shape to help women fight urinary tract infections which focuses on prevention instead of treatment.

Jenna Ryan, CEO and co-founder of Uqora, a women’s health company dedicated to UTI (urinary tract infection) prevention, is the winner of the first place award in the 2017 InnovateHER Challenge.

Ryan, a native of Almaden Valley and a graduate of Leland High School (class of 2008), was presented the award by Linda McMahon, head of the U.S. Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C. on October 26. With the award, Ryan also received a check for \$40,000 on behalf of Uqora, LLC. Uqora is based in San Diego, CA.

The first place prize was due to the result of the introduction of Uqora, a new preventive drink-mix that gives women a way to flush out UTI-causing bacteria in the bladder when they’re most at risk. The product has a nice taste, similar to pink lemonade.

InnovateHER Challenge is the SBA’s nationwide live-pitch competition highlighting pioneering products, services, and technologies developed by visionary entrepreneurs. Winners are determined by the measurable

impact on the lives of women and families and in the marketplace. This was the third annual Business Challenge sponsored by the SBA and Sara Blakely Foundation for companies that create positive outcomes in the lives of women.

“Uqora gives women the defense they need against the bacteria that causes urinary tract infections (UTIs), keeping them out of the doctor’s office and off antibiotics,” said



Jenna Ryan, CEO and co-founder of Uqora

Ryan. “Cranberry juices and extracts have been officially named ineffective by the American Medical Association. The prevention space is antiquated, and we’re very excited to bring an effective, multi-layered approach to this enormous problem,” stated Ryan.

“We’re out to change that”

“UTIs are incredibly common—actually the second most common infection in the United States,” explained Ryan. “Despite the magnitude of the problem, the focus has always been disproportionately
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Almaden/Blossom Valley Charity League benefits 'Animal Assisted Happiness' with painting signs

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Almaden/Blossom Valley Chapter of National Charity League (NCL) Class of 2018 has chosen Animal Assisted Happiness as its focus for this year's senior project.

The non-profit Animal Assisted Happiness (AAH) mission is to enrich the lives of children and their families experiencing special needs, health or family challenges. AAH provides visits with friendly barnyard animals bringing moments of happiness, comfort and smiles into children's lives.

AAH recently relocated to Baylands Park in Sunnyvale from Los Gatos and sent out notices about needing help setting up new facility.

All 21 young women of the Almaden/Blossom Valley Charity League designed,



and painted and varnished eight foot wooden poles attaching colorful signs showing the way to the different animal sanctuaries on the property.

Home Depot, located on Hillsdale Ave. in San Jose donated materials for the project.

Seven different high schools in San Jose (Leland, Pioneer, Valley Christian, Presen-

tation, Branham, Notre Dame, Leigh) are represented in the 2018 NCL Class that will have spent six years working together developing leadership skills, learning through cultural experiences and providing many hours of philanthropy through this important organization.

The Class of 2018 has worked hard volunteering, made new friendships and had a lot of fun along the way. The class is looking forward to a well-deserved senior recognition celebration on March 17, 2018 at La Rinconada Country Club.

Editor's note: To learn more about Animal Assisted Happiness, visit animalassistedhappiness.org. To learn more about the Almaden/Blossom Valley mother-daughter philanthropic organization (NCL), visit their website: almadenblossomvalley.nationalcharityleague.org.

Williams Elementary School Scouts and Brownies honor vets and flag at senior living facility

By Cyndi Goble
Special to the Times

The scouts from Williams Elementary School helped make the day for over fifty veterans on Friday, Nov. 10, including a WWII Marine Brigadier General, a recipient of the Silver Star.

Members of Williams Elementary School Cub Scouts and Brownies led the Veterans Day Program for the more than 50 veterans, including several from WWII, residing at local senior living community Brookdale San Jose.

While the NFL grapples with what is considered respectful behavior during the National Anthem, the scouts from Williams Elementary School demonstrated how they honor and respect both the flag and those who have served in the military.

