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Willow Glen Children's Theatre presents 'The Book of Beautiful Things' May 3-5

Iconic Silicon Valley theater company Willow Glen Children's Theatre presents a brand-new production, "The Book of Beautiful Things," an original play by WGCT director Jordan Collier, May 3-5 at the Willow Glen Community Center, 2175 Lincoln Ave. in San Jose.

Collier took over WGCT from its founding director Gavin Coffing last year, as the company celebrated 30 years of producing original plays performed by the young members of WGCT, which was founded to "offer every child the chance to act on stage," in Coffing's words.

After last fall's production of "Here, There, Everywhere," enrollment is up for the spring 2019 session, and both the WGCT staff and its young cast members, ages 7-17, have thrown themselves into producing its follow-up, "The Book of Beautiful Things."

The play tells the story of how a small town is turned upside-down by a royal visitor—who may not be who she says she is. A comedy of manners, mistaken identity, family feuds, a mysterious book and a very special gas station, "The Book of Beautiful Things" brings out all the things that make WGCT's approach to children's theater unique.

Collier says she got ideas for many of the wild plotlines
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My Green Lunch of Willow Glen brings fresh locally sourced foods to Bay Area schools

San Jose-based company believes kids should eat farm foods not factory foods

My Green Lunch, located in Willow Glen, is revolutionizing school meals in California's Bay Area.

The San Jose-based company offers schools high-quality meals that have been locally sourced from California farms and farmers' markets. My Green Lunch not only provides seasonal, fresh and local ingredients, but meals are cooked in small batches and made with love.

Company CEO Todd Evjenth believes all school foods should come from the farm and not factories. His belief has been echoed by many parents in the United States. According to a 2009 series of articles published in USA Today, the meat served in American schools is so poor that it wouldn't even meet the quality standard set by fast-food restaurants. Many schools even allow fast-food restaurants to sell lunches directly to school children each day. The unhealthiness of America's school lunches contributes to childhood obesity. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found that nearly 20 percent of children between six- and 19-years old are obese.

My Green Lunch aims to give school children a balanced meal to help kids become healthier, learn better and to become the best person they can be. My Green Lunch strives to meet the dietary needs and restrictions for all the students at the schools they serve. Lunch offerings for students include meals that are gluten free, nut free, dairy free, vegetarian, and vegan. My Green Lunch realizes the need to make children aware of nutrition and provide them with healthy choices and sustainable foods. The right nutrition will give them the ability to succeed in school and life.

The environmentally friendly company produces entrees with freshly cut fruits and sliced vegetables. Their school meals are served in compostable containers and with cutlery provided by World Centric.

"Most of our foods and ingredients are purchased from California farms and local food



MyGreenLunch recently hosted a booth at Girls on the Run at Vasona Park. Source: Facebook.com

purveyors," Evjenth said. "We also work directly with locally owned farms and businesses whenever possible. Our meals aren't just benefitting local kids, but local businesses too."

In 2010, Evjenth discovered the unhealthy foods Bay Area schools were serving. A former Silicon Valley high-tech salesman, Evjenth was like most parents and had been unaware of what was being served until he began taking his two children to school each day. Although Evjenth had no background in food preparation, he started My Green Lunch

to give children the best possible food they could eat.

Students are not the only ones enjoying My Green Lunch's meals. Teachers and school staff have also found the company's meals to be a perfect healthy option.

"The variety is fantastic," Shauna, a teacher at Athena Academy, said. "The menus are detailed, well thought out, and most of all, the food is delicious! I am so glad that the school where I teach has My Green Lunch as our hot lunch provider."

The start-up company has grown gradually over the years. My Green Lunch started with just two employees in 2012. Thanks to more schools joining the My Green Lunch program, the company has increased in size. In 2018, My Green Lunch boasted 12 employees and it continues to sign up schools that want to add healthy meals to their lunchtime menu. According to Evjenth, the company aims to add more employees as it expands into the 2019/2020 school year.

