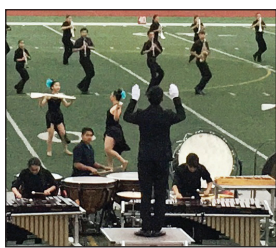


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Faith leaders throughout Evergreen Valley were called upon to draw upon religious power and strength in helping assist the needy. Above, Councilwoman **Sylvia Arenas** speaks with interim president of Evergreen Valley College **Keith Aytch**.

A call to service for faith leaders to help with Evergreen Valley homeless

Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas convenes faith leader summit brunch at Evergreen College

By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

The sweet sprinkling of a mild rain shower seemed to baptize the purpose of this event on Thursday, November 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Those who lead their congregations in prayer throughout Evergreen Valley were called upon to draw upon religious power and strength in helping assist the needy in the Evergreen Valley.

The ten immaculately black circular clothed tables elegantly set and offering eight chairs were soon filled to capacity. Invitations were professionally

sent weeks in advance and the agenda carefully planned so as to tackle some the most pressing community needs in Evergreen Valley.

The key focus of the event was to update the faith leaders on the state of the valley with regard to homeless situations.

The mayor and councilmembers have put in place concepts to

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Veterans Day celebration presented by Villages Music Society and Veterans Club strikes common chords

By Thomas Roy Harney
Captain, United States Air Force (Retired)

Special to the Times

Common chords were struck.

Once more, the Villages Musical and the Villages Veterans Club presented a Veterans Day Concert in which everything seemed to come together in perfect harmony.

It became a deeply moving performance for both performers and members of the audience. It tran-

scended the enjoyment of the program and moved into the higher realization and appreciation of what actually motivated all to attend the memorable program.

This was the Veterans Day Program presented by the Villages Music Society and the Villages Veterans Club on Saturday, November 11 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 4977 San Felipe Road

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Stan George, Director of The Villages Concert Band conducted the Star Spangled Banner at the moving event. Photo by Thomas Harney



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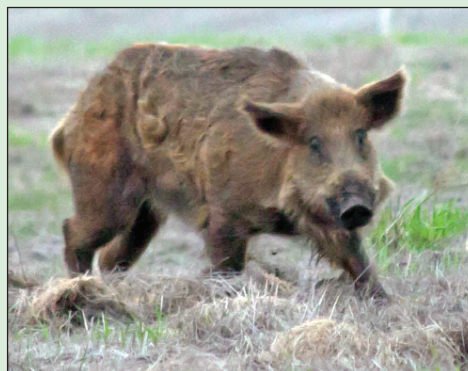
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SCVCC HOA traps boars to stop the destruction of lawns

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Homeowners Association at the Silver Creek Valley Country Club (SCVCC) has initiated a plan to stop wild boars from damaging property, specifically lawns.

The HOA has hired trappers in past years with little success. SCVCC HOA Manager, Alma Fasano, confirmed that nearly 60 wild pigs have been caught this year, a rate much improved over last year's efforts, possibly due to the wetter spring this year compared to last year.



A wild boar rooting. Photo by Devra (flickr.com)

There is currently a global explosion of wild pigs destroying natural ecosystems, spreading disease, causing a billion dollars in agricultural damage, and they are difficult to combat.

There are several traps located in various locations in the Country Club which costs approximately \$175 per trapped pig. This is much less than the damage they cause to property. The younger boars seem easier to catch than the older ones, as reported by several homeowners, because the adult pigs have learned to stay away from the traps.

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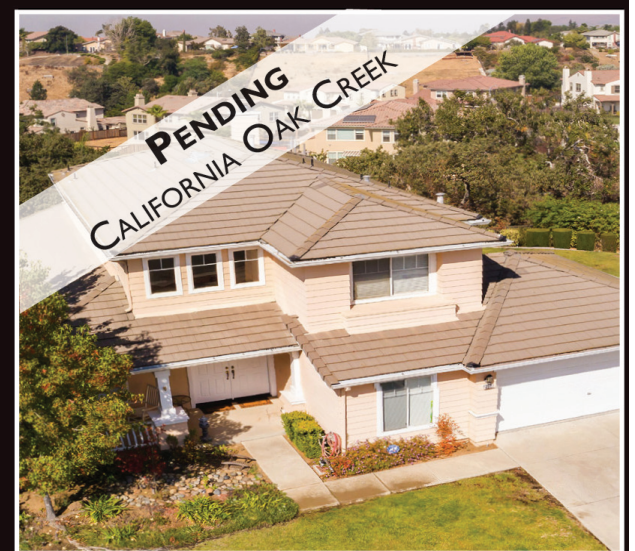
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Zoe Wilson, 12, heard noises as she was getting ready for school and looked out her window to see a herd of wild boars including babies in the open space behind her home in the Silver Creek Valley Country Club. We usually see photos of one, maybe two boars together, but to see a photo of an entire herd of boar including offspring is rare. *Photo by Zoe Wilson*

Wild boar

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The use of traps and chemicals work almost all of the time in protecting the SCVCC neighborhoods. Some homeowners have proposed installing or reinforcing fences to separate the living space of the wild boars from the various neighborhoods. It seems that some boars have been digging under the fences, or pushing them over. Another problem is that some boars are following the creek where there are no fences to keep them out.

A SCVCC homeowner said that many years ago, Club House Chef, Peter Harvey, cooked one of the boars and served pig sausage to the members. If you shoot a wild pig, know where to aim, for a wounded wild pig isn't something you want to tangle with. They instinctively like to charge if they feel threatened and they have tusks.

Environmentally friendly control methods

There are some environmentally friendly control methods available. One popular method is the use of beneficial nematodes. The cost is less than \$30 dollars which will effectively cover approximately 2,000 sq. ft. The nematodes are used to prevent grubs from multiplying. Another environmental safe way to deter wild pigs is to use motion detector sprinkler systems and lights.

Pig facts

Wild Pigs are not native to North America; they were introduced from Eurasia either as domestic hogs brought over for food or as wild boars for hunting. Their weight typically ranges from 110 to 770 lbs., with some domestic breeds reaching almost 1000 lbs. They can grow up to 3 feet tall and 6 feet long. Domestic hogs were released in California in 1769 and wild boars were released in California in 1925. Pigs inhabit 56 of California's 58 counties. Dogs can be hurt or killed by wild pigs if they fight with them.



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The EVHS Marching Band, under the direction of **Steven Barnhill** (inset), won first place at the James Logan Invitational Band Tournament on Nov. 11.

Evergreen Valley High School Marching Band wins four first place awards

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Evergreen High School (EVHS) Marching Band has earned a total of four first place awards, winning two first place awards at two recent Western Band Association (WBA) competitions.

