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NATALIA NAZAROVA

Kavita Dave Coombe helps **Leo Lindahl**, 6, cut sorrel and other herbs from the garden during the inaugural Harvest History Festival at Mountain View's Heritage Park on Sept. 22.

Harvesting Mountain View's history

Mountain View's agricultural history was celebrated at a festival held Saturday morning at Heritage Park. The inaugural Harvest History Festival offered live music, games, dance performances and tours at the 2-year-old park.

Heritage Park is one of Mountain View's more unusual public spaces. The 1.2-acre site at 771 N. Rengstorff Ave. was formerly home to the Stieper family's house and orchard.

Many of the fruit trees were preserved, and the site also houses demonstration gardens, bee hives and the tiny Immigrant House, a historic cottage dating back to the 1860s that housed field workers.

Sponsored by the city of Mountain View and the Kiwanis Club, the festival drew several hundred attendees, said organizer Mary Kay Marinovich. Mountain View High School's Key Club members provided

face-painting and samples from the vegetable gardens were offered by Soil & Water. The Kitchen Sink Mollies put on a dance performance and live music was by The Stragglers.

Members of the Mountain View Historical Association, the Master Gardener program and the Santa Clara Bee Keeper's Guild were on hand to talk about their programs and answer questions, Marinovich said. ▣

—Andrea Gemmet

Mountain View leads the way on housing growth

IN A LACKLUSTER YEAR FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, DATA SHOWS CITY STOOD OUT IN 2017

By Kevin Forestieri

The Bay Area largely missed the mark on housing growth last year, falling well short of goals set for the region and exacerbating an already bad jobs-housing imbalance, according to new data released by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

But buried in the grim news are signs that some cities, particularly Mountain View, are making strides in combating the housing crisis. The latest data shows Mountain View issued more permits for housing in 2017 than it has in the past three decades, amounting to nearly one in every five housing permits issued in all of Santa Clara County.

Data provided to the *Voice* by MTC shows that Mountain View has issued permits for fewer than 300 units, on average, every year going back to 1990. But add in data for 2017 — when the city issued permits for 1,539 units — and the city's housing growth resembles a hockey stick. Every jurisdiction within the county, including unincorporated areas, issued permits for a total of 8,263 housing units during the same

year, meaning 18.6 percent of the homes were in Mountain View.

The housing data shows the city is punching above its weight. For context, San Jose — a city with a population more than 10 times as big as Mountain View's and sprawling city boundaries encompassing more than 180 square miles — issued permits for 3,097 housing units in the same year.

It was an exceptional year for Mountain View, said Wayne Chen, the city's assistant director of community development. About a half-dozen major residential projects received permits in 2017, including a 583-unit complex across the street from the San Antonio Shopping Center and another 394 apartments along Ferguson Drive in the South Whisman area. While it's tough to say if 2018 will be a similar banner year for the city, Chen said 1,360 new units across 20 projects had been entitled — meaning they've been approved but still lack permits — as of July 1.

Mountain View stands in stark contrast to some of the neighboring cities in the county, with more permits issued than Palo

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Growing up undocumented in Mountain View

JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS, TOURING WITH NEW BOOK, EXPLORES AMERICA'S IMMIGRATION PARADOX

By Mark Noack

After leaving the Philippines as a child, Jose Antonio Vargas settled in Mountain View with his grandparents, seemingly destined for a new life as an American. He was a model student at local public schools, he plowed voraciously through books and movies from the local libraries, and even had

an internship at the hometown newspaper — the *Mountain View Voice*.

But Vargas' life forever changed when he discovered as a teenager that he was living undocumented in the country, a status that would have precluded pretty much any career or life in the United States. For years, he managed to pass as a citizen, successfully advancing

his journalism career, winning a Pulitzer Prize while at The Washington Post. He later revealed his undocumented status in an essay in the New York Times Magazine. Since then he has dedicated his work to showing the inconsistency, hypocrisy and human misery at the heart of the U.S. immigration system.

In his new book, "Dear

America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen," Vargas recounts his own story of growing up in Mountain View and living for years with the fear of being outed as a non-citizen. He uses his biography to show a national paradox — a country wedded to undocumented residents in spite

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Jose Antonio Vargas

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COURTESY OF DRAGON PRODUCTION THEATRE COMPANY

Stephanie Crowley as Eliza and **Tasi Alabastro** as Watson in "The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence."

A WHOLE LOT OF WATSONS

In Dragon Productions Theatre Company's "The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence," actor Tasi Alabastro has the task of playing not one, not two, but four characters, all named Watson. Some of these Watsons are human, some historical, some fictional and some robotic. All of them are compelling, thanks to Alabastro's strong performances, smart writing by Madeleine George, and the overall quality of the Dragon's production.

