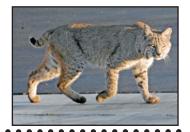
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#### **Rash of burglaries at Evergreen Shopping Center**

By Frank Shortt Times Staff Writer

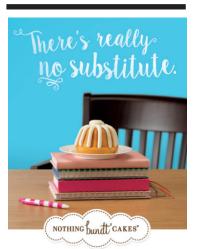
So far, not a clue!

There have been six businesses burglarized recently at the Evergreen Shopping Center on San Felipe Rd. The center is located near Evergreen Valley College.

On July 4, 2018, Independence Day, Iguana's Restaurant chose not to open their doors that day. When Ramiro Monroy, head chef at Iguana's came to work on July 5, he found that burglars had broken the side window, entered the establishment and removed the restaurant's expensive computer and

The cash register (computer combination) was found several days later by the side of the road on San Felipe. The contents, including cash was missing as the thieves had forced it open. What could they do but replace the window and resume business as usual? The expensive iPod was never found.

On August 2, and again August 9, the managers of Le Boulanger and Pizza My Heart were greeted by broken front doors, glass all over, and with



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Jesus Martin is pictured cleaning up the mess thieves left behind after breaking into Le Boulanger on August 9.

many emotions prevalent in their minds. "As far as I can see, there was almost \$6,000 worth of equipment and cash taken in this burglary! I'm just happy no one was working during this robbery and no employee was hurt. I can only hope that the thieves are caught!" Jesus Martin, manager of Le Boulanger stated as he swept up the glass in preparation for customers who were already lining up.

Pizza-My-Heart manager Danny Frias related, "I am disappointed that we were broken into. So far as I can see, nothing of value was taken in the breakin. It appeared to me that it was teenagers on a drinking spree, but who knows. I'm just glad nothing was taken." Danny called the police but no word on a suspect. He cleaned up in pre-paration for opening later in the day.

"What is happening with people today?" wailed Edith See BURGLARIES, page 17

Association Members Frank Crane and Sherry Dennis were excited to see the goals of Thompson Creek Association National Night Out to be a huge success.

#### Times Staff Writer The Thompson Creek Neighborhood experienced their first National Night Out on August 7.

President of this neighborhood association, Craig Ferguson said, "For our first ever National Night Out event, it went well. We had great support from

**Thompson Creek residents** 

celebrate their inaugural

**National Night Out event** 

By Kevin Larsen

the community and more turnout than expected. We already look forward to next year's event. I met neighbors on my block today that I did not know lived on my block just a few doors down, so that was an important reason for having the event and for others to come out and be a part of it."

The neighborhood was kept car free to allow children and others to walk the street and experience a quiet uninterrupted atmosphere to speak and get acquainted with each other.

Children wizzed by on tricycles, scooters and

bikes, as cars were nowhere to be seen. As one child on a tricycle rode by, one got a bit of a smile as someone slapped a name tag on their back.

Ferguson continued, "And people communicate well face to face cause that's what it's all about. No kid has an electronic device and that means we can all get along well without electronic devices."

See THOMPSON CREEK, page 3



Kewal Sachder, owner of Ernie's Liquor store located in Evergreen on the corner of White and Quimby Rd., will receive \$1 million for selling the winning ticket.

#### **Single lottery** ticket wins \$543 million

Lucky day, lucky store, lucky winner

> By Kevin Larsen Times Staff Writer

ix numbers changed lives and brought about cheers and smiles.

1,2,4,19,29 and mega ball #20; these were the winning numbers for a ticket purchased at Ernie's Liquor store in Evergreen for the Mega Millions top prize on July 24.

With numbers chosen individually or with the random selection by a computer brain, this one ticket won the Mega Millions top prize of \$543M.

The game was entered the same week by millions of people participating in all 50 states and the odds of winning the lottery at this store was 250 million to

Ticket sets new payout record

No other win in the history of this game has paid See LOTTERY, page 10

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#### **Thompson Creek**

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Neighbors from about a quarter mile circle radius converged to the spot which was advertised by volunteer parents putting up signs in strategic locations and walking the neighborhood dropping off flyers days earlier.

The National Night Out safeguards our neighborhoods because knowing more neighbors increases our sense of well being and lends comfort in understanding that those who live around us are just as wonderful and wholesome as we are. As we step out of our homes, we follow our daily routine of spinning around and turning the key which locks the door. This act gives us a sense of security to the unknown outside the nest we live in. This event gave strength to all by knowing more people on the block.

Elaine Talerico, Vice President of the Thompson Creek Neighborhood group said, "We want neighbors to join our organization to strengthen our neighborhoods. Our forces have increased from three to nine people by combining Holly Oak with Neiman / Everdale area. Increasing our membership has brought us more knowledge and ideas on ways we can improve our area. It was great Sylvia Arenas came tonight. Sylvia and her group have been really working hard with helping the community. The District 8 office has been very good to us by providing coffee and sweets from Starbucks when we have clean-ups. We also have grants that we plan to use to improve the communities.'

It was stated that the volunteers during clean up days actually go down into the creek and remove old clothing, sleeping bags, cans, bottles and all other things you find when people live in there. It was thought too that when people actually participate in the clean- up of nature it makes a person more knowledgeable about the situation.

