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IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSION



Leland High School's drama department is presenting *Heathers: The Musical* (High School Edition) April 4-6. Pictured (left to right) are: **Rebecca Iofis** (Martha Dunnstock), **Anna Skoglund** (Veronica Sawyer), **Theki Chang** (J.D.), **Kris Champlin** (Heather Duke), **Katlyn Barbaccia** (Heather Chandler), **Charlotte Martinson** (Heather McNamara), **Cameron Schirle** (Kurt Kelly), **Connor Turetzky** (Ram Sweeney), and **Jazz Lawrence** (Ms. Fleming).

Leland High School to present *Heathers: The Musical*

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Leland High School's drama department will be performing *Heathers: The Musical* (High School Edition) on Thursday, March 29 at 4 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, March 30-31, and April 4-6 at 7 p.m.

Led by the creative team of Melissa Webb, Director, Marissa Bacon, Vocals and Orchestra, and Sara Hanlon, Choreography, *Heathers* tells the story of Veronica Sawyer who transforms from the average teen to part of the exclusive popular clique led by *Heathers*, known for their cruel behavior.

With the help of her new boyfriend, J.D., Veronica confronts the leader Heather Chandler and accidentally poisons her, setting off a chain reaction leading in other deaths. Only then does Veronica realize J.D.'s true nature and tries to set off on the

path she should have been on the whole time.

"Working on *Heathers* has been an incredible experience, and I can't ask for a better send off," said Cameron Schirle (Kurt Kelly). "It has been really rewarding to bring this musical to life on the stage. Perhaps one of the best parts about *Heathers* is how relatable it is pertaining to how students in high school behave. Kurt Kelly has been by far one of the greatest characters I have ever portrayed. He is a jock that just doesn't seem to understand what's going on. But that is what makes him so lovable in my eye."

"I have been working with Leland Drama for three years now and have enjoyed every second," said Katlyn Barbaccia (Heather Chandler). "The enormous effort put into this production by the cast and crew alike has produced a witty and charming show that I believe

exemplifies the tribulations and crazy antics of high schoolers
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Almaden Valley 7th grader wins CBS SF Bay Area Scripps Spelling Bee

By William Bellou
Publisher

Almaden Valley 7th grader Amith Vasantha is the CBS Bay Area Spelling Bee 2018 champion.

Amith's championship-winning word was a Welsh word: Clogwyn.

The Regional Bee held in San Francisco on Saturday, March 17, was very tense, with challenging spelling bee words from Japanese, Portuguese and Welsh dialects. The competition lasted for nearly three hours.

A very excited Amith, who attends BASIS In-dependent Silicon Valley, is looking forward to competing at the Nationals in Washington, DC in May.

Amith is a fourth-time Regional semifinalist at the CBS Bay Area Scripps Spelling Bee, placing third last year out of 50 other semi-finalists.



Amith, an avid reader, enjoys Latin, science and technology, learning new computer programming languages, globe-trotting and playing badminton and squash.

The CBS Bay Area Scripps Spelling Bee Regional Championships event was televised live by KPIX5 TV.



Almaden students walk out of class over gun violence

Exactly one month after 17 people were killed in a school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, students in Almaden Valley walked out of their classrooms to honor those killed and to protest gun violence.

The National School Walk Out in Almaden Valley lasted seventeen minutes starting at 10 a.m. for students to protest to be safe. Students chanted "Love Kids, Not Guns." The message of the students was to

call out politicians' attention and cry out for them to make a change to keep them safe in their schools.

The protest was the largest student demonstrations since the Vietnam War. Each minute recognized each of the 17 victims of the Parkland, FL, high school shooting.

Pictured above: Bret Harte Middle School students walk out of class and gather in front of the school at 10 a.m. on March 14 to honor those killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida.

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Congresswoman Eshoo speaks out

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

"When will too much become too much in order for Congress to do something about the senseless killings in our country from guns? There is bipartisan gun safety legislation pending, yet the Speaker of the House will not allow a vote on it. And the killing goes on."

-Congresswoman Anna Eshoo

Anna Eshoo, Congresswoman for the 18th Congressional District, spoke about the need for gun control at a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.

"Everyone in the country is absolutely horrified over what has taken place, and continues to take place, relative to gun violence in our country," she says. "We're the only industrialized nation in the world that has this."

She notes that following a mass shooting in Australia, and their legislature passing key gun control laws, they have not had another mass shooting in about 20 years.

Eshoo is saddened that public places "we trust and hold sacred, like schools where we entrust our children...churches where people go to bow their heads and pray together," public events, movie theaters and shopping centers have been targeted. "All of these are places where there has not only been gun violence, but so many people have lost their lives," she says.

She regrets that the legislature failed to pass stringent gun laws after the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School where 20 children



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between ages six and seven were fatally shot, as well as six adult staff members. "I really thought that when those little angels, those precious little ones [lost their lives] in Newtown, Connecticut," she says, "that would be the tipping point for Congress to say, 'Enough is enough,' but it wasn't."

On Feb. 14, a similar tragedy occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, when a shooter opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle, killing 17 people and wounding 17 more.

Following public outcry, on March 9, Florida Governor Rick Scott signed the state's first gun control legislation into law. Known as the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, the law tightens gun control, raising the minimum age to purchase a firearm from 18 to 21 and bars mentally unstable people from possessing guns. In addition, a controversial provision allows for the hiring of school police and for qualified teachers to be armed. However, counties opting out of this provision can redirect those funds to hire more school officers.

