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LEMON-AID FOR PARADISE

Group of Almaden residents takes to the streets to help fire victims

By Lorraine Gabbert

Senior Staff Writer
When Fred Rogers, host of
Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, was a
boy and saw scary things on
the news, his mother would
say, "Look for the helpers. You
will always find people who
are helping." Rogers said that
especially in times of disaster,
he remembered his mother's
words, and was always comforted by realizing that there
are so many helpers and caring people in this world.

fter the Northern California Camp Fire raged through Paradise, leaving many homeless and in need, a group of Almaden residents took to the streets to raise funds for those impacted by the blaze.

Gathered on the corners of McAbee Rd. and Crossgate Ln., adults and children holding signs flagged down cars and asked for donations for the fire victims. "Help families in need. No more

fires!" said one. "Lemon-Aid for fire victims. Please donate," said another.

In exchange for their contributions, patrons received lemonade and homemade baked goods, along with appreciation and the knowledge that every little bit helps.

"It's a good feeling when the cars stop," says a teen, "because you know they care."

"I'm very proud my neighbors are showing support for See LEMONAID, page 15



Mary Jane Botelho Yetkinler (left) and Michelle Takeuchi (the event coordinator) believe in the importance of helping those in need.



This year, competing teams not only built robots, but they also did a research project about ways to solve problems faced by humans during long-duration space exploration.

Leland hosts Lego robotics qualifier competition

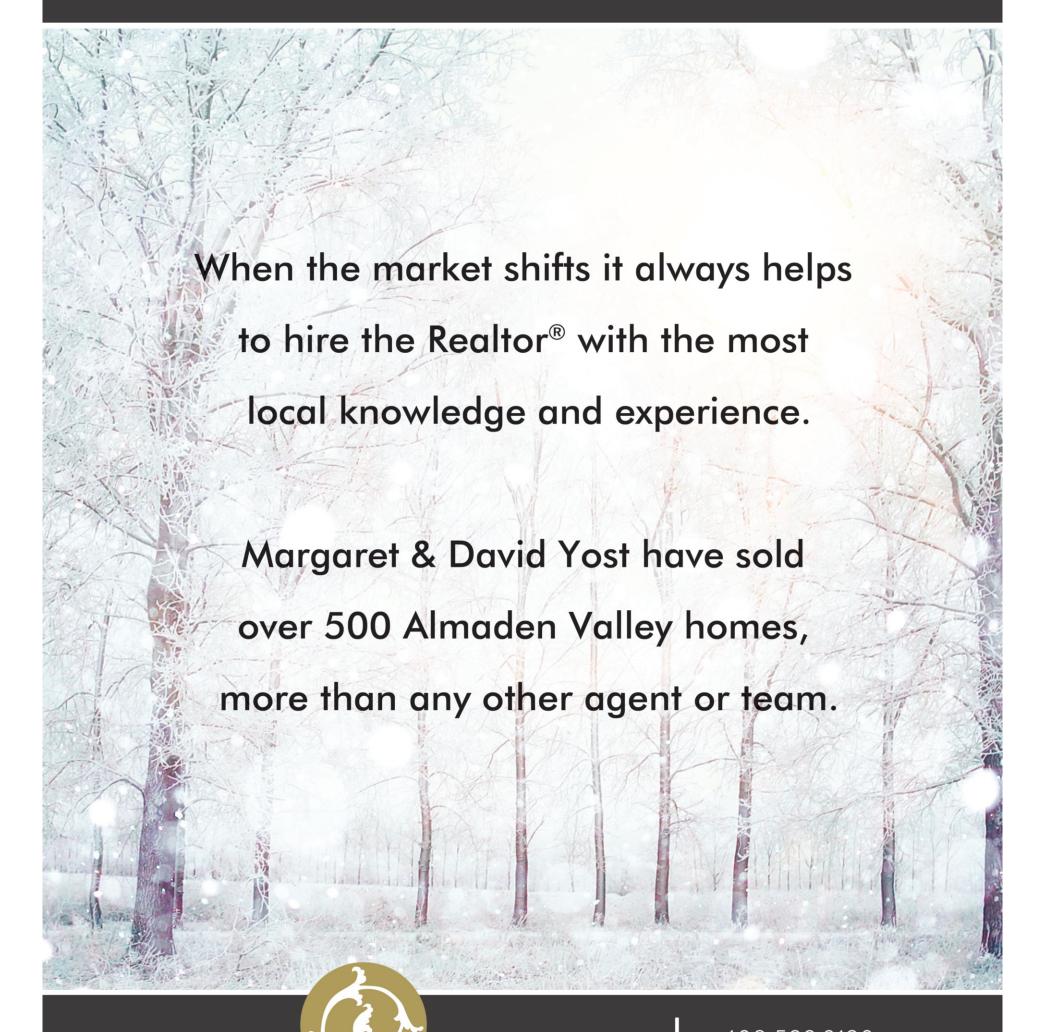
Sixteen FIRST Lego League (FLL) teams from San Jose, Santa Clara, Fremont, and Carmel traveled to Leland High School to compete in the FLL Quixilver Qualifier on November 17.

