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#### **Board of Supervisors approves** initiative calling for clear and consistent notification policies

#### By William Bellou Publisher

he Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 in favor of an initiative to explore changes to the county's sanctuary city policy following immense backlash from the community.

The vote came after an emotional five hours of public comment and two hours of discussion at the Board's Tuesday, April 9, meeting on proposals from supervisors Dave Cortese and Supervisor Mike Wasserman regarding when law enforcement can notify ICE when inmates are released from custody, how information is shared to law enforcement and the public and how inmates with mental illnesses are released into the community.

The initiative was proposed following the public outcry after the murder of Bambi Larson in south San Jose, who was allegedly killed by an undocumented Salvadorian immigrant. Many have expressed growing concern that the county's sanctuary city policy, which bars

the county from notifying ICE agents when an undocumented immigrant is released from jail, poses a serious threat to public safety.

The vote doesn't amend the existing policy, but allows county leaders to explore future changes. The current policy prevents local law enforcement from honoring any civil detainer requests, which are used to hold immigrants before ICE agents arrive to initiate deportation proceedings.

By law, the county and city police are not allowed to keep a released inmate in custody if ICE does not have a judicial warrant. Law enforcement can, however, notify federal authorities of the releases of those who have been convicted of serious or violent felonies and are threats to community safety. The County also shares information with ICE through the FBI database.

Johnny Khamis, San Jose City Councilmember - District 10, said the current policy makes everyone "less safe," Khamis, who is a Lebanese See POLICIES, page 21



Alyssa Teixeira of Almaden Valley is on a mission to help disadvantaged women get access to feminine hygiene products.

#### Days for Girls of Almaden raising awareness about women's health education and hygiene products

#### By William Bellou Publisher

lyssa Teixeira of Almaden Valley is on a mission to help disadvantaged women who don't have access to feminine hygiene products.

Alyssa, a student attending De Anza College, has formed a team in Almaden last month representing Days for Girls, an international organization.

"Days for Girls organization mobilize thousands of volunteers globally to sew and assemble Days for Girls Kits that include sustainable, reusable feminine hygiene products and accessories," said Alvssa.

"I recently watched a documentary called "Period End of Sentence" about the lack of feminine hygiene solutions in parts of India," said Alyssa. "After watching the film I was deeply troubled by the idea that women and girls are missing out on opportunities in life simply because they don't have access to feminine hygiene products."

Alyssa said she heard stories of some girls sitting on a cardboard box in their rooms for the duration of their periods. "Someone has to be solving this problem," explained Alyssa. "So being a millennial I took to the internet and did some research. Turns out someone is trying to solve this problem, that someone is the team behind Days for Girls. I knew I had to get involved! I did some more research and it didn't seem like there were any local Days for Girls Teams that were meeting regularly in Almaden, so I decided to assemble my own teams, and thus the Almaden Valley Days for Girls Official Team was born."

For now the Almaden Team is a small group of volunteers who are passionate about empowering women and doing our part to help solve the feminine hygiene problem for the women of the world. "We are always looking for passionate women (and awesome men too) to join our ranks!," said Alyssa. "We

are currently working on our first big project and would love the support of our local Almaden Valley community."

#### **Current project**

Days for Girls Kits are typically sent to women abroad in developing countries as that is where the need is the greatest. However, Days for Girls has also created a Hybrid Kit that is geared towards homeless women, girls in the foster care svstem and refugee women here in our local community. This is what Days for Girls Almaden Valley Team is currently focusing on. The team has been in contact with several organizations that serve both homeless and refugee women in the community and we're excited to say that we have our first order of Kits. The order has come from the Santa Clara County Women's Reentry Center.

"We will be providing Hybrid Kits to 10 women who will act as our ambassadors and give us feedback See DAYS FOR GIRLS, page 21



#### San Jose lawmakers debate 'bond secrecy' on ballot measures

By Kyle Martin Special to the Times th 2020 elections making headlines across the country, San Jose legislators recently debated disclosing the costs of bond measures as prompted by a controversial state bill.

Assembly Bill 195, a bill approved in 2017 by former Gov. Jerry Brown, requires all ballot measures to have 75-word blurbs describing the amount of money to be raised annually, the tax rate and duration of the tax. The idea, See SECRECY, page 18

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# Valley Currents

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## Michelle Zeiler makes remembrance teddy bears for families of hospice patients who have passed

**O** n a typical day local resident Michelle Zeiler is at her sewing machine turning out blankets, teddy bears, tote bags, and pet beds for local shelters and schools.

In her free time, Michelle traverses the remote alpine backroads in the family jeep.

Zeiler has never been one to miss out on an adventure. Last September, she and her husband got stranded on a back road described as one of the most difficult routes in California.

"Our jeep broke down in the middle of nowhere," she recalls. "Calling Triple A wasn't an option." Fortunately, friends were with them and trekked out to get a new part for the vehicle.

During her "down time," Zeiler has facilitated the donation of over 18,000 items to local organizations. Donations have been sent to Seasons Hospice, San Martin animal shelter, San Jose police and Fire departments, Saint Louise Hospital, Sacred Heart, Jewish Family services and Edenvale School. Michele set up a website, Sew for Love, to teach sewing and to gather volunteers in order to increase the number of donations sent to the various organizations.

For Seasons Hospice families, Michelle makes teddy bears and pillows out of specially-chosen clothing worn by loved ones who have passed away.

She feels honored to provide these legacy gifts, and every single item is unique. To support her giving work, Zeiler teaches sewing classes around the Bay Area in conjunction with hosting volunteer sewing days.

"My Mother taught me to sew at the age of seven," says Zeiler. "I remember her making us Easter dresses from beautiful drapery fabric. And the first pair of pants that I sewed – they were plaid," she laughs. "I even made a wedding dress for my Barbie Doll out of old bedsheets and leftover pieces of

lace." After attending fashion college, Michelle was offered a job as a sales representative for a sewing and craft supply company. At first she declined the offer, but they asked again and this time included a company car. The car was too hard to turn down and sealed her destiny.