"The hardest thing I've ever had to do as governor is try to find the words to console a parent who has lost their child," Scott says. "There are just no words." Scott says that he wants these parents to be the last to lose their children in a school shooting and the families of the fallen teachers to be the last to lose their loved ones in schools.

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Almaden Valley Women's Club honors Almaden Times

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

The Almaden Valley Women's Club (AVWC) honored Councilmember Johnny Khamis and Times Media Publisher/CEO William Bellou on March 6 for their on-going support of the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival. Both men were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by AVWC President Rebecca Stene.

"It's an honor when you're recognized for something you work so hard on," says Times Media CFO Sandy Bellou.

The Almaden Times is one of the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival's longest corporate spon-

sors, supporting it since 1987. William Bellou believes it's important to back the efforts of the Women's Club because of their philanthropic work in Almaden Valley and the Bay Area.

"It takes a village to put on this kind of event for 42 years," he says, "and a great organization. We appreciate working with the AVWC and look forward to the next Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival."

"Bill's support is beyond belief," says Stene.

As part of his recognition as 2018 Honorary Festival Chair, William Bellou was granted \$500 by the AVWC to donate to a local charity of his choice.



Left: **Krystal Woodworth**, Vice President of Programs, Almaden Valley Women's Club; **San Jose City Councilman Johnny Khamis**; **Rebecca Stene**, President, Almaden Valley Women's Club; **William and Sandy Bellou**, owners and publisher of the *Almaden Times*. Above: **Patty Barbaccia**, Festival Chair, poses with the Bellous and Stene. Photos courtesy of **Beth Swartz** and the *Almaden Valley Women's Club*

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Eshoo

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Tony Montalto, who lost his daughter, Gina Rose, in the school shooting, read a statement on behalf of the victims' families after the bill signing: "When it comes to preventing future acts of horrific school violence, this is [the] beginning of the journey," he said. "We have paid a terrible price for this progress. We call on more states to follow Florida's lead and create meaningful legislation to make all schools safer."

Eshoo draws hope from the surviving students' passion and perseverance in speaking out about the need for gun control. "I think these high school students are not only eloquent," she says, "they're fearless. It's the young people saying to the adults: 'You have failed us. You have not done what needs to be done and we're demanding that you do.' I think they're taking our country to a higher moral ground with not only what they're saying but doing."

"The students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, you made your voices heard," says Scott. "You didn't let up and you fought until there was change...You made a difference."

On March 14, thousands of elementary, middle and high school students across the country walked out of class for 17 minutes to honor the 17 victims and to protest gun violence. Locally, students at Leland High School, Pioneer High School, Bret Harte Middle School and Castillero Middle School participated by walking out or observing a



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few moments of silence. At Castillero, students joined in solidarity, speaking out against gun violence.

March For Our Lives is hosting a protest march in Washington, D.C., and across the nation on Sat., March 24, demanding the end to gun violence and school shootings. Locally, the protest will begin at 11a.m. at San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose, CA 95113.

To effect real change, Eshoo says that an assault weapons ban is essential. Although Congress passed an assault weapons ban in the past, it was allowed to expire. Although she isn't against hunting, and comes from a family of sportsmen, she asserts that assault weapons are weapons of war. "No one hunts with an AR-15," she says.

In addition, Eshoo says the country's mental health system is broken and that an effective system is necessary for teachers and parents to be able to report those exhibiting questionable behavior.

Eshoo contends that federal gun laws that apply to every state, county, city, town and village are needed. "Right now,

we have a patchwork quilt," she says. Although states like Connecticut and New York have strong gun regulations, a resident of these states can take advantage of loopholes and go to another state to purchase guns. "The accessibility of all this is as easy as buying M&M's," she says, "I can go online and buy a sweater on sale and just as easily buy assault weapons and ammunition with no background check whatsoever. Up to 40 percent of non-licensed gun sales are not subject to a background check. One of the bills I'm on closes those loopholes and requires a full background check."

The National Rifle Association (NRA) filed a federal lawsuit against Florida, challenging that the federal constitutionality of the age requirement clause violates the Second and 14th Amendments. The NRA also contends that federal law already prevents many Americans 21 or younger from buying certain types of guns.

Eshoo agrees that the Second Amendment is "something we need to honor," and that every piece of legislation has to meet the standard of constitutionality.

Recently, a bipartisan bill to stop the online sales of ammunition and armaments has been introduced to Congress, as well as a bipartisan background check bill. There is also legislation to ban the sale of assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines.

"This would go a long way in our country towards making our communities safer," says Eshoo. "These are key bills introduced to the House, but it's hard to tell where the president is." When asked if she would keep going to the White House and advocating for gun control even though the president keeps changing his mind, she answered, "Of course. We have to."

When asked why Congress doesn't go after gun manufacturers and dealers, Eshoo says that as the NRA is funded by ammunition and weapons manufacturers, having these bills become laws would address it. However, this is more easily said than done. "[Congressional] members are really terrified of the NRA," she says. "I've been threatened by them." Still, she is against demonizing them. "There are a lot of good people who belong to the NRA," she says, "...but they are the lobby for these interests."

According to the Washington Post, since 1998, the National Rifle Association has donated at least \$4.1 million to current members of Congress. Please see the following link to see the total NRA donations each member has received: www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/national/nra-donations.

Eshoo notes that the law enforcement community and the NRA were tight partners until the creation of 'cop killer' bullets, which could penetrate the safety vests police officers wear. "Law enforcement said to the organization, 'We have to do something about this. We're losing our own people,'" she says, but the NRA refused, and they parted ways.