The play skips around in time and place. There are scenes set in the near-present, when computer scientist Eliza (Stephanie Crowley) is divorced from her husband Frank (Gary Mosher) and perfecting her magnum opus, a humanoid artificial-intelligence system (Alabastro) even better than the computerized Watson system she previously worked on for IBM. There are scenes set in the fictional Victorian world of Arthur Conan Doyle's "Sherlock Holmes" series, where Holmes' BFF Watson takes on a case to help Eliza (Alabastro's not the only one playing multiple roles with the same name) figure out what's going on with her somewhat-menacing husband Frank (you guessed it: Mosher again). What he's up to, it turns out, has some ties to what future-Eliza is building.

There are scenes set in the 1930s, when Thomas Watson, loyal assistant to Alexander Graham Bell, recounts the invention of the telephone. Back in the present, there is also charming IT "Dweeb Team" employee Watson, who becomes romantically involved with Eliza after being hired by Frank to spy on her. And that ostensibly flesh-and-blood Watson sports an awful lot of similarities to the artificial one she's created.

So, the show has lots of brainy fun with its clever cross-references and switches in identities, and a loose but overarching theme of

the importance of human connection. It's often funny, but with heart. Eliza, so skilled at making technological connections, with a genuine desire to use her inventions for good, is terrified of connecting on a real, human emotional level. Bell's famous first telephone conversation — "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you" — is echoed again and again, as different characters need different Watsons in different ways. Modern Watson's spying on Eliza is echoed by Dr. Watson, dressed in the iconic Holmesian deerstalker cap, attempting to tail Victorian Frank. Deftly directed by Doll Piccotto, it's all enough to make audiences' heads spin, but in a very satisfying way.

Alabastro, who was also fantastic in dual roles at the Dragon in "Three Days of Rain" earlier this year, is quickly becoming a favorite local actor. Each of his Watsons is distinct but each retains an appealing sweetness, the helpfulness that's apparently inherent in every Watson. Crowley and Mosher are very strong in their roles, with Crowley moving back and forth between strong-but-damaged modern woman and maltreated English wife, plus a brief but memorable time as a nervous 1930s radio host. Mosher's modern Frank comes off at first as a macho conservative jerk but shows some humanity later on. His Sherlockian Frank is chilling and intense.

"The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence" is the latest in a long line of smart, well-crafted and twisty productions at the Dragon, a type of show I almost always enjoy greatly and which the scrappy little theater does very well indeed. The show is at the Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City and runs through Oct. 7; Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$27-\$35. Go to dragonproductions.net.

—Karla Kane

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**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Mountain View on Tuesday, November 6, 2018:

- For Members of the City Council Vote for no more than three (3)
- Lucas Ramirez
 - Alison Hicks
 - Ellen Kamei
 - Pat Showalter
 - Leonard M. "Lenny" Siegel
 - John Inks

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following measures are to be voted on at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Mountain View on Tuesday, November 6, 2018:

Measure P:

Shall the measure to fund critical City needs such as reducing traffic congestion, enhancing bicycle/pedestrian friendly routes, providing housing affordable for a range of incomes/homeless services, by imposing a business license tax of between \$8 and \$149 per employee on average, with larger companies paying more per employee, generating about \$6 million yearly for unrestricted general revenue purposes, until ended by voters, with independent yearly audits, be adopted?	YES
	NO

Measure Q:

Shall the measure to maintain and protect essential public safety services, including 9-1-1, police and fire protection, emergency medical response; reduce traffic congestion and repair roads; and provide other critical City services, including library, park maintenance, senior services, by levying a tax of up to 9 percent on gross receipts of cannabis businesses, providing about 1 million dollars per year, for unrestricted general revenue purposes, until ended by voters, with independent yearly audits, be adopted?	YES
	NO

Lisa Natusch, City Clerk, City of Mountain View
Dated: September 28, 2018

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■ CRIME BRIEFS

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY ARREST

A homeless man found sleeping under a pile of insulation inside a commercial building was arrested earlier this month after police suspected him of smashing a window to get inside.

Officers went to the building on the 1000 block of Terra Bella Avenue on Saturday, Sept. 15, around 3:20 a.m. following reports of an alarm going off. Police found the 48-year-old suspect sleeping inside, and it appeared he had smashed a window to get into the building, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The man was allegedly found with a credit card that did not belong to him as well as boxes of ammunition. Nelson said the suspect was convicted of a felony in Oregon and is not permitted to have ammo.

Police arrested the man on suspicion of a long list of charges including burglary, resisting arrest, misappropriation of lost property and possession of ammunition as a felon.