Board member Frank Crane said, "In retrospect, I would say this is a good kick-off event because so many neighbors came out that we haven't seen before. We did well in the sign in sheets so we can invite more to join the Thompson Creek Neighborhood Association."

As dusk tip toed into the street, all the neighbors pitched in to take down the three 20 seat tables and canopies. Top-40 music lifted the spirits of all. Joyful screams of children were heard as some zipped through the streets and subliminally adults relaxed for no gas powered vehicles were allowed.

The entire event was like taking a step





back in time, where the noise of commerce and the demands of making way for vehicles are missing. It was an atmosphere where one could speak without yelling over competing noises of machines or traffic. It was like visiting a country town where kids ran about with joy and played games and tossed balls through the air all the while being offered complementary watermelon slices, delicious hamburgers, tasty chicken and healthy refreshments.

Something unusual was happening for more than 20 children were seen to not want to come back to the house because they were having so much fun playing outside with friends. Could it be that this event educated both the young and the old that we may not always need to sit home watching TV. Going out to play is another form of entertainment which gives our bodies exercise without us even thinking about it. What a good lesson for the kids. Equally important, the event made people feel more comfortable in reaching out to their neighbors.

As the sun scampered away over the hills and the children reluctantly went back to their homes, perhaps many pondered while slowly closing the entrance door and turning the lock something different was perceived for the event gave a new feeling of security sparked by increased neighbor camaraderie.

Many thanks to the City of San Jose for the complementary refreshments and help in the planning process for each neighborhood which signed up to participate in the event. The city council members and mayor helped the neighborhood teams implement their very own National Night Out! Many now look forward to this new annual tradition.

After Mayor Liccardo visited many neighborhoods he tweeted, "Spending #NationalNightOut with friends and neighbors renewed my sense of community, and reminded me that when we work together, we're safer – and stronger."

Talerico explained that if anyone wishes to learn more or join the Thompson Creek Association, just e-mail Thompson creekassociation@gmail.com. Each e-mail will be answered and new members are welcome.





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# Valley Currents

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# Apoorva awarded proclamation from City of San Jose

**By Kevin Larsen** Times Staff Writer

Panidapu has been awarded a proclamation from the City of San Jose.

She helps the world in so many ways that a fan club was established for her. She inspires others and is emboldened by her parents to reach for the stars.

Apoorva Panidapu, 13, has brought so much pride and happiness to Evergreen Valley and beyond in her rise to fame on the NBC TV Game Show "Genius Junior." During the competition, she demonstrated her ability to compute math problems faster than a calculator.

This information was on the plaque presented by San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and Councilwoman Arenas at a recent city council meeting:

WHEREAS: Apoorva Panidapu used her tremendous talents and intellect to reach the final round of the nationally broadcast "Genius Junior"; and

WHEREAS: Apoorva Panidapu proved she can think under pressure by answering complicated math problems in seconds; and

WHEREAS: Apoorva Panidapu is a great public speaker who gives inspirational speeches at events including Tie Inflect; and

WHEREAS: Apoorva Panidapu is a talented artist who uses her gift to raise thousands of dollars for Save the Children, a non-profit to help the children in Eastern Africa.

NOW THEREFORE I, Sam Liccardo, Mayor of the City of San Jose, together with Councilmember Arenas, on this 7th day of August 2018 do hereby commend Apoorva Panidapu for being an outstanding student and a Genius Junior Champion.

When asked why help the world, Apoorva replied, "My 4th grade teacher Ms. Matsumoto inspired our class by making art. Making bracelets, origami and paintings we were able to raise more than \$500.

"The money raised was then donated to the 'Save The Children' fund designated to purchase ten goats for



Evergreen Valley resident **Apoorva Panidapu** has been awarded a proclamation from the City of San Jose.

the underprivileged in Africa." She clapped with joy with her classmates at their achievement and that gave her that special feeling that made her want to extend her contributions to the world.

She stated, "I decided to share my artwork and share a website to use it as a platform to start my charity as a way of giving back." She understood that many children in Africa were on the brink of famine and she cared. "To launch my fundraiser I created my online art gallery and I also continue to do commission art work for those who wish to create a vision of their own art. Anyone can visit my online gallery by going to apoorvaartgallery.com. It all goes to helping others

and that gives me that special feeling!"

When asked about her family and their support for her, Apoorva said, with mom looking on with joy, "I love my mom and her inspiration is what drives me to be the best person I can be every day! My mom works extremely hard and supports me in everything I do. Throughout my successes and failures, she has always been there to encourage me. My mom has taught me to be kind, humble, and respectful. She inspires me to think big, pursue my dreams, and change the world. She really motivates my sister and me to be the best we can be and encourages us to keep trying. If ever I feel overwhelmed and not at my best, she is always there for me, like a shoulder to cry on."