When asked how can campaign finance laws be changed to lessen the NRA's power, Eshoo says that there are two things that would change our government and the way we operate if they were reformed: how federal campaigns are financed and gerrymandering. "If we take these huge contributions out of the system, it would change the Congress dramatically," she says.

"The Citizens United case opened the floodgates because the Supreme Court—in one of the worst decisions of any Supreme Court in the history of our country because it goes right to the heart of democracy—because the Supreme Court found that corporations are people with the freedom of speech," she says. "They can give as much as they want with secret donors. That has exacerbated special interests with money pouring in that we have no control over. If citizens think all votes are bought and paid for, it's highly corrosive."

Regarding gerrymandering, in California, the state legislature no longer draws its own lines; a citizen's commission does. "Campaign finance reform and fixing gerrymandering would go a long way towards bringing about a more democratic system," she says, "and one citizens would have far more faith in."

For ongoing information, please see Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's newsletter at: <https://eshoo.house.gov/news-stories/e-newsletters/annas-weekly-update-22>.


To contact the Almaden Valley Community Association and learn about upcoming speakers, please see: www.avca-sj.org.

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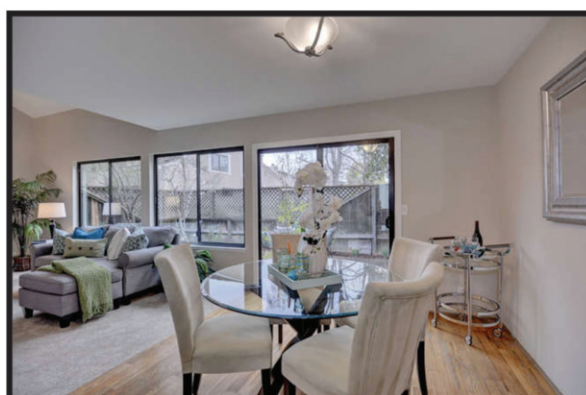
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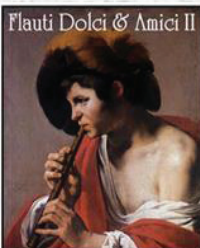
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Almaden student is semi-finalist in National Geographic State Bee

By William Bellou
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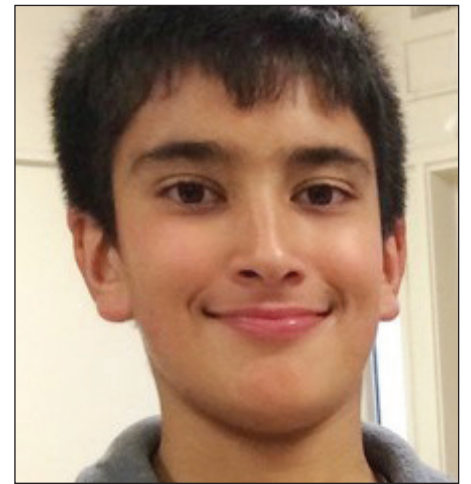
Aarush Zarabi (right) of Almaden Valley has been selected as a semi-finalist to participate in National Geographic State Bee held at California State University Fresno on April 6.

Zarabi, a fifth grade student of Williams Elementary School, is a two time winner of the National Geographic School Bee. Last year he participated in his school contest for the first time and won the school championship.

This year the National Geographic Bee is celebrating its 30th year. The prestigious national contest for geography is open for all schools with candidates selected from grade 4 - 8.

Zarabi has also been invited to participate in 2018 World Geography Championship being held in Berlin, Germany in July. Both contests are also open to students from Grade 4 - 8.

Zarabi was a finalist in the U.S. Geography Olympiad and International Geography Bee which was held last year in Chicago, IL.



An avid geography reader, Zarabi wants to help the environment and he believes that being knowledgeable about geography will assist him achieve his ambition. He strongly believes in Rudyard Kipling's quote: "Follow the dream and always the dream and only the dream."

In addition to reading books pertaining to geography, Zarabi also enjoys reading books about science, history, current events, and sports.

Besides reading, he loves to play basketball, and is on track to soon receive his black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He also enjoys playing piano and taking classical singing classes.



More than 200 attend town hall meeting at Leland

More than 200 attended at districtwide San Jose Unified School District town hall meeting at Leland High School recently.

Parents, staff, students, and community members were treated to a vigorous, student-led debate on school start times. They provided feedback about the district, our schools, and our focus in the near and long term.

The conversation will continue at the next planned town hall meeting scheduled for Monday, April 30, from 6-8pm at Lincoln High School.

If you'd like to get more involved in decisions that impact the district's schools and its programs, please consider joining one of our advisory groups or committees, or contact the principal of your neighborhood school.

For more information, contact pjo@sjsud.org



Emily Martin named to Fall 2017 Honor Roll

Emily Martin of Almaden Valley has been named to the University of Dallas fall 2017 Honor Roll. Martin is majoring in Psychology.

Martin, a graduate of Branham High School, is a pitcher for the University of Dallas softball team.

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IRS says it's looking for these red flags this tax season

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

IRS agents are saying simple mistakes can warrant an audit from the Internal Revenue Service.

IRS software programs can randomly select the taxpayer and compare the return to other similar returns to detect any anomalies.

Here are red flags tax experts say you should avoid:

Are you generous?

