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Listos Mountain View members, from left, Tania O'Connell, Maria Dinard, Sarah Livnat, Jill Rakestraw and Diana Wegbreit pose for a portrait.

Local group fights to protect immigrants' rights, kids

By Kevin Forestieri

Fear and anxiety spread among the local immigrant community last week after federal immigration officials conducted a nationwide sweep targeting sanctuary cities and counties, leading to the arrest of two undocumented Mountain View residents.

But a group of local parents from the Castro and Mistral elementary school community is vowing to assuage the fears

of deportation with action. The newly formed group, called Listos Mountain View, has assisted dozens of immigrant families with information and essential documents needed to ensure that parents and children are prepared if Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents knock on the door.

Listos Mountain View, which consists of nine Mistral parents, began aiding undocumented families in the Castro community earlier this year after

finding that the countywide "Know Your Rights" campaign did little to explain what residents without citizenship need to do in order to prepare for an ICE raid, according to Jill Rakestraw, executive director of the group. The more they heard from the families, the more it became clear that contingency planning was a big weak spot.

"The families are worried about being separated and

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Google relents on bid for more office space

COMPANY PLEDGES COMMITMENT TO 9,850-HOME GOAL

by Mark Noack

If Mountain View's tense standoff with Google over North Bayshore last week was like a game of chicken, it was Google that swerved.

This week, Google officials backpedaled on demands for more office space as a condition for building 9,850 new housing units in North Bayshore. In a contrite letter sent Monday afternoon to the Mountain View City Council, the company's real estate team apologized for comments made last Tuesday, Sept. 26, that were widely interpreted as an ultimatum demanding an additional 800,000 square feet of office development rights.

In the letter, David Radcliffe, Google's vice president of real estate, emphasized that his team was wholeheartedly on board for seeing housing built near the company's North Bayshore headquarters.

"During the Council's study session, we voiced the idea that adding office space could be a way to offset housing costs. We apologize that this came out as a demand, when the intent was to open a conversation to address a potential issue," he wrote. "We

remain unequivocally committed to (North Bayshore housing) and strongly support the creation of the full 9,850 new housing units."

The company's tone was very different one week ago as a grueling City Council study session on the North Bayshore precise plan stretched past midnight and into the early morning hours. At the time, council members were suggesting a series of new requirements for the company's future housing development, including calls for union hiring, environmental monitoring, ownership housing and up to 40 percent of new apartments to be priced as affordable.

As the night wore on and the list of potential public concessions grew, Google's lead representative, Senior Design Director Joe Van Belleghem, came back to the lectern and spoke bluntly. There would be no housing built by Google, he said, unless the city agreed to allocate 800,000 square feet of additional office space.

"Just to be clear: no new office, no new residential," Van Belleghem told the council. "We've been very clear all along that we

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City Council paves the way for a San Antonio school

MAJOR CONCESSIONS INCLUDE POTENTIAL FOR MORE OFFICE SPACE AND FEWER HOMES IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Kevin Forestieri

Calling a neighborhood school and park land a top priority in the San Antonio Shopping Center area, Mountain View City Council members agreed in principle Tuesday night to give the Los Altos School District latitude to "sell" development rights in order to afford a campus in a

region desperate for open space.

In a study session, in which no official decisions can be made, council members supported allowing the school district to acquire expensive land in the San Antonio area — valued at over \$12 million an acre — and transfer the unused office and residential development capacity to a developer elsewhere in the city, which could include North

Bayshore and East Whisman. This would allow the district to purchase the land at a substantially lower cost, making it feasible to build a school with limited resources.

In order to sweeten the deal for potential buyers, the city would also allow developers to convert "transferred" residential development from San Antonio into office space. The school district

would need to shift a total of 600,000 square feet of development, according to a city staff report.

Los Altos School District officials have struggled for years to find land for a new school campus, conducting an exhaustive search for properties in the San Antonio area — where the district's boundaries spill over into Mountain View — as well

as along El Camino Real. District voters passed a \$150 million school bond measure in 2014 to finance a new school, but little progress has been made to put the money to good use.

Nearly one in three Los Altos district students reside in Mountain View, and a vast majority of projected enrollment growth

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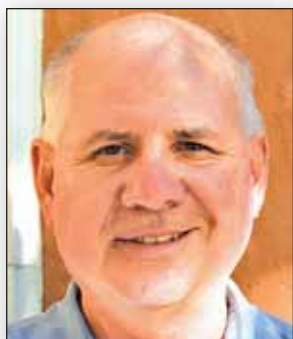
“Obama, and how he took on the whole United States and the economy, and how everything was ... really at an all-time low, and I think he did well. There are a lot of people who didn’t approve, but I think he handled the job really good.”

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CRIME BRIEFS

PLEA DEAL IN ELDER SEX ASSAULT

An in-home care provider accused of sexually assaulting an elderly woman in Redwood City has taken a plea bargain that will not require him to register as a sex offender, San Mateo County prosecutors said Tuesday.

Mountain View resident Jaime Verzosa, 54, allegedly had an 82-year-old woman under his care orally copulate him on multiple occasions in 2016.

She told her daughter, who reported the assaults, and police launched an investigation. Evidence establishing the commission of a crime was established during a phone call to Verzosa and a follow-up interview, prosecutors said.

Verzosa pleaded no contest to felony elder abuse likely to cause great bodily injury Monday and was sentenced to six months in county jail with 36 days credit for time already served.

He will also be on supervised probation for three years, during which the charges are expected to be reduced to a misdemeanor. He's to have no contact with the victim, he cannot be employed as a caretaker or housekeeper at a board-and-care facility, and he can't be in the presence of an elder or dependent adult, prosecutors said.

The charges that would have required Verzosa to register as a sex offender were dropped because of a lack of physical evidence, according to District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe.

"If we had something that had shown physical evidence of what he had done, seminal fluids or something like that, we could've made him plea to the whole thing — but it was pretty much based on statements he made," Wagstaffe said.

"He admitted to much of the conduct," Wagstaffe said. "But you have to have some evidence other than the statement."

There were also issues related to the mental state of the victim, who suffers from dementia.

"She wasn't going to be able to provide us anything," Wagstaffe said.

Verzosa's defense attorney Alex Bernstein was not immediately available for comment on the case.

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CONCERT SCUFFLE LEADS TO ARREST

A Pacifica woman was arrested over the weekend after she allegedly attacked a police officer following an argument in a Shoreline Amphitheatre parking lot.

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LimeBike of San Mateo offers colorful transport.

New ideas for bike-sharing return to MV

FLEET OF COMPANIES PROMISE NEW LOW-COST SYSTEM

By Mark Noack

About a year ago, Mountain View leaders faced a grim choice — either pay \$1.1 million or lose the city’s Bike Share program. The rental-bike stations sprinkled throughout town were popular in concept, but the program struggled with low ridership. It took outside grant funding to keep the program afloat.

Last year by just one vote, the City Council decided to let the Bike Share program die off in the hopes that a better service was around the corner. Today, that appears to have

been the right move.

In a meeting last week, the council learned that new bike-sharing companies were willing to set up shop in Mountain View at essentially no cost to the city.

“It’s become evident that the Bike Share industry and business model are undergoing substantial changes,” explained Dawn Cameron, assistant public works director. “We have companies knocking on our door saying they’ll be here tomorrow if you want them to.”

Technology is the main reason these newer bike-sharing services don’t need a

government subsidy. The previous Bike Share system relied on docking stations built around the city, which required costly maintenance and regular redistribution of bikes.

That business model is being ditched by a fleet of newer companies such as LimeBike, BluGoGo and Spin. These “smart bike” companies rely heavily on GPS-equipped bicycles that don’t necessarily require docking stations and can be rented out by anyone with a smartphone.

This new generation of rental

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City begins talks on redeveloping apartments

LARGE PUSH OF PROJECTS REPLACING RENT-CONTROLLED UNITS EXPECTED

By Mark Noack

Perhaps a glimpse of things to come — an attractive new housing project came before the City Council on Tuesday that seemed tailored to fit the city’s wishes to a tee: a proposed new neighborhood of small-sized rowhouses priced for middle-income families to buy as starter homes.

There’s just one hiccup: This project will require demolishing several dozen rent-controlled apartments and possibly pricing some tenants out of town.

In a study session being closely watched by developers, the Mountain View City Council on Oct. 3 signaled early support for opening up the city’s zoning rules to allow aging apartments to be rebuilt as for-sale homes. But while some council members expressed nervousness about displacing residents, they acknowledged that they expect to soon see many similar proposals to redevelop rent-controlled units.

