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Mineta: 'The job I enjoyed most was being Mayor of San Jose'

By **Lorraine Gabbert**
Senior Staff Writer

“If you had said to me, when I was sitting in Heart Mountain—an internment camp in a desolate part of Wyoming, surrounded by barbed wire, military towers, search lights and machine gun mounts—that in 1975, you’ll be having lunch with the president, I would’ve thought

you were crazy. And yet, in April of 1975, I was having lunch with President Ford in the White House. As a result of Watergate in 1974, 75 Democrats and 16 Republicans were elected to Congress. I became chairman of the New Members Caucus, and as such, had lunch with the President of the United States. I was pinching myself.”

—Norm Mineta

Norman Yoshio Mineta, namesake of San Jose's International Airport, served as United States congressman, Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Transportation.

“All of these jobs were important and had their successes,” he says, “but the job I really enjoyed most was being Mayor of San Jose and working with the city council and community groups to plan our future the right way. We tried to take care of not only physical needs, but also our culture. That’s something I look back on.”

Mineta represented San Jose on the city council, as mayor and as a member of Congress. He had a strong city council that was supportive of him and he worked closely with the Chamber of

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Remodeling is in high gear for the opening of the new Sprouts Farmers Market, which is expected to be open Sept. 1, 2018.

Sprouts remodeling stepped up

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

Remodeling of the new Evergreen Sprouts location at 1771 E. Capitol Expressway is picking up speed.

Construction workers at the site are busy tearing down the existing exterior of the building and making improvements to the integrity of the internal structure.

The grand opening of Sprouts is now scheduled

for September 1, 2018.

It’s anticipated that Sprouts will occupy more than 30,000 square feet in the old Safeway location, which suffered flood damage in 2014.

The new store will be located in the Silver Creek Plaza retail complex, which includes the current anchor store, Orchard Supply.

Sprouts Farmers Market operates 15 store locations in the Bay Area, including three currently open in the north and west regions of San Jose.

Evergreen Community Center Talent Show open to seniors

This is for you if you’re an Elvis impersonator, a juggling expert or a rising star singer.

The Evergreen Community Center will host the 70th Annual Talent Show on Wednesday, June 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

In the past there have been singers, dancers, jugglers, players of musical instruments, and a host of other talented performers for what has come to be known as the “Talent of Stars Showcase.”

The deadline for applying to the annual Talent

Show is Thursday, May 31, 2018. Regardless the talent you possess, come on out and strut your stuff!

The “Talent of Stars Showcase” is open to all seniors.

Just return your completed registration form by the Thursday deadline. All participation is based upon approval by the Evergreen Community Staff.

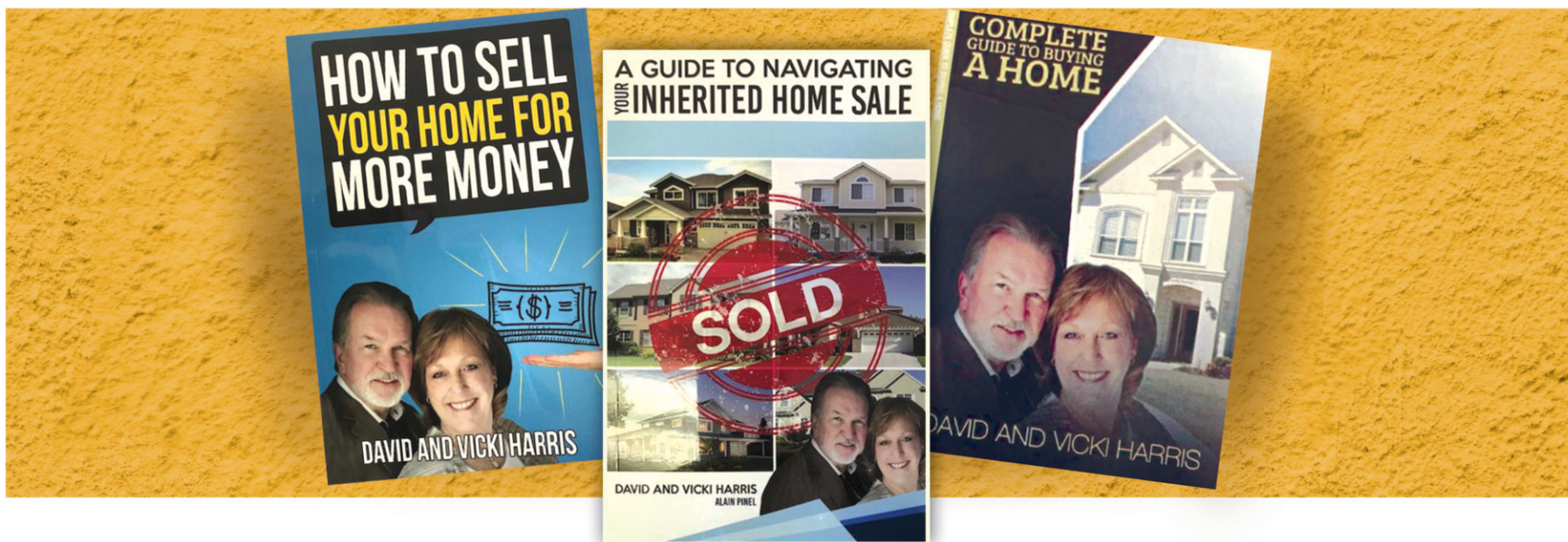
Come on out and enjoy an afternoon of free entertainment. The event is free to the public, so invite your friends and family to come and enjoy the show.

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— By **Frank Shortt**

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Sunita Parmar joined the Laurelwood family as Library Media Assistant in August 2017.

Library update at Laurelwood School in the Evergreen School District

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

Sometimes all it takes is someone new to come along and then things begin to happen.

The project for replacing the non-fiction books at the Laurelwood Elementary School Library was over-due.

Sunita Parmar, joined the Laurelwood family as Library Media Assistant in August 2017.

After working for a couple of months, she realized that the non-fiction collection needed to be updated. This is how the idea germinated for the project.

Sunita recalls, “I did some thinking about how to get the money for the new books. I soon learned that twice a year, the PTA holds a book fair in the library. I was a little late to talk to the PTA for help before the first book fair, but I had enough time before the second book fair.

I approached the PTA President for some money and support for the library. The PTA was very supportive and decided to donate the total profit made from the second book fair.” This was an amazing turn of events!

The total donations were a total of \$2,500.00 of which the PTA donated \$1,500.00 and Dr. Hong Nguyen, the principal of Laurelwood, added \$1,000.00. With this money Sunita was able to buy around 280 books. 140 books have already arrived with almost the same amount still in shipment.

Five students from Laurelwood were kind enough to help with sorting the books and processing them. When the student population gets involved a ‘sense of ownership’ is created. This act of kindness from the PTA and the present school Principal, as well as the students, will be appreciated for years to come as students have updated material for learning and for projects.