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) is an international youth organization that operates the FIRST Robotics Competition (high school ages), FIRST LEGO League (ages 8-14), FIRST LEGO League Jr (ages 6-9), and FIRST Tech Challenge (middle school and high school). Founded by Dean Kamen and Woodie Flowers in 1989, its expressed goal is to inspire students in engineering and technology fields. The organization promotes "coopertition" meaning cooperative competition, and "gracious professionalism". In 2018, 530K+ students in 95+ countries were enrolled in the FIRST programs. There are more than \$80M college scholarship opportunities offered to FIRST participants.

This year's FLL event, Into Orbit, was hosted by Leland's First Robotics Competition (FRC) Team 604 Quixilver at Leland High School.

The FLL 2018 Team Challenge was to build and program Lego robots to complete tasks on an outer space-themed field. Teams not only build robots, but they also do a research project about ways to solve problems faced by humans during long-duration space exploration.

At the tournament, the teams ran their robots on the fields and tried to get as See ROBOTICS, page 8



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Clockwise, from above: The San Jose Youth Symphony (SJYS) is one of the oldest and finest youth orchestras on the West Coast of the U.S.; pianist **Bornia Sutikto** is just 14 years old; **William Gu** is an award-winning cellist.

San Jose Youth Symphony presents its Season Opening Concert featuring Young Artist Competition winners

The San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra, under the artistic leadership of Music Director and Conductor Yair Samet, presents its 2018-2019 Season Opening Concert to be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018, at 7:30 pm at the McAfee Performing Arts Center, Saratoga High School, 20300 Herriman Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070.

The program includes works from Rossini, Mozart, Dvorak and Enescu and will feature 2018 Young Artist Competition winners Borina SuTikto, piano and William Gu, cello.

TICKETS: Tickets can be purchased in advance either online at www.sjys.org, by calling the SJYS Office at (408) 885-9220, or at the box office one hour before the concert.

Open Seating: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, \$5 for children 12 and under.

For further information, please visit www.sjys.org, or contact the SJYS Office at (408) 885-9220.

BORINA SUTIKTO, PIANO

Borina Sutikto, 14 years old, started her young artist career when she was playing as a "sheep" at the age of 3 in a church Christmas play; later she grew to be an "angel" in the same play. She has been in a church children's choir for many years. After recognizing this 7-year-old girl's music talent, a piano teacher from the church, Ms. Kathy Fletcher, introduced piano to Borina who fell in love immediately. When Borina was working at piano masterpieces, Ms. Fletcher passed away; and Borina started her self- piano-teaching for three years till she was connected to a well-known pianist, Mr. Markus Pawlik, in summer of 2017. It is worth mentioning that, together, they spent only a one-hour section of rehearsal on Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23 in A major for Young Artist Competition and another one-hour section of recording for submission on January 29th, 2018.

WILLIAM GU, CELLO

William Gu began his interaction with music through piano at the age of 4. He is the Grand Champion and Gold award winner of the Youth Focus Young Artists competition, as well as a recipient of the Certificate of Merit Advanced Level.

William began his cello training at age 8, and he made his solo debut on Ding Ding TV just 2 years later. He studies under Jonathan Koh, a faculty member of U.C. Berkeley and San Francisco Music Conservatory. William soloed

with the SJYS Chamber Orchestra in 2016, performing Haydn's Cello Concerto in C, as well as with Philharmonic Orchestra in 2017, performing Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme.