The proposed project by the San Ramon-based SummerHill Homes calls for 60 new “rowhouse lite” homes that would be built on a cluster of parcels near Walker Drive in the city’s North Whisman neighborhood.

Katia Kamangar of SummerHill Homes described the proposed homes as smaller than typical rowhouses, and she promised that would mean they would be priced on the low end of the market. A one-bedroom

unit is expected to cost upward of \$700,000 while a larger three-bedroom will likely cost up to \$1.12 million.

“This is an exciting opportunity to do a new type of housing in Mountain View,” Kamangar said. “We feel we offer a new form of housing with a significantly lower price point, and this opens up a new market that’s not currently being serviced.”

While this proposed housing would be comparatively cheap for Mountain View, city staff noted it would likely still be too pricey for most tenants living in the apartments on the proposed project site.

The Walker Avenue site is currently occupied by a cluster of 56 apartments known as the Moffett Manor. These apartments were described by city staff as naturally affordable and in relatively good condition for their age. The Moffett Manor site is currently listed as for sale for \$26.8 million, and the owner has accepted an offer that hasn’t been closed yet, according to real estate listings.

Andre Pena, a Moffett Manor tenant, told the *Voice* that for his two-bedroom apartment he is currently paying about \$1,750 a month, which was recently lowered due to a citywide rollback on most apartment rents. With his IT job at Apple Inc., Pena and his wife were making about \$130,000 a year, but that still wasn’t quite enough to buy

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MV school districts struggle to close achievement gap

STATE TEST RESULTS SHOW ALARMING DROPS IN PERFORMANCE, WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS

By Kevin Forestieri

Efforts to improve the academic performance of Mountain View’s neediest students largely fell flat this year, according to state test results released last week. English learners and students of low-income families in particular struggled to keep up with their peers, in some cases erasing hard-won progress to close the achievement gap in 2016.

Overall scores on the state’s 2016-17 Smarter Balanced Assessment, or SBAC test, paint a rosy picture for local school districts. More students met state standards for English language arts and math in both the Mountain View Whisman School District and the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, contrary to stagnant performance across the state. Just shy of 82 percent of high school students met or exceeded state

standards for English language arts — a huge increase from 69 percent the prior year.

But the gains were hardly shared by everyone. In the Mountain View Whisman district, for example, fewer than one in seven students — or 13.7 percent — still learning English were able to meet state standards for English language arts, down from 17 percent during the 2015-16 school year. The losses were significantly worse at Huff, Landels, Stevenson

and Theuerkauf elementary schools, where the percentage of English learners able to meet the state standards dropped by half in just one year. Performance in math also dipped slightly among English learners, with the largest decrease at Crittenden Middle School.

The problem is even more acute for Mountain View-Los Altos, where performance among junior-year English learners sank to new lows in both subject areas.

The number of English learners who met the state standards for math plummeted from 17 percent in 2016 to just 3.4 percent in 2017 — the lowest of any high school district and unified school district in the county. At Los Altos High School, no English learners passed the test.

Only 7.8 percent of English learners met state standards for English language arts, down

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needed this extra office space to make this work."

By a thin margin, the council opted not to budge, and declined to consider any additional office development rights. It was a harrowing end for the meeting, leaving housing advocates concerned that after so many years of work, a partnership to bring in thousands of new homes now seemed to be headed off a cliff.

Less than a week later, the company's real-estate team signaled a change of heart, making overtures to repair the damage. Speaking on background, a Google spokeswoman insisted that the Van Belleghem's comments last week were an aberration, inconsistent with the company longstanding support for housing.

"Nothing has changed — some of the things that were said, they're not our stance," she said. "We've always been vocal supporters of housing, and we want to make sure the public understands where we're coming from."

The spokeswoman confirmed there was some pressure from the company's own employees in recent days, highlighting the severe need for housing. Similarly, council members say Google employees contacted them following the meeting to encourage them to press the company on the 9,850-housing-unit goal.

Others outside the company theorized that other motives were at play. Some city officials suggested Google came to the conclusion they had more to lose if the housing deal fell apart.

"I think Google realized they would take a hit in public opinion," said Councilman Lenny Siegel. "It's not just the substance of the meeting, but also the idea of a city getting pushed around by a big corporation."

Google officials may attain additional office space in North Bayshore through other avenues. City planning staff pointed out that the company can still file a so-called gatekeeper project, which if approved would provide a special-case exemption from normal growth limits.

The council this week approved plans to allow Google or any other private party to purchase development rights in the San

Antonio neighborhood and transfer them elsewhere in the city. That system is intended to help the Los Altos School District acquire land for a new school campus.

Other concerns

It wasn't just the comments by Google at the Sept. 26 meeting. Behind the scenes, there were other signs from Google leading up to the meeting that alarmed city officials.

A few days before the meeting, Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga said she met with Google's real estate team to discuss the North Bayshore vision. They showed her plans to add 3,000 apartments along Pear Avenue and the gateway property off Shoreline Boulevard. Another 3,400 units would go along Shorebird Avenue. It wasn't clear where the remainder would go, she said.

Van Belleghem and other Google reps then detailed their need for 800,000 square feet more of office space. Doing the math in her head, Abe-Koga calculated that increase would mean about 2,700 more homes would be needed to house all those employees.

"I told them this changes the whole conversation," Abe-Koga said later. "Our whole impetus for doing the housing in North Bayshore was to make the job-housing imbalance better. You put down almost another 1 million square feet, that exacerbates the problem."

Google officials floated some other controversial ideas in a letter authored by Van Belleghem and sent in advance of the Sept. 26 meeting. Through years of previous North Bayshore meetings, Google officials have routinely sent formal letters to the city, and usually this correspondence outlines the company's high-level priorities.

But this Sept. 22 letter from Google was different: It contained six pages of new policy language authored by the company that it wanted inserted into the precise plan. The language detailed a process for adding new office space, in effect creating a system for circumventing the 3.6 million-square-foot cap in the precise plan.

Mountain View planning officials were most alarmed at the

proposed language for affordable housing. Google proposed to price 15 to 20 percent of new housing as "affordable," but called for it to be subsidized through "property tax abatement, tax credit programs, office affordable housing impact fees and/or any office bonus (FAR) community benefit contributions."

Basically, Google seemed to be seeking various public subsidies to help pay for the required affordable housing for their future market-rate developments, according to city officials. Normally, a housing project's market-rate apartments subsidize a smaller portion of affordable units. Other funding sources — like government tax-credit programs or the city's pool of affordable-housing fees — are typically reserved for dedicated affordable-housing projects.

Exactly how much funding Google was seeking remains unclear, but the notion of this request disturbed city officials, said Community Development Director Randy Tsuda.

"There's an incredible level of detail there that we couldn't do," he said. "To ask for an abatement of any sort in the precise plan without any details, that would be very unusual."

Council members also echoed concern. Abe-Koga pointed out that tech offices contribute little in the way of ongoing revenues for city government. The one surefire revenue source they do produce is property taxes, she said.

"Why would we give them that?" Abe-Koga said. "If they want that back as a rebate, then there's no point in us allowing any office development."

At the Sept. 26 meeting, council members pointedly ignored any discussion of the suggested language in Google's letter.

Asked about what the company was intending, the Google spokeswoman, who declined to be named, said the public funding would have been used only for building more affordable housing beyond the criteria in the precise plan.

"This wasn't a back door. It would be a further way to go above the 15 to 20 percent goal," she said. "This was just a way to get a conversation started about it." ■

BIKE SHARING

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bikes are self-locking, and they can either be "corralled" into designated parking areas or just left in a convenient place around town. The cost would likely range from 50 cents to \$2 to rent a bike per half-hour, Cameron said.

Perhaps most significant, these companies don't need any money from the city, aside from some basic oversight costs. This financing system could be hard to sustain in the long term, but for now it seems like a pretty good deal, city officials said.

The council supported the idea of designing a new one-year pilot program for these new Bike

Share companies. Each company that wants to set up shop in Mountain View will need to provide at least 200 bicycles. City staff explained that they would work with neighboring cities to prepare a regional approach for the new bike-sharing program in the coming months. ■

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whether their kids are taken care of," she said. "And they don't know how to deal with that."

The goal is to give families a clear understanding of their current immigration status — and take immediate steps to legalize immigration status when possible — as well as help obtain identification and passports for travel in and out of the country. The emergency plan also includes legal documentation for child care authorization, meaning kids left stranded following an ICE raid have a place to go if their parents are detained. Without it, social workers are often forced to transfer kids to a county shelter and search for temporary placement.

"If it's a single mom who has no family here and nobody who they can hand their kids off to, they need a guardian," Rakestraw said. "Some of us have stepped up to be guardians."