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■ POLICE LOG

ATTEMPTED MURDER
Dale Av. & Greenview Dr., 9/23

200 block Castro St., 9/22
1 block Devonshire Av., 9/22

AUTO BURGLARY
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/18
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/18
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/18
1400 block Village Ct., 9/19
700 block E. El Camino Real, 9/19
400 block Hope St., 9/19
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COMMERCIAL BURGLARY
2300 block Bayshore Pkwy., 9/23

GRAND THEFT
600 block W. Evelyn Av., 9/19
1900 block Montecito Av., 9/19
1100 block Farley St., 9/24

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY
1300 block Snow St., 9/17
700 block Hans Av., 9/23

1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/20
California St. & Hope St., 9/20
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/20
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/20
800 block California St., 9/24

THREATENING AN OFFICER
California St. & Castro St., 9/24

BATTERY
700 block View St., 9/17
Bryant St. & California St., 9/18

STOLEN VEHICLE
2300 block W. Middlefield Rd., 9/21

VANDALISM
1900 block Charleston Rd., 9/18
2400 block Charleston Rd., 9/20

■ COMMUNITY BRIEF

MV MAN WINS GOLD IN WORLD DECATHLON CONTEST

Los Altos High School track and field coach Miche Hoffer has proven he knows his stuff when it comes to the hurdles, discus and pole vault. Earlier this month, the 46-year-old took the top award for his age division in the decathlon at the World Masters Athletics Championships in Malaga, Spain.

Hoffer took first place in several of the 10 decathlon events, including shot put, high jump, discus and javelin. While he didn't lead in every event, he emerged at the end with the highest score among the competitors.

Hoffer hails from Sweden and competed for many years on the national team, winning the national decathlon four times. He moved to California in 2000 and took up various coaching jobs, including at Los Altos High School and at Stanford University. Starting in 2015, he began competing again by entering that year's World Masters Athletics Championship in Lyon, France. He took home a silver medal from that championship.

Hoffer lives in Mountain View with his family and runs a private coaching business and gym out of his home.

—Mark Noack



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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Bierhaus is holding a “staff appreciation” event featuring \$2 beers on Friday, Sept. 28, before closing down amid a dispute with the downtown pub’s landlord.

Pour one out for Bierhaus

By Mark Noack

It’s last call for Bierhaus. The popular Castro Street pub must close its doors for good on Friday, Sept. 28, amid a long-simmering feud with its landlords.

The Tran family of San Jose, owner of the 383 Castro St. location, has declined to renew the lease for Bierhaus, alleging the pub was tardy too many times in paying rent. The plan is to redevelop the site into an office building, and perhaps open another restaurant in the interim.

Bierhaus owner Mike Finley is

alleging his landlords are violating his lease and that they intend to steal his business concept. He describes his pub as the latest downtown small business to be thrown out in a development push in the downtown area.

“People in Mountain View need to be more emphatic about what they get from the developers because right now it’s just a gold mine for them,” Finley said. “Not one person who I speak with is happy with the direction of downtown. I think the city is a bit out of touch.”

Last month, Finley filed a lawsuit against the Tran family

seeking damages. Any decision in that case would come too late to prevent Bierhaus from closing.

Finley is now planning to take his beer garden concept elsewhere. He is currently planning to launch a new Bierhaus location at 360 40th St. in Oakland, which is expected to open in late October. He is currently looking for other sites near Sunnyvale and Walnut Creek.

For its last hurrah, Bierhaus is hold a closing-day party on Friday, Sept. 28, to thank its staff and patrons. Finley is promising to serve beers for \$2 starting at 6 p.m., until his taps run dry. ■

Lawyer: Mountain View has little say over new charter school

OPPOSITION AND COMMUNITY SENTIMENT CAN’T BE USED TO DENY CHARTER PETITION FROM BULLIS

By Kevin Forestieri

Bullis Charter School officials are expected to submit a petition next month proposing to build a new charter school in the Mountain View Whisman School District, aimed specifically at serving lower-income families.

And while the petition will technically have to come before the district’s school board for approval, a lawyer for Mountain View Whisman told trustees last week that they have little grounds to deny the petition and warned that, if they do reject it, they could live to regret it.

The Sept. 20 board meeting served largely as a crash course in California charter school law, following surprising news earlier that Bullis Charter School officials plan to submit a petition to open a new campus in the district next fall. The new charter school is expected to serve 320 students from kindergarten through fifth grade. Enrollment would be tuition-free, with a preference given to children in the Mountain View Whisman district who qualify for free and reduced-price meals.

Bullis administrator Jennifer Anderson-Rosse, who is spearheading the application process, told board members that she hopes the board will authorize the charter once it’s submitted, and that there will be a “collaborative” relationship with the district in the future. Early outreach by Bullis staffers found that families are likely to give the new charter school a warm reception, she said.

“We are doing this because we feel confident that the parents residing in this school district want this school, as evidenced by the popular support and interest in this community,” she said.