As a principal cellist at his high school's orchestra and the founder of his Grace Music Institute organization, he has actively participated in volunteering and community service. So far, Grace Music Institute has worked with over 30 students and has raised over \$15,000 for the community and was recently featured on the front page of the Evergreen Times newspaper. William is also a three-time Gold medalist of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

Season Opener Concert

Yair Samet, Music Director and Conductor. Saturday, December 1, 2018, at 7:30 pm. McAfee Performing Arts Center, Saratoga High School, 20300 Herriman Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070

Season of Hope Concert

Yair Samet, Music Director and Conductor. Friday, December 14, 2018, at 7:30 pm. Cathedral Basillica of St. Joseph, San Jose. This will be a free concert open to the public and will include some holiday music.

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Times Op Ed

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We can rally for the victims of the Camp Fire

Dear Editor,

The deadliest and most destructive fire in California history erupted at dawn on Nov. 8 in Paradise, and within minutes, stiff winds whipped it into a monster. At first what has come to be known as the Camp Fire devoured 10 footballfields of terraine every minute, and then moved onto the neighborhoods. The fire hit so fast and so hard that many people had no time to react and if they did escape it literally was with just the shirt on their back. Flames virtually destroyed the entire 27,000-population town of Paradise and surrounding communities. What makes this especially devastating is that typically with these types of events there is a community rally to pull together for comfort; support; and to help with the building and healing process. With this event, there is nothing left at all of this community. Therefore it is up to us to all do our part and rally for this community.

We all feel it in our heart and wonder, "What can I do?" One couple took that approach with the concept of "just help/adopt one family". They started a Facebook group that networks those in need,



An Eldorado NF engine holds a firing operation on Division LL of the Camp Fire. Photo Credit: Mike Loeffler, ENF. Photo via Flickr.com - CC2.0



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and those wanting to help. They ask that you just join, and be led to adopt a family (or individual) or do what you can. Maybe adopt someone as a group with some friends?

There are many layers to this tragedy. But healing of the heart is an important one. Sharing a play-byplay description of their personal ordeal and expressing their family needs is therapeutic for many of the victims. It is true that many of the donation sites are packed with an abundance of clothes. But you might see a family with children your same size and just reach out to them directly! There are many posts, so utilize the search function for areas on your heart or items you have (such as "autistic; tools; landscaping; books; furniture").

Yes money is needed, but not just

There are many layers to this tragedy. But healing of the heart is an important one. Sharing a playby- play description of their personal ordeal and expressing their family needs is therapeutic for many of the victims. money. I found one autistic young woman who is 19 years old and was heartbroken because she lost her homemade crocheted doll that was her comfort source. Then there was someone who posted that her arts and crafts group wanted to help. Of course the girl had pictures of her precious doll, which I forwarded to the arts and crafts group, and less than a week later a replacement doll was on it's way from Washington!

Or maybe if you are a therapist you can post offering a set amount of free counseling sessions remotely for a family/families dealing with the trauma for a defined number of sessions. Or prayers are at the top of the list, so adopt a family and add them to your prayers. The facebook page is called "Paradise Fire Adopt a Family."

An immediate need for many is housing, because many are trying to stay in the Chico area for work/family, so that is a tough need to fill. But we do have one family that actually has chosen to relocate to San Jose a young couple, Ashley and Kevin Burns and their 11 year old daughter. They had a distant relative in the area that they reached out to for help. Their daughter is now enrolled in school and they are looking to get jobs and even find a place on their own eventually. To support Victims of the Camp Fire organized by Ashley Burns, visit: https://www.gofundme. com/qqrytg-victims-of-camp-fire

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Robotics

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many points as they could in their two and a half minute matches. Each team was judged on their project, their robot design, and the core values of the FIRST programs.

FLL Team Lego Overload won the Champion's Award for their outstanding performance. Team WALLE SV won the robot design award and also had the highest robot performance score of the day. Team Lego Dudes, who were exceptionally cre-

ative, won the Project Award. OLA ABC Robotic Club won the Core Values Award, displaying amazing teamwork and gracious professionalism, and team Almaden Mercury Minors won the Judge's Award.