Ms. Parmar continues, “My belief is that a school is as good as its library! Libraries support all students, teachers and all the programs throughout the school like Stem, Steam, the arts, and music.”

As Sunita says, “A school without a library is like a body without the Soul!” Well said, Sunita!



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New mural created with strong roots of the entire community

By Austin Belisle
Special to the Times

Teachers, parents, and students are the roots of any local community. And last week, the Norwood Neighborhood Association (NNA), one of the city's many grassroots organizations, branched out to share their spirit with the rest of San Jose.

Using BeautifySJ grant funding, members of the NNA welcomed students and teachers from Evergreen School District's Cedar Grove Elementary to brighten walls at the corner of Tully and White Roads. Together, they turned cream-colored cement barriers into sprawling murals, complete with hand-drawn trees and painted leaves in the form of colorful handprints.

Volunteers joined forces last week to prepare seven walls, one each for the seven grade levels represented at Cedar Grove. They painted the trunks and branches of the trees, leaving the limbs bare for students to make their permanent marks on the community they call home.

On Friday, June 1 at 9 am, students arrived in groups after walking with teachers from the



nearby campus. They anxiously listened as volunteers explained the process of dipping their hands in either red, yellow, blue, or green paint, applying their prints to the wall, and washing up before returning to class.

The NNA, formed in September 2017, worked tire-

lessly to obtain permissions from the city and approvals to proceed with the project. With the end of another school year approaching, members of the association collaborated to prepare the walls, prime the bases of the trees, and execute a successful field trip for more than

500 students.

With help from Mayor Sam Liccardo's office and Cedar Grove's principal, the NNA's community effort left smiles on the faces of hundreds of students and will continue to bring smiles to those who drive past the walls every day.

LETTER

Kudos for reporting on Chaboya

Dear editor,

I am writing to thank Mr. William Bellou regarding the article he wrote on Chaboya Middle School's Science Olympiad Teams, published in the June 9th Issue of Evergreen Times Newspaper. I want to tell you how much all the parents and students appreciated your clearly written article which translates our values, also your article expresses positive aspects of the hard work put in by students. Thanking you again for your continued support to our school and for such uplifting coverage.

Rekha Ch
Evergreen Valley

OP ED

Evergreen Valley College welcomes new president

By Keith Aytch
Special to the Times

For nearly 45 years, Evergreen Valley College has served the Evergreen community. For 25 of those years, I have had the pleasure of working at EVC, where I have held various positions from instructor, to dean, vice president, and now president. It has been a distinct honor to serve our students and community alongside my colleagues on the faculty and staff, and now as president of the col-



Keith Aytch

lege, I'd like to share with you my vision for this great institution.

The most important work we do at community colleges is prepare students for the workforce or transfer to further their education. At EVC we have made a concerted, intentional effort to

improve student outcomes in both of these areas and we have seen positive results. In recent years we have increased and enhanced our career education offerings and experienced significant increases in the number of students transferring into both the University of California and California State University systems. We are now the top ranked community college regarding transfers to San José State University.

The work to ensure students are prepared for transfer or the workforce often begins before they even graduate high school, which is why we have increased our dual enrollment agreements with local high schools. Now, more of our students than ever before are enrolled in EVC courses through these partnerships,

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United States Flags fly high on Veteran' graves and the walkway to the Speakers' Stand at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose on Memorial Day, May 28.

Memorial Day 2018 – A day in pictures

By Thom Harney
Special to the Times

Speakers address the crowd

Sylvia Arenas (near right), San Jose City Councilmember, with adorable, 3-year-old daughter Annaise at her side, proudly holding a U.S. Flag, speaks to the gathering at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Memorial Day, May 28.

Edward James Cavanaugh (far right), Senior Chief Aviation, USN (Retired) is shown here speaking and sharing experiences to the gathering at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Memorial Day, May 28.

Taps sounded at the Villages Clubhouse

Trumpet Player **Phillip Strong** (below), USN (Retired) sounded the taps for the gathering at the Villages Patio on Memorial Day, May 28. The well-attended event was planned by Armand Guerrero, Villages Veterans' Club.



Aytch

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which save families money and reduce the total time it takes to earn an associate degree or complete transfer requirements. My goal is to continue to increase the number of these agreements while also increasing participation in them among local high school students.

It is important to ensure that our students are not only academically prepared for transfer and the workforce, but that they have the requisite connections and soft skills that employers are seeking as well. This is why we have worked to build and expand partnerships with business and industry throughout our region, particularly in career education programs like automotive technology and advanced manufacturing. Our students now have more opportunities for internships and mentorships

that prepare them beyond the classroom experience.

Through these partnerships, enhanced wraparound student support services, and student access and success initiatives like the San José Promise, EVC takes a holistic approach to education that better prepares our students for success in their future career and educational pursuits. One example of our goal of serving as many of the needs of our students as possible in action is the new student food pantry now open on campus. Unfortunately, food insecurity is an issue facing many in our community, and college students are not immune from having to deal with this problem. By opening a food pantry on campus we are able to ensure that fewer students are left wondering where their next meal may come from, which helps them focus on their academics and contributes to more students achieving their educational goals.

If you have visited or even driven by our

campus in recent years, you have likely noticed a flurry of activity and construction taking place as we work to upgrade our facilities and ensure that our students are learning in state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories and that we have the necessary facilities and amenities to properly serve our entire community. This includes our academic programs as well as the programs and events that are open to life-long learners in our community. This is made possible only through the community's continued support of our college and students, which was shown most recently with the passage of our Measure X bond in 2016. This bond measure will provide more than \$300 million for new facilities and upgrades at EVC. Our Board of Trustees recently approved an updated Measure X Initial Project list that prioritizes a new Student Services Center, new Language Arts Building, and new Physical Education, Aquatics, and Kinesiology Building.

It is our intent to operate the aquatics facility in a way that ensures it not only serves the academic mission of the college and meets student needs, but is also open to the public. Our goal is to build a facility that is viewed as an amenity that is available for the entire community to utilize and enjoy. With the Board's approval of our Measure X Initial Project List, this aquatics facility will be among the first new projects built with Measure X funds.

Evergreen Valley College is fortunate to be located in such a strong and supportive community, and I hope that the community feels fortunate to have us. With support from dedicated and hardworking faculty and staff, our students are doing amazing things that will benefit their families and our community for generations to come.

Keith Aytch
President, Evergreen Valley College



OP ED WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

Is anyone else wondering who is responsible for this (see photos) eyesore in the Evergreen Village Square? We have a brand new beautiful library branch right across the street, yet this section of the Village Square seems to have been left unfinished by the developer. At one point, that company was Shappell Homes, but are they still?