When her daughter was in Girl Scouts, she was asked to teach the Bay Area Scouts how to sew. With the help of friends and family, Michelle launched the Sew for Love program. Supported by the Girl Scouts and local Bay Area sewing stores, she was able to get donations of machines and supplies to help



Michelle Zeiler creates blankets, teddy bears, tote bags, and pet beds for local shelters and schools.

with the program. The Girls Scouts organization honored Zeiler's work with the Unique Award for her contribution.

"Sewing for charities has changed my life. I love recycling sewing supplies and turning them into something usable," says Zeiler.

One item that she makes is "cubies." Cubies are soft square seats that you can sit on, and are donated to hospitals, shelters, and schools. Zeiler gathers fabric scraps and leftover batting from sewers all over the Bay Area to make



them. She notes, "It takes a 30-gallon bag of scraps to fill one cubie. It's a great way to keep the scraps out of the landfills."

Sew for Love

Sew for Love is a grassroots community project that was created in 2000, all volunteer based. "Over the years, members of our community have donated supplies and recyclable materials that could be made or used as items for those that are in need that live within a seven county area," said Michelle. "I would say more than 2000 items a year are hand made by volunteers. Items made are quilts for kids, adults and pets, tote bags, hats, cold neck ties, pocket love animals, Kitten cuddles, crosses, aprons, cubies chair cushions, pillows and teddy bears for Hospice, baby changing pads, zip tote bags, dry bags, rain ponchos, and so on."

Zeiler is grateful for all the many volunteers and friends who have helped her to contribute her gifts to the people who need them most. She plans to continue her work for many, many years into the future, as long as she continues to find her way out of the wilderness!

To learn more about the learn to sew program Michele founded, Sew For Love, please visit her web site www.simplylovetosew.webs.com. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, contact Michelle by email: love2sew4ever@aol.com

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#### Get ready for the Heart of the Park Celebration

The Martin Fontana Parks Association (MFPA) is once again presenting the annual Heart of the Park Celebration in Almaden, beginning at 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 18.

This annual celebration brings together friends and neighbors to celebrate at two great Almaden parks - the TJ Martin and Jeffrey Fontana Parks. The MFPA has worked hard to keep these parks beautiful, accessible, and fun for all our park neighbors.

The popular Heart of the Park Celebration includes arts and crafts, the traditional dog parade, a birding tour, barn owl display, a master gardener, and a raffle with valuable prizes.

The MFPA formed in 2010 when PG&E announced its intentions to remove 140 mature shade trees from the parks. A group of park neighbors formed a nonprofit, and within a year stopped the mass cutting of the trees. They hold this annual celebration to bring the park community together to learn about park resources and challenges and to raise funds to keep the trees trimmed and enhance the well-

being of the parks.

Now, the MFPA concentrates on improving the parks with new projects each year. This past year, they completed a five islands project, bringing five new plant islands to Jeffrey Fontana Park. They also work with volunteers to help improve the parks. Most recently, they worked with an Eagle Scout who built two new picnic tables for the children's playground at Jeffrey Fontana Park.

The event is designed to bring pride to our parks and help the MFPA continue its work long into the future. We hope all the



neighbors who use the park join us at the annual Heart of the Park Celebration.

The event begins at 12 noon with a birding tour led by Lisa Meyers in Guadalupe Oak Grove Park, with activities starting at 1 p.m. near the dog park (Golden Oak Way and Ostenberg Drive). The closing event will feature a raffle from 3:00 to 3:30.



#### Saturday, May 4, 2019 12:00-2:00 pm

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Tickets on sale beginning April 8, 2019 in the lobby of the Almaden Community Center M, W, F 8:40-10:00 am Price \$9.00 members, \$11.00 non-members Cash or check only Please bring your membership card

Questions call: 408 268-1133

#### **Steve Dini stars in 'The Odd Couple' to be presented May 3-4**

#### By Jane Johnson

Special to The Times Steve Dini and his fellow actors of Sticky Buns Productions, a subsidiary of The Glue Factory, are at it again bringing you a night of laugh-outloud fun with "The Odd Couple," a benefit for the Pioneer High School's Drama Program on May 3-4.

Many of you know this title from either the 1968 movie starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, or from the TV series adaptation following soon after with Jack Klugman and Tony Randall. Originally, though, this was a Neil Simon play of the same name - one of his first and one which helped launch Simon's career as a proven comedy playwright.

With so many in-your-face entertainment options these days, it's refreshing to find a family-friendly choice which is still full of funny quips and humorous situations. For those not familiar with the premise, "The Odd Couple" finds two divorcees thrown into close, roommate proximity while exhibiting completely divergent living approaches. In other words, one is a comfortable slob, while the other is beyond perfectionistic in approach to cleanliness. The juxtaposition of the two living under one roof results in one hilarious confrontation after another.

If you've seen the onstage chemistry of community actors Steve Dini and Mike Hanlon before, you know you're in for a treat with any comedy they perform. They're returning in the lead roles for this

#### Almaden coach arrested in alleged sexual assault of girl

he San Jose Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) / Child Exploitation Detail (CED) task force arrested **David Keiser** for multiple counts of Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a Minor Under 14, by force, which is a felony.

Police recently disclosed that detectives received information on March 31 that suspect David Keiser sexually assaulted the 12 year-old female victim on multiple occasions over a one year period ending in March 2019.

During the course of the investigation, detectives learned that the suspect worked as a National Junior Basketball Coach in Almaden Valley.

On March 31, 2019, detectives arrested Keiser at his residence in San Jose and booked him into the Santa Clara County Jail on the listed charges.



play - and I'll leave you to guess who's in which role. In addition, the cast's rounded out by Glue Factory veterans including Leslie Hanlon and Valerie Doyle.

As Dini reminds, "this is a fundraising production with all proceeds helping fund Pioneer High School's stellar drama program which receives no funding from the school district. So the community's support of these plays and musicals are crucial to ensuring Pioneer's future productions. And, a great audience makes for an even more fun experience, so thank you in advance for your continued support!"

This play runs one weekend only - May 3rd & 4th - 7 p.m. nightly with tickets on sale now at phsdrama.ludustickets.com. Adults \$12, seniors 62+ \$10 and students and children \$5. Doors open a half hour early each evening with tickets on sale at the door as well. Location: The Performing Arts Center - Pioneer High School, 1290 Blossom Hill Road, SJ, CA.