For more information on My Green Lunch, please visit its website at www.mygreenlunch.com



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Shallenberger Home and School Association rededicates Meredith's Corner to school and community

Memorial garden at Schallenberger School revitalized as pollinator haven and outdoor learning space

The opening ceremony of Meredith's corner was held on Friday, April 26.

Meredith's Corner on the Schallenberger campus in Willow Glen was established in 1973 as a memorial to

Meredith Ann Blanchard, a sixth-grade student at Schallenberger Elementary when she died tragically.

Over the last year, the space was renovated with the support of her family, the school and community. With the support of the Willow Glen community, the garden space has been revitalized to enhance its natural beauty and role in teaching children the importance of

nature.

Drought tolerant native plants serve as the foundation for a hummingbird garden, butterfly waystation and bee colony.

The Blanchard Family joined the Opening Celebration, a family-friendly event and celebration of Meredith's life.



Times **Feature**

REVVED UP

SVCTE's 14th Annual Custom & Classic Car Show: May 3

Classic car clubs, collectors, and enthusiasts are invited to attend the 14th Annual Custom and Classic Car show on Friday, May 3, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Spectator admission to the car show is free, with limited parking. The event is held at the SVCTE campus located at 760 Hillsdale Avenue, San Jose, CA 95136.

The Silicon Valley Career Technical Education car show has grown steadily in size with more than 200 entries in 2018 that raised more than \$5,000. This year, the organization hopes to have more than 300 vehicle exhibitors.

Exhibitor passes are a \$20 tax-deductible donation/fee per car, truck, motorcycle or bicycle in the SVCTE auto show. Pre-registration is not available. Exhibitors will pay at the gate on the night of the event. All proceeds go directly to support students competing in SkillsUSA competitions. This past

February, 21 SVCTE students won regional medals and 26 qualified to advance to the SkillsUSA state competition at the Ontario Convention Center on April 25-28.

According to SVCTE's Auto Body instructor and event organizer, Robert McTaggart, more than 1,000 spectators attend the annual event each year. Spectators enjoy voting on their favorites in eight categories: best car, best motorcycle, best pedal push, best car under construction, best truck, best club participation, best engine, and the best paint job in the show.

Students and staff from SVCTE programs showcase a variety of display tables. Live music will be performed by Vital Sign. Food and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Pets are not permitted on site.

For questions or to assist with sponsorships, contact the event organizer: Robert McTaggart at (408) 723-6563.

Tax-deductible donations may be made through the MetroED Foundation which is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Please specify that the donation is for the SVCTE Annual Custom & Classic Car Show. Donations can be made online at www.metroed.net/donate, or by mail to MetroED Foundation, 760 Hillsdale Avenue Bldg 400, San Jose, CA 95136.



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NOTEBOOK

City Council approves allocating 45% of San Jose'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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Michelle Zeiler makes remembrance teddy bears for families of hospice patients who have passed

On 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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Times Feature



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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About Tatsuya Shimono

Born in Kagoshima in 1969, Tatsuya 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.

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Board of Supervisors approves imitative calling for clear and consistent notification policies

By William Bellou
Publisher

The 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 immigrant, said that "the policy must be changed in a way that continues to respect all immi-

grants, 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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Times **Community**



Left to right: Shane Hall, Kiyon Zarrinnaal, Jordan Collier and Deborah Shapiro,



Willow Glen Children's Theatre cast members and staff in rehearsal for "The Book of Beautiful Things."



Willow Glen Children's Theatre cast members dressed up for a WGCT production.

Play

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in the new play from the improv and other creative games that are part of the WGCT's weekly activities.

"I took a lot of inspiration for this play directly from the skits the kids do," she says. "It's fun to take the things they're doing and put that into the performance."

The public is encouraged to come out to "The Book of Beautiful Things" and experience children's theater as only WGCT can do it!