The EVHS Marching Band, which competes in the 2017 WBA Class 2A, won first place at the James Logan Invitational Band Tournament on Nov. 11 and was awarded an impressive score of (81.0). The band was also awarded four first place caption categories: High Music, High Visual, High General Effect, and High Percussion.

At the Independence Band Tournament on Nov. 4, The EVHS Marching Band was awarded the first place award with a score of (77.5). The band was also awarded four first place caption categories: High Music, High Visual, High General Effect, and High Percussion.

Last month, the EVHS Marching Band competed in the Dublin Irish Guard Band Tournament, held in Dublin, CA on October 21, and The Garlic City Classic Band Tournament, held in Gilroy, CA on Oct 14.

At the Dublin HS Irish Guard Tournament, the EVHS Marching Band scored (72.15) winning the first place award including caption categories: Overall Music, Visual Effect, General Effect, and percussion.

At the Garlic City Classic Band Tournament, the EVHS Marching Band was awarded first place with a score of (69.85). The band was awarded all caption categories: Overall Music, General Effect, Auxiliary, and Percussion.

"I'm very proud of our performances at our last four competitions, especially winning this year's highest score of 81 at James Logan," said Barnhill. "Our marching band has shown improvement at each competition which is very gratifying for everyone involved with our program. We are so very proud of our band."

The music of Johann Sabastian Bach

The EVHS Marching Band's show is called "Corps De Ballet" featuring the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. "The Bach compositions require great concentration and musical skill of our 64-member band," said Stephen Barnhill, EVHS Music Director. Barnhill and Rick Pina, EVHS Assistant Music Director, direct the EVHS Marching Band.

The WBA events include more than 12,000 students participating in weekend competitions. Each WBA individual judge is assigned to a specific caption. General Effect and Music are each worth 30 percent of the total score, Visual is worth 20 percent, and Auxiliary and Percussion are each worth 10 percent.

"A special shout out to our dedicated students, our talented staff and all of our amazing volunteers: Band Moms, Pit Dads, and the families that have contributed their efforts to make our program successful year after year," said Barnhill.

Join the Band Boosters!

Are you looking for a way to contribute to the EVHS Instrumental Music Program? The Band Boosters are looking for people to help out in a variety of roles, from selling cookies at a concert, to loading and unloading equipment at marching band concerts, to being a Band Booster Officer. To volunteer your time,

talent or contribute monetarily, contact Mr. Steven Barnhill at (408) 347-7034, or email: barnhills@esuhsd.org. Website: www.evhs-band.org.

Garlic City Classic Band Tournament 2017 WBA Class 2A (Oct. 14, 2017)

1. Evergreen Valley High School	69.85
2. Westmont HS	67.70
3. Beyer HS	65.35
4. Christopher HS	64.25
5. Selma HS	63.15

Dublin Irish Guard Band Tournament 2017 WBA Class 2A (Oct. 21, 2017)

1. Evergreen Valley High School	72.15
2. Vanden HS	67.95
3. Terra Nova HS	65.85
4. Sobrato HS	64.85
5. Los Altos HS	62.30
6. Christopher HS	62.30

Independence Band Tournament 2017 WBA Class 2A (Nov. 4, 2017)

1. Evergreen Valley High School	77.05
2. Westmont High School	72.45
3. Terra Nova High School	71.70
4. Sobrato High School	70.65

Logan Invitational Band Tournament 2017 WBA Class 2A (Nov. 11, 2017)

1. Evergreen Valley High School	81.00
2. Beyer High School	77.45
3. Vanden High School	76.75
4. Westmont High School	74.35
5. Terra Nova High School	71.70
6. Los Altos High School	68.70
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FAMILY FEATURES

Whether this holiday marks your culinary debut or you're a seasoned chef looking for a fresh take on seasonal favorites, you can take some notes from the pros. Every good chef has an arsenal of tricks and techniques to create amazing dishes every time, and the perfect blend of spices is one of those winning secrets.

In a properly seasoned dish, the spice accents the natural flavors without overpowering them. That's why it's a good idea to build your menu around spices and herbs of the highest quality, such as Spice Islands, which crafts and packages spices and herbs from around the world to deliver the most authentic and intense flavor possible.

Add flavor-rich, seasonal spices to your holiday table with these flavorful recipes for a Traditional Turkey Rub, Cranberry Apple Chutney, Butternut Squash Soup with Thyme Butter and Mini Pumpkin Cheesecakes.

From the appetizers to the main dish to dessert, flavorful seasonings can make a good recipe great. Find more ideas for spicing up your holiday menu at SpiceIslands.com.

Traditional Turkey Rub

Prep time: 5 minutes

Yield: rub for 1 turkey (about 15 pounds)

- 2 teaspoons Spice Islands Crushed Rosemary
- 1 teaspoon Spice Islands Thyme
- 1 teaspoon Spice Islands Onion Powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Spice Islands Garlic Powder
- 1/8 teaspoon Spice Islands Ground Saigon Cinnamon
- sea salt
- Spice Islands Ground Black Pepper
- pure olive oil (optional)
- 1 turkey

In small bowl, combine rosemary, thyme, onion powder, garlic powder and cinnamon. Generously add salt and pepper. Lightly coat turkey with oil, if desired.

Rub all surfaces of turkey with seasoning. Roast according to package directions.



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

Spice Up the Season

Flavorful holiday dishes for every course



Mini Pumpkin Cheesecakes

Prep time: 15 minutes

Total time: 1 hour, 50 minutes

Yield: 18 mini cheesecakes

- 18 paper baking cups (2 1/2 inch diameter)
- 18 gingersnap cookies
- 12 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon corn starch
- 1 teaspoon Spice Islands Pumpkin Pie Spice

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/3 cup light corn syrup

Heat oven to 325 F. Line muffin tin with paper baking cups. Place 1 cookie in each cup.

With electric mixer, beat cream cheese, sugar, corn starch and pumpkin pie spice. Add eggs and mix well. Add pumpkin and corn syrup; beat 1 minute.

Pour filling into liners, dividing evenly. Bake 30-35 minutes until just set. Chill 1 hour.

Cranberry Apple Chutney

Prep time: 15 minutes

Total time: 45 minutes

Yield: 2 cups

- 1 bag (12 ounces) fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 large apples, cored and chopped
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup finely chopped onion
- 2/3 cup golden raisins
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon Spice Islands Minced Garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt

- 3/4 teaspoon Spice Islands Ground Allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon Spice Islands Ground Saigon Cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon Spice Islands Ground Cloves
- 2/3 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 2/3 cup chopped pecans

In large saucepan, combine cranberries, water, apples, sugar, onion, raisins, ginger, garlic, salt, allspice, cinnamon and cloves. Bring to boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat; cover, stirring occasionally, 15 minutes. Add corn syrup, vinegar and pecans. Cook uncovered 15 minutes, stirring frequently.