Apoorva continued, "My dad too is always there for me whenever I feel sad or if I feel I have not done or achieved what I wanted to do. I set high expecta-

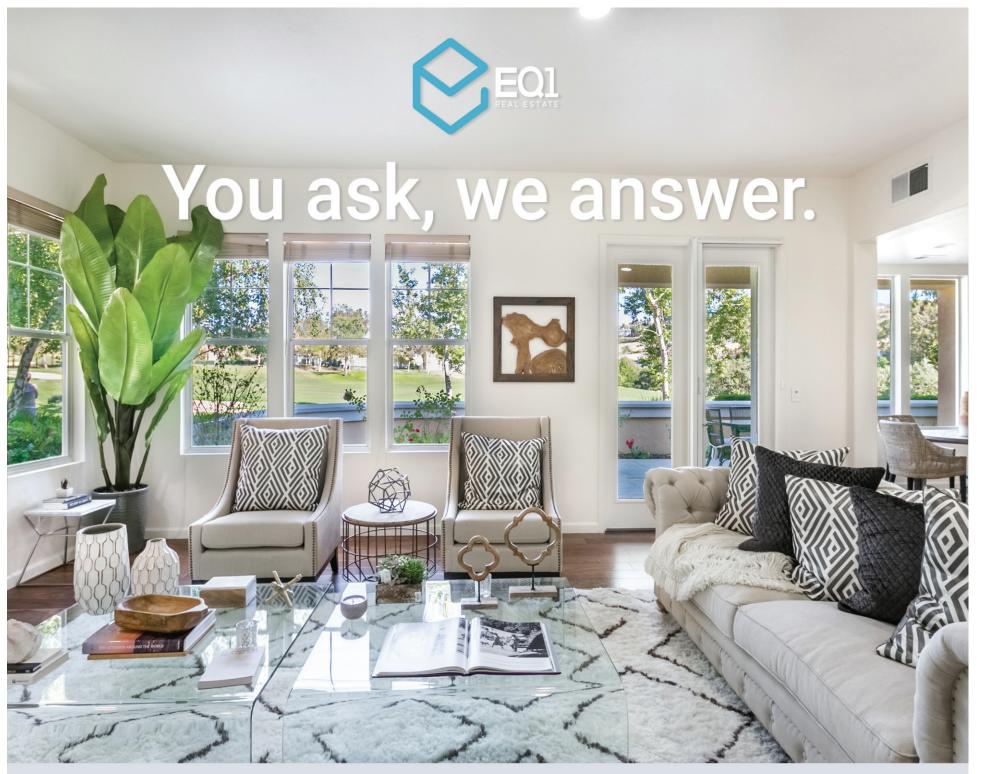
tions for myself and it is not always possible to meet them and my dad helps me by saying, 'No matter what happens there is always another chance.' My dad is always there, just as my mom is, to pick me up and keep me going. They inspire me. My mom is basically my rock. From day one, she nurtured me in school. You see, I felt I wasn't challenged enough in school so she asked me what I was passionate about. I told her I wanted to do more art and math for school did not do those subjects enough. My mom found ways to enroll me in extracurricular classes outside of school that she drove me to. She and my dad are the reason I am here today, receiving this commendation from

my city.

My mom is always searching for more opportunities for me and my sister. She gets us there." Looking on was Apoorva's older sister Anoohya who is also quite accomplished, having entered college at age 13. She said of Apoorva, "My sister is well spoken and when she wants something, she figures out the course of action to get there." When asked to share more about Apoorva, her sister said, "Well, she likes animals and one of her favorite animals is an orca." To learn more, her sister expressed that Apoorva has an active social media See APOORVA, page 14

Mayor Sam Liccardo and Councilwoman Arenas awarded Apoorva a procla-

Mayor **Sam Liccardo** and **Councilwoman Arenas** awarded **Apoorva** a proclamation at a recent city council meeting.



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**Times Spirit** 

#### **Successful National Night Out at Creekside and Grace Church**

**By Frank Shortt** Times Staff Writer

esidents of Creekside and Grace Lutheran Church showed up in favorable numbers as National Night Out progressed August 7, 2018.

Pastor John Goldstein of Grace Lutheran Church reported, "A blast was had by all as around 250 neighbors came by for free food and fellowship."

This number was based upon food inventories, supplied free for this event. Food was cooked and served by volunteers from Hilltoppers Academy located at 2200 Eastridge Loop Ste. 1062. Coach Shaw masterfully created tasty barbecued chicken, hotdogs, and hamburgers which were devoured as soon as the food was properly

Also volunteering in the food booth was Johnnie Washington, principal at Hilltoppers Academy with others from the Academy. Hilltoppers Academy School is sports-driven with an academic base which is one way, not the only way, for a foundation for a well-balanced

Grace Lutheran Church, at 2650 Aborn Road, in con-



Residents enjoying barbecue at this year's annual National Night Out event at Grace Church.

junction with Hilltoppers Academy, offered residents free food, the viewing of fire trucks from the local fire department, two jumper houses, and music provided by a quintet woodwind ensemble from Evergreen Valley High School.

There were also a couple of face painters for the children. This was the first NNO at this site. Sylvia Arenas, Councilmember from District 8 of Evergreen, spent as much time as allowed at Grace Church, as she had nine other NNO's to attend. She and her aide took time to enjoy one of the tasty hotdogs! Her last stop was to be Creekside Cabana.

Carolyn Wong reported that more than 100 residents showed up at the Creekside Cabana as free food and



A group pause to pose at Creekside-Carolyn Wong center.

neighborly fellowship was being offered. They also had jumpers for the children.