We are now with our third Councilmember since the Village Square broke ground. That's over a decade (at least four years with Dave Cortese, eight years with

Rose Herrera and now going on two with Sylvia Arenas.) Wasn't there an expectation or better yet a requirement of Shappell that they would complete the Village Square project in a "timely" manner?

When I contacted Councilmember Arenas office recently I was told that the project is not yet finished, so the pile of covered dirt and weeds would just continue to exist as it is. That bothers me as a longtime resident.

Does it bother anyone else? Shappell no doubt made a lot of money in Evergreen selling homes on land that use to be vineyards, so where is the accountability to finish the Village Square?

Mark Milioto
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BART in San Jose is closer to reality

By Senator Jim Beall
Special to the Times

The day when BART arrives in downtown San Jose drew nearer with the recent announcement of a \$730 million state transportation grant awarded to the BART Silicon Valley Phase II project.

The California State Transportation Agency grant was made possible, in part, by Senate Bill 1, legislation I authored to generate \$5.2 billion annually for state and local road, freeway, and bridge repairs and to improve public transit.

The grant, announced on April 26, significantly bolsters the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's ability to extend BART from the Berryessa station on Mabury Road to future stations at Alum Rock/28th Street, Diridon Station, and the Santa Clara Caltrain depot. VTA is now well beyond the half-way point in accruing the necessary \$4.7 billion needed for constructing the system.

With BART service, the downtown Diridon Station will become Northern California's largest rail hub, uniting Caltrain, Amtrak, the Altamont Corridor Express, VTA light rail, and high-speed rail services in one location, providing a powerful incentive to get commuters out of their cars, resulting in reductions in traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions.

The downtown station will solidify San Jose's stature as the gateway to Silicon Valley and serve as the catalyst to revitalize the city's core. Its importance will grow with the surrounding construction of a proposed Google campus.

The decision by state transportation officials and Governor Brown to approve the \$730 million grant shows tremendous faith and support in Silicon Valley's importance to California's economy and its future.

For me, the grant is the culmination of decades of work. As a member of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, I fought to get the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to grant the BART extension priority ranking for funding.

At the state Senate, I have passed legislation to get big impact transit projects built quickly, such as SB 9, to speed up the planning process by allowing transformative transit projects to obtain guaranteed, long-term multi-year funding commitments from the state.

But legislation is just one component of my work to get BART here. Advocacy is also a key component.

In March, nine legislators from the Bay Area and I sent a delegation letter to the BART Board of Directors, recommending the construction of a single-bore tunnel for trains beneath downtown San Jose instead of twin tunnels. VTA and the city of San Jose also sent separate letters.

A single tunnel would avoid disruption to above-ground businesses and VTA light rail lines, and reduce the necessity for relocating utility conduits. The single-bore tunnel also cuts months off the project's schedule. On the same day the state announced the grant award, BART's directors voted to accept the recommendation.

The approval of the single-bore concept and the award of the \$730 million grant are signals the BART-to-San Jose project is gaining momentum.

Senator Jim Beall represents the 15th District of the California State Senate, which includes San Jose and the communities of Evergreen, Willow Glen, and Almaden Valley; and the cities of Saratoga, Cupertino, Monte Sereno, Saratoga, and Los Gatos. He serves as the chairman of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.



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Milan Italian Restaurant opens

By William Bellou
Times Publisher

The newest restaurant in Evergreen, the Milan Italian Restaurant, had a successful soft opening on June 1 to the delight of many restaurant goers.

The new Italian restaurant at 4898 San Felipe Rd. opened shortly after the final letter of the restaurant’s new sign was installed earlier in the week.

Milan, an Italian restaurant, is under the creative talents of executive chef, Marcos L, serving an array of traditional Italian dishes, from their popular grilled lamb chops to seafood paella.

“Everything is prepared with fresh ingredients, which are delivered daily by our local vendors,” said Marcos.

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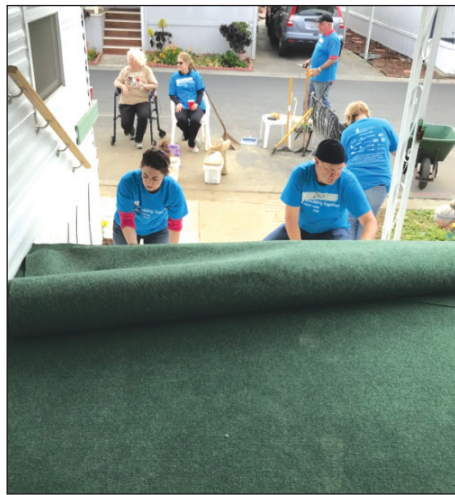
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Times Feature



UCB, a global biopharmaceutical company, along with Rebuilding Together has donated free home renovating for a San Jose resident.

Independent 74-year old with health issues gets a completely free home renovation

By William Bellou
Publisher

UCB (Inspired by patients, driven by science), a global biopharmaceutical company, along with Rebuilding Together has donated free home renovating for local San Jose resident, Marilyn.

Marilyn, a 74-year-old widow with no relatives in the area, endured a hip fracture six years ago and then suffered additional rib fractures three years ago when she fell from standing position. In addition to these injuries, she has major hearing loss and is often on oxygen for COPD.

Despite these several rather serious health issues and use of a cane and walker, Marilyn remains determined to be independent and loves to volunteer in the community.

More about the Build & the Recipient

Marilyn's home underwent structural repairs and maintenance, including replacing steps and carpeting, roof repairs, bathroom safety updates, power washing the exterior of the home, painting and more.

- UCB's goal was not only to help "fall proof" Marilyn's home, but also to help her stay active and independent in a safe home she feels proud of.

- The team consisting of 30 volunteers from UCB and O'Connor Hospital per-

formed many duties including but not limited to repairing and recovering front steps, building a new back stair case, creating a walkway from driveway to front steps, adding grab bars in bathroom, removing carpet and replacing flooring with hardwood are some of the tasks. Before the projects were performed, an occupational therapist volunteer from O'Connor Hospital came by to assess and recommend the myriad of changes.

Part of Verity Health System, O'Connor Hospital is a nationally recognized, 358-bed acute care facility offering a full range of inpatient and outpatient medical, surgical and specialty programs to the residents of San Jose.

In addition to UCB team members volunteering for the day - long project, members of the O'Connor community will also join the Rebuilding Together efforts at Marilyn's home in the future. Together, the teams look forward to having an impact and raising the profile of living with her osteoporosis post - fracture to allow Marylyn to do well in her life! The motto of UCB is "Making lives better every day. The motto of Rebuilding Together is "Repairing homes, revitalizing communities, and rebuilding lives." The motto of Verity Health is, "Compassion: Care that makes you feel cared for."

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Curry Pizza House opens in Evergreen Village Square

The eagerly awaited grand opening of Curry Pizza House took place on Friday, June 1, in Evergreen Village Square.