The grassroots effort came together following the November election, said Sarah Livnat, a parent and former PTA president at Mistral Elementary School. The anti-immigration policies and rhetoric of the Trump administration — as well as President Donald Trump's comments on the campaign trail — left many

families at the school "distracted and upset," prompting her and other parents to find some way to help.

The group caught the attention of county Supervisor Joe Simitian, who in late June helped secure \$25,000 in county funds to boost the group's efforts. Simitian told the *Voice* that Listos Mountain View is part of an important continuum of services needed to make sure immigrants are treated fairly and have access to legal representation. He said he is proud to see constituents, without direction from the county, step up to help residents in need.

"The folks in Mountain View on their own came together to do their part to help," he said. "You just gotta love it when people step up to do the right thing."

While small and fairly limited in scope compared with the broad immigrant services provided by the county, nonprofit groups like Listos are a powerful ally in bringing help to hard-to-reach populations in the county, especially in areas far away from the population center and the seat of county services in San Jose, Simitian said.

At a Listos Mountain View meeting last week, members focused heavily on how to reach as many families in the immigrant

community as possible, particularly the largely Spanish-speaking, lower-income families from Mexico and Central America who make up a large portion of the Castro community. Cultural awareness, thoughtful and bilingual events, building a network of trust — whatever it takes to convey that the events aren't putting anyone in a dangerous situation.

Although the grant is intended to help anyone — not just families with kids at public schools — the group has found that the Castro campus offers an open, safe line of communication with immigrant families who have been forced to live in the shadows. When they invited representatives from the Mexican consulate and a lawyer to the school in April to talk about emergency planning, more than 70 people showed up.

"The families are at the schools every day, the kids are there, and it's right in the center of the neighborhood," Livnat said. "Any time you can get a lot of people to show up is a big victory."

One of the biggest challenges the group faces is that initial, uphill battle of gaining trust with a community fearful of divulging personal information. A well-advertised event at the public library may end up with next to zero attendance while

a surreptitious meeting in the Mountain View Senior Center will draw plenty of families.

"The people who are living in the shadows are known to each other," said Diana Wegbreit, a Listos Mountain View member. "They go to church together, they know who their resources are. They're pretty darned successful to be managing here; it's just a matter of (us) finding a way into those networks."

ICE targets sanctuary cities

Last week, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced it had completed a four-day immigration roundup specifically targeting so-called sanctuary jurisdictions, arresting just shy of 500 people across the country — 27 of whom resided in Santa Clara and San Francisco counties. In a statement, ICE officials claimed that cities and counties that adopt sanctuary policies, such as limiting local law enforcement's cooperation with federal immigration agents, are protecting "dangerous criminal aliens" and undermining public safety.

Rakestraw said that kind of political posturing from ICE in press releases is largely ineffective at scaring the immigrant community, but seeing someone

local get taken away by ICE — often in a discreetly marked van — every few months does keep a constant level of fear in Mountain View. On Sunday, Sept. 24, an El Salvadoran teen was reportedly arrested by ICE somewhere in the downtown area, Rakestraw said. Immigration officers were looking for his brother, who had a criminal record, but incidentally took him instead, she said.

"Yes, the messaging has heightened fear in people, but it's a thousand times higher because of the boy who got picked up," she said. "If ICE comes in every two to three months and picks someone up, they keep up that fear and hope that they can force people to pack up and move."

Simitian said the ICE raids on sanctuary cities serve as an important reminder to the community at large of the "weight of anxiety" that perpetually hangs on undocumented immigrants, that there's a real, tangible threat that people who are here illegally may be taken away from their families.

"It's also a tangible reminder of why it is important to have groups like Listos Mountain View in place and adequately funded to do their work," he said. ▀

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GREAT EVENT FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Middle-schoolers march for DACA

By Stephanie Lee

Cheers erupted from a group of Graham Middle School students and teachers as they marched through downtown Mountain View around 4:15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29.

According to Edgar Gomez, a history teacher and the club adviser for Graham's Latino Student Union, about 35 to 40 students and staff members marched in the demonstration. The protest was largely organized by members of the Latino Student Union, Gomez said. It was spurred by the announcement from the Trump administration that it was ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that grants temporary legal status to young people brought to the United States as children.

"I don't want to take any credit for the demonstration. I provided supplies; however, the ideas, actions and efforts of the event were all student-centered," Gomez said. "They got the word out around school, garnered the support of fellow classmates and teachers and it helped make our



STEPHANIE LEE

Students and staff from Graham Middle School marched through downtown Mountain View on Friday, Sept. 29, in support of DACA and immigrants.

event that much more successful."

Gomez said the demonstration was to show support for those affected, mainly DACA recipients and other members of the immigrant community living in Mountain View.

"We as a group wanted to let our voices be heard, so that those who are scared or cannot speak out for themselves know they have support," he said. "Although Mountain View is a very affluent community with

tremendous resources, there is still a large population of community members affected in a very real and personal way."

According to Gomez, students are passionate about the issue and will continue to speak up in the future to express their support for the legislation.

"We may not have demonstrations every week," Gomez said. "But we will be passionate about this issue until an official resolution is passed." ■

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a home in Mountain View, he said.

Their neighbors, including line chefs, house cleaners and other service workers, would be in far more trouble if they lost their homes, he said.

"I'd bet all the money in my pocket that nobody in our complex will be able to afford one of these new units," he said. "This feels like a back door to ebb away at rent control."

The Oct. 3 study session was focused on a package of zoning exemptions required for the Moffett Manor redevelopment to comply under the city's land-use rules. The city staff report didn't mention Mountain View's rent control program.

Nevertheless, council members repeatedly brought up rent control as a factor at play in the redevelopment project. At an affordable-housing study session last month, council members had asked staff to investigate ways to revise a subset of R-3 zoning — normally reserved for apartment projects — to also include more opportunities to develop denser ownership rowhouses.

City staff decided to arrange a study session for the Summer-Hill proposal because it was the first of its kind to broach these issues.

"Rent control is having landlords looking at the viability of their projects," said Councilman John McAlister. "I see a lot more of this coming. I'm sad to see them go, but I'm glad we're getting more ownership housing."

Council members backed plans for reviewing future R-3 redevelopment proposals on a case-by-case basis. They signaled they want to encourage redevelopment projects, especially for new ownership housing. But some council members also warned that their support is conditional — they were also concerned about displacing low-income families.

Mayor Ken Rosenberg was philosophical, remaining unclear about whether he thinks the tradeoff is worth it.

"We have 56 households in Mountain View who are in naturally affordable housing, and this will displace them all," he said. "Which rent-controlled locations are (we) willing to scrap? I don't know the answer to that right now." ■

ACHIEVEMENT GAP

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from 12 percent, showing a less stark but consistent trend that the district's under-performing students failed to improve — let alone hold steady — in academic performance.

It's too early to say what caused the precipitous drop in performance, and there's going to be an intense focus in the coming months to figure out why English learners struggled to meet state standards this year, said Brigitte Sarraf, the high school district's director of assessment and evaluation.

The only reasonable explanation at the moment, she said, is that English learners are a relatively small cohort to begin with — only 58 English learners took the test — and the least stable population in terms of turnover each year. The district knows very little about who they are, where they come from and how long they've been in the district. Students not proficient in English may have recently come from another country with an entirely different level of academic rigor, making them ill-prepared for the SBAC test.

"It's a group for which we have zero control over," she said.

The achievement gap has been a key concern for both school districts since the state launched

its first Common Core-aligned exams in 2015, and for good reason. The test revealed that the "gap" in student performance along ethnic and economic lines — as well as English fluency — is larger in Mountain View than the rest of the county and the state. Last year, a massive data project by Stanford researchers more or less validated what district officials already knew: That wealthy Bay Area cities like Mountain View are home to some of the largest achievement gaps in the nation.

In 2015, Mountain View Whisman officials sought to put a dent in the problem by committing \$1.5 million in so-called "turn-around" funding at the district's lowest-performing schools. At Castro Elementary School, where 83 percent of the student population is Latino and two-thirds qualify for free and reduced-price meals, that money translated into after-school support, summer programs and intervention staff to provide remedial help for the students who are struggling to perform at grade level.

District staff largely credit Castro's Response to Instruction (RTI) program, which created an extra enrichment period designed to boost literacy for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, for the big improvements each year. The program was piloted at Castro, and this

year was expanded to all elementary schools.

Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said the drop in test scores this year don't wash away some of the major progress made by the district since the first Common Core test in 2015, particularly among low-income students, and that the district's rollout of RTI could be a fairly large game changer next year.