One of the most common reasons for an audit is when the taxpayer is taking higher-than-average deductions in relation to his income, which can include charitable contributions, real estate interest or student loans interest.

The IRS has a sense of what's a fair amount of deductions based on income brackets. For example, if someone earned \$125,000 and claimed more than \$50,000 of charitable contributions, that could lead to IRS scrutiny. However, if you were indeed generous, just make sure you have receipts in safe keeping in case of an audit.

Claiming a loss from a hobby

The IRS allows hobby deductions for expenses, up to the

amount of income generated by that hobby. If you claim deductions for the expense greater than the amount earned, that can trigger a red flag.

Withdrawing from a retirement account early

Taking withdrawals from a retirement account prior to 59 ½ years old — when, for example, the taxpayer uses a portion of that money for a first-time home, qualified education expenses or emergency medical costs can trigger more scrutiny of your return.

A sudden avalanche of business expenses

Everyone wants to squeeze in as many potentially reimbursable expenses as they can for their returns this year. However, if someone submits a thick wad of restaurant and Uber receipts for business trips compared to previous years the IRS will notice.

The moral of this story, keep good records and keep them safe.

Cupertino library offering U.S. Passport Services

Just in time for summer vacation planning, the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is adding passport services to the long list of reasons to visit the library.

Starting April 3 at the Cupertino

Library, new passport acceptance facility offices will be open to the public during specified hours.

The new Passport Acceptance Facilities at the Cupertino library will provide first-time passports for adults and children, renewals for passports issued before the applicant was 16 years of age, renewals for expired passports issued more than 15 years ago, replacements for lost, stolen, or damaged passports, and provide passport photo services.

"Our libraries provide high value to the community," stated County Supervisor and library Joint Powers Authority board member, Joe Simitian. "Bringing passport services to the Cupertino Library is just another example of how we are always focused on providing important and relevant services to our residents."

Once submitted, passport applications typically take between four to six weeks to be processed, with the option of paying a \$60 expedite fee to cut that time down by two weeks. Passports will be mailed directly to the applicant by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs.

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Times **Feature**

'Art with a Heart' to hold mesmerizing art and dance performance for a great cause on Sunday, March 25

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Empower and Excel, a San Jose youth volunteer organization, is proud to present "Art with a Heart."

The spectacular new show will have world renowned speed painter, Vilas Nayak, accompany by Indian Raga Fellow and acclaimed Bharatanatyam dancer Aarathy Sundar. This unique fusion/duet of Indian Classical dance and paint strokes will surely inspire and awe the audience.

Empower and Excel was founded in 2015 by San Jose native Ayesha Charagula and Dr. Rajani Priya Ayilavarapu. It is a volunteer-powered non-profit organization committed to empower children and youth to give back to the community. The volunteers work locally with shelters, senior centers, children with special needs,

Our City Forest and Sunday Friends.

Internationally, the organization is working with various charities in India to help children with special needs, to empower traffic victims, and to resource school libraries and classroom in the underserved communities. The proceeds from "Art with a Heart" will go toward bringing color (joy and value) to the lives of these under privileged children.

"Art with a Heart" performance is only available for one night in the bay area on Sunday, March 25th. It will be held at San Jose State University Hammer Theater at 101 Paseo de San Antonio, San Jose CA, 95113. The performance will start at 5pm but the theater door will open at 4pm to show case works of our local young artists. Tickets (\$25-\$125) can be purchased by calling Hammer Theater Box office at 408-924-8501.

National Association of Composers in concert Sat., April 7

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Composers, USA) in a concert of new music, Primavera Allegra, on Saturday, April 7 at 8:00 p.m. at Foothill Presbyterian Church, 5301 McKee Road, San Jose.

The concert will feature chamber works by composers Mark Alfenito, Anne Baldwin, Greg Bartholemew, Nancy Bloomer Deussen, Semyon Bokman, Sondra Clark, Kyle Hovatter, Karl Schmidt and Greg Steinke.

Admission is \$12 adult, children 12 and under are admitted free.

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Times **Local News****Tabard Theatre announces
2018 Summer Youth
Mentor Production of
Disney's Aladdin Jr.**

The Tabard Theatre Company has announced its 2018 Summer Youth Mentor Production of Disney's Aladdin Jr.

Tabard's Summer Mentor Production is a fun musical theatre adventure for youth

of all skill levels! Young people ages 7 – 16 rehearse and perform alongside seasoned adult performers who teach and mentor the young actors in various aspects of theatre and performance.

This is a unique program and opportunity for youth and mentors alike. Everyone who is registered for this production will be cast and asked to participate in a casting session that will be held to determine which role(s) would be best for each person, youth and mentors alike.

Rehearsals begin Monday, June 18, at

Theatre on San Pedro Square, 29 N. San Pedro Street, San Jose, CA. (Parking is validated at the San Pedro Garage directly across the street)

Registration online: Please visit <http://www.tabardtheatre.org/tickets>

Casting: 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on June 13 & 14, email Charlynn Knighton at charlynn@tabardtheatre.org for casting session appointment.

Rehearsals: June 18, 2018, Mon, Wed, Thu 6:30-9:00pm - The final schedule will accommodate cast availability as much as



possible. Rehearsals will be at Theatre on San Pedro Square (TOSPS), 29 N. San Pedro Street, San Jose.

Performance dates: August 3, 4, 5, 2018, at Theatre on San Pedro Square (TOSPS), 29 N. San Pedro Street, San Jose.