Serve with roast turkey, pork roast or baked ham.



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Times **OpEd**

Now we thank

By John Goldstein, Lead Pastor
Grace Church of Evergreen

Thanksgiving is always with us. Giving thanks is always an opportunity “just around the corner.” Our age is tempted to focus on instant gratifications and receiving what we want. Modern technologies encouraged the instant ‘on demand’ aspects of life for me. What we all want most is meaningful relationships, harmony and community. You can’t build a wonderful life in an instant nor by yourself; a thankful spirit is key.

Each Thanksgiving I am reminded of a song frequently sung around this time of year. It is difficult for me to sing as it always brings tears to my eyes.

The song was written by a Pastor living the horrors of the thirty Years War in 17th Century Europe. The story mirrors situations being experienced in many parts of the world today. You will recognize the similarities.

His town filled with refugees fleeing war became victims of a plague called “The Great Pestilence.” Only four pastors served the town. They were the spiritual leaders and healers of the day. One Pastor fled, two others died serving the sick. He continued as the sole Pastor in town consoling the sick and burying the dead. As many as 40 - 50 persons were buried per

day so they say. Some 4500 in all. His wife also succumbed to the plague. Eventually the death toll was so great refugees were buried in trenches without services. This Pastor gave service above self. He shared the suffering of all as he saw the human face in each individual life.

In spite of this European tragedy of never ending war and pestilence, when others would curse the darkness, this Pastor could pen a song to give hope to his children - and give thanks to God. It is a timeless prayer of thanksgiving.

You may recognize the tune as you read the words:
Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices.
Who, from our mother’s arms, Hath led us on our way,
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next!
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Times **OpEd**

Create moments of happiness for yourself and others

By Bob Gill

Special to the Times

Being a Santa Clara County board member of the Behavior Health Department, I learned that happiness is the way to go.

The reason where I am coming from is we don't know if there is going to be a tomorrow or not so we better live each day at a time and be happy and spend some time with family and community.

When I say community I mean all community, all nationalities, not just one community for we are all one. Create situations where you can be stress-less and in peace thinking about some good memory of the life.

Create together moments of happiness without any reason

I have learned by working with people with mental issues what they are going through in everyday life and working with them, we create together moments of happiness without any reason.

I go to a number of nursing homes and hospitals to give Christmas cards to the patients so I see the smile on their faces, because few people visit them. I go there with a bunch of cards to make them happy.

I try to make them laugh during their times of deep depression. I pray for them and I feel and believe they are part of my family. What actually I do is I prepare them to look forward to live and I tell them stories of other people's lives and the positive things they did.

They're dreaming about them

We often speak about children because they like to hear about children a lot because they are missing their grandchildren. They're dreaming about them. We speak about growing up stories and how their children grew up. I ask them questions about when they first took them to school and what was it like at graduation.

Sometimes they are not all there and sometimes they feel they are in the graduation at this moment.

The most beautiful moment of their lives

I also make sure to go over the best moments of their lives. For example, often we speak of the first time they met their girlfriend or wife or the first time they visited their grandchildren. They talk about it and mention about the moment. They sweetly discuss and relive the beautiful memories.

We should set aside each month some moments to visit people in a hospital or nursing home. Your church minister, Mr. Pastor should also visit. When I go I am not carrying any prejudice, I make arrangements with management and I walk in and

say hello to patients and pass out cards with smiles.

There was a man who died that I knew and he passed in the hospital. His family called me and I went there and his wife almost passed out. She could not talk. She had trouble breathing and her teeth were chattering. Her daughters were there next to her but no one knew what to do. I don't know where I got the spirit... I got the doctor from another room to save her life. "Doctor, I don't have time to talk," I grabbed his hand and led him to her and he saved her life.

The spirit of God

He was kind of hesitant and a bit surprised when I grabbed him by the arm but he did not say no and that is the spirit of

God. He gave her treatment for her breathing. After that she came back to life. She was so saddened by the death of her husband she almost stopped breathing. There was too much on her mind and she was consumed with sadness. Weeks later the family thanked me for my actions.

Sometimes God will put in your mind no fear. If you believe in God, God will give you the spirit to take action.

Let's all of us make a goal to save life and all of us treat everyone the same.

Let's everyone do their part to make the tradition to pass

out cards to the less fortunate who may be alone in hospitals and nursing homes, to give some kind of gift for even if it is small it is welcomed for a holiday visit.

Time is the best gift one can give

On behalf of the city and county, wishing you and your family wonderful time together for time is the best gift one can give.

Robert 'Bob' Gill is currently a Santa Clara County Behavior Health Board Member Housing Commissioner, Art Commissioner, Former Disability Commissioner, Former Senior Board Commissioner and a humble servant of the Sikh Gurdwara, San Jose, California. Contact Gill by email me if you have any suggestions or comments at bobgillcares@gmail.com.



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California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Director Matt Cate presented the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and Probation Department with awards honoring their innovative and progressive policies.

Tackling blight in unincorporated urban areas a top county priority

By Supervisor Ken Yeager

Special to the Times

On November 14, the Board of Supervisors took a major step forward in dealing with urban blight when they unanimously approved my proposal for a review and update of the County's zoning and land use ordinances.

Santa Clara County contains multiple pockets of unincorporated land that is surrounded by incorporated cities and is indistinguishable from those cities. Two of the largest pockets are the Burbank and Cambrian areas in my district. Both are surrounded by San Jose.

Unfortunately, existing County ordinances largely focus on dealing with rural issues. As an example, there is no specific County ordinance that defines what constitutes urban property blight. It is time to change that by updating the ordinances to reflect the urban reality of many of our unincorporated pockets.

The County has significantly expanded its Code Enforcement Unit over the past few years. Now we need to give that unit the proper authority and guidance so we can make all of our unincorporated areas inviting, livable spaces for our residents and businesses.

I expect the County Counsel's office will present revised and updated ordinances to the Board in the new year, and I am hopeful they will be approved. I look forward to seeing a major County effort to reduce urban blight in 2018.

Santa Clara County receives three state-wide awards

This month, California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Director Matt Cate pre-

sented the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and Probation Department with awards honoring their innovative and progressive policies that lead the way among the state's 58 counties.

The Challenge Award commends the County for standing up against the bail industry as the only County in the state to pursue pretrial reform through an open public process. In addition, our Probation Department received the Merit Award for its Family of Friends program, which provides support groups and therapy to individuals suffering from mental illness and substance use disorders.