Local kindergarten teacher from Laurelwood Elementary School in the Evergreen School District, Franklin Collazo, was in attendance with his family. He and his family are great supporters of neighborhood activities. On a side note, Carolyn Wong assisted in creating the Community Garden at Laurelwood School, noted in an earlier Times article.

Congratulations go out to Pastor John Goldstein of Grace Lutheran Church for sponsoring the event at his site. Also, thanks to Hilltoppers Academy for all their hard work in preparing and serving the food. Thanks also to the servers and cooks at Creekside Cabana. Looking forward to a much larger turnout next year as word gets



Above: Face Painting Booth at Grace Church; below: F.T. 631 at Grace Church



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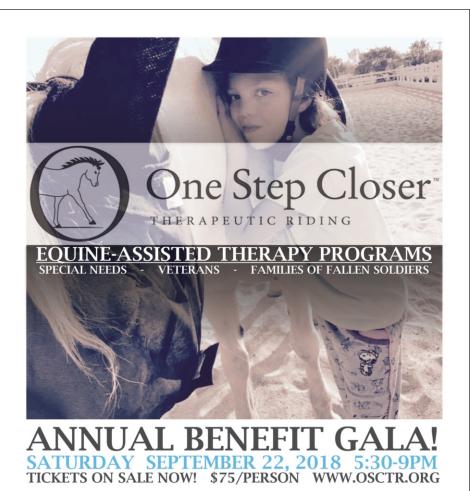
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#### Times **Feature**



MARTIAL ARTISTS - Members of the Dragon Cloud Dojo Karate School demonstrate some moves during National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7 at Creekside Community in Evergreen. The Karate School is located at the Creekside Cabana Club facility.



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#### Lottery

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out more to one ticket holder, because in all other payouts, the total amount had to

be shared with multiple ticket winners.

#### 'My store wins a million, but my wife gets to spend it'

Each location that sells a winning Mega Millions ticket earns a special reward. Kewal Sachder, owner of Ernie's Liquor store located in Evergreen on the corner of White and Quimby Rd, got a phone call at 8:15 a.m. in

the morning from a loyal employee.

"Congratulations, the store sold the Mega Millions lottery ticket and you get one million dollars!" said the worker. "Are you certain, how do you know?" asked Sachder. "Yes!" came the reply. Sachder recalls that his employee gave him the phone number to call back Channel 7 news along with other media outlets who were phoning the store many times to inform the business it had sold the winning ticket.

As Sachder drove up to his store on that Wednesday, July 25, lots of television crews converged to see him get presented two large mock display checks. They are now displayed above the two cash registers, with one representing the total payout and the other showing the \$1M retail payout to be awarded to his store for selling the ticket.

Sachder said the one person who bought the ticket explained it would be

shared with a group of eleven people. He stated, "I felt good for their families and for us as well. Now we have a lucky store and people from very far away are driving here just to buy lottery tickets." He went on to say in a happy way, "My store wins a million but my wife gets to spend it!"

Sure enough, more than a week later people are taking

photos of the store. A man was taking a photo of a family member standing in front of it. He stated, "In some cultures a store is considered very lucky if it sells a big winning ticket so people drive over to



try their chances.'

#### History of the Mega Millions lottery game

Mega Millions is a multi-state lottery game which began twelve years ago. The game starts with a jackpot of \$40M and for two dollars a person can enter the drawing by choosing six numbers to try to win.

There are also nine other ways to win money in the game. Drawings are held every Tuesday and Friday. A lot of pent up demand for the jackpot grows over time for if no one wins, an extra five million is added to the pot for each game that follows until there is a prizewinner. Those in possession of the winning ticket can choose to be paid with a cash option or an annual payout for 30 years. The cash option for the \$543M ticket is \$320.5M.

Here is the top ten list of the history of the Mega Millions lottery game:

#### No. States With Winning Tickets Rank Amount 1 \$656 million 3/30/2012 3 Kansas, Illinois, Maryland 2 \$648 million California, Georgia 12/17/2013 2 3 \$543 million 7/24/2018 1 California \$536 million 7/8/2016 3/30/2018 \$533 million 1 New Jersey 6 \$451 million 1/5/2018 Florida \$414 million 3/18/2014 2 Florida, Maryland \$393 million 8/11/2017 Illinois \$390 million 3/6/2007 Georgia, New Jersey Idaho, Washington 10 \$380 million 1/4/2011



#### **Times Features**



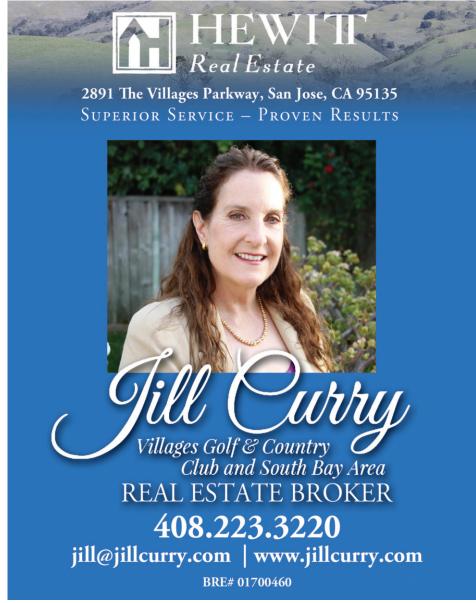
EVERGREEN SUNSET - The setting sun on August 9. Colors and shading were prevalent with the night sky draped in smoke from the fires to the east and north. Photographed from the Villages Golf and Country Club. Photo by Lou Alexander

#### Graffiti discovered at Fall Creek Park

Graffiti was discovered last week at the Falls Creek Park (on Batten Way), reported Wesley Lee.