Adult Enrollment: Adult performers interested in serving as mentors should contact the production's director, Charlynn Knighton, at charlynn@tabardtheatre.org, to explore the opportunity.

Heathers

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everywhere."

"It's been a wonderful experience working with these students as their vocal director," said Bacon. "We had a lot of ground to cover and the music for this particular show wasn't the easiest to learn. However, they were up for the challenge and I believe they are ready for a fantastic performance. The students put in the time and hard work because of their love for the program and respect for each other. I am grateful for this opportunity and thankful that I have been welcomed with open arms into the Leland Drama Family."

"I really enjoy working with the students in Leland's spring musicals because they put so much heart into what they do," said Hanlon. "It is an entirely student produced show, from stage managing, lighting, sound, costumes, set building, props and publicity. It's rare that you see so many students participate and is special to watch. You can tell the performers are dedicated and truly love and care about the program. These students are a joy to work with and I'm honored to have been a part of this program for the past four years."

"While the show does explore some really serious topics—teen suicide, bullying, depression, homophobia—it does so in order to showcase a message about the importance of inclusion and valuing people for who they really are, not who they pretend to be or feel they have to be," said Webb. "This is a message we've been working really hard to promote the last couple of years at our school and I'm excited that Leland Drama can contribute in such a fun and memorable way."

Heathers: The Musical is based on the 1988 American film written by Daniel Waters. In 2015, it was ranked number 5 on the Entertainment Weekly list of the "50 Best High School Movies." The film has also been adapted into a television series slated to start later this year.

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Times **Local News****Elder abuse, support services discussed at recent credit union presentation with DAR**By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Lynn Brubaker, Vice President of Remote Services for Star One Credit Union, addressed the DAR (Daughters of the Revolution) about Elder and Dependent Financial Abuse on March 5.

Brubaker explained that victims of elder abuse are generally 64 years of age and older and being taken advantage of by a dependent adult living with them or nearby the elder and they are in the age range of 18 – 64 years of age.

Victims are often women over 75 years of age and often live with the abuser. They are usually passive, loyal and defend the abuser, socially isolated, dependent and frail. Tend to internalize blame, rarely take action on their behalf for fear of being put into assisted living.

“The abuser is often a relative, lives with the victim, possibly a relative and is financially dependent on the victim,” said Brubaker. “Abusers tend to be manipulative and exert undue influence over the victim. Victims can often be spotted because they seem confused about financial transactions, noticeable change in appearance; don’t make eye contact, appear nervous and afraid of person with them,” said Brubaker.

The senior is often the victim of scams including paying too much, giving money to friends, healthcare scams, charity fraud, identity theft. “Seniors should take advantage of the support services available to address these types

of scams,” said Brubaker.

If you suspect someone is experiencing elder abuse please report it to your local Adult Protective Services or call police (911) or the Santa Clara County Senior Ombudsman, other resources are TFC.gov and CFP.gov.

Rotary Club of Almaden to hold meetings at Flames Restaurant

The Rotary Club of Almaden Valley, chartered in 1969, includes men and women representing a wide cross-section of local businesses and professions.

The club meets each Thursday for fellowship, lunch and dinner, and interesting and informative programs dealing with topics of local and global importance.

The club is a member of Rotary District 5170 comprised of 54 clubs and approximately 4000 members.

Upcoming events:

Total Wine Social Event, 3/29

Regular Meeting, 4/5

SJSU Football, Brennan, 4/12

Club Assembly, 6:00pm, 4/19

Area 6 Community Project, 4/21

Charter Party, Horseman's, 5/12

Reno Joint Board Meeting, 5/17-5/20

District Convention, SJ State, 6/1-6/3

Meetings

The Rotary Club of Almaden Valley has returned to the Three Flames Restaurant. We meet every 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6 pm and 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 12:15pm. Three Flames is located at 1547 Meridian Ave, San Jose, Calif. 95125.

For more information, visit: www.almadenvalleyrotary.org.

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Mayor Liccardo led the way in creating this new city program called BeautifySJ. He says, “Today we're going to empower our community by reclaiming our public spaces.”

The website for BeautifySJ explains the mission statement of the program as



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The BeautifySJ website has nine additional areas of focus which can be of assistance to you in beautifying your neighborhood.

Visit sjenvironment.org/junkpickup for more information, frequently asked questions, and a list of eligible items.

Report illegal dumping: Download My San Jose or call 408.535.3500.

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When do 'relationships' cross into the realm of financial elder abuse?

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

Dear Steve,
I am concerned for my elderly friend and his mental and financial welfare. A new "friend" has entered his life in the form of a woman twenty-five years younger than he is. He buys her whatever he can, whenever he can. He might just give her everything one day. How do we know if or when financial elder abuse has occurred?

Bryan G.,
Almaden Valley

The situation you describe is all too common, especially in Silicon Valley. The legal keys are the intent and conduct of the new friend and potential wrongdoer, and the evidence of the wrongful conduct you can obtain. First, let us take a look at the law surrounding financial elder abuse in California, and the requirements to prove financial elder abuse.

California Welfare and Institutions Code § 15610.30 provides that "Financial abuse" of an elder or dependent adult occurs when a person or entity does any of the following: (i) takes, secretes, appropriates, obtains, or retains real or personal property of an elder (age 65 or older) or dependent adult for a wrongful use or with intent to defraud, or both; (ii) assists in taking, secreting, appropriating, obtaining, or retaining real or personal property of an elder or dependent adult for a wrongful cause or with intent to defraud or both; or (iii) takes, secretes, appropriates, obtains, or retains, or assists in taking, secreting, appropriating, obtaining, or retaining, real or personal property of an elder or dependent adult by undue influence, as defined in Section 1575 of the Civil Code."