This has significantly reduced recidivism, led to more than \$8 million in savings, and ensures more than 2,500 participants each year receive the support they need to successfully transition back into society.

I was honored to be presented with the 2017 Circle of Service Award. As a member of the Executive Committee and Chair to the Health and Human Services Committee for CSAC, I have worked to shape critical policy on homelessness, poverty, health-care, and supportive housing. In addition, this year I led the effort to protect In-Home Supportive Services for our residents in need of out-of-home care.

Honoring our Veterans

I was privileged to join Santa Clara County Supervisors Dave Cortese and Cindy Chavez to present this proclamation to Dave Sanders, President of the United Veterans Council at the San Jose Veteran's Day Parade on November 11, 2017.



County Report

Ken Yeager,
County Supervisor

Times News Briefs



Private meeting and photos with Santa offered by JP Impressions Distinctive Photography

John Pratt, the owner and manager of JP Impressions is offering a special private meet and greet with both Santa and Mrs. Claus.

"I want to offer a child the magical experience meeting Santa and Mrs. Clause, in a relaxed holiday private session," said Pratt. "There will be no waiting in long lines at the mall to meet a 'Santa' with a fake beard for 45 seconds, just to snap a quick photo."

The Santa Experience, at JP Impressions, is one of a kind. Children will get private one on one time with the real Santa and Mrs. Clause, who have years of experience and are highly qualified, and yes, Santa's bear is the real thing!

The set was specially designed by Pratt

in his 2500 sq. ft. studio. "Our holiday props and setting make the scene come to life including interactive activities such as: reading with Santa, touching his beard, sharing a laugh, and giving cookies to Santa," said Pratt.

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 online: <http://www.JPimpressions.com>.

California proposal would negate taxes for residents without kids in public schools

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

Lee Olson of Huntington Beach, CA is proposing a ballot measure to exempt residents who don't have kids in California state public schools from paying any property, sales, income taxes or fees to fund them. The following is an actual excerpt from the proposed act;

"(a) This Act shall be known as the 'California Education Tax Relief Act.' (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the Constitution to the contrary, no property, sales or income taxes or fees or other government schemes to extract financial resources shall be levied or assessed against California residents who do not have students they are financially responsible for enrolled in Article IX schools in order to pay for any free school provided for under Section 5 of Article IX, nor to pay for any Public School System or into the State School

Fund provided for under Section 6 of Article IX, nor to pay for any bonds or district costs provided for under Section 6 1/2 of Article IX, nor to pay for any textbooks provided for under Section 7.5 of Article IX, nor to pay for the University of California provided for under Section 9 of Article IX."

The California Education Tax Relief Act, proposed by Olson, would allow any resident of California with no children in the public school system to avoid paying taxes and fees designated for state school funding.

To the surprise of school administrators up and down the state, California's Attorney General's Office gave approval for circulation of the initiative, allowing proponents to start collecting the signatures (585,407) necessary to obtain a spot on the November 2018 ballot.

Evergreen resident Jenna Stewart said, "even if I did not have children in a public school, I would not opt out of paying school taxes. We need to support our public schools."

While the measure could reduce revenue from state and local taxes and fees, the proposal, if approved, may lead to increases in other taxes and fees in order for state and local governments to balance their budgets.

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Veterans Day

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in Evergreen Valley.

Veterans Day is to honor our living veterans. It is the Veterans' Day! It is the complement of Memorial Day which honors our veterans who are no longer living. The combined contributions of the Villages Voices, the Villages Concert Band, and the Villages Handbell Ensemble were truly moving. One can only imagine how much time was spent in preparation for this colorful musical event.

Ken Carter, Director of the Villages Voices and Sylvia Arenas, San Jose Councilwoman, delivered the Welcome and Introduction. Stan George, Director, The Villages Concert Band, and Ken Carter, Director of the Villages Voices, directed the Star Spangled Banner. The United States Marines Color Guard did the Presentation of Colors. Captain Robert Semple, Villages Veterans Club, led The



Many veterans serving in WWII, Vietnam, and Korea attended the Veterans Day Celebration held at the LDS Church on San Felipe Rd. on Saturday, November 11.

Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Bill Hayden, the Villages Community Chapel delivered The Invocation.

Many musical pieces were presented, including, including, "Grand Old Yankee Doodle Extravaganza" by the Villages Handbell Ensemble. At a high emotional point in the program when the "Armed Forces Medley" was performed, veterans of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard stood in turn. When the salute was directed to the branch of the armed forces in which they had served, a single red rose was presented to each standing veteran.

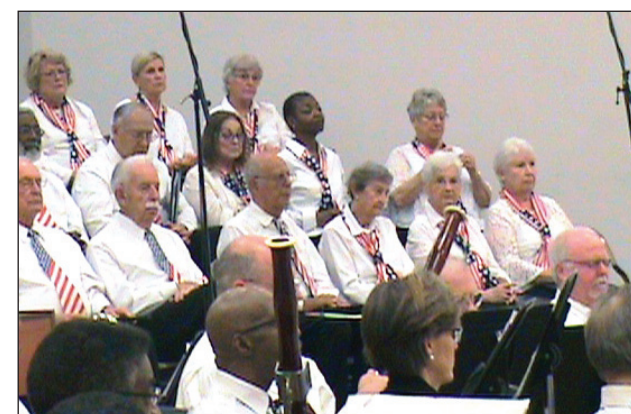
Colonel Steve White, Commanding Officer, 23d Marine Regiment, Headquarters, San Bruno, delivered a dynamic Veterans Day Address. Colonel White's Veterans Day Address will be remembered as one of the most enthusiastically received and best ever Veterans Day Addresses.

Bishop Bennett, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, delivered The Benediction, and the Villages Concert Band closed the program, performing the "Colonel Bogey March."

It was truly a memorable Veterans Day Celebration!



The Village Voices performed a number of pieces during the moving Veterans Day ceremony.



Parents Advisory Committee disbanded

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Evergreen School District Parent's Advisory Committee has been disbanded and the committee is expected to be replaced by a new entity.

The committee meetings have had a low participation rate, usually just eight people. As an alternative to the monthly meeting, administrators will find ways to better bring the conversation out to the community.

The ESD Superintendent will host multiple sessions at schools in different parts of the District, starting in January 2018. These sessions will work in similar fashion to the "Coffee with the Superintendent."

Parents will be able to attend sessions and ask the Superintendent and assorted members of cabinet questions or share what's on their mind. The PAC meeting scheduled for March 7, 2018, which was a planned Q&A session for parents of incoming middle school students, will be held at the scheduled time.