They began with a flag ceremony, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and singing the National Anthem. The Scouts and Brownies then thanked those from each branch of the military and shook every veteran's hand while the anthem for that specific branch of service was played.

Taps was played for those veterans that have passed away and the program ended with everyone in attendance singing God Bless America.

Knowing that their efforts, even though it was many years ago, are still valued and honored by today's youth, touched the heart of every veteran in attendance on a special day of remembrance.



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During the Santa Experience, a child can whisper into Santa's ear sharing with him what they wish the most for this Christmas, while cheerful Christmas music playing softly in the background to set the tone of joy and happiness. There may also be reindeer hiding around a corner sipping a mug of hot chocolate on a cold day.

There will be many of Santa's elf's there to help you choose your favorite expressions. Santa's Elf's are highly trained to help parents decide which is the perfect holiday package, including holiday cards.

The dates Santa and Mrs.'s Clause will be visiting the JP Impressions studio is Sunday, November 26.

For more information, call 408.298.7532, or visit www.JPimpressions.com.



Volunteers paint walls on Almaden Expressway and make improvements at Glenview Playground

By William Bellou
Publisher

Volunteers took to the streets recently to give two walls fresh coats of paint and make some needed repairs at Glenview Playground.

The two newly painted walls are located on McAbee, across from the Campton Chase wall that was painted last year, and the second location is on Redmond, next to the empty lot at Almaden Expressway. These two walls bring the total number of walls painted up to eight.

Residents and homeowners came out on Oct. 21 and joined members of the City Council District 10 staff, along with councilmember Johnny Khamis and his family.

"We really had a productive day of work," said Khamis. "We also had a good time together, and the walls look great!" Khamis said he wanted to especially thank Dan Burnham, Burnham Construction, who managed both projects and volunteered all of his labor.

Glenview Playground improvements

While the walls were being painted, 50 volunteers converged on Glenview Park, filling up the playground with new wood-chips, pulling invasive weeds out of a planter area, cutting ivy out of some trees, and removing grass from around the bases of other trees.

Glenview Playground volunteers included 20 members of the Almaden Super Lion's Club, several Kiwanis Key Club high school students, employees from Orchard Supply Hardware, members of Venture Church, and Almaden residents.

Mollie Tobias from the Parks & Recreation Department supplied all the tools and the Lion's Club supplied pizza for the hungry volunteers.



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The San Jose Vietnam War Memorial is located at: 395 W. Santa Clara St. "We wanted to find a way to honor the 142 sons of San Jose who lost their lives in the Vietnam War," says Fernandez. "It's emotional and very personal." In 2013, they completed the project to much fanfare, including a flyover by a Huey helicopter with an airman waving the U.S. flag. *Photo courtesy of agifca.blogspot.com*

Veterans

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attended Pioneer and served in the US Navy. He was killed on Feb. 6, 1968. "He's in our thoughts," says Earnshaw's father, Patrick Earnshaw.

"There are only records of veterans who graduated from Pioneer High, so there are potentially veterans who didn't graduate but also fought and died during the Vietnam War," says Earnshaw. "We honor them as well, through this plaque."

Earnshaw was the first family member to attend Pioneer since her grandmother, great aunts and great uncle did when it first opened. When her parents and grandmother suggested she honor Carroll in some way, Earnshaw agreed but wanted to also honor all servicemen killed in Vietnam who attended the school. Searching online, she found a list of 142 men whose names are inscribed on the San Jose Vietnam War Memorial, but it didn't specify what high schools they went to.

After permission was granted by the school registrar and principal to look through Pioneer's files, she went in at

lunchtime for months comparing the 142 names with Pioneer's graduates during the timeframe of the war. She found seven.

"We tried to go to each high school and put something up, but we hit a snag when we tried to get the names," says Dennis Fernandez, President of the San Jose Vietnam War Memorial Foundation. "When I heard that this girl wanted to do this in remembrance of her uncle, I thought it was phenomenal for a young person to care so much—and then to get the other six names—it makes me feel really good to see a high school student step up and do this."