The event was well attended by the public as well as local and state officials, all there to witness the ribbon cutting and help welcome Evergreen's newest restaurant. District 8 Council-member Silvia Arenas presented a special commendation from the City of San Jose and California State Assemblyman Ash Kalra, presented a Certificate of Recognition to the new restaurant's proud owners. Other dignitaries included San Jose Vice-Major Magdalena Carrasco, Senate President Pro Tem Kevin De Leon and Former Vice-Mayor and Involved Evergreen founder and President, Rose Herrera.

Curry Pizza House is owned by brothers Gary and Romy Gill, who opened their first restaurant in Fremont in 2012. The new Evergreen Village Location is their fifth location since then, and they wanted it to be as special as their food. High ceilings, plenty of light, high-definition flat screen TVs on every wall and with an abundance of space for parties and team celebrations, Curry Pizza House is a welcome addition to Evergreen Village Square's increasing number of interesting restaurants, making the Square a new culinary destination for San Jose.

But what about the food? Pizza with curry may be new to some pizza fans, but for those who have tasted it, it is now a



favorite. The special curry seasoning recipe that makes the pizza taste so amazing is a closely guarded family secret, developed by both of the Gill brother's wives Harkiran and Harpreet, years ago. "The key to our success is the curry sauce," Gary Gill will tell you, "It is very special and very delicious". Besides the curry flavored pizzas, they offer all the traditional pizzas such as the classic combination, meat lovers, Hawaiian, Chicken Supreme and a great veggie. Other unique pizza with toppings like cauliflower, pesto, cilantro, Shahi Paneer sauce and marinated potatoes complemented with other interesting ingredients are fun and tasty alternatives to common choices offered elsewhere.

In addition to pizza, customers can choose from seven different flavored wings, garlic sticks, chips, deserts and salads. Six different beers are on tap and wine is also available. Everything is available for takeout and delivery, and can be ordered online or over the phone.

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Community Seva is ready to serve

Community Seva, a new food kitchen for the homeless in San Jose, held its grand opening on June 2 at the Kirk Community Center on Foxworthy Avenue. Founder **Nathan Ganeshan** and his team welcomed Assembly Member **Ash Kalra**, Council Member **Don Rocha**, Council Member **Sylvia Arenas**, special guest **Subramanian Krishnan**, San Jose Parks Coordinator **Jeremy Shoffner** and Health Trust CEO **Michele Law**.

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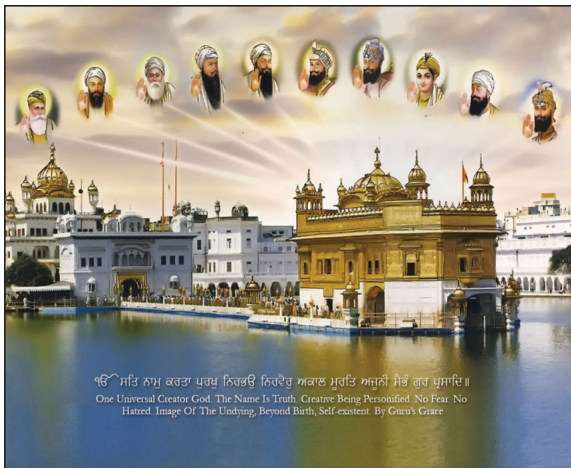
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The 5th Guru of the Sikh Religion Arjan Dev Jee

Written with guidance by members of the Gurdwara
Special to the Times

A Martyr lays down their life for a cause. Their community honors their Godly actions and nobility for the rest of time.

In the land of India there is a word which in translation means “Teacher.”

When such a “Teacher” casts a special light in creating a better world by imparting deep wisdom, they are referred to as “Gurus.”

400 years ago there was a man whose words continue to live on today. His name is Arjan Dev Jee. He was the fifth Guru of Sikhism. Sunday, June 17, Sikhs from across the world honor this Guru. His life parallels other Holy persons in centuries past.

As his fame and notoriety grew, an equal measure of hatred entered the heart of a new emperor towards him and the acceptance of the Sikh religion. But why?

The growing number of converts to Sikhism concerned other religious leaders. A plot was hatched to end his life so that the Holy book would be corrupted along with the foundation of Sikhism. Perhaps it was thought that if a revered leader could be removed quickly then perhaps the religion would wither.

Arjan Dev Jee bestowed bright ideas of thought combined with humbleness which allowed him to be extremely approachable

by the masses. People of different religious beliefs in India began to change direction and embrace Sikhism leaving some or all of their previous views of religion behind. With converts growing and devoting 10% of their income to the cause, rulers became alarmed and wasted no time in working to stop Sikhism.

Mukh Granthi (Priest) of the San Jose, Gurdwara, Mohinder Singh Bajwa explained that there was a light about him and it was passed forward from each Guru to the next. Bajwa said, “He was so deeply connected to God, there

was no room for hate.”

Being looked upon as a Saint, without warning, Arjan Dev Jee was arrested and tortured for days. He was forced to sit on a hot surface with fire below. Scorching sand was poured over his head. All attempts in the torture were put in place for the purpose of convincing him to add texts to the Holy Book as directed by the ruler. The Granth is written with words that came from God. In the text there are no short sentences to protect the flowing meaning of the sentiment of the lines. By not having short sentences it is very hard for an outside source to add to the Granth. Arjan Dev Jee considered the words not his because they came from God. Whatever was written he was getting directly from the Creator so he didn't want any ruler of the day to force him to change any of the words and meaning.

Sikhism is pure

Why did Arjan Dev Jee have to be tortured to death. Perhaps because Sikhism no longer embraced the Caste System. A new way of viewing God's word was being developed. All men and women were looked upon as being equal no matter what color or background. The Guru Granth Sahib Ji is one of the world's greatest scriptures. It is today considered the Supreme Spiritual Authority and Head of the Sikh religion, rather than any living person. It contains the works of religious founders and also writings of people from other faiths. Sikhs reject idol worship so their

Holy book is not worshiped as an idol but instead emphasizes the respect of the book for the writings. It is the only Holy book fully written by the ten messengers of God while they were still alive, unaltered and pure.

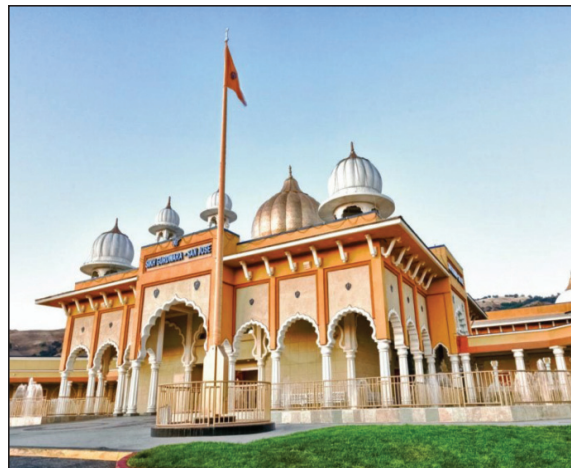
Why evil rears its ugly head is a mystery. Today both men and women under the five K's of the Khalsa are “Soldier Saints” and stand up to all things evil in this world. With the teachings of the Khalsa both mental and physical strength are harnessed to care and protect everyone in the world. This is why Sikhs are known as “The Protectors.” This quote from Winston Churchill aligns with the view of the the Khalsa (I added the word women). “We sleep safely at night because rough (tough) men (and women) stand ready to visit violence on those who would harm us.”