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Times **Local News**

All proceeds from the annual Sikh-sponsored walk go to the purchase of essentials for homeless persons such as tarps, blankets, sleeping bags, and more.

Sikhs honor less fortunate with 5k 'Walk for Humanity'

By **Kevin Larsen**
Times staff writer

This year on Saturday, November 18, at 10:30am under clear blue skies, the annual 5K walk took place at the Gurdwara on the Hill.

The entire Evergreen community and beyond were welcomed to join the annual event which has taken place for the past five years.

All proceeds from the annual walk go to the purchase of essentials for homeless persons such as tarps, blankets, sleeping bags, and more. This year the Sikhs are also making goodie bags that will contain a beanie, gloves, thermals such as long sleeves and such, socks, toothbrushes and more.

The hundreds who walked the run and donated ask that next year more people from the community mark their calendar to come out to support this honorable charitable event.

Everyone can walk at their own pace, including visitor Karen Mann-Anand who came from another city to participate in the event. She commented that the San Jose Gurdwara has one of the most highest regarded reputations and people speak with great happiness and pride of what goes on in Evergreen from cities far away. She stated, "The San Jose Gurdwara Sikh community really gives back to the community making it their mission to be the first to serve if natural disasters arise or other community needs and events such as this 5K walk really help the less fortunate."

A director of the Gurdwara, Sikhdiv Singh Bainiwal, summed it up by saying, "We are getting the message out that every human is equal. This is the message of humanity by Guru Nanuk."

Next year it is hoped hundreds come to join the walk so that all different communities in Evergreen can support this charitable cause and have a good time seeing each other. The Sikhs currently network and help the less fortunate by teaming up with nearby churches.

The 5K race is connected with giving love and hope to the less fortunate. Guru Nanak is quoted as saying, "Those who have loved are those who have found God." The annual 5K walk demonstrates this philosophy.

"I liked the race, you had to be strong to walk the whole thing and if you come next year there will be water, cupcakes, and other stuff," said third grader Harjot.

"The 5K is basically a community com-

ing together, walking, and running together to support fundraising for other people and it is real fun. Together you come as a community and it's good for your health and you can spend time with your friends and family. I hope more people come next year to support for it is a good opportunity to help out," stated 10th grader Derleen.

"It was good because I got tired," stated first grader Arshdeep.

"My name is Angeleen and I think this race is important because it brings together people. People can learn about Sikhism and what we do and spread the word."

"We are doing the race to create awareness, not only for the health but for the community. Guru Nanak walked throughout his life for humanity. He is the founder of our Sikh religion," stated a fast runner in the 5K.

"The event is intended to have the Sikh community take an active role within the wider San Jose community by helping raise funds for the underprivileged," stated Himat Bainiwal, Sikh member.

"This is my fifth year walking in the Gurdwara 5K walk for humanity. I am proud to support the Gurdwara as a neighbor and former Vice Mayor and as someone who strongly believes that working for those in need lifts us all," stated Rose Herrera.

"I think it's a good experience for all the donations go to charity and it passes on one of our Guru's teachings to help the less fortunate," stated Ishpreet.

"It was a great walk. We wish that the surrounding non-Sikh community will join us on an annual basis for this 5K walk. One hundred percent of all fundraising goes to help the needy," stated Bob Dhillon, President of the Sikh Gurdwara temple.

To learn more about the Gurdwara visit their website: www.SanJoseGurdwara.org.

Recent rain event brings year to date total to 1.96"

Rain totals for Thursday Nov. 16 and Friday Nov. 17 produced 0.96" measured with a rain gauge located at the Silver Creek Valley Country Club reports Jacqueline Bogard. The latest storm brings the year-to-date total to 1.96." The rain year measurement always begins on October 1.



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CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**	-\$750
FIAT OWNER LOYALTY RETAIL BONUS CASH***	-\$1,000

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Times Feature

Symphony Silicon Valley presents 'Enigma Variations' featuring Alma Deutscher Violin Concerto No. 1

By William Bellou
Publisher

Symphony Silicon Valley has announced that musical prodigy Alma Deutscher will perform her Concerto No. 1 for Violin and Orchestra in G Minor in the program Enigma Variations on Saturday and Sunday Dec. 2-3.

Variations have been part of the composer's tool kit throughout musical history and this program showcases three examples from different times and countries. Each composition illustrates the enormous appeal of these musical transformations: Johannes Brahms, Variations on a Theme by Joseph Haydn; Alberto Ginastera: Variaciones Conciertantes, Op. 23; and Edward Elgar, Variations on an Original Theme 'Enigma', Op. 36. Guest conductor is Alasdair Neal, Music Director for the Marin Symphony.

Brahms' masterful variations on Haydn's beautiful theme set the standard; Ginastera gives his an Argentine flavor; and Elgar's instantly popular Enigma Variations established him overnight as the best English composer in two hundred years.

About violinist Alma Deutscher

Alma Deutscher, championed by mentor Zubin Mehta, is a composer, violinist and pianist. She started playing the piano when she was two years old and the violin when she was three. Her attempts at composition started aged four, when she began writing an opera about a pirate called Don Alonzo. At age six, she composed her first full piano sonata. At age 9, Alma wrote a concerto for violin and orchestra, which she premiered in 2015, which she will perform with Symphony Silicon Valley.

As a soloist, on both violin and piano, Alma has performed in England, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Uruguay, USA, Israel, and Japan. She has also performed in prestigious events, including Google's Zeitgeist, alongside speakers such as Physicist Stephen Hawking.

Alma currently plays on a violin by Guarneri del Gesù kindly lent to her by the Beare's International Violin Society.

Symphony Silicon Valley presents Variation on Variations on Saturday, December 2 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 3 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. Tickets: 408.286.2600 or www.symphonysiliconvalley.org. Single Tickets: \$45 - \$90



Alma Deutscher

Photo by Alex Nightingale Smith

Discounts available for seniors and students.

About conductor Alasdair Neale

Alasdair Neale is currently Music Director of the Marin Symphony; Music Director of the Sun Valley Summer Symphony; and Principal Guest Conductor of the New World Symphony and San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Neale previously spent 12 years as Associate Conductor of the San Francisco Symphony and Music Director of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra. During that time he conducted both orchestras in hundreds of critically acclaimed concerts. In 1999, he conducted Mahler's Fifth Symphony in San Francisco and Germany. In his fifteen years as Music Director of the Sun Valley Summer Symphony in Idaho, Neale has propelled this festival to national status: it is now the largest privately funded free admission symphony in America.