"Talking with the veterans and hearing the emotion in their voices makes you realize how appreciated this really is," says Earnshaw's mother, Kim Earnshaw. "Three of the men who called me cried. It's touching and humbling."

"I didn't know it was as big a deal as it was until I got their reaction," adds Earnshaw.

"Thanks a lot for honoring Tim and others who didn't make it back," says Mel Peterson, who was transferred his senior year to Pioneer from Willow Glen High School along with 150 other students.

"I know William Fowler," says a veteran. "We got drafted in May '66 and did Basic Training together. I know him. He was a good guy."

"It makes me feel good people are doing such things," says Bill Otterlei, board member of the San Jose War Memorial Foundation. "I was 18 when I was drafted. Everybody just hoped they'd come home. It's not like they wanted to be there." An Air Force veteran, Otterlei was wounded twice in Vietnam.

Vietnam Veteran Larry Reuter went to school with Carroll. "I'm overwhelmed by the whole thing," he says. "That she could get the help of the principal and dig through all the records, page by page, is just incredible. It makes me emotional as hell."

Reuter, one of the original SEALs, carried out underwater demolitions and special ops while serving on a submarine for two

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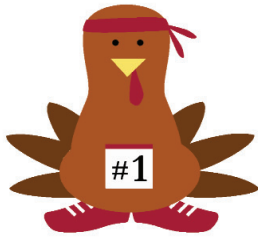
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years in the Philippines. Fernandez was with the 82nd Airborne and then a "tunnel rat" performing underground search and destroy missions. "Dennis jokes with me, 'How could you go on that submarine?'" says Reuter. "I say, we knew what was on the submarine. How could you go in those tunnels? I think you're the crazy one!"

Retired algebra teacher and mentor of Pioneer's robotics team, Lonny Weissman is one of two Vietnam vets who taught at the high school. He appreciates Earnshaw's efforts and regularly pays his respects to those he served with at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. "I have names on the wall of my own which I go and see every year," he told Earnshaw. "Let me know if there's something you'd like me to tape to the wall for your uncle."

"I feel like I'm doing my small part in honoring vets," says Earnshaw. "It makes me happy to know people will gather in the gym and see the plaque and remember them."

"I think it's great to honor veterans and Pioneer alumni," says Pioneer Principal Herb Espiritu. "We want our students to be community service minded. For Kaylee, it started with a family member. It was a great project for her and the kind of thing we hope our students will do. Her curiosity and the seed we plant in our students

led her to this. We're very proud of her."

"She's mature and wise beyond her years," says Kim. "She knows how important this is to us and her grandmother's generation. She understands because she's grown up with it being a part of our family life. She took time from being a high school student and doing fun stuff to dedicate herself to this. She appreciates the history and sacrifices of her forefathers."

"What Kaylee did was unbelievable," says Carroll's sister, Kathy Carroll Earnshaw. "She comes from strong family. Family means everything to us. Almost all of the girls in the family have taken the middle name 'Carroll' in memory of Timmy."

"Tim's presence has always been felt in our family," says Kim. "We have a memorial wall dedicated to him at our family vacation home."

The Carroll's have lived in Almaden Valley for generations. Tim Carroll was raised in a white house off of McKean Road when it was a dirt road in the middle of the countryside. When the area was developed, a street called Timothy Lane was named after him.

"History and the military have always been a big part of my husband's family," says Kim. "In high school, Pat traveled across the country doing Civil War reenactments, including at Gettysburg. He loved it. He lived history and learned it that way. They filmed his group in the opening scene of 'Dancing with Wolves.'