But does the district really have much of a choice? Under California’s existing charter school law, the cards are indisputably stacked in favor of Bullis Charter School, said David Huff, an attorney hired by the district who spoke at the meeting. He said charter school law is still in its infancy and many components of it have been

challenged in court, but the overarching theme is that the petition process — along with requirements for districts to provide “reasonably equivalent” facilities under Proposition 39 — show a bias in favor of charter schools.

“This body of law, as well as Proposition 39, are weighted to the charter schools,” Huff said. “They were drafted by charter school advocates and passed in a way that, while they certainly have checks and balances that give the school district some power in this process, the law is favored for the benefit of the charter schools.”

Under the state’s education code, the district has to move at breakneck speed to respond to the charter request, holding a public hearing within 30 days of receiving the petition and either granting or denying the petition within 60 days. The petition has more than a dozen components, and must include a clear plan for the academic model of the school, proof of teacher and parent interest, and a sound financial plan for keeping the school afloat.

While school districts are asked to consider the level of support from teachers, employees and parents during the review period, there’s really no teeth to it. Public sentiment is not a valid criteria for denial, Huff said.

“It doesn’t really have any meaning at all, and it’s unfortunate, frankly,” he said. “Even though you’re required to consider the level of your community support, the statute doesn’t allow you to use that for one of your bases to reject the petition.”

Earlier in the meeting, Mountain View Educators Association president Sean Dechter urged trustees not to support the charter petition when it comes before them, stating that it would hurt the district’s schools financially and lower enrollment — potentially eliminating teaching positions in the district. He also cautioned the district about potential legal battles, pointing to the history of litigation between Bullis and the Los Altos School District, where it operates a K-8 school.

Council OKs new fees on developments

HOUSING, COMMERCIAL PROJECTS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS

By Mark Noack

While a proposed “Google tax” on Mountain View’s companies is drawing international attention, another new fee on the city’s business growth is drawing barely a glance. On Tuesday, Mountain View officials signed off on a new city-wide transportation fee, which is expected to raise more than \$50 million through surcharge on nearly all new development projects.

The transportation fee was

approved by the City Council as part of a unanimous vote on the consent agenda. The new fees will be brought to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority later this year for final approval.

As its name suggests, the new transportation fee is intended to defray the costs to maintain and improve the city’s network of streets, bikeways and similar infrastructure. Mountain View has an exhaustive list of more than 85 transportation improvement projects, which together are expected to cost about \$450 million to complete. This list

includes some long-awaited projects, such as a \$190 million rebuild of the downtown transit center, and a \$150 million grade-separation project to bring Rengstorff Avenue under the Caltrain tracks.

To help pay those costs, any new developments across the city are now expected to chip in. Developers of any new housing and hotels will have pay a per-unit fee — about \$4,700 per single family home, \$2,600 per apartment and \$2,900 for each

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Council backs cross-city housing plans

NEW POLICY WOULD OPEN THE DOOR FOR CITIES TO 'TRADE' OBLIGATIONS TO BUILD UNITS

By Kevin Forestieri

In the latest move to increase housing growth in the region, city leaders throughout Santa Clara County are looking at a new strategy, opening the door to cross-city housing development and the ability to "trade" the obligation to build new homes in exchange for money and resources.

Over the last two years, members of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County have been considering what's called a "RHNA subregion," which would empower local elected officials to alter how much housing each city is asked to build in order to keep up with job and population growth. Mountain View City Council members voted 5-1 in favor of the idea Tuesday night, with Mayor Lenny Siegel opposed and John McAlister absent.

The latest RHNA — short for Regional Housing Needs Allocation — states that Santa Clara County needs to generate just over 58,000 housing units between 2015 and 2023 to

keep pace with projected growth. Under the current framework, each city is given a share of that number through a complex algorithm. It's an uphill battle for cities trying to contest the allocation. Creating a subregion would mean more flexibility for cities to essentially trade their housing obligations, with the ultimate goal of creating more housing across the county.

"The idea behind this was to just provide another tool in everyone's toolkit to improve the amount of housing that could be built, particularly affordable housing, because it allows you to 'trade' some of your numbers," said Councilwoman Pat Showalter, who served on the committee proposing the idea.

"We hope it would be a way of getting more affordable housing," she said.

The idea has received a warm reception from 11 cities in the county — Mountain View now included — while the cities of Milpitas, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale have yet to officially weigh in. On paper, the subregion

could mean better cross-city planning along transit corridors or near employment centers, bigger housing developments that take advantage of economies of scale and a greater ability to put housing near existing services.

It could also lead to cities opposed to housing growth shirking their responsibility to build housing, particularly in jurisdictions with a groundswell of opposition to development. Mayor Siegel said he was skeptical of the idea, which he said looks like a time sink that would lead to neighboring cities pushing their responsibility for housing growth onto Mountain View.