"We are working extremely hard to close the achievement gap," Rudolph said.

For the second year in a row, Castro Elementary has outpaced the rest of the district in helping needy students, indicating that the extra resources appear to be helping. The number of English learners meeting state standards at the school rose from 8 percent to 18 percent in English language arts since 2015, and from 13 percent to 23.2 percent in math. Among students from low-income families at Castro, 40.3 percent met state standards for English language arts — up from 21 percent in 2015 — and 35.2 percent met the standards for math, up from 20 percent.

There were some bright spots for the high school district as well, particularly in narrowing the achievement gap along ethnic lines. Fifty-five percent of Latino students met the state standards for English language arts, up from 40 percent last year, and

34.5 percent met the standards for math, up from 27 percent. Students from low-income families also made massive improvements in English language arts, with 50.8 percent meeting state standards compared with 35 percent the prior year.

Mountain View-Los Altos has made it a top priority in recent years to increase the number of Latino and underrepresented minority students enrolled in Advanced Placement and honors classes, including hiring an outside consultant to identify students who were enrolled in college preparatory classes and had the willingness and aptitude to take on more rigorous coursework. In 2015, the Santa Clara County Office of Education praised Mountain View High School for fully reflecting the school's student diversity in its toughest classes.

In a press release, Mountain View-Los Altos officials called the recent test scores among Latino students "remarkable."

Overall scores

This year's overall test scores prompted a sigh of relief for the Mountain View-Los Altos district, which more than rebounded from an inexplicable decrease in performance in both English language arts and math last year. At a special study session on the 2016 test scores, Sarraf

described the SBAC test results as an anomaly, running contrary to the district's stellar track record on Advanced Placement (AP) exams and the SAT.

After two months of heavy research, district officials still had no clear explanation for the drop in test scores, raising concerns that students may not be taking the test seriously. Because the test is taken in the junior year of high school, many teens may be more focused on tests like the SAT, ACT and AP exams that affect their odds of getting into a choice college.

Sarraf said the district made a concerted effort to better prepare students for the SBAC test, including classroom assessments that more closely mirror what would be on the state-standardized test as well as all-digital exams on computers rather than paper and pencil tests.

Sarraf said that the overall test results show a more honest picture of student performance in the district. "This is the first year where the results on the SBAC test are to be taken seriously; they truly mirror what our student performance looks like on all other indicators," she said. "That's certainly not what we could say last year — last year something majorly went wrong, and it wasn't what we expected." ■

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is expected to occur in the San Antonio area, making a school in the region — as expensive and built-out as it is — a critical part of the district's strategy for future growth.

Council members made it clear that under most circumstances, they wouldn't have tolerated such generous contributions. They opened the door for residential development to be converted into offices at a time when the city is fighting to fix its poor job-housing imbalance, and allowed hundreds of thousands of square feet of development to move from one carefully crafted zoning plan to another. But it would be worth it if the payoff includes getting a school and a public park in the San Antonio area, Councilman Lenny Siegel said.

"Getting a school in this part of town is a high priority for me, and I'm willing to put up with some things that I wouldn't otherwise put up with — even a small amount of extra offices in North Bayshore — to make that happen," he said.

"I would prefer residential, I would prefer spreading it around, but this is our last, best chance to get a school in the San Antonio area, where it is drastically needed."

Councilman Chris Clark said it gives him "heartburn" to give up homes in favor of offices after spending years figuring out where to put residential development in the city, but he conceded that it may be a necessary step to bring a school to the region. The council still has to grant final approval for each transferred development right, and the assumption is that developers are going to make a good-faith effort to spread it out rather than pile it all into one place, Clark said.

"If what we get as a (proposal) is half a million square feet in one space, they should understand there's a pretty big risk they're going to get a 'No' vote on that," he said.

School district officials made clear from the outset that any restrictions or conditions imposed on transferring

development rights would throw the school district's entire plan into jeopardy. Board member Bryan Johnson said the district needs "maximum flexibility" in order to create a robust buyer's market for developer rights, particularly early on in San Antonio's transformation into a dense commercial and residential center of the city.

"If we don't act now, we will likely never be able to do this," he said. "It won't be available again in our lifetime once projects in the San Antonio Precise Plan are completed."

Along with making development rights as easy to sell as possible, council members agreed to ramp up the city's commitment to pitch in money for open space adjacent to a school site. A total of \$6 million per acre — up to \$23 million — from the city's park land dedication fund would be available for joint-use park land.

Stephen Freiberg, president of the Greater San Antonio Community Association, told council members that the region has long been under-served, and has a "clear" need for both a school and parks and field space. The San Antonio area has the lowest ratio of park space per 1,000 residents than any other area of the city — only 1.34 acres — making it all the more enticing to jump on the opportunity for athletic fields and open space.

"As we add apartments and condominiums, business and office buildings, and experience increased amounts of traffic, we have to balance it by adding facilities for the people who live in the area," Freiberg said. "There's an opportunity that will be lost if we don't grab this chance, so let's grab it."

Add it all up, and the value of the development rights and the park funds could exceed \$100 million in contributions by the city to encourage a Los Alto district school site in Mountain View.

Los Altos Superintendent Jeff Baier told the *Voice* after the meeting that he was pleased with council's decision to support a framework that would allow the district to buy land in a school for Mountain View, making good on

the district's strategy to maintain small neighborhood schools despite enrollment growth. He said the district has already been in contact with multiple "potential interested parties" looking to purchase development rights.

A neighborhood school or a charter school?

A big question hanging over the meeting Tuesday night is what kind of school Los Altos district officials envision for the region. Would it be a standard elementary school welcome to nearby residents, or would it be the new home of Bullis Charter School, a magnet program that draws students from all over the district?

As it stands right now, the Los Altos district's board of trustees has not resolved that question. Part of the reason for the delay is that Bullis requires a larger footprint — it has more than 800 students from kindergarten

through eighth grade — and the district has no idea how big the Mountain View school site would be.

Councilwoman Pat Showalter, participating in the meeting by phone, said she wanted to encourage the school district to make it a neighborhood school, which would add more value to the San Antonio community than a magnet school that draws from a broad region centered in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. It's a reasonable stipulation to give to the school district, she said, given the "tremendously generous" package of incentives the City Council is allowing through the transfer of development rights and park land dedication funds.

Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga agreed, pointing out that the charter school would put an additional strain on traffic in the region as parents drive farther distances for pick-up and drop-off.

"If it were a magnet school, we would have people driving from all over and we would have traffic issues, and we know San Antonio is already congested as it is," Abe-Koga said.

Although a majority of council members showed strong preference for a neighborhood school, they declined to make it a condition for allowing the transfer of development rights and the park funds. Siegel said he was hesitant to get the city involved in the "complicated issue" of facilities under discussion by the charter school and the district, which in the past has led to bitter disputes and lawsuits.

"My preference would be for it to be a neighborhood school, but I do not see this council getting involved in the hornets' nest of issues between the Los Altos School District and Bullis Charter School," he said. ▀

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An officer patrolling the Jason Aldean country concert on Saturday, Sept. 30, received reports of a fight between two women in the parking lot south of the venue at around 10:45 p.m. One of the women was screaming about how the other had taken her phone, and said she wouldn't go home, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The woman was allegedly heavily intoxicated, and became "increasingly agitated" despite the officer's efforts to calm her down, Nelson said. She was eventually arrested on public intoxication charges.

Battery charges were added after she allegedly kicked the officer and rammed her heel into his feet while she was being detained, Nelson said.

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Standing firm against Google's pressure

Life is complicated, and oversimplification of problems is itself often a problem. But if there's anything residents of Mountain View and neighboring cities can state simply, with a certainty grounded in painful experience, it's this: Too many jobs + too little housing = traffic gridlock and stratospheric housing costs.

The city and its elected officials have labored hard in trying to find solutions to the severe jobs-to-housing imbalance that increasingly diminishes the quality of life on the Peninsula and beyond. As part of this effort, a newly constituted City Council in 2015 reversed council opposition to housing in North Bayshore, approving zoning for that area to allow thousands of new homes to be built near the work centers of high-employment tech giants headquartered in Mountain View.

Google, the predominant landowner in the area, welcomed the change, and working with the city developed a plan to build 9,850 new housing units in North Bayshore — a plan that nears the final stages in the city's approval process. So council members were understandably stunned during a meeting in late September when a high-ranking Google official threatened to withdraw plans to build the housing if the city doesn't allow his company to build an additional 800,000 square feet of office space beyond what the city had agreed might be acceptable.

The message was, of course, alarming to anyone concerned

about the already crushing imbalance between jobs and housing in the city, and putting their hope in Google to help ease the crisis.