Performances are:
Friday, May 3 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 4, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 5, 2:30 p.m.
All performances are at Willow Glen Community Center, 2175 Lincoln Ave., San Jose. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

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Snow pack to provide plenty of water for Calif.

Department of Water Resources officials announced a measurement of 106.5 inches of snow at Phillips Station, good for a snow-water equivalent of 51 inches.

The findings last week marks the fourth-highest level ever recorded at that location for the start of April.

The snowpack is healthy with the northern two-thirds of the Sierra at about 165 percent of average, and the southern Sierra is 153 percent of average, providing plenty of water runoff for the State.

California is now 162 percent of normal for the start of April, according to DWR's data center. The Phillips Station was a full 200 percent of normal — double the average snow-water equivalent.

San Jose Fire Department will hold a Women's Boot Camp on May 18

Women 18 and older are invited to experience a free half-day, female-staffed, boot camp which will include: 90-minute circuit training, Q & A session with women of SJFD, and activities using actual firefighting tools and equipment. Registration will open on Wednesday May 1 at 12:00 p.m. and is limited to 50 participants. To register, please visit: sjfd-womensbootcamp.eventbrite.com. Registration is mandatory. For more information, email: SJFDRecruiting@sanjoseca.gov

College grads and undergrads targeted by new cybersecurity program to reduce America's digital skills gap and fill jobs

A national cybersecurity program, Cyber FastTrack, designed specifically for undergraduate and graduate students, has been launched by 25 governors to encourage more young people to discover their talent and pursue careers in cybersecurity.

Participants need to be at least 18 years old and be registered at a regionally accredited community college, four-year college or graduate school to qualify. The program awards top scoring participants with scholarships to advanced cybersecurity courses, with a total prize value of up to \$2.5 million to win.

Cybersecurity program Cyber FastTrack has officially launched across 27 states. Created by the SANS Institute, Cyber FastTrack is supported by State Governors and is designed to encourage more people into the cybersecurity sector while reducing America's digital skills gap.

The 27 states that have registered participation are: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West

Virginia, and Wyoming.

Undergraduate and graduate students who want to participate in the free program must be at least 18 years old and registered at a regionally accredited community college, four-year college or graduate school to qualify. The program awards top scoring participants with scholarships to advanced cybersecurity courses, with a total prize value of up to \$2.5 million to win.

The program is delivered online so that students can complete it alongside their other studies and from anywhere in the country.

To register for the program, undergraduate and graduate students need to sign up at: www.cyber-fasttrack.org

The program consists of three stages, CyberStart Assess, CyberStart Game and CyberStart Essentials. Each stage features a series of digital challenges that are designed to introduce participants to important concepts in the field of cybersecurity.

When registered, participants will be sent a link to the first stage, CyberStart Assess, which consists of a series of questions that measure problem-solving skills and the potential for a career in cybersecurity.

The second stage, CyberStart Game, involves tackling more than 200 real-world challenges, including identifying security flaws and uncovering a cyber criminal's digital trail. Finally, CyberStart Essentials will build on the foundational skills already learnt, while working through exercises, quizzes and interactive labs.

Is your backyard ready for Spring?

Your family yard is extension for your home – providing a respite from stress, offering an outside entertainment area, expanding your living space and giving kids and pets and a safe place to play. Research shows children reap numerous health, social and personal benefits from spending time outside playing.