Keiser is being held at the Elmwood Correctional Facility in Milpitas without bail, according to online jail records.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Frank Montoya of the San Jose Police Department's ICAC/CED Unit at (408) 537-1382.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous may either call the Crime Stoppers Tip Line, (408) 947-STOP (7867), or click the "Submit a Tip" link below. Persons providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect may be eligible for a cash reward from the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers. SERVING ALMADEN VALLEY **SINCE 1986 ONLINE: ALMADENTIMES.COM** 

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Many District 10 residents have been waiting a long time for this training, so response to the CERT Program has been overwhelming. An extensive waitlist for this program has formed and space is limited to 40 people.

This is a two-weekend course as follows:

Friday, May 10th, 6 PM - 10 PM

Saturday, May 11th, 8 AM - 5 PM Location: Almaden Community Center

6445 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA 95120 Saturday, May 18th, 8 AM - 5 PM

HANDS ON SKILLS DAY/ GRADUATION Location: Fire Department – Bureau of Operational Support, 255 S. Montgomery St. SI. Ca 95110

CERT Training is free to those who live or work in San Jose. Attendance is required on all days to receive certification. For more information about CERT, or to monitor the registration status, visit sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=1405

#### City Council approves allocating 45% of city's Affordable Housing Investment Plan to low income households

The San Jose City Council unanimously approved a proposal to allocate 45 percent of the city's Affordable Housing Investment Plan funds to housing for extremely low income households last week.

"On behalf of Destination: Home, we'd like to applaud San Jose for taking this bold step and becoming the only city that we're aware of to allocate such a high portion of its funds towards its most vulnerable residents who are at greatest risk of slipping into homelessness," said David Low, Director of Policy for Destination: Home.

This action also dovetails with a major finding of the Bay Area Council report on homelessness released today, which stated, "An expanded housing supply available to extremely low-income households can be achieved through incentives targeted to units reserved for households earning between 0 and 30 percent of area median income."

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#### **Keep the honesty in local bond measures**

By Councilmember Johnny Khamis

Special to the Times fter years of property taxes being imposed by well-intentioned but misleading ballot measures, the State Legislature passed –

and then-Governor Brown signed – AB195 in February 2017.

This law requires that municipalities inform voters of the potential tax implications of all bond measures – basically, how much taxpayers will pay, the cost-per-unit of taxable value, and the duration of the tax. I call it Bond Honesty. In the past, many bonds were approved with no reference, in the 75word ballot summary, that a "yes" vote would impose a

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a "yes" vote would impose a cost to the taxpayer.

San Jose Evergreen Community College District's 2016 Measure C is a perfect example of how bond measures omitted the fact that they create a cost to the taxpayer. The ballot summary read: "To repair/ upgrade classrooms to prepare students/ veterans for jobs/ university transfer by repairing/ building nursing, engineering, vocational, technology, science/ job training classrooms, improving campus, earthquake safety/ disabled access, remove asbestos/ lead paint, acquiring, constructing, repairing sites, facilities/ equipment, shall San Jose-Evergreen Community College District issue \$748,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, no money for administrators' salaries/ pensions, requiring citizen oversight, independent audits, all funds used locally?"

#### Elona Bebla participates in Toreco Trek program at the University of San Diego

University of San Diego student Elona Bebla of Almaden Valley recently participated in the USD Career Development Center's signature Torero Trek program.

Torero Treks are opportunities for USD undergraduate students to engage in career exploration by visiting leading companies across the nation.

The San Diego Biotech and Healthcare Torero Trek on March 29 gave the students the opportunity to network with employers and a few Torero alumni at Sharp Healthcare, Thermo Fisher Scientific, and Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

"Our Torero Trek program provides current undergraduate students with exceptional opportunities to connect Nowhere in this description, designed to "sell" the bond to the voting public, does it let the voters know that these bonds are paid for with a tax on the value of their property or how much it is

estimated to cost them. Not once is the word "tax" even mentioned! Unless the voter went and read the full ballot language (usually printed in a separate booklet or provided separately online), one would not know that a "yes" vote would cost one money.

Now, after the failure of a very few 2018 bond ballot measures, there is a growing demand to eliminate this requirement for the next election cycle.

Opponents of the Bond Honesty law are saying that

the 75 word limit on the ballot is not adequate to properly inform the public about the benefits of the bond and also the costs, so they are pushing to have the State Legislature suspend the requirements of AB195 requirements until the law's language is changed.

While I realize it may be difficult to sum up a ballot measure in 75 words, I would hope that our State Legislature maintains the requirement to inform voters that local bond measures will need to be paid for by a tax on their property.

Instead, if more words are needed to describe bond measures, the sensible thing to do would be for the Legislature to increase the word count from 75 to 100 words. Let's keep our bond measures honest – don't remove the requirement that helps us be better-informed voters.

with industry professionals," said Robin Darmon, director of USD's Career Development Center. "We also ensure participants meet Torero alumni within the organization who are able to share their experiences with the students. Our alumni serve as invaluable resources for current students looking to start their careers," added Darmon.



Elona Bebla (Source: facebook)



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#### Leland High School presents Chicago: The Musical

**By Patty Barbaccia** Special to the Times

eland High School's drama department will be performing Chicago: The Musical (High School Edition) on Friday and Saturday, April 19-20 and 24-26 at 7 p.m.

Based on the play by Maureen Dallas Watkins, Chicago: The Musical tells the tale of famed vaudevillian Velma Kelly, who murders her adulterous husband.

Chicago's most charismatic lawyer, Billy Flynn, takes on her case. Roxie Hart, a housewife, dreams of becoming a celebrity and is envious of Kelly's fame. After she is arrested for murdering her ex-boyfriend, Flynn soon takes on her case as well, using his smooth talking to send the media into a frenzy. The two battle it out for fame and fortune but end up realizing that they are both in the same boat. The show is directed by Melissa Webb, with choreography by Sarah Hanlon and vocals and orchestration led by Marissa Bacon. Additionally, as a student-run production, students are in charge of many important aspects of the show such as lights, sound, and music.