Much to their credit, council members stood their ground, even after being told by the Google representative: "No new office; no new residential." Although there was plenty of nervousness over the risk of having Google back out of the housing plan, the council majority rejected the company's demand for the extra office space.

On Monday, another Google official sent a letter to the council, apologizing that his colleague's message at the Sept. 26 council meeting "came out as a demand," and assuring council members that the company "strongly support(s) the creation of the full 9,850 new housing units."

So does that mean all ends well? That remains to be seen.

Google's demand as expressed at the council meeting serves to undermine trust in the company's long-term intentions and the strategies it is willing to engage in to meet its goals. Despite the olive branch Google offered after the fact, the company's performance at last month's meeting was bullying and troubling.

The community will be watching future negotiations and agreements between the city and Google, no doubt hoping that the cooperative tone of Google's Oct. 2 letter will be the norm, but that if the gloves come off again, the City Council will again stand firm.

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VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

SUPPORTING THE RV REPAIR FUNDING EFFORT

I totally agree with what Lisa Rogan says in her guest opinion (Mountain View Voice, Sept. 29). I highly congratulate her for it.

I have lived in Mountain View for 43 years and have witnessed the demographic and socioeconomic evolution and change our city has and is going through, especially in the high-tech industry.

Our local political leaders pride themselves for promoting our city's diversity, and that's good. But the diversity that has been promoted and defended and has been the source of pride now includes many RVs on our streets. Those RVs are homes for individuals and entire families who cannot afford to live in a place like most of us do. This is the ugly side of our city's present diversity and many of us are selfish enough to not want to look at it, much less to deal with it. Our housing crisis at its "best"!

In view of our present social

reality, our local government has to change some of its rules so that the thing to do will not be, for example, ticketing and towing the "homes" of our brothers and sisters, "punishing them for being poor." Lisa Rogan and her husband are donating \$500 to help with basic RVs repairs. I am joining them by donating \$250 for the same purpose.

Each one of us, as human beings, has the moral obligation to show our solidarity in any way we can with our human brothers and sisters who need and deserve to live according to their human dignity. Let's get for a moment out of our comfort zone and put ourselves in their shoes.

*Job Lopez
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A MODEST PROPOSAL

With regard to what might be done with our housing crisis, and the current flap with Google and housing in North Bayshore, I have a modest proposal. First, any development, of

any kind, in a city like Mountain View entails costs for the city — police, fire, water, sewer, and other utilities, parks, schools, roads, parking, etc. — that may or may not be covered by the taxes that the development will pay during construction and afterwards. This is the rationale for development impact fees, which have been upheld by the courts.

In our present situation, we have developers proposing projects that require large amounts of new housing that they, typically, do not provide themselves. We are to assume, as in "The Field of Dreams," that "if you build it, they will come." If Google builds an office project of 800,000 square feet, thus bringing in about 4,000 new employees, housing for the employees is presumed magically to appear.

I have another idea: Instead of hoping for a magical outcome, how about a new developer impact fee, requiring provision, in some way, of housing for all the employees, not necessarily

by the developer himself, but possibly by someone associated; and the housing need only be located within a reasonable distance of the project.

In the instance above, Google itself could provide 4,000 units of housing, or they could partner with a residential developer to provide the housing. In theory, this wouldn't cost Google any money at all, and they might even make money for providing the housing if they choose to charge rent for it.

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FOOD FEATURE

Sweet Talking

by Elena Kadvany

Yotam Ottolenghi's cooking style is so popular it has spawned its own verb: "Ottolenghify."

The Israeli-born British chef is known for his string of London delis and stunning cookbooks, which teach others how to "Ottolenghify" traditional dishes with the addition of bold flavors and ingredients like saffron, cardamom, figs and tahini.

Ottolenghi spoke to a sold-out crowd at the Oshman Family JCC in Palo Alto on Tuesday while on tour for his new cookbook, "Sweet," which he co-authored with Helen Goh, an Australian pastry chef and long-time lead product developer for Ottolenghi's restaurants. The cookbook is his first focusing on desserts. Goh joined him at the event.

On Tuesday, he described his own cooking sensibilities, which he applies to sweets as much

as savory: "I try to break the rules if I can — not just for the sake of it but just for asking the right questions," he said. "Why do we cook in a certain way?"

This approach shows up over and over again in "Sweet," where even a classic American dessert, the chocolate chip and pecan cookie, is tweaked with the additions of cocoa powder, cinnamon and mashed banana.

Ottolenghi's background defies convention. He was born and raised in Jerusalem, but has Italian roots on his father's side. He earned a master's degree in philosophy and comparative literature before moving to London, where he planned to start

a doctoral program but instead ended up at culinary school. His first cooking job was whipping egg whites for souffles at a Michelin-starred restaurant in London in 1997.

His co-author's story is similarly unusual: Goh is both an accomplished pastry chef and practicing psychologist. She was born in Malaysia but immigrated at a young age to Australia, where she worked in the pharmaceutical industry before shifting to pastry. Goh got the job with Ottolenghi's company a decade ago by cold-emailing Ottolenghi after visiting one of his London shops, which she described as "like Aladdin's caves," with windows full of sweets piled high.

Goh's own baking style — which is more traditional and simple, she said — has become bolder because of her years with Ottolenghi, but she has also left her print on the brand. Her own recipes, such as her take on an Australian classic cookie (a custard "Yo-Yo" with roasted rhubarb icing) and simple peanut cookies, are featured in "Sweet."

The two have been collaborating for years, and spent hours together testing desserts that would end up in "Sweet" during what Ottolenghi called "crazy sugar sessions" at his house in London. On Sunday afternoons, Goh would bring armfuls of cakes to eat and critique.

"It was not just physical," Goh said. "We put our academic, analytical minds to work."

The goal of "Sweet" is to make the sometimes intimidating



"Sweet" was co-authored by Yotam Ottolenghi and Helen Goh.



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The recipe for blackberry and star anise friends is included in "Sweet."

world of dessert-making more approachable, both said. Each recipe comes with a short story on how it came to be (Ottolenghi said these details are important in a time when "story-less recipes are abundant" online) and

helpful tips and tricks in the margins. "Blind" testers also tried the recipes to make sure home cooks could follow them.

"The more I hear these kind of voices that I think we all know — 'I just cook; I don't bake

because I find it too challenging, too precise and so much can go wrong with a cake' — I actually think it's the other way around," Ottolenghi said.

So much can go wrong when cooking fish, he said, while



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"Sweet" co-authors Yotam Ottolenghi, left, and Helen Goh, center, talk about the making of their book with Margo True, food editor at *Sunset* magazine.

baking a cake comes with more structure and definition.

Ottolenghi described himself as more of a recipe developer today than a chef, constantly keeping his audience — home bakers and cooks with a wide range of skill sets — in mind.

Ottolenghi and Goh also shared their own tricks of the trade on Tuesday: measuring ingredients by weight rather than volume is the best ("there is no merits to cups," Ottolenghi said); when baking with bananas, use "mottled" bananas rather than overly ripe ones, Goh said, to get an ideal balance of sugar and acid; and sifting flour is not always necessary, except in some recipes.

As a tribute to all things sweet, the cookbook's authors also acknowledge that sugar is often viewed as "Public Enemy No. 1." Ottolenghi argued Tuesday that the book celebrates ingredients and bringing people together through baking rather than the sugars hidden in processed foods.

"For us, cakes are not so much about sugar. ... it's much more about the act of baking," he said. "It's a cultural act. The art of baking is the best manifestation that our culinary culture has created over the years."

To read an exclusive Q&A with the *Weekly/Voice* and Ottolenghi, go to mv-voice.com.

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SWEET

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Below is a recipe from "Sweet" that Ottolenghi said would be the one dessert he would eat for the rest of his life.

TAHINI AND HALVA BROWNIES

Servings: 16

The combination of tahini, halva and chocolate is so good that some members of staff (Tara, we see you!) had to put a temporary personal ban on eating these particular brownies during the making of this book. It is very hard to eat just one.

In order to achieve the perfect balance of cakey and gooey — that sweet spot that all brownies should hit — the cooking time is crucial. It will vary by a minute or so depending on where the pan is sitting in the oven, so keep a close eye on them.

Equipment: We made these in a 9-inch square baking pan, but a 12 x 8-inch pan also works well.

Storage: These will keep well for up to 5 days in an airtight container. They also freeze well, covered in plastic wrap, for up to a month. When you take them out of the freezer, they are uncommonly good eaten at the half-frozen, half-thawed stage.