About Symphony Silicon Valley

Founded in 2002, Symphony Silicon Valley has progressed from daring idea to exciting reality, rapidly becoming the greater South Bay's premiere orchestra and a notable community success story. The Symphony's artists, nationally recruited, locally resident, with an average performance tenure in San Jose of over 20 years, are recognized as among the best in the greater Bay Area. Led by an exciting roster of distinguished guest conductors on the European model, the Symphony is an anchor tenant of San Jose's magnificently restored downtown California Theatre, one of Northern California's most outstanding music halls. There, audiences and critics alike greet its concerts with enthusiasm.

Shimmering candle light vigil contacts God in our universe

By Kirpal Singh Atwal

Special to the Times

A historical candlelight vigil took place at the Gurdwara on the hill on Saturday, November 11, Veterans Day.

"History making, No words can describe it. I do not know what to say for it is beyond religion, it is humanity," stated one prayerful visitor. People of all faiths were invited to attend, light candles and speak silently with God. Priests asked for healing of the universe.

Something harmful to the world took place at a Texas Baptist church and also in other places in our country and world. The senseless act harming innocent souls with bullets was responded to with prayer.

The Gurdwara is a Sikh religious place and also is used as a community center to reach out to help all people of all races and faiths. Throughout America and in foreign countries we find Gurdwaras. It is in front of the beautiful building with the special fountain overlook of the valley that the gathering took place.

Prayers are done almost all the hours of the day and night here. When one enters one hears reciting words of special meaning one feels the focus on God and the need to reflect on the meaning of life and to ask for guidance to help all people and one's self.

Priests sing softly during the day poetic words from the Sikh Holy Book called the Granth.

As the day turned slowly into the darkness of dusk, candles were lit to remind all of the light of God and prayers chanted to reinforce the knowledge that he is

always present.

"We saw the invitation to come here in the Evergreen Times and we are tired but we knew we wanted to be part of it," stated a man with a black cowboy hat and a kind lady by his side.

"Any time when we learn of an unfortunate incident we get hurt so one of the best things we can do is give prayer. Some people may not hear but God does," I expressed to them.

"We condemn any type of violence done by anyone and we feel for the families sorrow in this time of grief for their loss," stated director in the Gurdwara, Sukhdev Singh Bainiwal. "We are all human beings and we are all the same inside. It doesn't matter what color, what race, what gender, what ethnic or religious background, we come down to one thing, and we are just humans. No words can replace the family loss in such a tragic event we see that occurred. We got to re-evaluate our rights for if one's right allows the taking away of innocent people's lives, what kind of right is that.

God teaches us we must care and love for the human race," stated community liaison for the Gurdwara, Jessie Singh. "There was no reason for this tragic event in our world, it is nice to have an opportunity to bring different faiths together to share in tragic times," stated a candle light vigil participant. "The teaching of Guru Nanak principles of our faith began over 500 years ago and that's the spirit of the Sikh religious beliefs. I can feel the pain of the families for this situation reminds me of when my brother was senselessly killed in a cross-



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walk by a driver. I feel for the families and I am very disappointed to hear this kind of news of shootings because we should know better as a human race for we should never hurt anybody at all and that is a principle of life," stated Bob Gill of the Gurdwara. A priest began the vigil by saying simple sentences that resonated strongly to all. "We pray for the well being of the whole world and universe

and the hurt families. We pray to protect the world from future incidents of this kind." It was also stated that this vigil is not the first for the priests of the Gurdwara that have done this many times before. "From day zero we pray to God and the taking care of the whole universe," stated the Holy man.

A chant took place over and over again which in translation to English means "God."

A holy prayer was done and it was explained by another religious leader from the Gurdwara, "we all belong to God and our victory is God's victory."

Guru Nanak Dev Ji is considered the founder of Sikhism and the first of 10 Sikh Gurus who lived a life bestowing great wisdom. He shared his learnings with the world in the form of the Holy Book called the Guru Granth Sahib. People turn to it to reflect on things especially during times of discomfort as is seen with regard to other religious Holy Books in our world. I close this article with just one of many quotes by the founder of the Sikh

religion.

One visitor to the Gurdwara stated before the vigil began, "this is very historic that the Gurdwara held this candlelight vigil and powerful to invite all faiths in our Evergreen Valley. The act is helping to heal the world for when people are brought into a group due to their overlying belief in God and they come from different churches in our valley it's of such excellence it is sublime."

The following quote is from Guru Nanak Dev Ji:

Burn your attachments and grind them into ink. Turn your intelligence into the finest paper. Make the love of God your pen and let your conscious mind be the scribe. Then, seek the Guru's Instructions and write them down. Write the Praises of the Nam. Write over and over that God is infinite and unlimited.

Editor's Note: The Gurdwara serves complementary vegetarian food to all 365 days of the year in the Langar. To learn more about the Gurdwara and perhaps visit their history room, visit; www.SanJoseGurdwara.org.



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The light that streamed into the meeting space illuminated the vibrant spacious room and offered cleanliness for all to wrestle a subject that for the layperson can bring sadness and heartbreaking reflection of empathy of despair. Graciously this meeting place was offered by the new interim president of Evergreen Valley College, Mr. Keith Aytch.

"I hope our hospitality is generous, we are a community college and this is your home. We welcome you in the whole ecosystem of things and I am here to help the entire community," stated Aytch. Relating to the purpose of the event itself, President Aytch stated, "we are establishing an advocacy resource center so when students experience hunger we can have a food pantry to assist." This brought home the hidden understanding that even college



"All of us have a strong love for our community. All of that love makes us stronger and unties us to bring action to help others. I appreciate all you do as faith leaders. When things get tough, the community goes to you as a support of strength. I want my office (City Council District 8) to give you strength and be there for you," stated Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas.

students are sometimes homeless and hungry as all levels of our society can be. Councilwoman Arenas sincerely thanked President Aytch for his efforts in helping the event take place.

It was explained that many religious institutions in San Jose and Evergreen are currently rolling up their sleeves and finding ways to help shelter the homeless and they have been helping for some time now. Gigantic efforts are made on a daily basis and especially in the cold winter months. With successes comes learning and a push

was asked for to increase and expand the gallant joining of more churches and resources to help for the need is growing exponentially in the Santa Clara Valley. This important summit allowed the faith based groups to contemplate extending how each might contribute more in the future and thanked all for helping thus far.

Some families sleep in cars

This homeless issue is a ghost like problem for it is seen yet not truly discerned by citizens. It is haunting to know that such homeless situations are growing and things need to be done to combat the pain and sorrow for both adults and children when they face a lack of a place to stay.

It seems that our Evergreen area, as well as all other districts, faces the spike in home values which triggered rapid increases in rent prices which in turn caused a growing situation where many live just one or two paychecks from not having a place to stay. It was explained by a faith leader that there are even some situations where women with children have no car and are homeless in our valley.