"All I can see coming out of this is other cities trying to get Mountain View to build housing that they're obligated to build," he said.

That's unlikely to happen, argued Los Gatos Town Manager Laurel Prevetti, who serves an administrative role on the cities association subregion task force. Under the current vision for the

subregion, each city would have an elected official representing its interests, along with a representative from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors who could weigh in on all major decisions. Prevetti said the ground rules would be that no city would have to unwillingly accept a higher allocation of housing.

So could a neighboring city like Los Altos or Palo Alto 'dump' its housing growth into Mountain View? Technically it could happen, but Prevetti said she doubts Mountain View's council members would agree to the deal, regardless of how many resources would come with it.

"I don't think the receiving city would put up with it, frankly," she said. "I just don't think a receiving city is going to support any dumping of allocations."

The goal is to get city councils across all 15 cities as well as the county to sign on to the subregion idea — at least in concept — before moving forward with a more concrete plan. Prevetti said it's not a problem if one or two smaller cities decide to reject the subregion.

"The deal-breaker jurisdiction is the county," she said. "If all 15 cities say, 'yeah, we want to do this,' but Santa Clara County

doesn't, then that's the deal killer."

Although the purported goal of the subregion would be to help cities meet regional housing needs, Mountain View doesn't need any help. The city is on track to exceed its housing needs allocation and is expected to outperform other Santa Clara County cities in establishing more deed-restricted affordable housing as well. Showalter told the *Voice* that creating a subregion would likely give greater benefits to low-growth cities in the area seeking to fulfill their housing allocation through alternate means.

"Some (cities) have money, and they would be willing to spend and get the political will to contribute money to build what they can't get built locally," she said.

Prevetti cautioned that creating a subregion may set the groundwork for more housing growth, but it doesn't guarantee it will get built. The Bay Area is still subject to market forces, and it will be up to local developers to come forward with projects.

"I think if we can work together and do a subregion, that's a great first step," she said. "But whether it's going to give us 20 percent more housing — I think that's fundamentally more (up to) market economics." ■

HOUSING GROWTH

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Alto (89 permits), Los Altos (49), Sunnyvale (487), Campbell (80) and Cupertino (27) — combined.

Mountain View Mayor Lenny Siegel told the *Voice* that the growth stems from a shift in city priorities starting in 2014, when he and council members Pat

Showalter and Ken Rosenberg were voted into office. He said the election signaled to developers that the city was open to building housing, both market-rate and affordable projects, and that city leaders embarked on a yearslong effort to plan around an upcoming housing boom.

"The trick is to not just build housing, but to build complete

neighborhoods, complete with parks, transit, retail and jobs," he said.

The city has all the key ingredients for housing growth, said Pilar Lorenzana, deputy director for the housing advocacy nonprofit SV@Home. It has the political will, with a solid council majority supportive of housing growth that "doesn't exist in Palo Alto," which is why housing production has really started to pick up. But the city also has a strong contingent of residents who are supportive of the high-growth trajectory, along with private sector developers who see the value in building housing in the city.

"Mountain View is kind of a spark of hope for the valley," Lorenzana said.

Earlier this month, MTC

announced that new data put together by the agency and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) shows that, overall, the nine-county Bay Area struggled to build enough housing to accommodate job growth in the region last year. Newly-built housing totaled 14,900 units in 2017, but the region also added an estimated 52,700 new jobs during the same period, according to the California Employment Development Department.

Permit data, in contrast to MTC's "housing production" measure, shows a more accurate picture of near-term growth and a temperature check on the political and development landscape of individual cities.

Even with the extraordinary housing growth in Mountain View, it's unclear whether the

city's jobs-housing imbalance — largely seen as the culprit for the housing crisis and worsening traffic conditions — is getting any better. Mountain View added an estimated 4,300 jobs in 2017, according to the latest data from the American Community Survey, while the MTC is reporting that Mountain View produced a total of 246 units in the same year.

Siegel said the city doesn't have a lot of control over job growth, and that the added employment in Mountain View has happened amid "relatively little" office development. Mountain View can steer job growth to some degree, he said, but new housing may not keep up.

Lorenzana said she believes the imbalance has been caused by short-sighted financial decisions across the Bay Area's 101 cities. Limits on property tax revenue caused by Proposition 13 inevitably push cities toward allowing commercial growth, a big money generator, while shying away from large, multi-family housing projects. It may increase general fund dollars in the short term, she said, but the collective impact is that people don't have a place to live.

"Unless the cities wake up to the fact that they need to be acting in concert with each other, the problem is just going to keep getting exacerbated," she said. ■

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Decision on new school looms over LASD

MEETING NEXT WEEK SEEKS TO MEND FENCES BETWEEN DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL

By Kevin Forestieri

Leaders from Bullis Charter School and the Los Altos School District are scheduled to meet next week to mend fences and talk openly about what the future holds for a new school in the San Antonio region of Mountain View.