"We need to be vigilant in getting these "tags" covered up as soon as possible," said Lee.

"I've reported it to the City using the My San Jose, a smartphone app," said Lee. "The city acted on my request within 24 hours. The app is really easy to use and basically involves just taking a photo of the blight. Your phone geo-tags the photo so the city knows where to work," added Lee.











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#### **Times Features**

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They love what they do and they are the ones who come up with the specials you see on the board that is there at the entrance when you arrive. They mark their success by how happy you and your guests were in visiting. As one patron stated, "Food was amazing, and the staff were on point. Courteous, professional, and fast! Would recommend for sure!"

#### **Honoring Seniors**

On Mondays and Tuesdays Village Grill insures a 15 percent discount on all meals and deserts (excluding alcohol) for those 55 years and older. It's good to see a restaurant honor those who come before us and have done so much to make Evergreen such a wonderful place.

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#### World class cocktail menu

"One of the things I want to make sure of is that our customers know that we can craft a cocktail to their liking so that they will love coming back," said Alex, a very diligent, knowledgeable and friendly manager. He and the entire management group have set up a world class menu for you and your date to select from. Remember, the Village Grill is just one of the many successful operations the management group runs, so over the decades, they really have developed the knowhow of the restaurant industry!

Speciality drinks of the house include; Michelada - Modelo Especial, Tajin salted rim, tomato juice & fresh

lime, served in a chilled Chavela glass. Optional: Add spicy shrimp! Chavela - Fresh lime, Tajin salted rim, Modelo Especial & Coronita served, in a chilled Chavela glass. Bloody Mary - Vodka, house bloody mary mix Spiked OJ - Vodka, Orange Juice Mimosa - Orange, Cranberry, Mango & Pineapple Super Mimosa - Vodka, choice of juice, champagne & fresh fruit Red or White Sangria - Sangria Paso Robles, topped

with fruit, House Margarita - House Tequila, Sour Mix, Triple sec, served on a salted rim, Agave Margarita - House Tequila, Agave, fresh lime, top shelf Triple sec, served on the rocks on a salted rim, Moscow Mule - Vodka, ginger beer, fresh lime.

The staff ensures the presentations are out of this world and are sure to impress your date or special someone. Kind manager Ashley reminds all, "remember you can go beyond the Mimosa and order a Super Mimosa," which many do.

#### Man's best friend welcome

You can also bring Fido on a leash for the Village Grill is pet friendly (pets only allowed outside on the patio). You can go for a walk and have dinner on the patio of the Village Grill. Many love doing this. The restaurant also places a water bowl out there for the four legged friends.

#### **Marvelous location**

The restaurant is located is a serene location and as the evening comes along many chose to have dinner with drinks outside on the patio and take in the rest-

ful sights of the setting sun with the fountain seen in the square.

#### "Love was just a glance away, a warm embracing dance away" (Frank Sinatra)

The Village Grill is the place to be when you wish to hold hands and have a nice dinner with your loved one. Its staff is very friendly and the food is delicious. This is the place to make a memory of a wonderful dinner with special conversation. If you can hold your own with conversation while being served a wonderful meal with her, then why not walk across the street to the fountain, make a wish and throw in a coin. Who knows, maybe you can even steal a kiss!

#### **About the Village Grill**

Located at 4075 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose, California 95138. The phone number for call ahead pick up orders is: (408) 270-1000. Hours of operation are: Monday 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 8 am-8pm and Sunday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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**Times Back to School** 

#### **Evergreen School District 2018–2019 free and reduced-price meals program**

Program School District announces its policy to serve nutritious meals every school day under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines.

Households do not need to turn in an application when the household receives a notification letter saying that all children automatically qualify for free meals when any household member receives benefits from CalFresh, Cal-WORKs or FDPIR. Children who meet the definition of foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway, and children enrolled in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals. Contact school officials if any child in the household is not on the notification letter. The household must let school officials know if they do not want to receive free or reduced-price meals.

Application information will be sent to the household with a letter about the free and reduced-price meal program. Households that want to apply for meal benefits must fill out one (1) application for all children in the household and send it to the Child Nutrition office at: 2828 Corda Drive, San Jose, CA 95122. For a simple and secure method to apply, use our online application at www. Heartlandapps.com. Contact the Child Nutrition office at 408-223-4500 if you need help filling out the application. Applications are available at school offices, the Child Nutrition office or on the Evergreen School District website. The Child Nutrition department will inform you by mail if your application is approved or denied for free or reduced-price meals.