The Winter Faith Collaboration group comes to the rescue

Representatives from the Winter Faith Collaboration project spoke. This group brings together and engages over 100 faith communities across San Jose and Santa Clara County with the "collective aim to serve and shelter these in the homeless community who are living outdoors." It was explained that Evergreen is not immune from those experiencing the plight of hunger and house-less-ness.

Dignity, respect and stability

Leaders of the Winter Faith Collaborative explained that three things must be in place for any homeless person to pull themselves up from a downward spiral, dignity, respect and stability. That is what volunteers are focused upon for when these three components are achieved and kept intact; the homeless person can once again develop the capacity to "feel love." It was discussed that a lack of stability hinders people from getting back into housing situations.

Arenas thanked all the faith leaders for the work they have achieved and are currently doing to help those in need. It was explained that many proactive measures are in place such as overnight shelters,

drop in centers and safe parking which is a place to park for those who live in their car, away from harassment and harm. Arenas kindly expressed that together more can be done and her District 8 office will help too.

Another partner in the assistance to those who are homeless stated that they offer a mobile shower service which helps the less fortunate to have a shower in a safe location. Many opportunities are given to the less fortunate that the common citizen may be unaware of for those that reach out to help are discrete about their assistance.

Hiding

Lots of homeless individuals are in hiding and especially those with children. The faith based leaders do not judge the people, they do not state in a negative way, "Hey why are you living in your car?" Instead they work with individuals in caring, compassionate and deeply respectful ways during the homeless "crisis of housing" situations.

The event went by quickly and Arenas stated, "I wish to thank everyone who came today. We need to continue to collectively talk to each other and we can organize our services and list them on a 'needs sheet' so that those looking for help will know where to get it. Collectively as a group we can do more when all of our efforts are combined. Working together enhances the strength of all!"

Many faith leaders had the opportunity to speak and contribute their thoughts. Many cordially met each other for the first time so that their face to face interaction was made possible for the first time by this important event.

The meeting was well organized and much was accomplished. There was a depth of collaboration seen to be taking effect in deep ways. This process is not new and it needs kind nurturing which Arenas and her team are facilitating.

As the event came to a close, one reflected on the important and meaningful comment Councilwoman Arenas stated when it first began. She stated, "I am not going to call this an annual event because I want to meet with you all more than once a year. We all have a strong love for our community."

Arenas allowed all the faith leaders to have time to pinpoint some of the most pressing issues they wish to explore in this setting as future meetings take place. About ten other issues were expressed to be of great importance to work together on to help the Evergreen Valley Community. Arenas' staff diligently took notes to follow up on each area of need stated.

The words of Arenas rang strong when she stated, "our county is suffering; join me in the battle to restore humanity and community for the most vulnerable."

The summit was bookmarked with powerful prayer both before and after it took place by different religious faith leaders which reaffirmed that all in Evergreen all reach out to work together as one.

After the event ended many stayed for over a half hour to network and continue to explore with kind conversations how to work together to achieve lofty goals led by themselves with collaboration and nurturing by District 8 Councilwoman Arenas' office.

Editor's Note: To donate or volunteer to assist the less fortunate contact The Winter Faith Collaborative at their website; faith-collaborative.wordpress.com.

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Times Feature

OFF THE SHELF

Hour of Code hosted this month at the library

By Edith Sutterlin
Special to the Times

Every year Evergreen and many San Jose Public Library branches host Hour of Code programs, a part of Computer Science Education Week.

Learn the basics of computer programming in a one-hour introductory course to let you play while learning some computer science. On Monday, December 4, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. for K-6th graders or Tuesday, December 5, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m., for 6th-12th graders, and again on Friday, December 8, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. for all ages, adults, teens, and children, Evergreen invites you to come and try your hand at coding in a relaxed environment with teen and adult mentors to help if needed.

Pre-holiday programs

At Evergreen Branch, Friday, December 1, 4:00 p.m., children will be making Jingle Sticks. During our regular Music & Movement program, children are invited to celebrate the winter holidays by moving and shaking to the sound of jingle bells. Enjoy a short winter-themed story time and make your own jingle sticks. They are sure to put you in a holly jolly mood!

On Saturday, December 2, 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Village Square branch offers the chance to have your photo taken with Santa! Bring donation for Second Harvest Food Bank and get a free professional photo with Santa! Join us after your photo for a holiday craft! More holiday crafts continue at Evergreen branch on Saturday, December 9, 11 a.m., when children ages 3 and up make STEAM projects such as coding tree ornaments, snowflake art, and a toy dreidel.

Evergreen hosts two adult programs on Wednesday, December 6. A Business librarian from King visits Evergreen Branch to offer adults “Tips to Boost your Resume and an Introduction to Big interview,” starting at 4 p.m. Increase the marketability of your resume. That same evening Evergreen Branch Library’s adult Book Club gathers at 6 p.m. to discuss Jonathan Evison’s novel, “This is your life, Harriet Chance!” Harriet, a widow in her late seventies who had cared for her husband as his Alzheimer’s progressed, is surprised to learn that her late husband had won an Alaskan cruise for two just before his death. Harriet talks with her dead husband frequently, so her children think she may also be experiencing dementia. Harriet learns more about her late husband’s deceptive character and even about herself as she reviews

pivotal events of her life in a series of flashbacks. Reviewers say this book is both laugh-out-loud funny and sad at the same time.

Additional Events

View all library event listings online at events.sjpl.org. Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds (sjpl.org/updates) and our Facebook page. (facebook.com/sanjoselibrary)

Parking

When the Evergreen Branch library parking lot is full, customers may find additional parking available at Grace Church on the other side of Aborn Road. We thank Grace Church for this generous offer that allows the library to better serve the Evergreen community.

Edith Sutterlin is a librarian at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. (408) 808-3060. Village Square Branch Library is located at 4001 Evergreen Village Square. (408) 808-3093. Both are part of the San José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, sjpl.org.



NATIONAL CO-CHAMPS – A men’s tennis team from San Jose was named national co-champion at the United States Tennis Association League 40 and Over 4.5 + men’s National Championships at Mobile, Alabama on Oct. 22. Front row, left to right: Denton Desquitado, Andrew Ngo, Anthony Latos, Brian Jacobsen, Jerome David; Back row: Roman Olmos, Kevin Howard, Michael Hotti, Brian Heimbecker, Gregory Unger, Dean Hemminger. Photo Courtesy of United States Tennis Association.