"I have been acting with Leland Drama for all four years of my high school experience and am thrilled to end my final semester with such a wonderfully produced performance," said Katlyn Barbaccia, playing Velma Kelly. "The show itself has been incredible to work on. I would say that acting as Velma has been one of the highlights of my experience with drama; I feel so fortunate to have the opportunity to breathe life into the character and mold it into my own. Being involved in the process of developing this particular show has been a challenge, but also very rewarding. I love the passion I see in the students I work with and could not ask for a more devoted cast and crew. I would also like to thank Mrs. Webb, Ms. Hanlon, and Mrs. Bacon for their dedication and unrelenting determination to helping us grow as actors, dancers, and vocalists."

"Working on this show has been a wonderful experience. I feel so lucky to be playing such an iconic role as Roxie Hart. The week before auditions, I got the chance to meet the actress currently playing Roxie on Broadway, and she inspired me to put my whole heart and soul into this entertaining show. Chicago is a satirical musical addressing the corruption and greed of high profile celebrity criminals—something that we are all too familiar with in today's society. Taking drama in school has been very important to me because I believe that the arts are a fundamental part of life that helps students express themselves in ways they wouldn't normally feel comfortable doing," Ashley Wilson, playing Roxie Hart, said.



Top (L-R): Cesar Cruz, Ashton Flogio, Ashley Wilson, Katlyn Barbaccia, Anna Skoglund, Rebecca Iofis. Bottom (L-R): Jessica Simms, Riley De Toro, Natasha Denton, and Andrea Batres.

"Chicago was one of the very first musicals I ever listened to and I instantly fell in love with it. While not exactly admirable, you can't help but love Roxie and Velma's gumption. Plus, the music is so fun to sing and makes you feel like you're back in the 1920s. What I love about drama is the way it gives so many students an opportunity to express themselves," Director, Melissa Webb said. "At a school where there is so much pressure put on academics, students often feel stifled. I'm so glad to be able to provide that outlet to so many students. I often think of myself as the ring leader in a circus. There are so many moving parts to coordinate in any production, and it's often chaotic, but I wouldn't trade it for anything. My students dedicate so much of themselves to what they do on and off stage that I feel incredibly lucky to get to lead it all."

"I have been blessed to choreograph Leland's spring musical for five years now. Every year the students are always so willing to work and you can tell that everyone is dedicated, which is one of the reasons I love working with Leland. This year is especially unique for me because we are doing *See CHICAGO, page 12* 

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Ida McGinley, Rhea Virk, Meher Virk, and Rebecca Jatnieks, the club founders, now in eighth grade, have made a lasting impact on campus recycling efforts.

#### Holy Spirit Cadette Scouts expand student recycling efforts on campus

#### By Ida McGinley

8th grader and Founding Member of R3C Numbers 35:33 "You shall not pollute the land in which you live."

At Holy Spirit School, education expands to include the love for and care of our planet. Using the school as an ecosystem, students are learning about the impact each one can make by reducing their carbon footprint.

Founded in 2016 by four Cadette Girl Scouts, the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Club (R3C) of Holy Spirit School, with its twelve student body members has created awareness within the Holy Spirit School community, in regards to pollution. Before deciding to start R3C, the girls looked around their school and wondered how they could change it for the better. With global warming, a challenge that current and future generations will need to address, the Girl Scouts felt there was nothing more pressing than the environment. Going for the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn, inspired the girls to begin R3C.

With perseverance and commitment 4

#### Chicago

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Chicago, which is a show that has a lot of dance numbers. I have been having a lot of fun working with the students and watching them experience the process, especially for those who have embraced the challenge and hearing how they feel proud of their accomplishments. The community always benefits when its young people come together to work as one to produce something they are proud of. This process allows them to grow and become better individuals. That is what is so important and wonderful about having the arts continue to be a part of our public school sysduring difficult moments; Ida McGinley, Rebecca Jatnieks, Meher Virk, and Rhea Virk, the club founders, now in eighth grade, feel they have made a lasting impact. The girls raised funds by selling cookies, holding free dress days, and collecting donations. The funds raised were used to replace the recycling bins around the schoolyard, create educational materials, and bring recycling back to the school. With more events being planned in the future, R3C plans on leaving a legacy.

In addition to the founders, success would not have been a reality without Holy Spirit School Science Teacher, Jennifer Echeverri's guidance and commitment. Thanks to supportive Principal, Maureen Christensen, and Vice Principal, Greg Vohs, the club has and will continue to flourish. It takes a village to make a true difference, and the community and village of Holy Spirit School, are truly changing the world.

Holy Spirit School is a PreK through 8th grade Catholic School located in Almaden. You may contact the school at 408.268.0794.

tem. I hope everyone in the community will come out and support these amazing students to celebrate and appreciate all their hard work," Sarah Hanlon, Choreographer, said.

"Last semester, I was in crew, so playing one of the lead roles is a big change. I have never done a theatre show before, so it's been really weird and hard to get used to, but over time I learned to have fun with it," Ashton Flogio, Billy Flynn, said.

Ticket prices are \$8 with an ASB card, \$10 for students without an ASB card, and \$12 for the general public. The preview show on April 18 has tickets available for pre-sale and reserve; for more information contact Melissa Webb at mwebb@ sjusd.org.

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Times Arts

#### Nakamatsu, Bax & Chung highlight Steinway Society's 25th Season

N ine outstanding international artists will be thrilling classical piano music lovers in the 25th season of Steinway Society - The Bay Area.

San Jose native and Bay Area favorite Jon Nakamatsu will launch the season at the Frieda Ann Murphy Memorial Concert, co-sponsored by Santa Clara Branch Music Teachers' Association of California, on September 21. The season continues with monthly concerts through May 16, 2020.

"We are thrilled to bring such an outstanding lineup of extraordinary, award-winning pianists to the Bay Area for our silver anniversary season," said Kathy You Wilson, President of the Board of Steinway Society.

**PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS:** Seven performances in the 2019-2020 season are at the Trianon Theatre, 72 North 5th Street, San Jose. The September 21 concert with Jon Nakamatsu is at the McAfee Performing Arts and Lecture Center, Saratoga. The December 8 concert with Albert Cano Smit is at West Valley College, 14000 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga. The season includes both afternoon and evening performances.

#### THE CONCERT LINE-UP:

September 21 (Saturday) – Jon Nakamatsu – This Stanford-educated San Jose native, Gold Medal winner of the 1997 Van Cliburn competition, is a Bay Area favorite. He has 13 CDs and elite international status, and has also been a guest speaker at the Van Cliburn Foundation, Stanford University, and the Juilliard School.

October 19 (Saturday) – Anna Dymentrenko – Trained at Juilliard and London's Royal Academy of Music, this Ukrainian-American pianist has taken Gold at multiple international competitions.

November 17 (Sunday) – Heejae Kim – A "pianist of passion and sensitivity," this South Korean artist was lauded as the audience favorite at the Leeds Competition.

December 8 (Sunday) – Albert Cano Smit – His First Prize at the 2017 Naumburg Piano Competition has put this 21-year-old Swiss-born pianist on the fasttrack to fame.

January 11, 2019 (Saturday) – Alessio Bax & Lucille Chung – An exciting duo, this couple has been called one of the most "appealing



Among the outstanding artists performing this season are the husband and wife team **Alessio Bax** and **Lucille Chung**, called one of the most "appealing and impressive piano duos of our time." *Photo* © *Lisa-Marie Mazzucco.* 

and impressive piano duets of our time." Italian-born Alessio, a Canadian permanent resident, is the First Prize Winner of the Leeds International Piano Competition and the Hamamatsu International Piano Competition. Montreal-born Lucille is the First Prize Winner of the Stravinsky International Competition.

February 8 (Saturday) – Daria Rabotkina – Her solo appearance with the San Francisco Symphony under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas and recitals at Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall have added luster to this gifted artist's international presence.

March 21 (Saturday) – Alexander Sinchuk – First prize winner at the 2008 International Rachmaninoff and the 2012 International Horowitz piano competitions, Sinchuk has an affinity for the darkly romantic corners of the repertoire.

April 18 (Saturday) – Juho Pojhonen – The Finnish pianist returns to the Bay Area following wide acclaim for his performances with the San Francisco Symphony and Music@Menlo. Sir Andras Schiff recently chose him to play at Germany's prestigious Klavier Festival.

May 16 (Saturday) – Federico Colli – Italy's Colli has taken home the Gold at the Leeds Competition and is internationally recognized for his sublime interpretations and brilliant technique.

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Jon Nakamatsu

#### Symphony Silicon Valley presents Petrushka & Rach 2 at California Theatre in downtown San Jose

Symphony Silicon Valley presents Petrushka & Rach 2 on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street, San Jose. **PROGRAM:** 

Igor Stravinsky: Circus Polka: For a Young Elephant

Igor Stravinsky: Petrushka Sergei Rachmaninoff: Piano

Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Op. 18 Conductor: Tatsuya Shimono

Soloist: Jon Nakamatsu, Piano

Astonishingly, pianist Jon Nakamatsu, famed for his Rachmaninoff performances, has never before played the Second Concerto for South Bay audiences. From its first chords, the concerto casts its spell. The composer believed that music's mission is to express emotion, and this vibrant concerto succeeds so well that its themes have been adopted for innumerable popular songs.

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Street in downtown San Jose, between San Carlos and San Salvador Streets just one-half block from the California Theatre. Easy, inexpensive parking is just one block away at San Jose City Garage on San Carlos Street with entrances on 2nd and 3rd Streets.

#### About Tatsuya Shimono

Born in Kagoshima in 1969, Tatsuva Shimono cemented his international reputation as a conductor by winning First Prize at the 47th Besançon International Competition in 2001. Since then he has guest conducted major orchestras in Japan and abroad. He received great acclaim for his debuts in subscription concerts with the Orchestra dell' Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia and the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra in 2009, and then in March 2010, made his debut with the Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra.

#### About Jon Nakamatsu

A native of California, Jon Nakamatsu claimed a distinguished place on the international musical scene in June, 1997 when he was named the Gold Medalist of the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the only American to have achieved this distinction since 1981. A former high school German teacher, he became a popular hero overnight in the highly traditional medium of classical music.

Photos courtesy of Symphony Silicon Valley Times Feature

#### Now you can request items in a different way from your local library

By Kevin Larsen

Times Staff Writer ooks, music, cd's, dvd's and more can be requested in a different way at B your local library.

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but you can come in and renew it for an additional 21 days too unless others have requested it (there are exceptions for some DVD's have a check out of just one week).

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#### It is all very exciting because books are like old friends

Yes, books are friends and too, old TV series and films from long ago. Sometimes what you remember and wish to see again is not on your local library shelf.

One library patron stated the Link+ is very user friendly. A man known as "Video Guy" who uses the local library often stated, "You can get stuff you can't get that is not carried here." This patron also expressed that old TV series like Twilight Zone and more are all available. Also, many exciting premium movies and pay per view TV series not shown on regular TV are available on DVD through Link+. "It usually comes in within a week. I get new releases that way too! Sometimes I get them on D.V.D. through Link+ because the films may only be on Blu-Ray at a library branch, so Link+ gives me the option to view almost any film on regular C.D., states 'The Video Guy."

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Really, Link+ is a testament to the value and wonder of our librarians in what they do. They never stop trying to find that book or film or document or to guide any patron in helping all learn. Librarians are

### How to Create a Smoky **CUBANO SANDWICH**

#### FAMILY FEATURES

or flavor fans, there is nearly no better combo than the complementary tastes in a Cubano sandwich. Complete with layers of roast pork, ham, soft swiss cheese, mustard and topped with tangy pickles, all the flavors and textures play in concert. For an upgrade on the classic sandwich, try this

version from Sammy Hagar, a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, who's known for his riff on the iconic recipe. He takes his favorite sandwich to the next level by adding a smoky kick.