It is believed at the last moments of his physical presence on Earth when his innocence and pure human body were coming to a close, the illustrator, illustrious poet, practical philosopher and celebrated Saint repeated the four syllable words of Waa he Guroo, Waa he Guroo, Waa he Guroo. Waheguru means Guru is great, it is praising Guru. It is believed by repeating Waheguru, God is ever present in the mind of the person.

Keeping Holy words alive

Today, as was in the past, the precious treasure of words, sentences, and hymns contained in the Granth (Holy Book) are not tarnished, distorted nor altered. As time went by after the martyrdom of Arjan Dev Jee, the future five Gurus would add to the Granth holy words of wisdom bestowed to them from up above. Then something happened that would solidify the depth and understanding of the Sikh religion (Sikhism) for eternity. The tenth Guru stated there would be no more people to be given the title of Guru but instead the guiding light of Sikhism would now and forever become the Granth (Guru Granth Sahib Ji-Holy book) for all to learn from.

Arjan Dev Jee protected the Granth. He



gave his life for his deep religious beliefs. In the course of torture he did not display fear nor give in to compromise in attempts to alter the words. The worldly desires of the new emperor who chose to torture him failed and the name of that ruler is now long forgotten with the dust of the ages.

As a rock of strength, Arjan Dev Jee's words resonate today in the daily sung hymns (many written in his hand). The radiant light from up above glitters in the hearts and souls of those who have the deep thirst to quench the understanding of life.

Today, all are welcomed to visit the San Jose Gurdwara (largest and some say, the most beautiful in the U.S.A.). As you enter the kitchen food serving area (langar) where complementary food is served to all 365 days of the year, there is a light that reflects off the spacious saffron colored walls. This luminescence reminds many of the Golden Temple in India which Arjan Dev Jee built with followers. The warm sunshine (light) allows all to release any pain inside themselves and to be closer with the illumination of the Creator.

Writer's Note: The San Jose Gurdwara welcomes you to visit. It is located at the very top of Quimby road as one drives up to the hillside. There is a langar (kitchen) which feeds all and a welcoming children's playground for everyone. The Sikhs of the Gurdwara reach out to help the less fortunate in our world. Donations are gladly accepted. For more information go to our website: www.sanjosegurdwara.org



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Mukh Granthi (Priest) of the San Jose, Gurdwara, Mohinder Singh Bajwa

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The San Jose Gurdwara is located all the way up Quimby Road on the hillside.

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SAN JOSE GURDWARA
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The word Sikh (see-kh) means "disciple" or "student." A Sikh is a practitioner of the faith founded in the 15th century by Guru Nanak in Punjab of old British India. A Guru who is a "teacher" or "enlightener" completes the relationship of teaching and learning. Sikhism is monotheistic and stresses the equality of all men and women. Sikhs believe in three basic principles; meditating on the name of God (praying), earning a living by honest means and sharing the fruits of one's labor with others. Currently there are close to one million Sikhs living in the USA and Canada and 25 million Sikhs living around the world. Sikhism is the 5th largest religion in the world. At the Gurdwara (House of God) in San Jose we welcome all. We pray daily for peace and prosperity for everybody in the world. Come to visit and enjoy Langer (food) in our kitchen which is open 365 days of the year and serves complementary vegetarian meals. We also encourage you to enter our history room on site and walk the beautiful grounds. Learn more about us and community events we sponsor by visiting our website; http://www.SanJoseGurdwara.org

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Got fleas?

By Dr. Raj Singh
Special to the Times

Fleas and ticks are tiny parasites that feast on your pet's blood.

Besides being annoying, itchy irritants to your dog or cat, fleas and ticks can cause many health problems and transmit potentially dangerous diseases (e.g. Lyme disease) some of which could spread from your pet to you and your family. Both fleas and ticks thrive in warm and humid weather.

Depending upon climate they can be seasonal or a year-round problem. Your pet can pick up fleas/ticks wherever an infestation exists, often in areas frequented by other dogs, cats and wildlife.

Symptoms/Signs of flea/tick infestation

- Fleas in pets cause red/irritated skin, severe scratching that can cause open sores and skin infection called "hot spots".

- Flea dirt which is basically flea droppings left as tiny black dots on your pet's coat.

- Some pets may become anemic as fleas suck their blood

- Also pets can become infected with tapeworms if they ingest fleas.

- In areas with moderate to severe infestation, people may also be bitten by fleas on their legs and arms.

- Ticks are commonly found in wooded areas, brush, shrubs and wild overgrowths and on pets ticks can be found around neck, in the ears, paws etc.

- Tick bites can cause skin irritation and heavy infestation can cause anemia in pets.

- Ticks can spread serious infectious diseases like Lyme disease to pets and people

- Pets can also develop tick paralysis.

Is my pet affected?

If you see your pet scratching do not panic. We all have an itch here and there, but if scratching is continuous and more in certain areas like tail/back area then you have to investigate

In addition to scratching look for:

- Visible fleas by inspecting you pet's skin and coat regularly

- Irritated skin-redness can be a sign of flea allergy dermatitis.

- Flea dirt- use a flea comb on areas you pet is scratching to find any small black dots

- Ticks are easier to spot with a

naked eye and you can also feel them on your pet's coat.

- Look for ticks inside your pet's ears, toes, neck etc. If you find a tick, remove it carefully using tweezers. Do not squeeze the tick's body. If you are unable to remove the whole tick then take your pet to your vet for better results.

How to prevent it?

Modern medicine has made flea/tick treatment/control and prevention much easier than in the past. Now we have pills/chews for fleas and ticks and they work great. Other options include flea drops, flea/tick collars, injections etc.

Pets at risk for fleas/ticks should be treated with an appropriate preventive. Your veterinarian can recommend a flea/tick control product best suited to your pet's needs.

Important points

- Regularly vacuum carpets, furniture and bedding areas where your pet rests and sleeps.

- Wash pet's bedding, toys

and towels weekly

- Brush/groom your pet frequently

- Examine pets for ticks upon returning from camping, sporting or hiking trips.

- Treat backyard with pet friendly insecticides, trim bushes and remove brush to limit exposure to ticks/fleas.

- Don't forget to check yourself for ticks and flea bites too!!