Five of the Quixilver Qualifier teams will be advancing to the Silicon Valley Championship, which will be held on February 17 at Fremont High School in Sunnyvale. More than 400 FLL teams competed in Qualifying tournaments all over Northern California during the last 3 weekends!

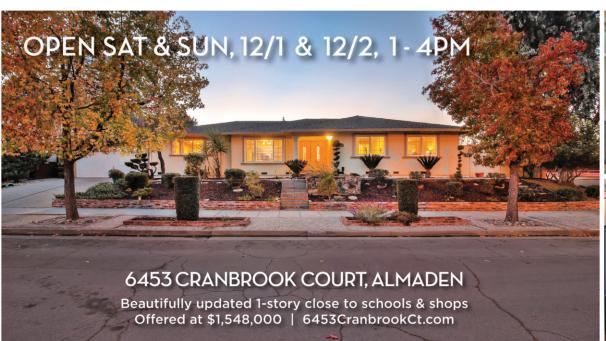
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In almost every family there is someone who knows all about the familial tree and history. You might be unsure of the exact date your grandparents were married, but someone else may know. Building knowledge of your family history can be an excuse to call your mom, your grandma or even your great aunt. They likely have stories and photos you don't have and would likely be willing to share them.

Start a Family Tree

Starting a family tree can be the next step to learning about your family history. Building out your tree online can be simple with a service like Ancestry, which has been turning history into your story by transforming names into family and distant places into home for more than three decades. With more than 20 billion records and 3 million family history subscribers, the service provides all the information and tools you need in one place to make discovery fun and easy. Enter what you know

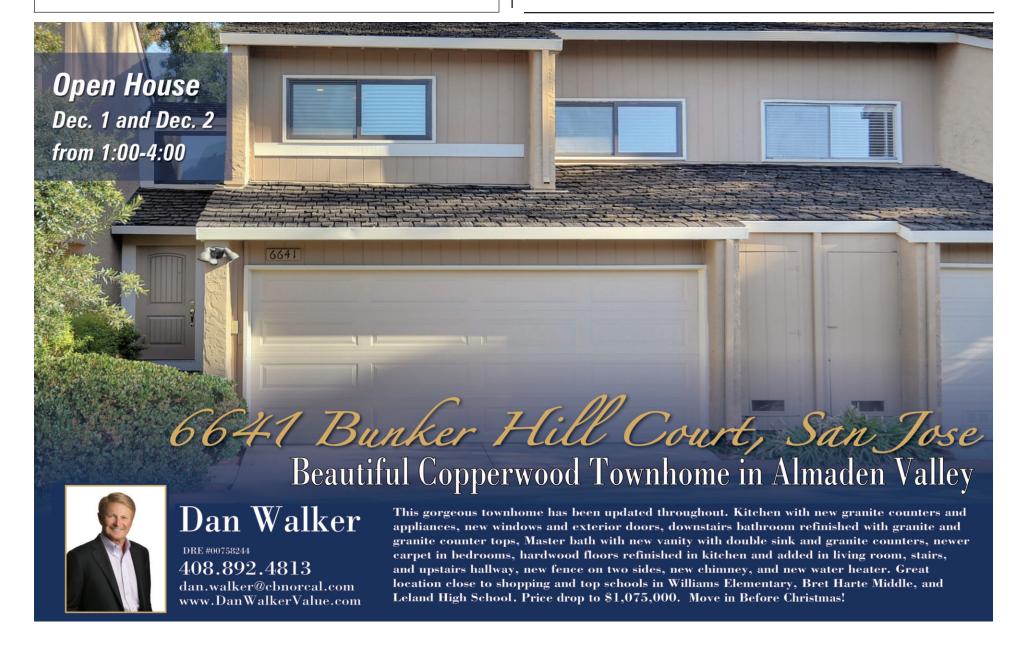
about yourself, your parents, your brothers and sisters then add your grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. If you aren't sure about dates and places, make an educated guess then upload photos and stories.

Message Cousins

As you continue to explore your family tree, you may find other relatives have already researched pieces and parts of your family tree. Maybe a fourth cousin has your common greatgrandparents in their tree with photos and stories about their lives. Find out what other information they might know or share what you know about your branch of the family tree.