"The Cubano has everything I love in a sandwich: gooey melted cheese and a crispy, crunchy crust on the bread," Hagar said. "It's great to be able to get all the flavors in each bite. It has pickles and mustard

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#### Sammy's Cubano Sandwich

Cook time: 3 hours and 30 minutes Servings: 6

#### Mojo Marinade:

- 3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil 1 cup cilantro, minced

- 3/4 cup orange juice 1/2 cup fresh squeezed lime juice 3 tablespoons fresh garlic, minced 1 tablespoon fresh oregano, minced
  - teaspoons cumin, ground kosher salt, to taste

#### coarse black pepper, to taste

Sandwich:

- 3 1/2 pounds pork shoulder or boneless pork butt 2 teaspoons Tabasco Chipotle Sauce
- tablespoons mayonnaise
  - pieces Cuban bread or baguette 6
  - (6 inches each), cut lengthwise ounces deli ham, thinly sliced
- 24

- ounces dell nam, thinly sliced pound swiss cheese, thinly sliced dill pickle chips tablespoons yellow mustard cup unsalted butter tablespoons reserved Mojo Marinade

To make Mojo Marinade: In bowl, whisk olive oil, cilantro, orange juice, lime juice, garlic, oregano, cumin, salt and pepper until incorporated. Adjust salt and pepper, to taste. Reserve 4 tablespoons marinade in separate bowl, cover and set aside in refrigerator.

Place pork in large zip-top bag. Cover with Mojo Marinade and close bag. Place in roasting pan and refrigerate overnight. Heat oven to 450 F.

Remove pork and marinade from bag and place in roasting pan. Cover with foil and cook in oven 45 minutes. After 45 minutes, reduce heat to 375 F, remove foil and cook 2 hours until internal temperature reaches 175 F and

pork is fork tender at thickest part. Remove from oven and let rest 20 minutes before slicing. In small bowl, mix chipotle sauce and mayonnaise until fully incorporated.

Spread mixture on bottom bread slice. On top bread slice, place two slices deli ham, 3-4 ounces roasted pork, two slices swiss cheese, 4-6 pickles and vellow mustard.

- Over medium-high heat, butter flat surface of griddle and add reserved Mojo Marinade while butter is melting. Place assembled sandwiches on griddle, pressing grill weight or heavy skillet on top of sandwiches. Cook until bottoms are golden brown and cheese is malted

is melted.

#### YMCA partners with Stanford to offer no cost cancer survivor fitness program

Living Strong-Living Well 12 week program By Kevin Larsen

Times Staff Writer

MCA has joined with Stanford to provide a free strength fitness program.

Living Strong Living Well (LSLW) is a 12-week program now being offered free of charge to adults who recently experienced a battle with cancer at many YMCA's and other selected locations in the Bay Area.

Some enter the program while in treatment too. The goal is to enhance spirit, mind, and body for those confronting the disease. Participants meet two times a week for 75-minute sessions offered at no cost thanks to the generous support of donors.

The following information is an actual example of what goes on each week at a San Jose location (East Valley Family YMCA) and it is emblematic of all the other locations where the program is offered (Listed at conclusion of article).

#### Goals of the program

The Living Strong Living Well program offers support so that one can meet new friends and charge together in learning and defending their bodies against the foe called cancer. The warm small group setting composed of certified staff provides personalized attention to each participant to expertly meet their individual needs.

The program uses exercise machines as well as time for stretching to help guide each participant through their choreographed paces and nurture their total unique health needs. Some key areas focused upon are; reducing side effects of treatment, addressing weight changes, support for how to gain energy and confidence and help in planning continuing activities after the program comes to a close.

#### Testimonials

One participant stated, "When I finished chemo, I had no energy, muscle tone, strength or stamina and a decrease in coordination and memory. I started the Living Strong Living Well Program and began walking and then lifting minimal weights. I felt better physically and my memory improved. Now I exercise regularly. The staff understood my limitations and encouraged me along the way."

In speaking with caregivers, other factors also became apparent in the recovery process. For example, taste buds may deplete the flavor of foods. Appetite may change. Survivors of cancer often experience a "de-conditioning" and have a lack of energy causing them to become chronically fatigued.

#### Certified trainers are heroes

It is seen while observing in the area that houses over a hundred various training machines called the "Wellness Center," that John and Misty offer meaningful encouragement. One person stated, "It's amazing what they do for there is a passion seen in how they help others and one just realizes that they give of themselves in a very deep level." This backs up the meaning of the word "Family" stated on the front of the building of the East Valley Family YMCA.

Trainer John states, "With my experience over the past five years in teaching the class, it makes me feel good to see participants grow in strength from the beginning to the end of the class and succeed in their goals. For example, one participant built up their balance skills and everyone witnessed confidence in their walking."

"Doctors often refer people to our program and suggest the class to build strength," said John. "The first days we do testing to measure ability, balance and strength, and we get an idea of what a person can do. We help decide which machines are capable of being used. The length of visit varies, and we work the sessions on how the participants feel. Some sessions might last 15 minutes, while others the entire time. We always end the sessions with stretching exercises."

A wellness coordinator at the "Y" explained that the stretch time helps not only the body but allows the individual to bond with the group and know that they are not alone in their journey.

Another instructor named Misty shared, "Every participant comes to the program at a different level of fitness due to the types of treatment he or she may be undergoing: cancer medications, chemotherapy and so forth."

Misty shared her personal story about losing her dad and her brother to cancer and expressed that the Living Strong Living Well program at YMCA is very dear to her. She said, "When I experienced my dad and brother dying of cancer, I thought to myself, if I had to bring back all the stars from the night sky to save them, I would have. After that, I returned to the YMCA motivated to do all I could for the living. I knew, and I know that I could positively impact the people with the knowledge I have."

Misty went on to explain, "What I like most about the program is that I get to witness the transformation in the participants. I see their faces glow, and they become more happy and energized. It seems I am making an impact on their lives. I feel a deep sense of gratitude." Misty states that each day when she wakes she thinks about the word "gratitude" and "how it is so vital to make the best of each day we are given."