Quick facts

- Mice, raccoons and other critters carry fleas and ticks.

- Ticks are found on dogs more often than cats

- Even indoor-only pets can be affected by fleas and ticks.

Note: Do not use dog flea products on cats, it can be very lethal.

Editor's note: Questions for this column may be directed to Dr. Singh's email address: forpetvet@yahoo.com; or call 408.270.4600; Aborn Pet Clinic, 3286 S White Rd, San Jose, CA 95148.



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Mineta

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Commerce to bring manufacturing and new industry, including technology, to San Jose.

As President of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce in the 1970s, Warren Gannon had a good working relationship with Mineta. “We were anxious to promote business and manufacturing in San Jose,” he says. “At the time, there was very little. We wanted to do things that hadn’t been done before.”

They met with businesses they thought were important to bring to San Jose, including David Packard regarding HP. They even traveled together to Okayama, Japan to create a business relationship with San Jose’s sister-city.

“Norm was articulate and constructive and put the city of San Jose in the best possible light,” says Gannon. “He was well-suited as a politician, willing to make the sacrifices necessary to participate wherever he could to make a difference.”

Gannon credits the Japanese American community with moving Mineta from the mayor’s office to Congress. “Let’s send Norm to Washington,” read banners in Japantown. “He thrived there,” he says.

One time, when they were at the airport set to go on a business trip, Gannon says Mineta wouldn’t cross the strikers picket line and disturb the labor community. “He was the consummate politician,” he says.

On a ride-along, Mineta learned that for police to get from one side of the precinct to another, they had to go through Cupertino on a circuitous route due to various land parcels. Realizing this cost the city a lot of money, he called for a vote on annexation and planning for urban transition and urban reserve areas.

During the four years he was mayor, San Jose’s population exploded, increasing from 320,000 to 580,000 residents. “As an agricultural community converting to a high-tech community, we wanted to make sure the community grew gracefully with proper planning,” says Mineta.

Family

Mineta says that his father, Kunisaku, was his inspiration. At age 14, his father traveled from Japan to America by himself to live with an uncle in Salinas. His uncle put Kunisaku in first grade to learn English at age 16. Humiliated, by the end of the second grade, Kunisaku decided he had learned enough English and graduated himself.

He went to work at Spreckles Sugar Factory, then started a sugar beet operation until he contracted Spanish Influenza in 1918. After being hospitalized, he was unable to do strenuous work and took on odd jobs in San Jose. One day, while working as a court interpreter, two men asked Kunisaku if he’d like to go into the insurance business and offered to train him. In 1920, he became a life insurance agent, starting the Mineta Insurance Agency. The business proved profitable enough to send Mineta’s four siblings to college.

However, even before World War II, life held its challenges for Japanese American families. The California Alien Land Laws prohibited aliens ineligible for citizenship from owning agricultural land. In 1928, when Mineta’s parents chose a parcel of land on Fifth St. for their family home, their attorney, JB Peckham, purchased the land in his name. When the Mineta’s oldest child turned 21, and was considered a natural born citizen, Peckham signed over the ownership of the property to her.

“If you looked at Santa Clara, San Bernardino, Santa Cruz and Monterey County parcels, you’d see JB Peckham’s name,” says Mineta. “What he was doing was putting thousands of properties in his name for people of Chinese, Filipino and Japanese ances-

try. Mr. Peckham really did a great service. He was a man of high integrity.”

In his quote on a commemorative landmark bench in Japantown, Mineta recalls his father giving him produce to take to the Peckhams as a small measure of appreciation. “Peckham also visited properties owned by Japanese Americans during World War II to make sure they were okay,” says Kathy Sakamoto, Executive Director of the Japantown Business Association. “That’s why we had a Japantown to come back to.”

When the Immigration Act of 1952 eliminated race as a basis for naturalization, making Japanese and other foreign-born Asians eligible to become American citizens, Mineta went to federal court in San Francisco to see his parents sworn in.

World War II

On Feb. 19, 1942—ten weeks after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor—President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, authorizing the removal of any or all people from military areas. In response, the state of California suspended the insurance licenses of those of Japanese ancestry, putting Mineta’s father out of business.

To make matters worse, the military defined the entire West Coast as a military area. Signs soon appeared nailed to utility poles and on the sides of buildings in the neighborhoods of people of Japanese ancestry. “Instructions to those of Japanese ancestry, alien and non-alien...” they read. As a 10-year-old boy, born and raised in San Jose, Mineta looked at the signs in confusion. “What’s a non-alien?” he asked his brother. “That’s you,” his brother replied. “I’m not a non-alien,” insisted Mineta. “I’m a citizen!” “In this instance,” his brother said, “they both mean the same thing.”

On May 29, 1942, the Mineta family was forcibly evacuated. They boarded a train in a San Jose freight yard, not knowing where they were headed with military police in every car. Mineta was dressed in his Cub Scout uniform, holding his baseball bat and mitt. As he was getting on the train, a military police officer confiscated his baseball bat as it could be used as a weapon.

“I looked at my father sitting behind me and there were tears coming down his face,” says Mineta. “The only other times I ever saw my dad cry were on Dec. 7, 1941, when the country of his birth was attacking the country he loved and when my mother, Kane, passed away in June of 1956.”

The family was interned at Santa Anita Racetrack in Arcadia, California until Nov. 1942. Their next destination was Heart Mountain, Wyoming. “When we got off the train, the wind was blowing sand on our faces and sagebrush was flying around,” he says. “It was freezing cold and we weren’t wearing coats.” At the barracks, the roofs were made of tar paper and sand was everywhere; coming up through the floor boards and through the windows. As they had no brooms to sweep it up, they had to use cardboard.

By June, more than 110,000 Japanese Americans were relocated to remote internment camps, living under poor conditions.

As Kunisaku wanted to help with the war effort, he offered to teach Japanese to U.S. Army personnel at the University of Chicago in March 1943. In Nov. 1943, the army allowed Mineta and his mother to leave the camp and join his father. On Thanksgiving in Nov. 1945, they returned to their home in San Jose.

“Japanese Americans did not hold rancor against the United States,” says Mineta, “but they did hold a strong conviction that something like this should never happen again.”

Mineta attended Jefferson Grammer School, Peter Burnett Jr. High School, San Jose High School and U.C. Berkeley. He started college as an aeronautical engineer. Then he



Norman Mineta (white shirt, front) and his parents Kunisaku and Kane (right) at the Heart Mountain, Wyoming internment camp during World War II. Photo courtesy of Norman Mineta

took calculus. “I decided for the safety of the country that I should find something else to do,” he laughs. He decided to be an Economics major and graduated from the School of Business Administration. As he was in the ROTC program, following graduation he joined the army to fight in the Korean War. In Jan. 1954, he was transferred to Japan and was stationed at Camp Zama until April 1956.