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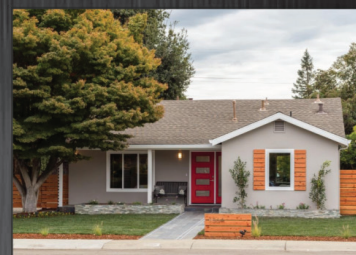
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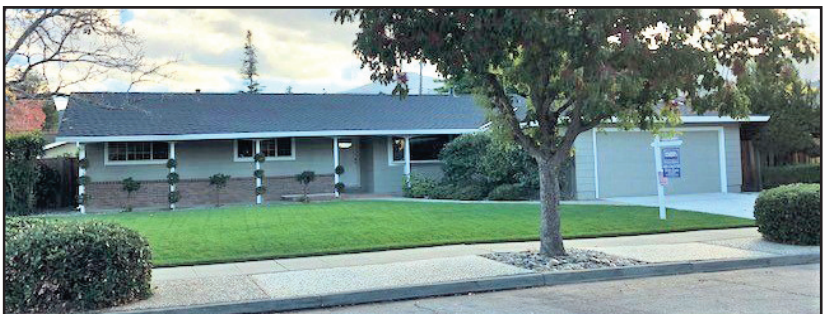
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Veterans

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In our home, he's always talked about history and military with the girls. We went to Normandy with them."

The San Jose Vietnam War Memorial Foundation donated \$500 towards the plaque, which was also funded by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Los Gatos Chapter and Summit Uniforms.

"We know it has true meaning to our chapter," says DAR Regent Sue Fitzpatrick. "We have a memorial fund in Timothy Michael Carroll's name to support veterans. We knew it was a big thing for the family and we needed to support it. I think the Vietnam War is very important for kids to know about. We need to find ways to solve issues before they become wars."

"My brother Tim, my husband and I graduated Pioneer in '63," says Karen Ellner. "This really means a lot to us. It was nice coming back here. There were a lot of stories told about us and she probably knows most of them since she was able to go through the records. I miss my brother every day. Thanks, Kaylee."

Tim's cousin, Gaylene MacIntosh, is also a Pioneer graduate. "I loved my



(L to R): Kathy Earnshaw and Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Sue Fitzpatrick. DAR donated funds towards the memorial plaque honoring those who served.

cousin Tim and I miss him," she says. "We appreciate what you've done, so thank you again."

"I'm really proud of her," says Patrick. "She took on something most other high school students don't think about, ran with it and did a really good job. Without the research she did, this never would have happened."

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Cast rehearsal – **Marissa Bacon** conducts the show after hours of vocal coaching by sacrificing her lunch hour every day to direct the kids. **Steve Dini** is the guest director.

Pioneer High School's advanced drama class to perform 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'

By Jane Johnson
Special to the Times

Pioneer High School's advanced drama class cast is excited, exuberant, and utterly committed to "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - In Concert" scheduled on Dec. 1-2.

All 95 members of the cast and crew are devoted to just one purpose; performing at a level of utmost excellence bringing joy to anyone experiencing their theatrical concert. Marissa Bacon conducts the show after hours of vocal coaching by sacrificing her lunch hour every day to conduct the kids.

What is a theatrical concert you might ask? "In concert" evokes images of students potentially standing still, singing en masse into microphones. In the past, Pioneer Drama productions were fully staged affairs complete with set transformations Lori Biviano & Jim Wolk created, or costume magic Jan Vincent whipped up. "But this 'in concert' is somewhat of a hybrid; a traditional vocal concert and a fully staged musical."

Producer Ashley Coleman loves the wide range of music in the production. Everything from French chanson to Reggae, Western to Rock-n-Roll, all make their mark on this Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Weber classic. "Even those who are

not either Bible readers or avid Bible followers may be surprised at how much they enjoy this show because they come expecting one thing and they arrive at a completely different thing," said Coleman.

The story begins with Halliona Bacon, the narrator, setting the stage introducing us to the characters and the story, and drives the presence and energy for the show. The Narrator guides us throughout the story keeping the audience engaged in the modern drama.