Therefore, in a nutshell, financial elder abuse occurs when a person (1) takes, secretes, appropriates, obtains or retains; (2) the real or personal property; (3) of an elder or dependent adult; (4) for a wrongful use, or with intent to defraud, or both. A person is also liable for financial elder abuse if the "assist" another in doing any of the above. The "wrongful use" may be demonstrated by showing that the person knew, or should have known, that this conduct was likely to be harmful to the elder. Winning or losing all comes down to the evidence supporting the wrongful conduct and wrongful taking of or retention of assets.

Of course, financial elder abuse is not limited to a new friend or companion. Home improvement contractors, service providers, and other seemingly legitimate businesses, as well as an army of

morally and spiritually devoid predators, that we can all simply call ball people, can and do regularly commit elder abuse. After all, no one ever thought Eric Madoff was committing elder abuse in taking financial investments from the elderly ... and it ended up being one of the biggest cases of fraud in U.S. history.

This writer's simple advice: Stay alert and stay involved to protect your friend, and encourage his family members to do so. His best protection is your and his family's relationship with him, as is the case with any elderly person one seeks to protect. If you genuinely care about your friend, make sure you or family members visit him

often, keep an eye on the people around him, help with his finances to monitor expenditures for anything suspicious (without taking any money!), and just stay involved. It will keep his trust with you and give you access to the information you need to determine whether this new person is actually a threat. Open dialogue is best if possible, and in my experience this only works where there is genuine trust by the elderly person in the family members, friend or other person seeking to protect such elderly person. Where the alleged perpetrator is able to dig in roots and strengthen their position well beyond that of the family members or other protector, sadly it is often too late ... the elderly victim will turn a blind eye as they do not want to lose this person in their life nor believe there was any wrongful intent by their "friend" or dare I say, "lover." The fight happens after the elderly person dies, with a multi-year lawsuit over the trust or will the family members never saw, drafted under the influence of the perpetrator.

Again, proactivity in protecting your elderly loved ones or friends is your best approach. Keep them close. If you truly suspect something is wrong, consult with legal counsel.

Until next time ... and have a great day!

Kindest Regards,

Steven R. Roeser, Esq.

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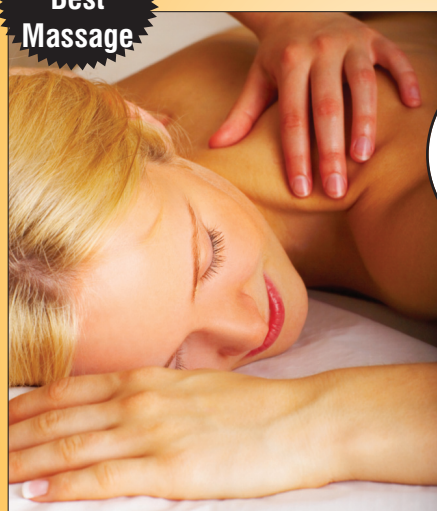
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Times **Your Career**

The new world of social media

By **Angela Copeland**
Special to the Times

Social media used to be so fun. We could all stay connected with friends and family, for long periods of time and around the world.

It felt like social media was expanding our friend circles. For example, I have reconnected with friends that date back to kindergarten. Before the internet, this would have been much more difficult.

Fast forward to today. If you're like me, you may feel at a bit of a loss about the purpose of social media anymore. Sharing a photo of the wonderful food you ate last night feels insignificant. We've also learned that posting beautiful family photos or vacation pictures may come across as bragging. Many folks feel negative after seeing their friends doing so well – even if their online personas are a bit of a show.

If what we were posting is so insignificant, perhaps we should be posting about something important? There's so much to pick from in today's news. Is that what we should be posting about? Should we use our online voices to be heard?

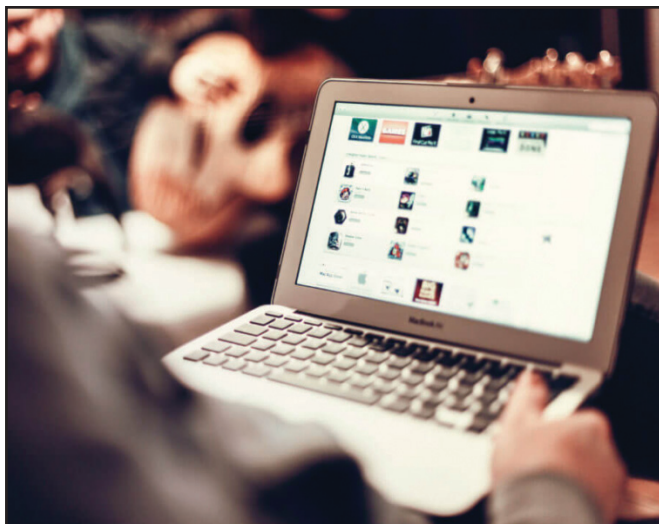
I'm honestly not sure. If you're like me, you can probably see the argument for both sides. On one hand, it's important to speak up for what's right. It's important to share your views and try to make a difference. On the other, I wonder how much social media is helping our cause, and how much it's alienating us from others.

Someone recently said to me, "Wow, I had no idea how many of my friends I don't like. When they start posting their

political views on Facebook and I don't agree with them, I know we can no longer be friends."