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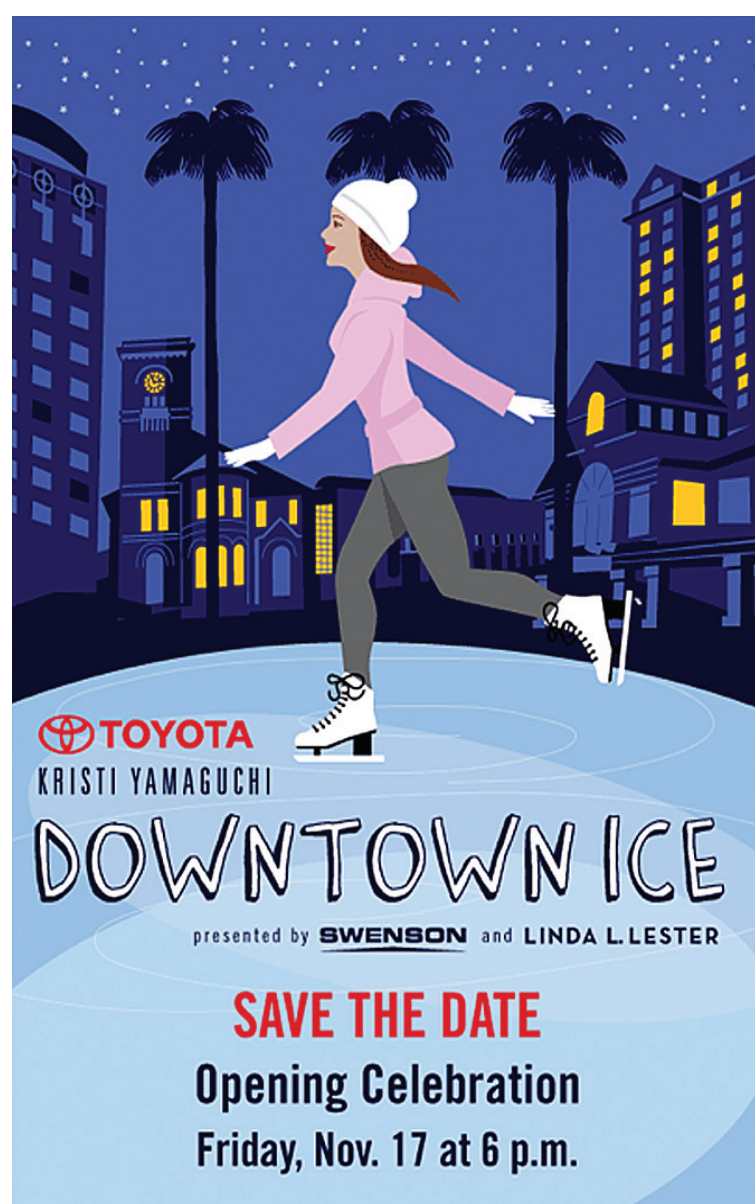


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Times Feature



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 on White Road near Quimby you often see the man with a collection of nick-knacks that stretch from cart to cart and seem to grow each day. Sometimes his things are set up on one side of the road and other days they move on carts 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 Evergreen Times. 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 "pro-

prietary" 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 (Evergreen)."

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 cof-

fee 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 entire 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..."

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held at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Thursdays at 7 p.m. have been cancelled indefinitely due to lack of attendance.

The Evergreen Business Association

is a free networking group for business owners who live and work in the Evergreen and nearby areas. The purpose of the Evergreen Business Association is to develop and foster connections and to provide a forum for members to share knowledge, promote growth opportunities, and encourage referrals. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Square Branch Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. The group invites business owners and leaders. There is no cost for membership. For more information, please refer to our Meetup page here: <http://www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association/>

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Evergreen School District

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Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

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The Evergreen Community Center

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Hidden Glen Community

To join a neighborhood discussion egroup, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HiddenGlenSanJose/> The Kiwanis meet regularly every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster (12:00 noon). For more information, please contact: President of Kiwanis East San Jose Mr. Bud Lomonaco, Phone: (408) 903-7526

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McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assoc.

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Silver Creek School Site Council

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Silver Oak Educational Partnership

The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). New meeting schedule will be posted soon.

Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association

1st Monday of every other month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Location: Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Smythe Clubhouse

West Evergreen Neighborhood Association

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CONGRATS TO THE REYES TEAM RECIPIENTS OF THE 2017 QUANTUM LEAP AWARD



Evergreen Real Estate Agents, Michael & Gabe Reyes, The Only Evergreen Realtors to Ever Receive Prestigious "Quantum Leap" Award

In an association of over 18,000 real estate agents world wide, each year only a handful of agents are recognized for their sales success, marketing tenacity, and outstanding team leadership. The Quantum Leap Real Estate system now coaches and trains the highest producing Real Estate professionals in the world and this past October, at their Fall Super Conference in Anaheim, CA, Michael & Gabe Reyes, one of San Jose's top selling teams, were honored with their highest award of distinction, the Quantum Leap Award. As a side note, Michael & Gabe are the only Evergreen Realtors to ever qualify and receive the award.

Says Michael, a long time, well recognized veteran in San Jose's real estate marketplace: *"I was completely taken by surprise. It's not a secret that my team has enjoyed an absolute banner year. I've brought some innovative marketing ideas to the Evergreen Real Estate marketplace that have worked tremendously well for our clients. However, to receive this award was something I never dreamed or thought would happen us. We were in Anaheim to continue to sharpen the marketing tools we've incorporated into our "Buyers In Waiting" marketing system. The conference centered on our system that has generated over 2,000 buyers in my database looking for a home in Evergreen and enables us to sell homes for 7.2% more than the average agent, on a sales price of \$1M that is \$72K more in our seller's pocket. At the conclusion of the session, the awards ceremony took place and I was presented with the award. Apparently, the look on my face was priceless when my name was called."* When asked what the award means for his clients Gabe simply replied: *"It's social proof that consumers can hire a REALTOR that knocks on their door, is a one-man band, and maybe get a sale or they can call us and get their home sold right! When we pull the trigger, a landslide of things happen to cause a sale. The results are predictable; More exposure, more money in the sellers pocket, and most importantly, the ability to make a difference in peoples lives. That's what counts for me."*

Michael & Gabe's business and real estate coach, Craig Proctor and originator of the Quantum Leap marketing system, himself consistently one of the top 5 RE/MAX agents in the World had this to say about Michael & Gabe: *"The Reyes Team impressed us with their unfailing determination, consistency and follow-through. A few short years ago, Michael started door knocking just like the majority of Realtors, a one-man show with limited sales. In the last couple of years, the Reyes Team has simply taken the ball and ran with it. Their tenacity and incredibly positive attitude have completely transformed their business to the point where they have one of the top real estate teams in San Jose. This is no small feat. Michael & Gabe are to be both congratulated and emulated."*

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