Households may turn in an application at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now, but your household income goes down, household size goes up, or a household member starts receiving CalFresh, CalWORKs or FDPIR, you may turn in an application at that time. Information given on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school officials. The last four digits of the Social Security number from any adult household or checking that you do not have a Social Security number is required if you include income on the application.

Households that receive Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits, may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals by filling out an application.

Foster children are eligible for free meals and may be included as a household member if the foster family chooses to also apply for the non-foster children on the same application. Including foster children as a household member may help the non-foster children qualify for free or reduced-price meals. If the non-foster children are not eligible, this does not keep foster children from receiving free meals.

Your child's eligibility status from last school year will continue into the new school year for up to 30 school days (Deadline for 2017-2018 applications is Thursday, October 4, 2018) or until the school processes your new application, or your child is otherwise certified for free or reduced-price meals. After the 30 school days, your child will have to pay full price for meals, unless the household receives a notifica-

tion letter for free or reduced-price meals. School officials do not have to send reminder or expired eligibility notices.

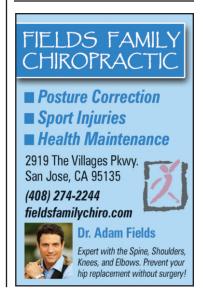
If you do not agree with the decision or results of verification, you may discuss it with school officials. You also have the right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by calling or writing the hearing official: Mr. Enrique Navarro, Director- Operations, 2828 Corda Drive, San Jose, CA 95122 408-223-4500.

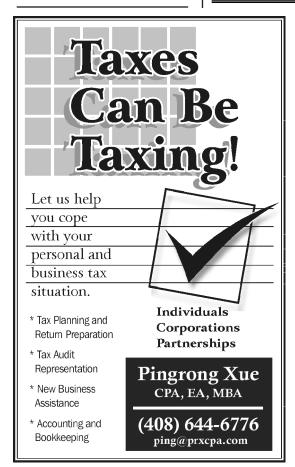
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Times Local News

#### **Apoorva**

Continued from page 4 presence to inspire younger kids, like her Youtube channel and everyone can get to it by searching up her sister's name (which is Apoorva Panidapu). You can also follow Apoorva by going to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (and all her accounts can be found with her name). Anoohya also mentioned that they tutor younger kids in Math. Kids interested in school or competition math can contact them through the above channels.

Mrs. Panidapu, while listening to the interview, had the presence of being

very kind and thoughtful to all. She smiled when asked for her thoughts and said, "I am so proud of both of my daughters. Whatever they do, they put their heart into it and they are both brilliant!" Apoorva's grandfather, who is visiting from India, attended the commendation and was very happy and proud of his granddaughters.

Apoorva recently delivered the art request made by her Orchestra teacher, which was very special and dear to her

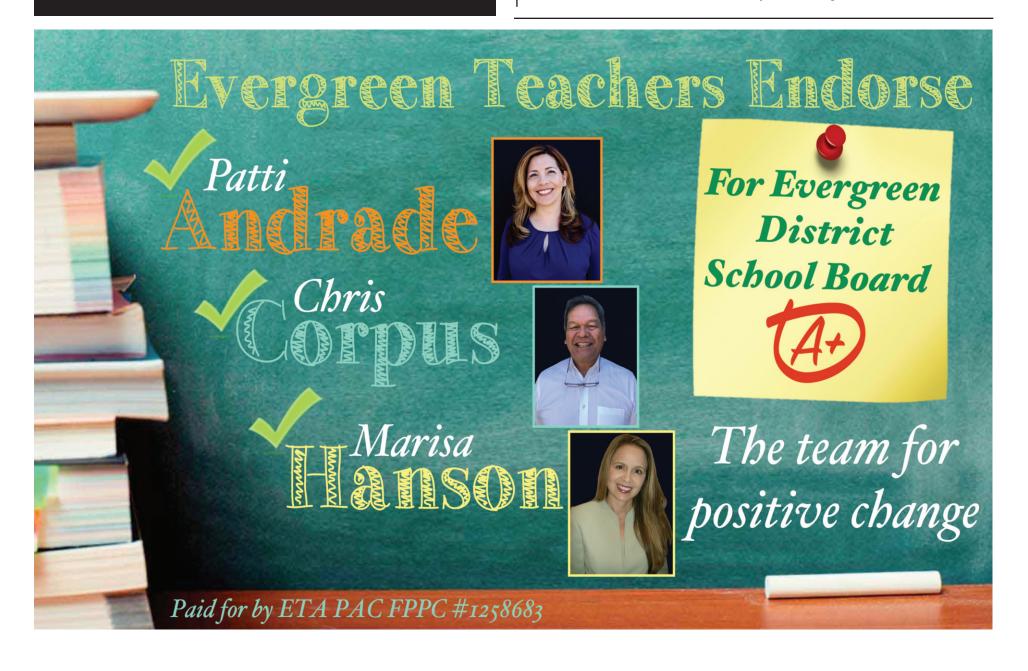


Apoorva and her mother enjoy the moment.

family. It was a picture with her husband returning from the Vietnam war in 1968 (50 years ago). She wanted to gift the artwork to her husband for his birthday.

Apoorva is finishing up her other custom art requests and is taking orders for more. Please contact her at apoorvaartgallery@gmail.com

Apoorva's Art for Africa was also featured in Save the Children organization summer newsletter: http://f.e.savethe children.org.