Dakota Tyson's take on the father, Jacob, is, "he thinks he's doing the right thing by promoting his favorite son, Joseph, but instead he's making the rest of the brothers spiteful." He likes that his character is stirring it up, and everyone is on stage at all times as the story unfolds; unlike a normal production when the chorus is flung into the show at the end."

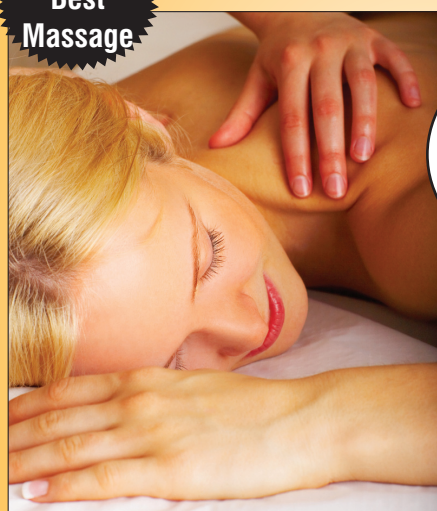
The favored son, Joseph, is initially despised by the 11 other sons. "It's fun to play a smug and arrogant character - certainly not how I am offstage - but it's fun to get in that role and act it up," muses Jack Johnson. "I think people coming to see 'Joseph' will be surprised at the level of singing and performing at Pioneer. Every featured singer in the cast performs exceptionally well in this production.

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Times Feature

Joseph

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Every member of the audience will find something to like in this show.”

If you attended Pioneer High School's production of “Rumors” you'll know the comedic work of actor Cash Johnson. Cash takes Potiphar's character to new “snooty” heights. He said he appreciates that “new kids are showcased in “Joseph” as their presence “provides a drive and fire for everyone to make this the best performance.”

Isabella Osborne, portraying Potiphar's wife, dishes it right back with a take on his wife “not letting him tell her what to do” as she pursues Joseph and tries to leave Potiphar in the dust. Part of what she likes best about playing this character includes portraying an independent and strong woman.

Pharaoh, played by Blake Bertolin, provides of all things comic relief. “I really like the format of this “in concert” theatrical performance,” he said. “It gives the actor more of a freedom to work the stage and it focuses on our singing and our acting rather than relying on sets, props, or scene changes to convey the story.” Bertolin and Johnson have performed together the past five years and this is the first time they've had a full scene interacting together. Both have extensive vocal and acting training.

“I think people are going to be amazed with this cast and I see the rise of one of the actors to a lead role symbolizes everyone working hard to make this entire show amazing,” said Bertolin.

One of the show's unexpected moments comes when Alina Petty evokes emotion for Joseph through a lyrical dance she's choreographed on her own. Petty said she “hopes people

will feel how Joseph wants to be rescued from being trapped” through her dance. Her character's spirit is there right beside Joseph overlooking and protecting him as he walks through another dark time in his life. The dance accompanies one of the show's most well-known solos “Close Every Door” as Joseph struggles in prison.

Steve Dini guest director

Steve Dini is the guest director for “Joseph.” After retiring and taking stock of all he'd accomplished while in his 25 year post at Pioneer, Dini realized the one last show on his bucket list was “Joseph.” Dini and Coleman brainstormed and he was extended the offer to guest direct.

“I'm so grateful to have this opportunity to direct, Dini reflected. “I miss working with the kids. Being back and seeing the great things Mrs. Coleman has done makes me feel comfortable and confident that Pioneer's Drama department is with the right person,” Dini continued, “This is an extreme choir concert with staging and moving around and lighting - so it's definitely not just a choir-type concert; it's not just your predicted musical fare.” For example, Jeffrey Plaza reprises his country twang, Connor Sechrist channels Bob Marley and Josh Radzinski and Zach Morcate revel in French flair.

A family-friendly and beloved show for all ages, “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - In Concert” can be seen two nights only, Dec. 1-2 starting at 7 p.m. at Pioneer High School's Performing Arts Center.