- 1 cup plus 1-1/2 tablespoon unsalted butter, cut into 3/4-inch cubes, plus extra for greasing
- 9 ounces dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids), broken into 1-1/2-inch pieces
- 4 large eggs
- 1-1/3 cups granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup plus 3 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup Dutch-processed cocoa powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 7 ounces halva, broken into 3/4-inch pieces
- 1/3 cup tahini paste

Heat the oven to 400 F. Grease your chosen pan and line with parchment paper, then set aside.

Place the butter and chocolate in a heat-proof bowl over a pan of simmering water, making sure that the base of the bowl is not touching the water. Leave for about 2 minutes to melt, then remove the bowl from the heat. Stir until you have a thick, shiny sauce and set aside to come to room temperature.

Place the eggs and sugar in a large bowl and whisk until pale and creamy and a trail is



left behind when you move the whisk; this will take about 3 minutes with an electric mixer, longer by hand. Add the chocolate and fold through gently with a spatula — don't overwork the mixture here.

Sift the flour, cocoa powder and salt into a bowl, then gently fold into the chocolate mixture. Finally, add the pieces of halva, gently fold through the mix, then pour or scrape the mixture into the lined baking pan, using a small spatula to even it out. Dollop small spoonfuls of the tahini paste into the mix in about 12 different places, then use a skewer to swirl them through to create a marbled effect, taking the marbling right to the edges of the pan.

Bake for about 23 minutes, until the middle has a slight wobble and it is gooey inside — they may be ready anywhere between 22 and 25 minutes. If using the 12 x 8-inch pan, they will need a couple of minutes less cooking time. They may seem a little undercooked at first, but they firm up once they start to cool down. If you want to serve them warmish (and gooey), set aside for just 30 minutes before cutting into 16 pieces. Otherwise, set aside for longer to cool to room temperature.

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■ MOVIE REVIEWS

AMERICAN MADE ★★★

Doug Liman's "American Made" makes a legend out of Barry Seal, a criminally corrupt pilot who — in order to save his skin — went to work for the Reagan-era government. Just in time after the debacle of "The Mummy," Tom Cruise delivers a winningly old-school star performance as Seal, a TWA pilot who supplements his income by smuggling contraband. As the film has it, Seal gets recruited by the CIA, in the form of a handler going by "Schafer" (Domhnall Gleeson). Seal's subsequent work as a reconnaissance pilot over Central America (and courier to and from Manuel Noriega) puts him on the radar of the incipient Medellín cartel, so Seal starts running drugs on the side for Pablo Escobar and company. The filmmakers streamline Seal's story considerably, and given his shadowy role in history, it's a story that invites conjecture. Depending on whom

you believe, this version of Barry Seal either dumbs down a longtime CIA operator to a skilled hustler or elevates a DEA informant to a CIA operative. Either way, Seal's story is a fascinating one worth investigating, and "Made" will draw mass attention to it. *Rated R for language throughout and some sexuality/nudity. One hour, 55 minutes.* — P.C.

STRONGER ★★★

"Stronger" single-handedly restores humanity to the movies with moments built around human behavior. Early and often, the movie catches one off guard with the characters' open-hearted gestures under duress, earning tears instead of jerking them. Jake Gyllenhaal plays Jeff Bauman, the 28-year-old Boston native who became a double amputee after terrorist bombs exploded along the sidelines of the 2013 Boston Marathon. Bauman was there to cheer on his on-again, off-again girlfriend Erin Hurley (Tatiana Maslany), a point that binds the two in grief and guilt, appreciation and resentment, but most powerfully by love. Our hero is surrounded by a loud and tenacious family that offers its own brands

■ MOVIE OPENINGS



Ryan Gosling is Officer K in "Blade Runner 2049."

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'BLADE RUNNER 2049' AN UNCOMMONLY FINE SEQUEL

★★★1/2 (Century 16 & 20)

A strange and beautiful beast indeed, "Blade Runner 2049" is a science-fiction epic for adults. This large-scale, 35-years-later sequel to Ridley Scott's "Blade Runner" dreams big, with classically challenging science-fiction implications about our present and our rapidly approaching future.

Oscar-nominated director Denis Villeneuve ("Arrival," "Sicario") and his screenwriters — the original film's co-screenwriter Hampton Fancher and Stanford grad Michael Green ("Logan," "Alien: Covenant") — chip away at today's audiences one anxiety at a time. In freely adapting Philip K. Dick's novel "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?," the original "Blade Runner" offered a triumph of mood and world-building, positing a steampunk dystopia where "replicants" (bioengineered beings scarcely distinguishable from humans) threatened people just by wanting to go on living. "Blade Runner 2049" pivots that science-fiction neo-noir into a science-fiction detective story that tumbles further down the rabbit hole in pursuit of the meaning of humanity and our relationship to technology.

Villeneuve quite rightly would prefer that you know nothing about the plot before seeing his film. Suffice it to say that Ryan Gosling plays a new "blade runner" (that is, a hunter of replicants,

working for the LAPD) who eventually comes face-to-face with Rick Deckard, the blade runner introduced by Harrison Ford in 1982. Gosling's blade runner "K" (a Kafka-esque nod to his Everyman status and/or authorial surrogacy) drifts through his work with a cold professionalism that nonetheless feels as if it may thaw at any moment into dewy-eyed emotion.

And as he drifts, so do we — into and out of wildly overpopulated urban hellscape and blighted exurban deserts that write large our own projections of lifestyle decay and collapsed ecosystems. In what may be the film's most moving plot thread, K has a holographic mate named Joi (Cuban-born actress Ana de Armas), a product advertised with a line that sums up modern mercenary moviemaking: "Everything you want to see./ Everything you want to hear." Like the replicants, she certainly seems to have a soul, or at least as much of one as the humans around her. The blurred lines of humanity create an environment ripe for a civil rights movement to rise up from and for replicants (referred to as "ideal slave labor") or perhaps other forms of artificial intelligence. K's LAPD boss Lt. Joshi (Robin Wright) fears "a war, or a slaughter" should that particular door of perception open.

The sequel shares with the

original a haunted quality both in its aesthetic and its spare dialogue, which tends to the lyrical. We're still in a steampunk dystopia, but one easily tracked as being closer than we'd like to admit. One clue leads K through a Dickensian orphanage/sweatshop producing tech, Foxconn run by a Fagin (Lennie James' pointedly named Mister Cotton). Corporate elites still tower above the second-class citizenry and third-class replicants, slurred as "skin jobs" or "skinners."

"Blade Runner 2049" keeps teasing these larger ideas while it doggedly, deliberately pursues its central mysteries of defining identity and societal "order." At last working with the resources and creative freedom typically only afforded to Christopher Nolan, Villeneuve crafts an arresting vision in concert with legendary cinematographer Roger A. Deakins and production designer Dennis Gassner ("Skyfall"). "Blade Runner 2049" has its action-oriented thrills, but they take a back seat to K's personal journey of the mind and a vision of the hopeful preservation of miracle and memory, the flowered weed somehow surviving on rocky ground, the woodwork of art handcrafted from the long-forgotten tree.

Rated R for violence, some sexuality, nudity and language. Two hours, 43 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

of love, support and distraction, in this case with alcoholic matriarch Patty (Miranda Richardson) the lightning rod at its center. *Rated R for language throughout, some graphic injury images, and brief sexuality/nudity. One hour, 56 minutes.* — P.C.

AMERICAN ASSASSIN 1/2

"American Assassin" — based on the best-selling novel by the late Vince Flynn — has a mindset trapped in the 1980s when Chuck Norris ruled the roost of disposable shoot-em-ups. This repulsive macho fantasy

seems expressly designed to appeal to the readers of "Soldier of Fortune" magazine. The film's mindless distractions are downright irresponsible in stoking fear of terrorism and making a hero out of a revenge-minded raw nerve. This origin story introduces 23-year-old orphan Mitch Rapp (Dylan O'Brien in "The Maze Runner") as the victim of jihadi terrorists, who shoot up an Ibiza beach and rob him of his fiancée of five minutes. In an utterly preposterous tall tale of American exceptionalism, Rapp immediately becomes a DIY super spy

who texts and talks himself right into the terrorist cell's Libyan stronghold (O'Brien brings a grim, gym-trained physicality but, saddled with this script, comes off like Tom Cruise in training pants). And so "American Assassin" swiftly shifts from being extremely distasteful cultural poison to being extremely clichéd cultural poison. This movie is strictly for those who feel Tom Clancy books just aren't American enough. *Rated R for strong violence throughout, some torture, language and brief nudity. One hour, 51 minutes.* — P.C.