Take a DNA Test

DNA testing has revolutionized the way people discover family history. With a service like AncestryDNA, you become part of a genetic network that includes more than 10 million people. In addition to providing ethnicity estimates, the service also compares your DNA to the people in the network and matches you to anyone sharing enough DNA with you to point to a recent common ancestor within the last 8-10 generations. To make those connections even easier to find, attach that family tree you built to your DNA results, and find more information at Ancestry.com. Photo courtesy of Getty Images. Source: Ancestru



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Times **Feature**

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Every year, tens of millions of travelers brave planes, trains and automobiles to celebrate year-end holidays and exchange goodwill with family and friends. Consider these ideas for using tech to make this year's travel a little easier.

Electronic Entertainment

Nearly every parent is wary of excess screen time, but holiday travel is a good time to set aside those concerns. Hours of chaotic travel, unfamiliar scenery and overall disruption to typical daily schedules can wreak havoc on kids. One way to keep those stressful feelings at bay is entertainment, and there are plenty of options that can serve as aides to keep kids calm and collected when travel gets tiresome. Handheld video games, portable DVD players and tablets can all be customized with kid-friendly content to make it from point A to point B with your sanity intact, or to simply enjoy an uninterrupted hour catching up with loved

Savvy Smartphones

It's a trend on the rise: More than 70 percent of U.S. travelers responding to Google Consumer Insights agreed they "always" use their smartphones when traveling to research activities or attractions, locate shopping areas and restaurants, or look up directions.

For value-conscious travelers, a smartphone like the Alcatel 7 offers robust talk time, nonstop streaming and lightning-fast charging. Up to 28 hours of talk time makes it ideal for connecting with family and friends down the street or around the globe, and after just 22 minutes of charging, it can be used for up to six hours. With more than 10 hours of nonstop streaming in a single charge, kids won't have to miss out on any social media stories or updates from their favorite vloggers while waiting for grandma's pecan pie to cool. Sleek and compact, the phone also features a large six-inch Full HD+ display and dual cameras that let you shoot in portrait mode. Learn more at alcatel7.com.

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Thoughtful, stressfree gift giving

(Family Features) When in need of inspiration during gift-giving season, focusing on thoughtful presents that align with the personalities and interests of your intended recipients can be a surefire way to delight even the hard-to-buy-for friends and family on your list.

If you need a little extra help this holiday season, though, these ideas curated by the experts at Macy's can help you hand out on-trend, versatile gifts.

"The holidays are our favorite time of the year," said Durand Guion, group vice president, Macy's Fashion Office. "As the gift destination, we believe

in the wonder of giving and are excited to help our shoppers find the perfect gifts. Our fashion directors have highlighted the best selection of fashion, beauty and home with trendy pieces that are not only versatile but also inspiring, whether they're for gifting, dressing or entertaining."

Find more thoughtful gift ideas that can make your loved ones smile at macys.com/gifts.

For the Home Decorator

Bring the holiday cheer home this season with cozy throws and decorative pillows that are perfect for gathering around the fireplace. A variety of options are available, including a Basket Weave Faux-Fur Pom Pom Throw, a Snuggle by the Fire Pillow, a Holiday Truck Pillow and a Stand Out Scottie Pillow. Featuring touches of faux fur and velvet, these throws and pillows from the Martha Stewart Collection can add warmth to a room on chilly nights.

For the Beauty Lover

For the woman who is beauty-obsessed, give her



a gift of relaxation with the Tony Moly sheet mask set. The set includes 19 masks in total, including pulp sheet masks, layering sheet masks, gel face masks and gel eye masks, and is a perfect reason for a girls' night in. Featuring ingredients such as red wine, which helps tighten and purify skin, and lemon, which helps brighten skin tone and combat hyperpigmentation, among others, there is a mask for nearly every skin need.

For the Modern Host

Essentially every host knows entertainment should be a focal point of the party. Bring family and friends together with the Studio Mercantile Stacking Game, a vintage-inspired twist on a classic made to be played while sharing a round of drinks. The set includes 40 wooden blocks engraved with prompts that can make things more interesting as well as 14 blank blocks so you can create your own entertaining tasks.