#### Everyone cares about each other

An experience shared by the YMCA staff: one participant had not shown up to the program for a long period of time, so a friend reached out and asked if they were OK. This element of connectivity and care allowed the family to invite many over to see the individual. The person was not doing well and a day was set for others to visit. After the group visited, the spouse called the next day to thank all and said, *See SURVIVORS, next page* 





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#### 'Sycamore Grove' grant approved for Almaden Lake Park

The Open Space Authority Board of Directors approved a grant of \$300,000 from their 20% Funding Program to allow Parks and Recs and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) to purchase the property located north of Coleman Avenue near Almaden Lake Park.

"We are currently informally calling the area Sycamore Grove," explained City Councilman Johnny Khamis. "The land is approximately a 1.5-acre property which was owned by the City's Housing Department and had been referred to as Sycamore Terrace, which was the name of the housing development planned for the site."

The location of the land is at the confluence of Los Alamitos Creek and Guadalupe Creek, among other issues, make it a less than ideal location for housing.

"I worked with PRNS to purchase the property from the city's housing department so it could be preserved as part of the park," explained Khamis. "With the newly completed Coleman Under-crossing, the site is now accessible from Almaden Lake Park." The space will remain as passive recreation, with amenities such as educational signage and walking trails to allow users to observe the wetland and riparian habitats in this sensitive area.

The City's 2019-2020 capital budget includes a request for \$50,000 to design and construct the proposed improvements.

Construction may begin sometime next year.

#### Veterans Appreciation Day with KnowAVet at the San Jose Giants

Know A Vet, a nonprofit veterans resource organization, has announced they are giving 2,500 veterans and their families FREE tickets to the San Jose Giants baseball game on Sunday afternoon, May 19, 2019.

Representatives from the Santa Clara County Veterans Services Office and several other veterans resource groups will be on site to help veterans and their families maximize their benefits.

- When: Sunday May 19, 2019
- Where: San Jose Municipal Stadium, 588 E. Alma Ave, San Jose, CA
- Game time: 1:00 p.m.

Gates open at 12:00 noon for the Veterans Resource Fair.

#### Survivors

*Continued from previous page* that night their partner passed, but it was a beautiful thing that so many came to say

a beautiful thing that so many came to say hello. It was thought that the person hung on to make sure to say thank you to all who visited to wish them well.

#### Cancer grabs many

Staff at the Y explained that cancer touches just about everybody whether a family member or friend. It was noted that participants are inspiring and positive and always "focusing forward" in their lives. The participants teach happiness for they look at things more positively though they may be in a cancer battle. It is not that one can compare the quality of life and struggle from one body to another it is instead about the creation of a positive attitude and the importance of living with joy no matter what cards they are dealt. Those who battle cancer help inspire all by their view on life.

The YMCA 12 week Live Strong Live Well program is free to those that meet the criteria.

To learn more about the program, visit your local YMCA in-person or online at www.ymcasv.org. Perhaps one of the most beautiful gifts one can get in joining the program is the appreciation of knowing that everyone is safe and connected. It's all about not feeling alone and knowing everybody is family.

Editor's Note: This program is subject to availability, offered at no cost to participants and is not a source of revenue to Stanford or the YMCA. To find the YMCA participating locations and register go to lslw.stanford.edu. Information pamphlets are available. Additional note; the YMCA welcomes donations for its programs so one can inquire by visiting their website if one wishes to contribute to make such proarams thrive!

• Locations that offer the program as listed on the Stanford Living Well website are:

• South Valley Family YMCA 5632 Santa Teresa Blvd. San Jose,

• Southwest YMCA 13500 Quito Rd. Saratoga,

• Central YMCA 1717 The Alameda, San Jose,

• East Palo Alto Family YMCA 550 Bell St. East Palo Alto,

- East Valley YMCA 1974 South White Rd. San Jose (as described in article),
- El Camino YMCA 2400 Grant Rd. Mountain View,

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#### Secrecy

Continued from page 1 proponents said, is to provide voters "a true and impartial synopsis of the proposed measure." A second piece of the bill — a budget trailer bill, SB 863, which would have put a temporary suspension on the enforcement of AB 195 through the 2020 elections — was not passed.

As it stands now, AB 195 is law but city officials, like San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, are pushing state lawmakers to suspend the bill until a revised version of SB 863 is passed with it. The San Jose City Council discussed AB 195 during a council meeting earlier this month as part of a quarterly report on the city's legislative priorities. about providing disclosure to voters so there is trust that the government entity will use money the way it is intended to be used, and voters will know what they're paying for," Liccardo said during the meeting. "The problem is, implicit in AB 195, a mechanism that will ensure that no agency can maintain that trust because we're required to state a cost to the bonds that, in most cases, will be wrong, and is only an estimate and can only be an estimate, because of changing durations for the bond, as well as interest rates."

"AB 195, while well intentioned, is

In the report on legislative priorities, city administrators recommended opposing efforts that "inhibit" the city's ability to issue bonds or increasing reporting duties. The council accepted the

report, with Councilman Johnny Khamis casting the lone dissenting vote.

Khamis expressed concerns about "bond secrecy" and withholding information about the costs of tax hikes and bonds before taxpayers vote to approve new taxes. In some cases, they might not even be aware a measure would raise taxes.

"I know that 75-words isn't a lot, but I think it can be squeezed in," Khamis said during the meeting. "It will potentially remove the requirement of telling taxpayers how much it's going to cost them in the first 75 words. And I can tell you, many people don't read past those 75-words."

Khamis told San José Spotlight in an interview Wednesday that if state legislators approved a suspension of AB 195, taxpayers would be in the dark about proposed bond measures and their tax implications. "Before 2017, that was not the case. Municipalities would put whatever they want," Khamis continued. "Why would you suspend letting taxpayers know about new taxes? Why would you suspend telling people that this ballot measure would cost them money?"

But Liccardo said it's going to be difficult for cities — including San Jose — to comply.

"We can't possibly tell the voters accurately what they're going to pay when we know that amount is going to change based on interest rate and market risk," Liccardo said.

In an interview Wednesday, Vice Mayor Chappie Jones also expressed his opposition to AB 195 in its current state.

"I think it should be changed. I know that not only for the city, but particularly for the school districts, it creates a burden on them to have a more detailed explanation of what their bond measures are on a ballot," Jones said, but added his support of increasing available information on legislative measure for voters.

