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One Musician's Economic Downturn

All we know is what we read in e-mail. The one over the weekend from Silicon Valley Symphony Music Director Michael Gibson contained this information (in addition to a glowing plug for his orchestra):

My position as director of music ministry at the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos (for the past five years) has been eliminated. I will be out of a job at the end of June. One other full-time position was also eliminated, both due to financial concern. At this point the orchestra plans to continue rehearsals and performances at the church, hoping that Rev. Mark Burnham's support will carry the day.

It is our hope that you continue to attend concerts at the church next season. Also, if you are looking for a church home, services are Sunday morning at 10 a.m. If anyone needs a music director and conductor, please contact me at maestro@bamusic.org. I am also hoping to find ways of turning the SVS into my new job. Please let me know if you have ideas, or can help in some way.

The Silicon Valley Symphony is improving with every concert. I hope to expand our concert venues next season and bring back the Bay Area Little Symphony, a professional orchestra that does in-school educational concerts for school children in our area.

Gibson's next Silicon Valley Symphony concert is on May 16 at the Los Gatos Presbyterian Church. (Symphony Silicon Valley, another organization — successor to the late San José Symphony — is performing Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* at the California Theatre, June 6-7.)