In a certain regard, this is sad. The more we divide ourselves by our beliefs, the less we are willing to talk through important ideas together. As children, we made friends based on who share the same hobbies, not who voted for the same person.

This recent string of bad news has left many people struggling to define the role of social media. When social media first started, it was a relatively positive experience filled with cats and babies and vaca-



tion photos. Now, it's all a bit different.

At the end of the day, we each have to decide how we want to use our social media. Whether it's sharing family photos or discussing politics, the decision about what to share is a personal choice.

With that said, one thing is for sure. If you're looking for a new job, your future boss is likely looking at your social media. We may assume they are just looking at our resume, but it is rarely the case. They will Google your name, and will go straight for your social media profiles.

Managers are people too. They have unfair biases that come into play. When you decide what to share and how to use your voice, just remember – the world is watching.

Angela Copeland, a career coach and founder of Copeland Coaching, can be reached at copelandcoaching.com.

When to ask your boss for more money

By **Angela Copeland**
Special to the Times

Who wouldn't like to make more money?

If you've read my column before, you probably know that I'm an advocate of changing companies every three to five years (for many industries). On top of gaining extra experience, switching has the potential to bump up your pay considerably. But, there are often times when you need a raise at your current employer.

So, where do you start? If you want the best chance of landing a raise of more than two or three percent, do it at a time

when your role has evolved quite a bit. This would be the case if your work has grown into a new area, has expanded significantly in scope, or has added management responsibilities. For example, if you were hired as an individual contributor and are now managing a team of seven, the scope of your job has changed.

It's easier to ask for more money if your job has changed significantly because you aren't asking for more money for your existing job. That may sound silly, especially if you're doing more than your peers. You may be smarter, saving more money, or getting more done. But, it's hard for a manager to justify paying you much more for any of these things.

When your job has changed, you're essentially asking for a fair amount of money for a new job. While you're making the case, it may also be a good time to request a new title and an updated job description. This way, you are officially taking your current position to the next level.

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Times Feature



A child helps paint a home built for an underprivileged family. The experience helped the author gain insight into daily life for workers in Tijuana.

'My uplifting experience in Tijuana'

By **Trisha Parthasarathi**
Times Staff Writer

In my recent trip to the impoverished border city Tijuana, Mexico, I was privileged to work with the non-profit DOXA in an unparalleled opportunity to construct a home for an underprivileged family.

Initially, when my travel group crossed the San Ysidro port of entry at the San Diego – Tijuana border, we immediately noticed the drastic change in demographics and lifestyle. This was no surprise to me; I was aware of how the city would look. We arrived at the orphanage where we would be staying for the following four days. Wasting

no time, we began our work at the construction site the very same day.

Despite being winter, the Tijuana heat was relentless. As an athlete, I thought I was well-equipped to tackle the physically demanding work. However, I faced unprecedented soreness from working long hours. Although we only worked for four days, this experience helped me catch a glimpse of the working conditions for numerous laborers in Tijuana.

I met the family we were building the house for and other neighboring families. These people were very grateful, kind, and offered their assistance wherever they could. Carmen, a twenty-one year old married woman that I befriended stayed at home and tended to chores, because she had not received an education and didn't have a job.

I watched several children playing and racing on obstacle courses made of old car tires, sticks, and buckets alongside our construction site. They too did not have the privilege to attend school. A set of parents I met managed to live with their eight children in a small, two bedroom house. Every day I saw yet another aspect of my life I had never taken to be so precious. I had an education, my own bedroom, and my drawers are filled with clean clothes; all things these children may never get to experience.

Along with a reality check of how difficult it is to make a living in some parts of the world, I experienced Mexican culture and hospitality. On the last day of construction when it came time to hand over the house key to the owners, with tears in their eyes they expressed their gratitude to our group.

Having lived in California my entire life, I hadn't realized how precious little things that I hadn't considered to be so valuable were to the families that resided in Tijuana. Many of us living in the United States do not realize the value of the resources and opportunities that are readily available to us. This experience only made me feel more grateful and blessed to be living in America. With that said, this trip reminds me of the bigger picture in life that had begun to be blurry to me. We often get lost in our world of technology and the commotion of our jobs, classes, peer pressure and so much more, but this trip tied all my loose ends and explained to me what I had been missing.

I hope this article serves as a reminder that adjusting the focus is in our hands.



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Times **Notebook**Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*.

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE

Symphony Silicon Valley announces fourth installment of the Harry Potter film concert series

Audiences are in for a treat in experiencing the next chapter of the Harry Potter Film Concert Series April 7-8.

Experience the Symphony Silicon Valley and the Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale performing every note from *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* while the film plays on a high definition 40-foot screen above the stage.

The Harry Potter Film Concert Series, which is another magical experience from J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World, kicked off in June 2016 with *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and Symphony Silicon Valley is presenting the complete series of films through 2018.

In *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, Harry Potter's name emerges from the

Goblet of Fire and he becomes a competitor in a grueling battle for glory among three wizarding schools – the Triwizard Tournament. Now Harry must confront a deadly dragon, fierce water demons and an enchanted maze only to find himself in a cruel grasp of He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named. In this fourth film adaptation of J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* series, everything changes as Harry, Ron and Hermione leave childhood forever and take on challenges greater than anything they could have imagined.

This film concert series has been created by CineConcerts, in partnership with Warner Bros. Consumer Products, and will be conducted by its creator and Producer, Justin Freer. He explains, "The *Harry Potter* film series continues to be a once-in-a-lifetime cultural phenomenon that delights millions of fans around the world."