For the Luxurious Lounger

This holiday season, you can combine the cozy and glamorous sides of nearly any woman in your life with sparkly slippers from I.N.C. International Concepts. These comfy, round-toe, moccasin-style slippers are faux-fur lined and available in four vibrant colors - Rose Gold Glitter, Black Glitter, Navy Glitter and Silver Glitter - that can put a luxe finish on lounging around during a night in.

For the Go-Anywhere Man

Perfect for the office or a night on the town - and nearly anything in-between - a Tommy Hilfiger watch is a lasting and versatile gift for the special man on your list. Completely focused in black stainless steel with a matching minimalist dial, this sophisticated timepiece is also water-resistant to 30 meters. The black-on-black design is a modern upgrade to classic watches, and can keep your man in style for seasons to come.

For the Classic Entertainer

Savor your favorite spirits with loved ones and add an elevated touch to your entertaining this holiday season with a set of two whiskey glasses from the Hotel Collection. Accompanied by black marble coasters, this modern set of 14.7-ounce glasses can help protect your furniture and surfaces from cup marks, drips, spills and condensation while also impressing guests at any size gathering.

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LemonAid

Continued from page 1 other neighborhoods," says Sara del Grande, who stopped to donate. "It's the least we can do."

"I think they're happy to give," says Ellen Takeuchi, "and we're so happy that they're taking the time to stop."

In three and a half hours, LemonAid raised \$4,123. "People are generous," says Michelle Takeuchi, who coordinated the fundraiser, as she did last year for victims of the Santa Rosa fires. "You hear all the tragic stories of people who lost everything: their homes, businesses, everything is gone. It's devastating. How could we not help? How can we not be there for people who need us?"

Following the wildfires, Takeuchi raised the call to action through social media. "Once again, our neighbors north of us are facing devastating losses," she said. "Many fled their homes with only the clothes they had on...they lost everything and will have to start over. Let's rally our community and raise some money to help these families."

Claiming 84 lives, with 475 people unaccounted for, the Camp Fire is the deadliest and most destructive wild-fire in the state's history. It decimated more structures than California's other seven worst wildfires combined and in three days, destroyed more than 100,000 acres.

Homes, schools, businesses, supermarkets, and restaurants all went up in flames. "We were surrounded by fire," says Chico Police Officer Mark Bass, who lives in Paradise. "It was just a wall of fire."

"It's just everything," says Almaden resident Janice Felsoci. "We have family friends, the Mundys, who lost their home. They're at their daughter's right now and don't know where they're going to go." Kris Mundy worked at Ponderosa Elementary School, half of which burnt down (the fire destroyed eight of the nine schools in Paradise). Mundy didn't leave until all the kids were picked up. Her husband's business was also lost in the fire. "They're in total shock right now," says Felsoci. "We look at what they're going through. I want my children to understand the importance of giving back in any small way. A small thing like this is a massive thing to others. They just ran home to get their money to donate."

"We live in the hills and God forbid,

one day it happens to us," says Takeuchi. "With all the stuff going on in the world, we have to take care of each other. I just want them to know that they're not alone."

Resident Anne Hall, who joined in the fundraiser, says that she's lucky to be part of a great community that can band together and support another community that's hurting. "We have so much to give, especially in our community," she says. "Our hardship with the smoke is nothing compared with people who don't even have a house, their belongings, and a place to lay their heads. We're so happy to be here in support of them."

"It feels good because you see on TV what people are going through. They've lost so much," says Mary Jane Botelho Yetkinler. "Especially with the holidays coming and people being displaced from their homes. You just want to help."

Aaron Riche, who volunteered with his neighbors to raise funds has a message for the victims of the fire: "Our hearts and prayers go out to you," he says. "You're not alone. Were all here to help."

Takeuchi is all about teaching kids the importance of serving and says that she feels blessed to be in a community that supports that. "For them to rally out here and join me in raising money to help some families in desperate need means the world to me," she says. "By coming together, we made a difference in people's lives. We are showing those impacted they are not alone during their darkest time. We care, and we are here for them."