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#### **Times Cover Story**

#### **Burglaries**

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Malaccorto, longtime patron of Le Boulanger. "I guess these businesses will have to put up some kind of decorative grilling on their windows to prevent thieves from breaking in, even though they break the windows! It could be kids, maybe on drugs!"

During investigating it was found that three other businesses had been burglarized in the past month or so. The new Milan Italian Restaurant was broken into during their setting up stages and a lot of expensive meats and wines were removed from the premises.

Also, Kent Kromer, manager at Little Gym reported, "We were broken into during construction. The thieves cut the lock box, somehow broke into it, obtaining the key, and later opened the door! All our new toilets, mural supplies, and a lot of expensive construction equipment were taken!" It is reported that Couture Salon and Spa was also broken into by the same method!

We also have just received reports that the Beach Hut Deli was burglarized on August 6.

Some patrons voiced their opinions as to what is happening in Evergreen. One said, this must be a ring of crooks, stealing what they can and taking it to the local flea markets or fencing the con-



Edith Malaccorto, local patron of Le Boulanger.

struction equipment to the many construction companies doing building during this boom time!"

One man at McDonalds recounted, "My car was robbed not far from here and they only took my auto handbook and one other item. It seems a waste of time that these thieves would only steal a handbook. There have been reports of Evergreen teenagers going around driveways and checking to see if any of the autos were left open and taking anything they can make a few bucks on."

It is advisable to always lock your unattended automobile. Remove anything visible that is of any value. Roll your windows up. When dealing with unethical people, always be on guard doing anything to deter their movements.



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Times Feature

#### Lou Alexander: modern Renaissance man

**By Frank Shortt** Times Staff Writer

ou Alexander, an Evergreen Valley resident who lives at the Villages Golf and Country Club, is photographer extraordinaire.

"I have never had a full-time job outside of newspaper work, said Alexander

Lou began life in Osgood, Indiana and moved to Greensburg, IN right at the end of fourth grade. Greensburg is known as the "Tree City" because a mulberry tree has been growing out of the courthouse clock tower for about 120 years.

"Lou recalls, "Although I have not lived in Greensburg since the summer of 1970, I have tremendous affection for the community and contribute old pictures and memories to a Facebook group about the town regularly."

Alexander majored in journalism with a news/editorial concentration while attending Indiana University. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree there in 1971. Although he took one class in photography while attending college, he is mostly self-taught. "I have read a few books but mostly I have learned by looking at photographs and assessing what works and what does not work," he states with confidence.

As stated before, Alexander is a veteran newspaper man and photographer. He has lived, and worked in Illinois, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and, along with his wife and companion, Jackee Walker, he lived in Yakima, WA. for one year in 1983 before deciding to move to California. They had only been married one year before in Michigan, January 1, 1982. Their anniversary is easy for them to remember.

"For the 21 years before I retired I was one of the ad directors at the San Jose

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-Hummingbird in flight. All photos by Lou Alexander

Mercury News. At various times I ran every section of the ad division but most of my career there was as retail advertising manager, display advertising director and classified ad manager. Before the San Jose Mercury News I worked at seven newspapers as a reporter and photographer, editor, ad director, general manager and publisher," Lou recalls with much pride! Any person belonging to the 'Nextdoor' internet group will be familiar with Lou's wonderful nature photographs which he shares willingly.

Alexander had an interest in photography all the way back to junior high school while working on the school newspaper. "Taking pictures with a 4x5 Speed Graphic sheet film camera was a big part

of my job at the Greenburg Daily News (before college 1966 and 1967) and I learned how to develop film and print pictures in the darkroom there. That is where I learned the basic mechanics of photography like the relationship of film speed, f-stop and shutter speed." Some folks are natural artists with a camera!

When asked about how to become a better photographer, Alexander tells those who ask, "Take lots of pictures! Look at the pictures you have taken and figure out what could have made the picture better. Is there a way the composition could be improved? How could the lighting be changed to make the picture better?" "Negative space" in any picture is the part of the picture that is not the cen-

tral focus, so Lou asks, "How can the negative space in the picture be used to draw attention to the subject of the picture?"

Lou is currently 'webmaster' for his old high school class in Greensburg, IN, and is also webmaster for a group of about 200 former San Jose Mercury News co-workers. He maintains photo websites for both groups and sends out news and gossips to both groups as appropriate.

Lou served as a board member for Second Harvest Foodbank for two terms and he and his wife continue to support them financially. He and his wife are passionate about dogs and cats and give to several charities devoted to their welfare. Their favorite charity at the Villages is the Villages Medical Auxiliary to which they continue to donate financially and Lou supports them with photography for use in 'The Villager' weekly newspaper and also helps with promotional material.

"We knew that housing was expensive in San Jose (even in 1983) when we



Lou and Jackee



#### Youth basketball league begins Sept. 7th at Chaboya Middle School

Open to boys and girls in the 5th thru 8th grade

Teen Basketball at Chaboya Middle School begins Friday, September 7th and continues through November 16th for all interested boys and girls 5th thru 8th grade regardless of the school they are attending. Sign-ups will continue until the two divisions of 60 players are filled.