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■ HIGHLIGHT

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Opera: 'Norma' Bellini's opera "Norma," is presented by West Bay Opera in its powerful original Pagan/Wicca setting, with a world-class cast, orchestra and chorus. This is a rare chance to see this bel canto gem. Oct. 13 and 21, 8-11 p.m.; Oct. 15 and 22, 2-5 p.m. \$35-\$85; senior, student and group discounts. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. wbopera.org

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What Makes It Great? featuring The American Quartet The revered and longtime Stanford University-resident St. Lawrence String Quartet joins Rob Kapilow to explore and appreciate Antonin Dvořák's American Quartet, perhaps his most popular work. This event is part of What Makes it Great?, a three performance series that includes Kapilow's take on the The Music of Duke Ellington and Theater Songs of Leonard Bernstein. Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

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FESTIVALS & FAIRS

Halloween Scare Faire This annual Costume Swap & Homemade Holidays family event will include a Costume Swap (attendants are encouraged to arrive early to get first pick!); Ghoulish recycled containers and sculptures; a chance to decorate cookies; ghost storytelling; and an opportunity to share goods and Halloween decor. Oct. 8, 1-3 p.m. Free. Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. transitionpaloalto.org

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Should I Start a Business? For those who have an idea for a business, this mentor-supported program is designed to people decide whether and how to proceed. It gives participants the structure and support needed to set their sights on the future and learn the fundamentals of what it means to start their own business. Oct. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free, RSVP required. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Talk on the Search for Life Out There Dr. Jill Tarter will give a free, public, non-technical talk about the search for life out there in space and when life beyond Earth might be found. Oct. 11, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Smithwick Theater, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. foothill.edu/events

The Understanding Computer Dr. Fernando Pereira, Google VP and Engineering Fellow, will join to explain how he's teaching computers to understand context in language, and his vision for a future where devices can act upon it. Oct. 10, 6 p.m. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/

FUNDRAISERS

Bus Barn Theater: Los Altos Follies Bus Barn Theater presents "A Salute to Besieged, Bothered and Bamboozled!" in a satirical musical revue of modern life and politics to benefit Los Altos Stage Company. There will be pre- and post-show receptions with food, wine and a silent auction Friday and Saturday. Oct. 5, preview, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 6 and 7, 7:30 p.m. \$70, Thursday; \$120, Friday and Saturday. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

Fantasca! Gala and Fundraiser FANTASCA!, a joyous Gala and special fundraising event, will be held in honor of Diane Tasca, Pear Theatre's Founder and Artistic Director for 15 seasons. Proceeds will benefit Pear Theatre. Oct. 8, 3-6 p.m. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/ events for more info.

Kiwanis Angel Award The 6th Annual Kiwanis Angel Award honors Palo Alto Marie Wolbach for founding and expanding Tech Trek, a summer science camp for rising 8th grade girls. Oct. 19, 5:30-8 p.m. \$50, to Oct. 12; \$55, after Oct. 12. Palo Alto Sheraton, 625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. kiwanisangelaward.org

Out to Eat 2017 Adolescent Counseling Services' annual fundraising gala celebrates Outlet's 20th anniversary of service to the community, featuring keynote speaker, Juan Barajas, one of Outlet's first directors and national LGBTQ+ movement leader, and emcees, Lillian Taylor Junglieb and Lowell Reade, former Outlet youth. Oct. 6, 6-9 p.m. \$75-\$125; for ticket options, please visit website. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. outtoeat.org

FAMILY

Launch Party: Katherine Roy Award-winning author and illustrator Katherine Roy joins Books Inc. in Mountain View for a Launch Party celebrating her imaginative new non-fiction book for kids, "How to Be an Elephant." (Ages 7+) Oct. 12, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 317 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event/launch-party-katherine-roy-books-inc-mountain-view

Whodunit? Mystery Trivia Night This mystery-themed trivia night is in honor of Mystery Week at the Library. Teams will work together to answer questions about mysteries in popular culture. Prizes will be awarded to the top trivia teams. Oct. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

COMEDY

Comedy Night at O'Malley's Comedy Night at O'Malley's features some of the best comedians in the Bay Area. The show starts at 8:30 p.m., or as soon as the Sunday Night Football game finishes. Sundays, Oct. 1-29, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Free. O'Malley's Sports Pub, 2135 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. facebook.com/comedynightatomalley/

FILM

Mystery Movie Night: 'The 39 Steps' (1935) The library will host a screening of the classic film from the Master of Suspense, Alfred Hitchcock. It's about a man in London who tries to help a counterespionage agent, but when the agent is killed and the man stands accused, he must go on the run to both save himself and also stop a spy ring, which is trying to steal top secret information. Popcorn and film trivia will be served before the movie. Oct. 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/library

FOOD & DRINK

MVUHS "Eagle" Alumni Day Annual Picnic This yearly picnic is for all former and present alumni, teachers and students from old MVHS, the new MVHS, Awalt HS and LAHS. Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Cuesta Park, 615 Cuesta Drive, Mountain View.

Tails & Ales HSSV's 1st annual Tails & Ales will feature family fun, breweries, wineries and more. Guests can enter the pet photo contest at Tailsales.org. Tails & Ales is presented by Abaxis Global Diagnostics, Google and VCA Hospitals. Oct. 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$10-\$50. Google Crittenden Campus, 1200 Crittenden Lane, Mountain View. tailsales.org

LESSONS & CLASSES

Community Wellness Fair Guests will have the opportunity to stop by to visit with representatives of local health agencies, get free health screenings and attend workshops on how to make positive, healthy changes to one's lifestyle. Oct. 7, 1-4 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/library

Design Code Build Level 2: Intermediate This program provides hands-on STEAM learning opportunities to middle schoolers. Level 2 builds on the introductory program, exploring the engineering design process as students work in small teams to solve a tech challenge using Raspberry Pi technology. June 10, Sept 10 and 24, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$15. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events/education

Learn Google G Suite: 3 Sessions The curriculum over the three sessions will include using spreadsheets to plan for an event, creating a logo and flyers, scheduling mock meetings and appointments via Calendar and making a Google Sites website. Oct. 2 and 4, 4-6 p.m.; Oct. 6, 4-5:30 p.m. Free, registration required. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/library

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Alzheimer's Prevention While Alzheimer's can't be prevented, these are the steps people can take to try and reduce the likelihood of it. Oct. 10, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View.

SPORTS

Los Altos High School Pickup Soccer Game This is not professional soccer; it should be a high-quality game, but also fun. Hard-body checks are not allowed, and players should be respectful. Thursdays, ongoing, 5:30 p.m. Los Altos High School (park off Jardin, not Almond), 200 Jardin Drive, Los Altos. Search meetup.com for more info.

Race, Inequality and Language in Education Conference 2017 This is a 2-Day research conference on how race, inequality and language impact schooling.

Stanford's Graduate School of Education has launched a new cross-area committee that focuses on how these important topics intersect to impact education. Everyone is welcome. Oct. 6 and 7, 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. ed.stanford.edu/events

SENIORS

SVILC This two-hour workshop will provide an overview of SVILC's services to the cross-disability community in Santa Clara County and will focus on how SVILC can assist with housing search and assistance and other services related to securing integrated, affordable and accessible housing. Oct. 12, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View.

BUSINESS

Business Mixer Business Mixers offer two hours of power networking for Chamber members. Building relationships and making business connections at these networking events are key strategies to small business success. Second Wednesdays of the month, ongoing, 5-7 p.m. Free. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. chambermv.org/special-events/chamber-event-calendar

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Repair Bicycles for Charity Volunteers are needed to help fix the oversupply of donated used bikes. Mentor mechanics will guide apprentices through their repair checklist and quality assurance process. This is an opportunity to learn new repair skills for those who are interested. Second Saturday of the month, August-November, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange, 2566 Leghorn St., Mountain View. bikex.org

Waverley Writers Open Poetry Reading Waverley Writers is an open poetry venue, and the community is invited to hear and/or read poetry. Meetings are the first Friday of the month. October's meeting will be an all open reading. Oct. 6, 7:30-10 p.m. Free. Friends Meeting House, 957 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. smc-connect.org/locations/waverley-writers

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The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
LUJIA LI
2483 Old Middlefield Way Suite B Mountain View, CA 94043

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/01/2013.