Performances on Saturday, April 7 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$45 to \$95 can be purchased online at: www.symphonysiliconvalley.org or by phone:

408.286.2600 ext. 23, or in person: 325 So First Street, San Jose, CA 95113, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on the *Harry Potter* Film Concert Series, visit: www.harrypotterinconcert.com.

Raise

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Once you've decided you're ready to make a case for more, you'll want to find the perfect time. It may be during your annual performance evaluation. Or, you may want to lobby for more money at another time, in hopes that your manager won't be restricted by a certain pool of money.

Whenever you decide to do it, plan ahead. Request a meeting in advance, so your boss won't be caught off guard. Prepare your case in such a way that your manager can easily advocate for you. In other words, don't make it hard for your boss to give you more money. Do as much of the work for them as you can.

Consider preparing a presentation that shows how your job has changed. Highlight your accomplishments. Include any numeric results you can show, including how much you beat your goals, and how much revenue you saved the company. You put this much work into everything else you do at work. Why wouldn't you take the time to put it into your own presentation?

Remember this. Your boss may say no. It may be out of their control. Be careful not to come across in a way that may jeopardize your current job. And, if your company isn't willing to value you, be ready to begin looking for another one that will.

Angela Copeland, a career coach and founder of Copeland Coaching, can be reached at copelandcoaching.com.

The March rains came roaring

By Richard P. Santos

Special to the Times

After a dismally dry February, March has come in like a lion.

Rain and snow has fallen in the mountains surrounding Santa Clara Valley, and the forecast shows several more storms on their way. While unanticipated stream or storm drain blockages could always cause localized flooding during a rain-storm, we do not currently anticipate any creek flooding issues.

Santa Clara Valley Water District crews have worked all year to prepare our creeks for winter rains. We are dedicated to keeping residents and businesses safe through our flood protection programs.

In preparation for this series of storms, all five of our sandbag sites have been fully stocked. In addition, cities around the county operate an additional 18 sandbag sites.

Our maintenance staff stands ready

with heavy equipment to respond to reports of downed trees or large debris flows in locations where we have property rights. We are monitoring streams for blockages at key bridges and culverts. We need the public's help as our eyes and ears to alert us to obstructions in the creeks and to prevent flooding. To report issues in creeks, residents can call 408-630-2378 or submit a service request to Access Valley Water.

Our ten reservoirs have a combined storage of just 26 percent of their full capacity. This leaves a significant amount of storage space to capture the expected storm runoff. Therefore, we do not anticipate any possibility of our large reservoirs reaching capacity this week or next. The exception is the relatively small Vasona Reservoir in Los Gatos, which regularly reaches capacity during the rainy season.

Visit our website valleywater.org/flood ready for flood safety tips, current reservoir levels and stream flows, and maps to free sandbag sites.

Richard P. Santos is chair of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors. He can be reached at board@valleywater.org.



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NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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SALE PRICE \$21,999
DODGE CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH* -\$1,000
DODGE CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH** -\$750
DODGE CCAP NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH*** -\$1,250
DODGE CA 2017 BONUS CASH* -\$500
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NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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3 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET PRICE #122977, 234083

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SALE PRICE \$24,788
CHRYSLER CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH* -\$3,750
CHRYSLER CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH** -\$750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH*** -\$500
CHRYSLER CA 2017 RETAIL BONUS CASH* -\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$19,888

3 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET PRICE #730200, 771110, 840565

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SALE PRICE \$44,488
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CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH*** -\$500
RAM CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH*** -\$1,250
RAM CA BC RETAIL BONUS CASH* -\$2,000
RAM DIESEL ENGINE BONUS CASH* -\$1,000

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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RAM 2017 ON-THE-JOB COMMERCIAL UPFIT OR GRAPHICS***: -\$1,000
RAM COMMERCIAL TRUCK/VAN SEASON BONUS CASH: -\$500

NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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2 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET SAVINGS #760617, 760618

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RAM HEAVY DUTY BONUS CASH**: -\$750
RAM HD DIESEL BONUS CASH**: -\$750
RAM COMMERCIAL TRUCK/VAN SEASON BONUS CASH: -\$500

NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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1 AT THIS NET SAVINGS #772970

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DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP: -\$9,250
RAM TRUCK ENGINE BONUS CASH*: -\$1,000
RAM CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*: -\$1,500
RAM 2017 ON-THE-JOB COMMERCIAL UPFIT OR GRAPHICS***: -\$1,000
RAM HEAVY DUTY BONUS CASH**: -\$750
RAM CA 2017 BONUS CASH*: -\$1,000
RAM COMMERCIAL TRUCK/VAN SEASON BONUS CASH: -\$500

NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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1 AT THIS NET SAVINGS #669606

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DEALER DISCOUNT -\$4,452
SALE PRICE \$20,738
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RAM PROMASTER CONQUEST BONUS CASH**: -\$750
RAM ON-THE-JOB RETAIL BONUS CASH***: -\$500
COMMERCIAL BONUS CASH: -\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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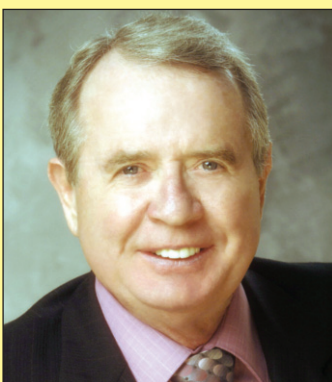
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