The meeting comes amid growing frustration between the two agencies about a lack of communication, and on the heels of news that closed-door negotiations between the district and the charter school about future enrollment growth and facilities use have gone nowhere. Los Altos School District board president Vladimir Ivanovic said Monday night that the meeting could be the “last real chance to cooperate before we end up in all-out war.”

The Monday, Oct. 1, special board meeting proposed by Bullis Charter School seeks to strike a conciliatory tone between Bullis representatives and the Los Altos School District on the vision for a 10th school site. LASD officials intend to purchase 9.6 acres of land on the

corner of California Street and Showers Drive — currently home to Kohl’s department store and several other businesses — and are rapidly approaching decision time on what school should go there.

The two most likely options are to move Bullis Charter School to the site or create a new neighborhood school serving nearby Mountain View residents.

While Bullis Charter School’s board of directors has yet to officially weigh in on which option it prefers, members of the charter school community have long questioned the idea of buying land for a 10th school site, pointing to the significant acreage already owned by the district — particularly the more than 15 acre-campus occupied by Covington Elementary School. At a school board meeting Monday night, Bullis parent Jill Jene said it feels like the conversation has been artificially constrained because land acquisition must be treated as a given, despite the lack of interest by Bullis and district school communities to relocate to the site.

“You really should look hard at why you’re buying land when nobody wants to go there,” she said.

‘If we don’t put a neighborhood school there now, they will never get a neighborhood school.’

VLADIMIR IVANOVIC,
LASD BOARD PRESIDENT

In an opinion piece in the *Voice* last week, Bullis board chair Joe Hurd also raised concerns that the district may be on track to purchase expensive real estate for a school that would do “nothing to serve LASD’s only neighborhood without its own school.”

At the Sept. 10 board meeting, district school board members amped up their rhetoric about what they described as a lack of transparency from the charter

school and its plans for enrollment growth, creating doubt about whether Bullis is a good fit for the new school site. Trustees raised the notion that the charter school may prompt school closures by growing to 1,800 students and beyond in the coming years — a number that charter school officials deny has ever been seriously considered.

School board members took a more measured approach at the Monday, Sept. 24, meeting, no longer referring to the 1,800-student figure, with Ivanovic stating that the community at-large would be far better off if the district and the charter school cooperated with each other.

“I believe that neither board has publicly acknowledged that the other side may have legitimate interests that conflict with the other side,” he said. “And I think that’s a first step before we can even hope to cooperate.”

Still, Ivanovic said he and the rest of the district leadership have been frustrated by the lack of transparency about the charter school’s plans, and lack of clarity on what Bullis expects in the way of facilities next fall. Communication between the two parties has been so limited that the district only learned of Bullis’ intent to grow to 1,200

students — likely over the next three to five years — through a report put together by the district’s hired demographer in May. Hurd told the *Voice* that sharing this information with a district-hired demographer felt like the “appropriate avenue” for enrollment information.

The idea that Bullis would grow past its current limit of 900 students likely stamps out the possibility that a new school in the San Antonio area of Mountain View could house the charter school in its entirety, with the Los Altos School District Associate Superintendent Randy Kenyon stating last month that cramming a 1,200-student campus on the site is out of the question. It’s unclear how the charter school would be split among existing and future district campuses after growing by 30 percent.

In August, a majority of a district-run task force agreed that moving Bullis to the future Mountain View school would be the best option, with opening a new neighborhood school as a second option. While Los Altos district board members have yet to make a final decision, some board members have opted to weigh in.

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If the school board decides to deny the charter petition, Bullis has other options. It could instead seek a charter with the county, similar to the arrangement between the existing Bullis Charter School in Los Altos and Santa Clara County's Office of Education. If that fails, Bullis has a third option to go before the California State Board of Education. All three options could land a school within the district's boundaries and put the onus on Mountain View Whisman to provide facilities.

Striking out does occasionally happen, as was the case earlier this month with a proposal put forward by Rocketship Public Schools to open a school in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Concerns raised by the Contra Costa County Board of Education included declines in charter school enrollment, questionable staffing proposals and little knowledge of the local education landscape

in the East Bay. At least one of those aspects — the enrollment drops — is unlikely to be a factor in Bullis' application.

Huff didn't mince words explaining the situation: There has been a "very active" effort by charter school advocates to endorse and support candidates throughout the state who support the charter school movement, creating a situation where a charter school petition is likely to get approved by one of the three public agencies. By denying the charter, he said, the district would run the risk of losing the oversight role as the chartering agency, and wouldn't be in a good position to inform the community about the charter school's operation in the district.