But Khamis warned that the bill offers vital information to voters, printed directly onto their ballots. Withholding such information, Khamis warned, new taxes will be "easier to pass" without giving voters an honest look at the implications.

When AB 195 language is added, recent polling found many bonds see a drop in support of 10 percent or more, which pushes the measures below the threshold required for passage.

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#### **Create a sweet Easter treat**

(Family Features) This Easter, satisfy guests of all ages with festive cupcakes modeled after the Easter bunny.

For more Easter recipes, visit www. Culinary.net.

#### **Bunny Butt Cupcakes**

Recipe courtesy of Amanda Rettke of "I am baker"

Prep time: 45 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes Servings: 24

12-layer size white cake mix1tablespoon, plus 2 teaspoons,McCormick Pure Lemon Extract, divided1tablespoonMcCormick PureVanilla Extract

3/4 cup white chocolate chips

2 sticks butter, softened

16 ounces confectioners' sugar

2 tablespoons milk

10 drops McCormick Green Food Color

1-2 drops McCormick Red Food Color

12 large marshmallows, halved crosswise

3 tablespoons white nonpareil sprinkles

Prepare cake mix as directed on package, adding 1 tablespoon lemon extract and vanilla. Spoon 3 tablespoons batter into 24 paper-lined muffin cups. Bake as directed on package for cupcakes. Cool cupcakes on wire rack.

To make bunny feet: In medium, microwave-safe bowl, microwave white chocolate chips on high 30 seconds. Stir until completely melted and smooth. Spoon into pastry bag or re-sealable plastic bag. Snip small corner from bag. Pipe  $\mathbf{24}$ pairs of bunny feet onto parchment or wax paperlined cookie sheet. Use toothpick to smooth out bumps or rough edges, and gently tap cookie sheet on counter to help settle. Allow to harden 2 minutes in freezer or 15 minutes in refrigerator.

To make frosting: In large bowl, beat butter and remaining lemon extract until light and fluffy. Gradually add confectioners' sugar, beating well after each addition and scraping sides and bottom of bowl frequently. Add milk; beat until light and fluffy. Remove half the frosting and place in medium bowl. Add green food color; mix until evenly blended. Spoon into pastry bag fitted with grass decorating tip. Set aside. Remove half the remaining frosting into small bowl. Add red food color; mix until light pink. Spoon into another pastry bag.

Using pink frosting, pipe three toes and padding on each bunny foot. Once frosting has set (about 1 hour) gently press down on pink frosting to create smoother look.

To assemble cupcakes: Pipe green frosting onto each cupcake in series of short motions to create individual grass spots. Cover top of each cupcake completely.

To make bunny butts: Place cut sides of marshmallow halves onto each frosted cupcake, leaving room for bunny feet. Shape remaining white frosting into dime-sized balls then roll with white sprinkles to cover. Pipe small drop of remaining pink or white frosting onto top of each marshmallow. Press bunny tail on top.

Place both bunny feet against base of marshmallow with toes facing down.



**Painted Lady butterflies** – Hundreds of Painted Lady butterflies were seen in the foothills on Sunday, April 7. It was reported that as many as 5 butterflies were seen every minute. – *Photo by Lou Alexander* 

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#### **Policies**

Continued from page 1 immigrant, said that "the policy must be changed in a way that continues to respect all immigrants, but also allows county personnel to contact federal authorities when they have a dangerous, convicted felon in custody. It's high time to stop protecting victimizers and protect all those they would victimize in our community - regardless of immigration status."

Merging proposals from Cortese and Wasserman, the Board voted to direct administration to:

• Seek input from the Sheriff, the District Attorney, the San Jose Police Department, the President of Santa Clara County Police Chiefs' Association, Office of Immigrant Relations, and other interested stakeholders, and return to the Board with amendments to County Policy to ensure the timely and lawful notification to other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, including ICE.

• Seek input from the Sheriff, the District Attorney, the San Jose Police Department, the President of the Santa Clara County Police Chiefs' Association, Office of Immigrant Relations, interested stakeholders, and ICE to craft a transfer of custody process, based on a judicial warrant or court order, in cases where past or current serious or violent felony convictions pose a risk to community safety. • Continue recommending improvements to the release process as it relates to Probation supervision, AB 109, mental health treatment and diversion, the appropriate use of 5150 and 5152 holds, improved processes and criteria to prevent the risk of violence and harm, post-release, to self and others, and any other release/risk issues that the Administration deems advisable to present to the Board of Supervisors.

"Clarity in the policies and laws will protect the safety of all our residents, citizens and non-citizens alike," said Supervisor Dave Cortese. He expressed that any recommendations on how to improve the complicated system that involves County, State and Federal regulations, must guarantee that other County policies are upheld so that there is no profiling, privacy intrusion, racial registries and no reliance on ICE agents that don't show up.

Cortese said addressing public safety shouldn't be done at the expense of an immigrant who is racially profiled or wrongfully deported.

"We need to work in good faith with law enforcement agencies, County Counsel and our community leaders to come up with better policies that are clear to everyone," Cortese said. "And we're asking that the recommendations come back to the Board in 60 days."

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#### **Days For Girls**

Continued from page 1 on how they work and what their experience with the kits is like," said Alyssa. "If we receive positive feedback we will establish a regular supply of kits to go to the county's network of homeless women who come to the county offices for resources. We are very excited to be working to provide these women with feminine hygiene

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solutions."

#### Grant for playground at Almaden Lake Park proceeding

he playground on the Almaden Expressway side of Almaden Lake Park will be replaced within the next few years as part of a grant from the Santa Clara County Parks Department.

"When I heard about this grant opportunity, I worked with our City parks department (PRNS - Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services) to see if there was a way we could apply," said San Jose City councilman Johnny Khamis. "Part of the playground at the lake had previously been removed due to irreparable damage, and this seemed like a great opportunity to bring in equipment to fill that space that would be inclusive, allowing the park to serve more of the community."

A \$672,000 grant was awarded in late 2018, and PRNS is working on finalizing the grant agreement with the County. Meanwhile, PRNS is working with their design consultants to develop the scope of services for the design of the new playground. The new facility will provide access and amenities for children and adults of all ages and abilities.

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