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M & D TRUCKING
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File No.: FBN634159

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1925 Hackett Ave., Apt. # 3 Mountain View, CA 94043

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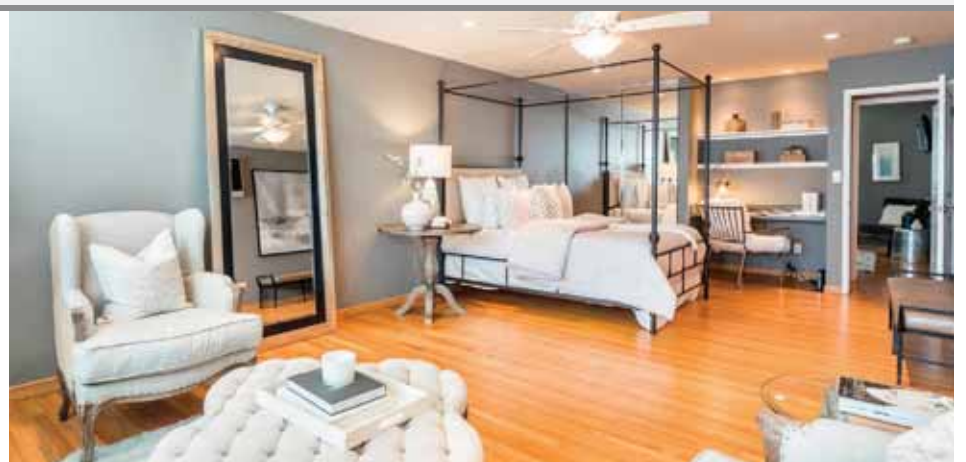
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BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

“DeLeon Realty has always focused on providing clients with the greatest results..”

BY: KEN DELEON, ESQ.
FOUNDER

When Amazon's purchase of Whole Foods Market recently made headlines, I was reminded of my desire for a combination of the quality of Whole Foods with the pricing of Trader Joe's. That wish may be granted due to the aforementioned acquisition. However, this desire for the best products at affordable pricing is not limited to groceries. DeLeon Realty has instituted an analogous value proposition to create the best of both worlds for our clients.

I have always loved the quality of Whole Foods products, particularly their produce. But, even though I invest in the health of my family directly through buying quality produce, I have shopped at Whole Foods more infrequently than desired due to its reputation for high prices through its negative “Whole Paycheck” association. In contrast, I almost never check a price while shopping at TJ's because I implicitly trust that it will always be fair. I always wished that the two could meet.

This dream is now on the verge of reality with Amazon buying Whole Foods and consequently bringing their innovative business model and cost-cutting mindset to Whole Foods. According to *BusinessInsider.com*, the CEO of Whole Foods has announced that his company will now “become as customer-centric as Amazon” as “they put the customer first in everything they do.” This acquisition will be a huge boon to foodies everywhere who want Whole Foods selection and quality, but with a focus on the consumer and fair pricing.

Similarly, I believe that the real estate industry also needs to reevaluate its model and focus, first and foremost, on the client. For too long the traditional model has not changed, prioritizing agents' compensation over clients' satisfaction. With our Silicon Valley origins and innovative mindset, DeLeon Realty's latest revolution completely redefines this antiquated real estate system, building a client-centric model that provides the most optimal results while often having the most reasonably priced services.

DeLeon Realty has always focused on providing clients with the greatest results and, up until now, that has been heavily prioritized over costs. For example, we undoubtedly provide the most services and marketing to our clients. Therefore, we have been able to obtain the highest sales prices for our clients while selling their homes for the most money possible above list price in the fewest number of days relative to other top Silicon Valley brokerages.

However, the cost to obtain our exceptional marketing has been slightly higher for clients because DeLeon Realty has needed to charge 5.5 percent commission, whereas most traditional agents charge five percent. Commissions vary and should be negotiated based on the level of service and marketing provided. In spite of this higher commission rate, DeLeon Realty still saw sales grow nearly 60 percent last year, and we were recently named the #1 Team in California and announced as a close second in the entire nation (out of over 1.25 million agents and teams). Smart clients saw that what really matters is netting more per transaction, and

they made the winning bet that the extra half of a percent is worth it since the value proposition exceeded that.

Like home staging (which our firm provides as part of our extensive package), our superior marketing has a multiplier effect. Counting internal hours spent by our team of experts plus all of our marketing costs, we typically spend over \$25,000 in preparing and marketing a home in just the first 10 days it is on the market. This is about 10 times more than a typical agent and four times more than the very best agent will generally spend in marketing. However, following our client-centric model, we are willing to spend this extra amount on marketing because it will net our clients an extra \$60,000 to \$100,000 in return.

Even with our higher commission rate, last year we were still a market leader with over \$400 million sold in listings alone. While successful, we still did not feel we had entirely changed the model from an agent-centric model to a client-centric model. To fully change the game and to fully advocate for our clients, we have devised our most revolutionary innovation yet: the commission is greatly reduced if a DeLeon Realty agent represents the buyer of one of our listings as we waive all of the buyer-side commission. While each side gets its own agent to advocate on behalf of its clients, both sides benefit through the buyer-side commission being waived. Thus, the commission charged to the seller is only three percent, so sellers can work with the best brokerage in Silicon Valley for nearly half of the price, while buyers' offers are more competitive when working with a DeLeon agent.

Through our innovative and more efficient business model, we can now provide clients with Whole Foods-style best-in-class service, while potentially charging the analogous Trader Joe's prices. DeLeon Realty invests in our clients' success, thereby ensuring our long-term success. We believe it is better to net less profit per transaction while providing exceptional client service. In the end, the secret to success is the same as the secret to life:

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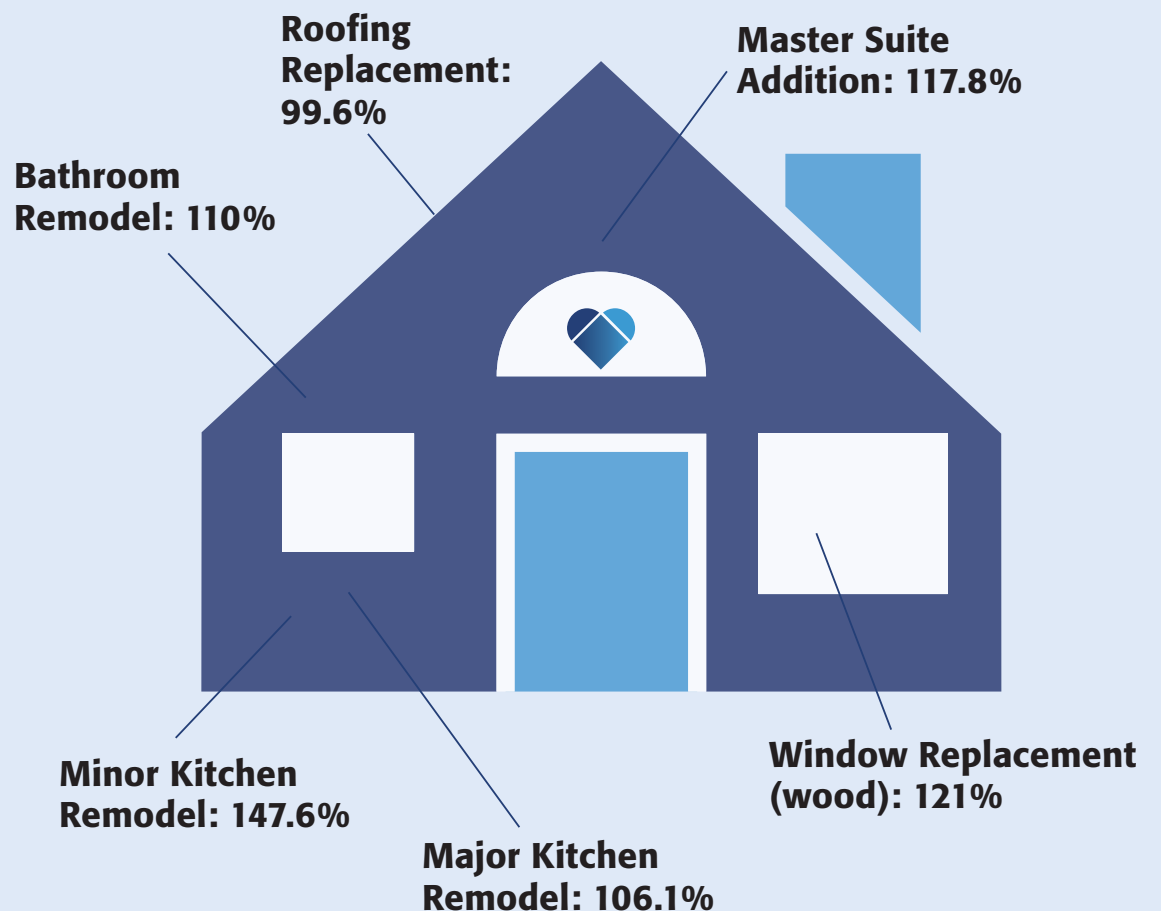
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