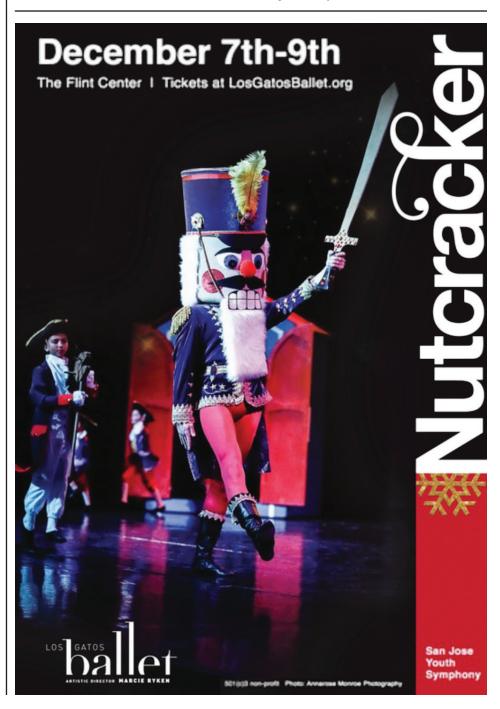
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Times Feature

Holiday travel

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finding a late-night diner when you're on the road. With the right apps and tools, you can turn your smartphone or tablet into a virtual file folder filled with all your travel details, from an itinerary mapping out each step of your journey to confirmation codes for reservations, e-tickets and more.

Power Up

You've heard the tongue-in-cheek adage that technology is great when it works. One thing is sure: it won't work if it isn't properly charged. Take time to lay out all your devices and their respective charging equipment before you pack your bags. Fully charge all devices, install new batteries and, when you're done, stash the cords and extra batteries in your carry-on bag where you can access them easily later.

Connectivity Crashes

If you're planning to rely heavily on your tech devices while traveling, be sure you're aware of any potential connectivity issues that may limit your access to certain apps and features. Remember that in certain areas signals can be spotty. If there's essential info you may need, download it directly into your device so you can retrieve it with or without a good connection.

Protective Care

Away from home, you're likely to encounter situations and environments that put your family's tech devices in precarious places. Even a suitcase with liquid toiletries can pose a hazard, but a simple plastic bag can prevent damage from spills en route. Before you embark on your trip, also take steps to safeguard your tech

devices with screen protectors and snug-fit covers or cases.

Give Gifts that Matter without Regretting the Price

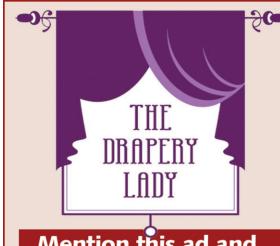
Holiday cheer turns into financial fright for many people every year. According to MagnifyMoney's annual post-holiday debt survey, Americans rang up an average of \$1,054 in debt during the 2017 holiday shopping season, an increase of 5 percent from 2016. However, buying gifts and spreading cheer doesn't have to come with a giant price tag that screams regret.

Shop the sales. Tech gifts top wish lists for recipients of all ages, and that makes them popular items for holiday specials. Preview ads for great offers and look for bundles or other perks that make the purchase price even more attractive.

Focus on function. Tech devices come in different sizes and colors, and in every price range. For example, an Alcatel 7 smartphone provides the same connectivity, talk time and display as phones that cost up to four times as much. Plus, multiple camera modes allow for standout photos. With dual rear cameras, portrait mode allows you to focus on a subject in real-time with blurred background effect.

Set a budget. If you determine upfront how much you can afford to spend, there won't be a reason to second-guess your purchases. Make a list of everyone you'll be buying for and determine how much you'll spend on each person. Think about gifts each recipient will appreciate that fall within your threshold for a fool-proof, debt-proof approach to holiday shopping.

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Times Community Spotlight



Eagle Scout Court of Honor scheduled for December 22

Nehal and Devashree Bhau invite the scouting community to share in the honor of their son **Arnav** (pictured left) becoming the 100th Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 264 on June 24, 2018, which is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America.

An Eagle Court of Honor is our way of saying thank you to all the Scouts, Scout Leaders, family and

friends who have helped or earn his Eagle rank. Please join us in this special celebration on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 4:00 pm at The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints, located at 4977 San Felipe Rd.

Rick Adams and Troop 264 are trying to get as many Eagle Scouts to attend as possible to help Troop 264 celebrate this milestone of over 100 Eagle Scouts. "We are so very proud of all of our

friends who have helped our son Eagle Scout families," said Adams. earn his Eagle rank. Please join us in this special cele-Scouts so far, past and pres-

ent Scoutmasters and members of the Troop 264 community attend."