In 1974, at age 86, his father passed away. “I chose very carefully the family I was born into,” he says. “I had a great father, a great mother, three great older sisters and a great older brother.”

Public Service: Washington, D.C.

Mineta was a member of Congress for more than 20 years and served in the cabinets of both the Clinton and Bush administrations.

In 1974, the National Japanese-American Citizens League passed a resolution to seek an official apology and redress payments from the U.S. government. Mineta first worked on this with President Jimmy Carter, and then President Ronald Reagan. The redress proposal was named “House Resolution 442” in honor of the Japanese American 442nd regiment, the most decorated American combat unit in World War II. After two years, a commission concluded that the government had violated the constitutional rights of those of Japanese ancestry by interning them during World War II and recommended the issuance of an apology by the U.S. Congress and payment of \$20,000 per internee. They said the cause of the government action was based on historical racial discrimination, wartime hysteria and weak protocol leadership. This report of the commission of World War II wartime relocation and internment of civilians became the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. It was one of Mineta’s proudest and most poignant accomplishments. He chaired the House the day it passed the legislation.

“It was a deeply emotional day,” says Mineta, “and it was a great privilege. A country that was able to look at itself and admit a wrong, apologize for and redress it, is amazing. Throughout my political career, I fought for those who were underrepresented in the public discourse. It shows the greatness of this country that I was able to do these things.”

Mineta’s key legislative accomplishments include the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991 and the Intermodal Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991. He also co-founded the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

Due to his authoring the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, Mineta was made an Honorary Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers. A man wrote him a congratulatory letter and said he was touched by his story of losing his baseball bat in 1942 and wanted to share a bat from his collection. Mineta opened the box to see a bat signed by “Hammerin’ Hank” Aaron and Sadaharu Oh, the homerun king of Japan. When a reporter learned that the bat was worth \$1500, Mineta had no choice but to return it as the gift limitation for members of Congress was \$250. He sent a copy of the letter to the reporter with a note in the corner, “The damn government’s taken my bat again.” When Mineta retired from Congress in 1995, the gentleman said he still wanted Mineta to have the bat and sent it back to him. It hangs in his office today, along with baseballs signed by Aaron, Sadaharu and “Iron Man” Cal Ripkin, who invited him to throw the first ball at Baltimore’s Camden Yards in 1995.

After leaving Congress, Mineta operated a company for Lockheed Martin, developing EZPass, an electronic toll collection for toll booths at the Port Authority in New York City.

In 2000, Mineta was appointed by President Bill Clinton as the United States Secretary of Commerce.

One night the phone rang. It was John Podesta, Chief of Staff to President Bill Clinton letting Mineta know he was on the short list to be the new Secretary of Commerce. “Would you be interested?” Podesta asked. “John, do you want me to crawl through the telephone wire to give you my answer?” answered Mineta. “Okay,” Podesta said, “I’ll put you down for a ‘Yes.’” On Thursday morning, President Clinton called to tell him he was being nominated for Secretary of Commerce. He was soon confirmed.

At the Department of Commerce, Mineta was known for his work on technology issues, streamlining the patent and trademark process and achieving international cooperation.

At the end of that term, Vice President Dick Cheney called him as President George W. Bush was interested in having him serve as the Secretary of Transportation. Mineta had some misgivings being a Democrat working for a Republican cabinet and consulted President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore about taking the job.

He and his wife, Danealia (Deni), flew by private jet to Austin, Texas, and then rode in a motorcade to the governor’s mansion. In the governor’s mansion, they were driven into a

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tent so that reporters couldn't tell who was arriving. The President invited them to join him in the library. "You're one of the few people I want to talk to about this job," he said, "and my father agrees." They spoke about transportation for an hour and 45 minutes. "When the president officially offered me the position," says Mineta, "I looked to Deni and she nodded so I turned to him and said, 'Mr. President, it would be my honor to accept.'"

Mineta was the longest-serving Secretary of Transportation in history, serving President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2006. Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, he led the Transportation Security Administration, an agency with more than 65,000 employees.

He later took a position as vice chairman with Hill & Knowlton, a strategic global planning firm.

9/11

On September 11, 2001, after two planes deliberately crashed into the World Trade Center and a third into the Pentagon, Mineta said, "That's the third commercial airliner used as a missile today. Bring all the airplanes down." When Air Traffic Control told him they would bring the airplanes down per pilot discretion, Mineta replied, "Screw pilot discretion! Bring all the damn planes down!"

They had 4,638 airplanes in the air over the United States and in 2 hours and 20 minutes, they were able to bring them all down safely. At 9:45 a.m., Mineta called David Collette, the Minister of Transport in Canada, saying, "David, we need your help. We have planes coming from Europe and Asia." They sent back 250 planes which hadn't crossed the halfway point and asked Canada to take the 224 remaining.

"Within minutes, an aerial wall had been erected around the United States of America, and Canada found itself on the front line," wrote Collette in an article for Maclean's.

"We had no way of knowing who was on the planes. In addition, as news of the attacks in New York was broadcast, there were bomb threats at Canadian airports. Accepting these aircraft might put Canadian lives at risk, but the alternative was unthinkable: planes running out of fuel and crashing. Canada had to accept them and the risks."

Collette knew that although Montreal and Toronto were the largest airports with the best infrastructure, they were densely populated and hijackers could easily redirect flights to nearby American cities. As Newfoundland and Labrador were staging areas for troops during WWII, they had airports with long runways ideal for receiving a large number of planes.

"We also had to deal with the Pacific: there were still 90 flights en route to North America and many did not have the fuel to get back to Asia," he says. "There was significant risk to landing planes in Vancouver, given the population density and the proximity of the airport to the downtown area." They

did it anyway.

Watching the terrorist attack unfold on television, Collette says that his chest tightened at the sight of the impact, followed by the unbelievable belching up of fire and smoke. "Then the second tower was hit, followed by the image of both towers crumbling in one last gasp to the ground. I looked out the window of my office toward the Parliament Buildings and the majestic Peace Tower and tears welled up. I abruptly switched the television off. I needed to make dispassionate, reasoned judgments. There would be time to grieve later."

In Halifax, Nova Scotia that day, their population of 5000 to 6000 doubled. "Planes were parked at their small airport nose to tail, wingtip to wingtip," says Mineta. "They had a couple of motels and people in that town set up cots in schools, social halls and opened

their homes."

Mineta called Collette back around 4 p.m. thanking him for the efforts of the Canadian government and the Canadians who had welcomed strangers stuck at their airports. "I felt an immense pride," says Collette, "in what Canada was doing to help our American friends."

Accolades

In San Jose, in addition to the airport, California State Highway 85 and the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University were named after Norman Mineta.

In 2006, Mineta was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President George W. Bush. In 2012, he was awarded the Distinguished Medal of Honor for Lifetime Achievement and Public Service by the Japanese American National Museum.