Here are TurfMutt's top tips:

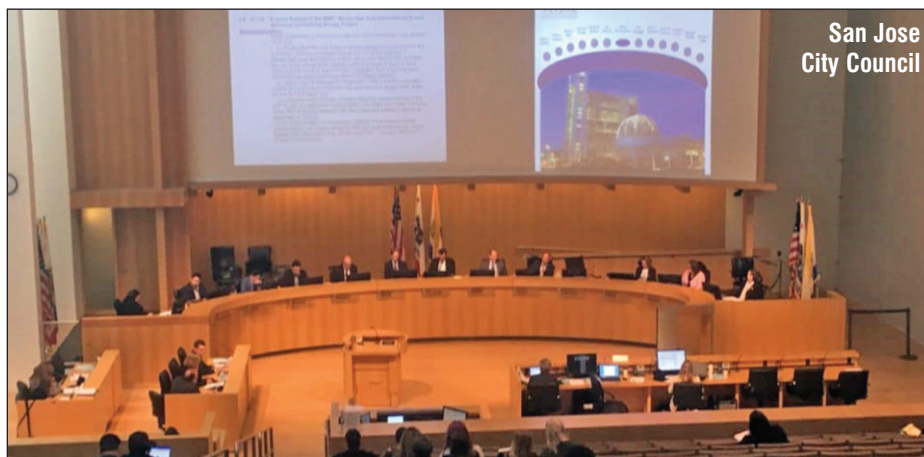
Plan for Fun: Depending on your lifestyle and climate, consider an outdoor room, turfgrass for a game of croquet and a place for kids to run and play, trees and shrubs for privacy and a game of hide and seek, fire pit, pergola, sandbox (for kids and dogs to dig!), outdoor furniture, or a decorative water feature.

Plant for Kids & Pets: There are many species of turfgrass to choose from to create pet and kids play space. Your local garden center or landscaper can help you identify what will work best for your climate zone and lifestyle. And don't forget to avoid toxic plants to pets if they are a member of your family.

Remember Wildlife & Pollinators: Grass, trees, shrubs and flowering plants provide food and habitat for birds, small mammals, and pollinators, so plant to support them.

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By Kyle Martin

Special to the Times

With 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, 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.

"AB 195, while well intentioned, is 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."

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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Times Arts

The Virtu Ensemble to appear April 27

Foothill Community Concert Series will present The Virtu Ensemble on Saturday, April 27th, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Foothill Presbyterian Church 5301 McKee Road, San Jose.

Admission: \$15.00 advance; \$17.50 door; Children 12 and under are admitted free. Admission includes a post-concert reception with a chance to meet the artists.

The Virtu Ensemble was founded in 2017 by several Silicon Valley chamber musicians who are passionate about performance practice and creative programming. It is their mission to bring excellent performances to South Bay audiences, and offer music programs that are bold, unique, and adventurous.

Tickets are available at the door, or online at www.foothillpc.org/fccs. Online tickets are available up to 48 hours prior to concert start. Tickets purchased online will be waiting for you at the door.

Symphony Silicon Valley presents Petrushka & Rach 2 at California Theatre in 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

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About Tatsuya Shimono

Born in Kagoshima in 1969, Tatsuya Shimono cemented his international reputation as a conductor by winning First Prize at the 47th Besançon International Com-

petition 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 Nak-

amatsu (right) 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.

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By **Kevin Larsen**
Times Staff Writer

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It is all very exciting because books are like old friends

Yes, books are friends and too,

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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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This connectivity of all libraries in California in a free of charge service brings a lot of smiles to library patrons in the know.

Link+ has been available for the past ten years but few know about this separate library check out service. It is very easy to order on the walk in library computer (a matter of seconds). This sets in to motion the collaborative wheel of each library reaching out to help patrons and stretches to University Libraries, and other public library systems. The entire process is free. Songs and music on CD's are now being added to Link+too!

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Anthony parish is located in Almaden Valley at 20101 McKean Road, San Jose, 95120. Our weekend Masses are at 4 p.m. on Saturday at our historic church at 21800 Bertram Road in New Almaden, CA 95042 and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. at the McKean Road location. Our Parish Office is open Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, stop by the Parish Office or call 1+ (408) 997-4800, or visit our website at www.church-stanthony.com. Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.



SAN JOSE GURDWARA
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We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE - High School and North Star Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations:
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St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall
Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday 11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM
Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road
Sunday 9:30 AM
The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium)
Sunday 8:15 AM
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