The Bhaus look forward to hearing from anyone in the scouting community who wishes to attend. Call 408-832-5831 to RSVP.

"The only gift expected is your presence," the Bhaus said.







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Times Feature

Leland drama production presents 'The Madwoman of Chaillot'

he Madwoman of Chaillot" is a play, a poetic satire, by French dramatist Jean Giraudoux, written in 1943 and first performed in 1945, after his death.

The play is in two acts. The story concerns an eccentric woman who lives in Paris and her struggles against the strait-



laced authority figures in her life.

The show dates for Leland Drama's production are the 29th-30th at 7:00 p.m., and December 6th-8th at 7:00 p.m. General Admission is \$15. For students without ASB it is \$12, and for students with ASB it is \$10. Children ages 10 and under are free. Doors open 30 minutes before the show start time and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

EARTHTALK

Is skiing dead due to global warming?

By Doug Moss and Roddy Scheer

Dear EarthTalk: With the onset of global warming, how likely is it that ski resorts and skiing itself might soon become a thing of the past?

-Mandy Billings, Provo, UT

ast winter's low snow year and unseasonably warm temperatures across much of the American West meant a bad year for business for ski resorts, and also left many of us wondering whether skiing would even be possible in the warmer world we're getting as we continue to pump out greenhouse gases.

"Our recent modeling suggests that under a high emissions scenario, skiing could be very limited to non-existent in parts of the country by the end of this century, particularly in lower elevations—such as the northeast, Midwest and lower mountains around the West," says Cameron Wobus, lead author on a 2017 study projecting climate change impacts on skiing across the U.S. "Things look better mid-century, so this dire future for skiing isn't imminentand things also look much better under a more aggressive greenhouse gas mitigation scenario, so this future also isn't inevitable."

According to Wobus' research, ski resorts in the Pacific Northwest have the most to fear, with predicted losses of 80 percent or more of the ski season. Ski resorts in the Northeast also won't fare well as we warm. The relatively good news is that the ski resorts in the intermountain west should face "less severe losses" due to their higher elevations.

The ski resorts themselves are doing what they can to try to reduce and offset their own emissions. To wit, Vail Resorts will power its 15 U.S.-based ski resorts with 100 percent wind energy beginning in 2020, and is well on its way to achieving its ambitious 2030 goal of "zero net

emissions, zero waste to landfill and zero operating impact on forests and habitat." Nearby, Aspen Skiing Company is big on solar, donates six figures annually to local non-profits working on climate mitigation and related issues, and lately has focused on firing up its customer base to encourage climate-friendly voting in Congress. Meanwhile, the list of ski resorts now deriving all of their power from on-site renewables (e.g., Berkshire East, Jiminy Peak, Squaw Valley, Wolf Peak, Arapahoe Basin, Breckenridge) is growing every year.

Coordinating and facilitating much of this activity is the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA), a trade group representing over 300 U.S-based ski area and operators. NSAA's owners Sustainable Slopes initiative, launched in 2000, provides an overarching framework for ski areas on sustainability and enhanced environmental performance. Its Environmental Charter serves as a blueprint and inspiration for ski resorts looking to green their operations.

Another influential player is Protect Our Winters (POW), a non-profit founded in 2007 by professional snowboarder Jeremy Jones to mobilize the outdoor sports community against climate change. Its "Hot Planet/Cool Athletes" program, in which a professional skier or snowboarder leads an all-school assembly through a 45-minute multimedia presentation detailing the science behind climate change, how it's affecting snow levels and what we can each do to become part of the solution, has been an especially effective way to get young people fired up about solving the climate crisis. The program has reached some 60,000 students since its inception in 2011.

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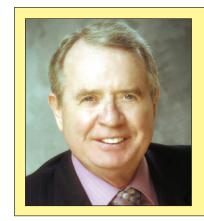


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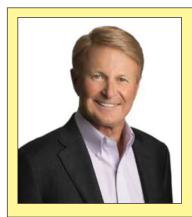


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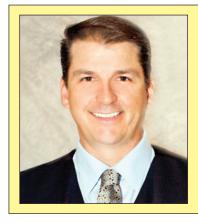
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