The league will consist of two co-ed divisions of 6 teams and no more than ten play-ers on each team. In this "funpetitive," league everyone plays equal time for 4 quarters.

Practices are usually no more than once a week and we are looking for coaches (most coaches practice right before their game). Cost for the league is \$190 which includes a game jersey, 9 games, personal basketball, participation medal, 1st and 2nd place trophies, facility use and officials.

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#### **Times Feature**



A bobcat stalking for food, and a buck in partial velvet. Both were seen in the hills near the Villages.

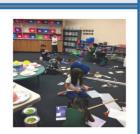
decided to come here so that was not too much of a shock." Lou and Jackee still live in and love The Villages. They say the people there are wonderful and the community still maintains its beauty. They love the weather in California, even with its struggles with business and expenses in the Bay Area.

They thought of moving out of state when Lou retired, but as Lou recalls, "We could not find anywhere else where we thought we would be as comfortable as where we reside now!" We're glad you stayed, Lou and Jackee!









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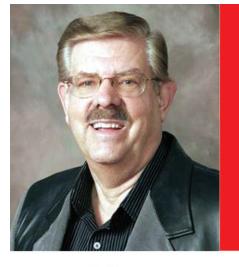






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Times **Feature** 

#### **DMV** wants to reduce wait times

he California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is taking a number of additional actions — including redirecting 240 employees from the DMV headquarters and staff from other state agencies and departments— to combat rising wait times at field offices.

Customers have experienced longerthan-expected service times because of increased demand in the federal compliant REAL ID driver license or identification card.

"The DMV is bringing employees from various state agencies and departments to strengthen our hiring surge and help triage the longer lines at our offices," DMV Director Jean Shiomoto said. "This year we have already hired 500 new employees, added Saturday service at 60 offices and opened offices an hour earlier at the most impacted areas. We expect the additional surge of employees will help further combat these wait times."

The redirected employees are triaging the lines to ensure customers have the required documents to complete their transaction and get a service number faster. They are also assisting customers with filling out the Electronic Driver License and ID Card Application.

The department is using a variety of

additional options to reduce wait times. Some of the timesaving solutions include:

- Piloting a text notification option. If customers provide their cell phone number when they check in, they can receive a text message shortly before their service number is called. This provides flexibility so they do not have to wait inside a field office. The DMV is piloting the text notification option in several field offices across the state and working to launch this statewide within the next two weeks.
- Piloting self-check-in kiosks. Customers with appointments can bypass the "Start Here" window and use a kiosk to instantly receive their service number. This option is being piloted in the South Sacramento field office and the San Jose Driver License Processing Center.
- Expanding DMV Now Self-Service Terminals: This month, the DMV will add the self-service vehicle registration renewal kiosks to 10 additional field offices. Later this year, the department will expand to 50 additional grocery store locations, bringing the statewide total of DMV Now Self-Service Terminals to 160.
- ullet Saturday service expansion: The DMV expanded Saturday service to 60 See DMV, next page





**Times Feature** 

#### Three ways to catch up on your retirement savings

#### STEP 1: REDUCE EXPENSES

Are you feeling a little (or a lot) behind when it comes to saving for retirement? Don't give up. Here are a few tips to help you focus your efforts and maximize the money you have available to save.

The lower your monthly expenses, the less money you need to retire. Where can you cut back? Could you possibly downsize your home and cash out some equity for retirement?

Also try to pinpoint areas where you might be spending mindlessly and could cut costs quickly. Maybe you could go out to lunch less often during the work week, and host friends in your home instead of grabbing dinner or brunch at a restaurant. Canceling underused gym memberships and media subscriptions helps too.

#### STEP 2: PAY DOWN DEBT

Focusing on paying down debt is one of the most effective ways to reduce your long-term expenses. When you get rid of debt, you stop losing money to interest and you increase your monthly cash flow. As you tackle each remaining balance, redirect the money you were putting toward that payment to saving more for retirement.

#### STEP 3: MAKE CATCH-UP CONTRIBUTIONS

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For traditional and Roth IRAs, the contribution limit is \$5,500 but you can make an additional \$1,000 in catch-up contributions.

Do your best to maximize your contributions to these

#### **DMV**

Continued from previous page field offices on August 4. Offices are open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Find a location on the Saturday Service webpage.

• Early office hours: The DMV began offering extended hours at 14 field offices on July 16. The offices open at 7 a.m. four days a week. They continue to open at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays and close at 5 p.m. daily. For the list of office locations, visit the extended hours webpage.

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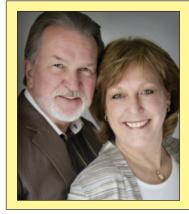
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#### East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhsd.org

The Evergreen Al-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  $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$ 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.ebagroup.org.

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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 LIV-ING CENTER, 4855 San Felipe Road (across from McDonalds). Meetings will be on the 2nd. Wednesday of the month, from 3:15-4:15 EVGC (No meetings in July or August) Membership is \$20/year or \$30 for couples. For further information, please feel free to contact Susie Henderson: susiehenderson@sbc-global.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.

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

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#### Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association

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drosquares, freetoasthost.org.

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.

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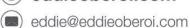




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