"In general, most school districts that reject a charter school petition, that is thereafter approved by another authorizer — either the county or the state — end up regretting that decision," he said. "Losing that oversight responsibility is often times determined to be, in

hindsight, something they wish they didn't do."

After the meeting, Anderson-Rosse told the *Voice* that "every district is different," and that she is confident the new school being proposed in the Mountain View Whisman School District will satisfy a need in the district rather than hinder district-run schools or displace teachers. Not only could the new school act as a much-needed release valve for the sizable enrollment increases projected in the coming years, but it could also serve the roughly 200 families in Mountain View currently on the waiting list to get into Bullis Charter School in Los Altos.

The charter school has held a half-dozen community outreach events over the last month informing Mountain View parents of the upcoming charter petition and soliciting feedback. The plan is to start small for the 2019-20 school year, with 168 students in kindergarten through second grade. ▀

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CRIME BRIEFS

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The building is vacant, Nelson said. The suspect told police the window was already broken, and that he had further damaged the window to get inside.

BURGLARY SUSPECT ARRESTED

Police arrested a Mountain View man on suspicion of burglary after he reportedly tried to steal a home security camera at a Cuesta Park residence Sunday.

Police received reports of the residential burglary around 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23, and the responding officer spotted the 43-year-old suspect walking out of the residence from the backyard, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. The man did not live at the residence and was detained without incident.

Officers determined that the man had attempted to steal a security camera, Nelson said.

He was arrested on suspicion of attempted burglary and prowling. He was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after officers located a methamphetamine pipe in his pants pocket.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON RIDE-SHARE DRIVER

A Palo Alto man was arrested in Mountain View over the weekend after he allegedly grabbed his ride-share driver because he thought it was taking too long to get to his destination.

The 60-year-old suspect was traveling down Leghorn Street in the vehicle on Saturday, Sept. 15 around 10 p.m. when he told his driver the ride was taking too long, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. The man became upset and "aggressively" grabbed the ride-share driver, Nelson said.

Police arrested the suspect on suspicion of battery and public intoxication.

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hotel room. Affordable housing projects and accessory dwelling units will be exempt from these costs.

Meanwhile, the new fees also put one more new expense on office and retail projects. Future commercial office developments will now be required to pay just under \$5 per square foot. New retail space was originally going to be charged more than twice that amount — about \$13 per square foot. The logic goes that because shopping centers and restaurants tend to generate much higher traffic, they should be expected to pay higher transportation fees, explained City Transportation Planner Eric Anderson.

"If you think about a grocery store, that's generating trip after trip all day long, and the fees have to be proportionate to the

impacts on the roadway," he said. "But then the council said they really want to make sure our neighborhoods have retail and they didn't want it to be harder to build."

At the council's direction, fees for commercial retail space were lowered to match the office rate of approximately \$5 per square foot.

The new costs are Mountain View's first citywide fees on new developments for transportation, although the concept has been used previously for specific areas of town. In particular, North Bayshore office projects already must pay \$23.61 per square foot, and retail spaces and hotels also face smaller fees. Under the new fee system, a developer looking to build in North Bayshore would have to pay the new citywide fees in addition to the older fees laid out in the precise plan.

The new fees come at a delicate time for the city's long-term plans

to transform the North Bayshore area into a vibrant mixed-use neighborhood. At recent public meetings, developers have complained that the city's mounting fees are making it cost-prohibitive to build new housing. Each North Bayshore apartment that is built is currently expected to generate about \$120,000 in fees for schools, parks, utilities and transportation costs. City officials are investigating ways to reduce those costs out of concern that developers could walk away from building housing.

The city's new transportation fees will not affect any projects currently in the city's planning pipeline. The transportation impact fees will only affect projects submitted after July 1, 2018. Proposed developments face a deadline of June 2021 to obtain building permits or else the fees will be imposed, Anderson said. ▀

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Earlier this month, board member Steve Taglio said his goal from the start is to put nine schools on nine campuses without closing any schools, and that relocating Bullis from its split-campus arrangement at Egan and Blach junior high schools was the only way to do it. He also argued that the district can't handle the burden of operating another neighborhood school at an annual cost of \$800,000.

Ivanovic, on the other hand, said he believes a strong case can be made for putting a neighborhood school in the San Antonio area, and that it could "improve education outcomes" of students without hindering other nearby schools. He also pointed out that enrollment is expected to grow in the area — quickly — and that the Mountain View City Council has unanimously backed the idea of a neighborhood school. With all the development going on in the San Antonio region, he said this is probably the last chance to

create a neighborhood school. "The north of El Camino area is the only area without a neighborhood school, and if we don't put a neighborhood school there now, they will never get a neighborhood school," he said.

The Oct. 1 meeting starts at 7 p.m. and will be held in Bullis' multipurpose room at 102 W. Portola Ave. in Los Altos. Information on what precisely will be discussed at the meeting was still in flux as of Wednesday morning. ▀

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of a national system that refuses to recognize them as anything other than illegal.