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The basics of a real estate development project

By **Steven R. Roeser, Esq.**
Special to the Times

This week's question:

"I inherited a lot of money from my folks and I am considering getting into real estate development. I have remodeled my home and that is the extent of my experience. Is this a good or a bad idea?"

Logan G.
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Dear Logan:

Real property development in Silicon Valley is highly competitive, complicated in terms of permitting and regulations, and as expensive as it gets. That all means it is a big risk for you since you do not have experience. However, with the right team in place, you can greatly increase your odds of success, meaning healthy net profits.

Following is an outline of the initial planning that a developer should consider.

1. FORM YOUR DEVELOPMENT TEAM

First, it should be noted that a developer uses a builder to build a finished piece of construction, and then sells it. Developer and builder are two distinct positions and one cannot fill the other, and one cannot fill both positions.

Building is one of many pieces of the development, as there are financing, purchase, entitlement/permitting, and sale issues and transactions to address, to name a few.

Typically, the developer will arrange a large group of professionals to perform the various tasks necessary for the development. This usually includes a lending

institution, legal professionals to navigate all phases of the project and contracts for same, tax experts to assist in maximizing profit, real estate brokers to act as agent to purchase and lease or sell land, engineers and architects, a general contractor, and sub-contractors.

The above is the minimum team and the unique requirements of each project may require much more. For instance, HUD construction or construction in an environmentally sensitive area will require specialists in those fields and permitting can be a lengthy process. A simple rule is that the larger the project, the more time and expense that should be expected for final approval of the project from all required governing authorities.

Further, if the developer, itself, is composed of various parties, such as a partnership or corporation, careful planning is necessary in the structure to avoid disputes within the structure leading to a breakdown of the entire project due to internal conflict.

The developer is essentially the CEO of the project, and must wear many hats and perform various tasks. Disputes between the engineer and architect or the contractor and both are common and at all times the lender can be a constant presence capable of grinding the entire project to a halt by stopping the flow of money.

As the developer is the head of the entire project, get ready to play quarterback and lead your chosen team! Now that you have your team ready, it is time to play ball.

2. PLAN YOUR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND GO FOR IT!

1. Determine the type of development you want to try. (Commercial? Residential? To own and lease? To improve and sell? Build from scratch? Improve existing? Location? Partnership or alone?

2. Determine your financial resources. Determine your borrowing potential.

3. Create a budget and time line that is likely and to do that - Obtain the first part of your team in the sense of discussing the matter with them.

This would normally be a builder, perhaps an engineer and/or architect.

4. Find a good real estate broker and begin your search and learn the market. Don't buy anything yet.

5. Once the property is located, create the legal framework that will do the development. You will need the lawyer and CPA to accomplish that. This will cost some money.

6. Get financing arranged for both the purchase and the development.

7. Using the architect and builder get preliminary plans for the property. This will cost some money.

8. Conclude the financing package.

9. Have the property surveyed and soils, water, hazardous waste, etc., and checked and certified as appropriate.

10. Buy the property. If possible, buy it contingent on the approvals described below.

11. Have the architect create final building plans with the engineer. This will cost you money. Submit the plans for approval by all local building, zoning and environmental departments and agencies. This will cost money and take twice the time you think it will.

12. Enter into construction contracts with the general contractor (GC hereafter) and, if the GC does not, with the subs.

13. Supervise the construction. Expect and budget for many delays and problems.

14. Rent or sell the property.

15. Enjoy your profits and look for the next project.

If you find yourself needing advice as to a real estate development project, or any business or real estate matter, please feel free to contact me.

Until next time ...

Kindest Regards,

Steven R. Roeser, Esq.

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Ryan

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Collaboration with molecular biology graduate

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Ryan attended Almaden Schools

Ryan's family moved to Almaden in 1987. She attended Almaden Schools, Williams Elementary, Bret Harte Middle School, and Leland High School. "One of the best things I did at Leland was enrolling in Speech and Debate with Gay Brasher," said Ryan. "I love public speaking, and speech and debate played no small role in that! Gay Brasher has built such an incredible program at Leland—she makes learning a very applicable skill set really fun."