"I always tell young people there are two things you own: your name



President **Ronald Reagan** signs the redress law, H.R. 442. Photo courtesy of Norman Mineta

and your integrity," says Mineta. "You have to protect both. In my life in politics, I have tried to protect

that integrity because without it you don't have credibility with your constituents or your colleagues."

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Evergreen Area Meetings

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District 8 Community Roundtable
1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Village Square® library (For information, visit d8crt.org)

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization. Meets bi-monthly at various eastside cafes also conducts a variety of holiday socials/activities and scholarship fundraisers. Established in 1983! All teaching levels and others welcome. This organization supports the goals and purposes of the California Teachers' Retirement System. For more information call E. Paros at (408) 274-1609 or email parosej@sbcglobal.net.

East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees
Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHS Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhds.org

The Evergreen AI-Anon meetings 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 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 every month at 7:30 am at the Evergreen Village Square Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. We also meet at Evergreen Coffee Company on the 4th Friday of the month for a more informal session at noon. Evergreen Coffee Company is also located at Evergreen Village Square. For more information, please refer to our website at www.eba-group.org.

Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting
Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVRMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at New Seasons 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd San Jose Ca 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.
Evergreen School District Board of Trustees
Meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of every month, in the district boardroom at 3188 Quimby Road. For more information, call (408) 270-6800.

The Evergreen Senior Advisory

Council meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Get involved in helping plan events for seniors, volunteering for a good cause, and getting to know your fellow seniors. For more information, call the Evergreen Community Center at (408) 270-2220.

Evergreen Valley Garden Club
Meeting at the SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING CENTER, 4855 San Felipe Road (across from McDonalds). Meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 7-8 PM. EVGC membership is \$20/year or \$30 for couples. During this time of transition, any membership fees paid now will be extended to cover all of 2018 as well. For further information, please feel free to contact Susie Henderson: susiehenderson@sbcglobal.net or 408-532-6602

Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council
Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site, <http://ev.ca.campusgrid.net/home> and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

Evergreen Valley Service Organization
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Falls Creek Neighborhood Association
Homeowners from the Madison and Pulte area developments are welcome and encouraged to attend future meetings. For more information go to the Web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fallscreekneighbors> or call Dave Zenker at (408) 238-2591.

The Evergreen Community Center offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/prns. The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday - Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

Friends of Evergreen Library Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. Visit their website at friendsofvergreenlibrary.org or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

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

LeyVa Community Action Team Association
This group is bounded by Barberty Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley
This group meets Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm for a dinner meeting at Carrow's Restaurant, 1696 Tully Rd. near the corner of Tully Rd/King Road. For more information, contact Lions Club member Bill Evans at (408) 274-4728.

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assoc. Meets second Thursday at 7 p.m. at Tully Library. 365-1300.

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

Reid - Hillview Airport Association
3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Location: Hillview Airport Terminal. (For information, call (408) 251-4939 or visit rhvaa.org)

Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen meets every Thursday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Lane. (408) 270-0557.

Story Road Business Association
Meets third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Prusch Park, South King Road at Story. For more information, call 238-5422.

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board
Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.
San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.freetoasthost.org>.

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association
Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference Room, 3434 Silver Creek Road. For more information, call 347-5830.

Silver Creek School Site Council Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in room V-1.

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

This group represents the area bounded approximately by Flanigan Drive, South King Road, Aborn Road, and Alvin Avenue. Meets the third Tuesday at O.B. Whaley Elementary School, 2655 Alvin Ave., 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the association at 535-8613.

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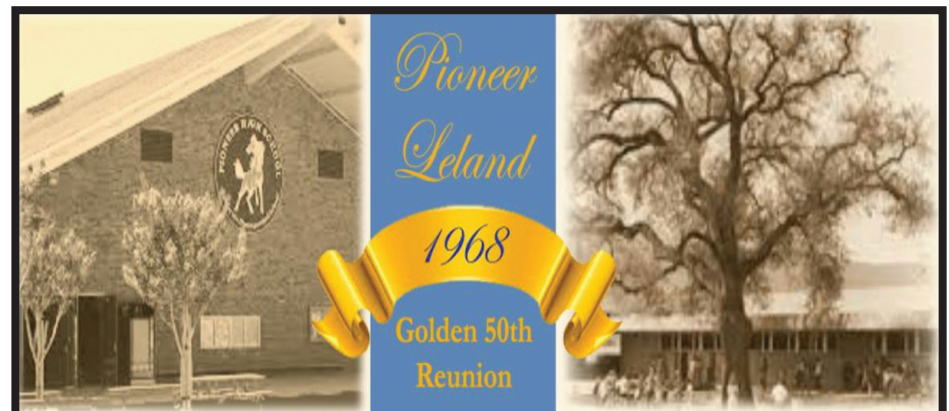
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Though graduating from two separate high schools in San Jose, these graduates were actually former classmates at Pioneer High School during their sophomore and junior years.

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Pioneer High School quickly grew beyond its capacity by 1967. To alleviate overcrowding, Leland High was established, and its founding senior class was drawn from about 120 students in the Pioneer Class of 1968.

Details of the two-day reunion events may be found on Facebook on [Classmates.com](https://www.facebook.com/pioneerleland68reunion) or www.facebook.com/pioneerleland68reunion. Tickets may be purchased by mail or online at www.pioneerleland68.myevent.com. Phone inquiries may be directed to reunion ticket coordinator, Joyce Murrell at 831-475-0678.



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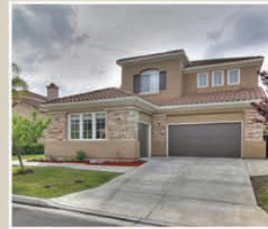
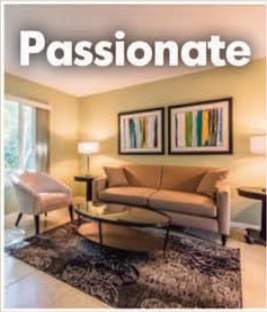
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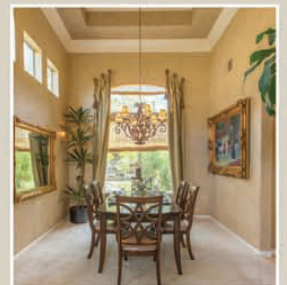
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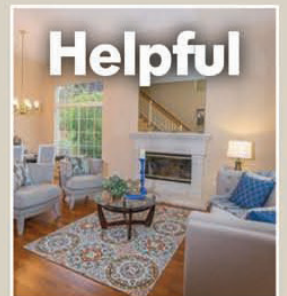
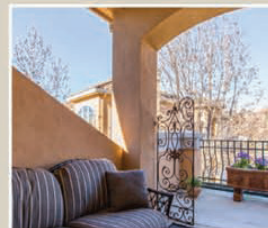
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