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The man's collection of nick-knacks stretched from cart to cart and seemed to grow each day.

I knew a man named 'Bo Jangles'

By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

As one drives in San Jose, just outside of the Almaden Valley we can often see those who use shopping carts to travel with all their belongings.

Such was the case in this situation in which a man with a collection of nick-knacks was seen which stretched from cart to cart and seemed to grow each day.

In this particular case his things were set up on one side of the road and other days all carts and things were moved to the opposite side.

It was with great curiosity that I asked him if I could do a small article on him and his beliefs. I explained that I write for the Times Media papers and we cover San Jose. He kindly agreed.

Q: How would you describe yourself?

A: "Inventor, collector, creator (meaning he can put things together to make new objects), trader, kind, philosopher and encourager."

Q: How did you come about creating things?

A: "I was born that way. In kindergarten I created a shock absorber idea for car bumpers so that if they got in a collision the bumper would not get damaged."

Q: How would you describe this collection here?

A: "It tends to grow and when it does, I deal some of it off. I have six bikes and I want to keep three (meaning he was open to selling the other three that were in parts to be built). In pointing to small mattress suspended on the cart, he stated, "This is a Serta fresh mattress and it's sturdy bed gear." He proudly said, "full solar here too, 10 lamps, lantern, plus phone charging and it all came from ground scores." Ground scores were explained as things gotten for free when a person picks things up and finds something of value anywhere in the vicinity or beyond.

Q: What is this cardboard kind of propeller?

A: "XO atmosphere, proprietary, it's a new day for orbital hardware..." (it was seen that this invention was top secret yet beyond the planning stages and thus questions were asked to be kept to a minimum, I also decided not to take any photos of this "proprietary" item).

Q: Is it a bit tough to live out here?

A: "I'm as healthy as a horse...I exist on limited sleep...I have stuck around because this area has been real good to me. The character of the individuals is good here (San Jose)."

Q: Have you got in fights with people?

A: "When things get ugly I ended up making friends with them. If you are real close enough to fight you can find out if there is a reason to it and if there ain't maybe you can have a beer with them."

Q: Do people steal from you?

A: "I'm probably in good enough with the thieves that they leave me alone."

With that, the eloquent down-to-earth speaking (think cowboy) man said, "I'm on no benefits...ain't interested...don't want to be part of the problem... ground scores keep me going." Then he added, "Once there were some German graduates who were backpacking and they gave me their left over camp gear as they were getting on a plane to go home. That was about a month and a half ago and I also got a chess set, backgammon and even a mini soccer ball before they got on their plane to go home."

Q: Have you ever thought about moving?

A: "I know a woman who is like a friend and she has six acres in Castro Valley. All I need is three car park spaces of land and I think about contacting her often. Maybe she might let me live on her land. I could take care of it." He spoke of his bond with nature, fields and open space adding his frustrating observation that, "corn fields have been turned into homes."

Writer's Note: I told the man that he spoke well and he added that if he would not mind a cup of coffee anytime day or night. Three days later I bought that cup of coffee with the five creams and sugars requested but when I revisited the place to continue our conversation, he was gone and there was no trace of his collection.

I began to wonder if some San Jose task force took all he had and placed him in some facility. I wondered if his goods were taken due to carts belonging to perhaps local businesses. If so, I bet he handed the entire ordeal with class and calmness.

The experience of him allowing me to interview him reminded me of the song "Bo Jangles Man." Although this guy did not physically dance, he did tap dance moves, pirouettes, summersaults and high leaps with his Americana crafted words that made an encounter friendly and entertaining to any person willing to strike up the conversation.

"He danced so high, then he lightly touched down..."

Editor's Note: Look for future articles on the subject of how the City of San Jose is working to help the homeless situation.

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