Vargas spoke to the *Voice* by phone to discuss his new book and his thoughts on immigration and growing up in Mountain View. The interview has been lightly edited for length and clarity.

Q: You describe this as the “most anti-immigrant time in the U.S.” What leads you to that conclusion?

A: Really the only analogous time would be the 1920s, like right after the racial quotas were established in this country. That’s when we were saying southern Europeans ... weren’t as desirable as northern Europeans.

I would say most because most immigrants back then were Europeans, so everyone got to be white. Today, most immigrants aren’t white, most are Latinos, Asians, and some Caribbean and African. There’s the racial component of this in a country where you can’t divorce immigration from race, and you can’t divorce that from citizenship.

Q: In your book, you describe learning that your green card was fake at age 16, when you were a Mountain View High School student. How did that moment change your life?

A: It changed everything! This is why I did the book — I didn’t know what happened to me until I started writing this, meaning I didn’t bother to examine my own psychology because there wasn’t time for that. I was just too busy running away from everything. This book was my way of dealing with all that, dealing with the consequence of the lies that my grandfather told me, which ended up being my lies.

That moment when I was 16 was a moment of independence because my grandfather’s goal was for me to marry a woman, become a citizen and fix this thing. Clearly that’s not what I did, because I’m gay, so one lie was enough. In many ways, finding out I was here illegally and learning how to cope with that was a very traumatic, but also very confusing, experience.

Q: Which was more difficult — coming out as gay in 1999, or coming out as undocumented in 2011?

A: Interesting question — I’m one person, you can’t cut the gay part from the undocumented part. I’m the same person!

I was lucky that I was able to come out as gay as early as I did because I grew up where I grew up. If I had come out in an anti-gay community, it would have been harder, right? I probably would have been forced to be

in the closet about both those things. Maybe I would have married a woman and had to lie to her. Thankfully, I grew up in a community where, coming out as gay, I was supported by the administration at Mountain View High and I was supported by my classmates, for the most part.

The thing for me is people like me aren’t coming out, we’re actually just letting people in. I’m just making people who aren’t gay or

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papers.’**

JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS

aren’t undocumented understand that actually we want the same things.

The humanity of this issue is what’s being robbed of us. We do have more things in common than we have different, and we all want the same things.

Q: What were the consequences of announcing your undocumented status?

A: The biggest thing emotionally is becoming a public person; I didn’t have training for that. As a journalist, we write the story, we’re not the story. That was disorienting.

Also it was being subjected to whatever happens — I could get detained at any point. That happened when I was detained in Texas, and the next time I get arrested, I don’t know how long it will take. It’s getting ready for what we don’t know could happen.

It’s been a big change in my life. I’ve done 1,000 events in 48 states over the past seven years. I’ve been traveling nonstop just getting to know this country. That’s why the title of this book is ‘Dear America.’ I’m sure as you’re reading, it’s a very intimate conversation with America as this person-thing. It’s almost like the country is a character in itself in the book.

Q: You’ve traveled across most of the U.S. hearing stories of undocumented families and Dreamers — how was your experience growing up undocumented in Mountain View different from theirs?

A: Social media and technology. Back then, I couldn’t find anybody else like me because there was no way to find anybody. There’s a mental health crisis in immigrant communities across the country, and I don’t have the words to describe it, but at least people have each other. People can Google, YouTube, Facebook

and you can find other people like them.

Back when I was growing up, I couldn’t find anybody going through the same experiences. Technology has really changed all that.

Q: A new Mountain View Whisman district school is being renamed in your honor, and they’re tapping you for advice?

A: Nothing is definite yet, we’ve just spoken about it. First of all, I’m still surprised that this happened.

I spoke to the principal, Dr. Michael Jones, and it’s clear he wants some input, and that’s amazing. At the end of the day this national, toxic, political, partisan issue — it’s actually a local issue. Every community has to decide how they define American and who they welcome in. Every community has to decide that, including Mountain View.

Q: If the political winds change and immigration reform is a possibility, what would you want to see?

A: That’s why I started Define American — I’ll text you a video (defineamerican.com/about). At Define American, we believe you can’t change the politics until you change the culture in which we talk about immigration.

Look at (the) LGBTQ rights movement, how we talk about perceptions toward LGBTQ people changed. How did it change? It changed from the media we were consuming. “Will and Grace” was the number one show in the late ‘90s, Ellen DeGeneres was one of the most popular talk show hosts. All of a sudden these aren’t just gay people or trans people. They were people.

Nothing will change on immigration until we actually see them as people. No amount of politics will really change that. Just because we pass immigration reform doesn’t mean that the 11 million undocumented (and I argue it’s more than that) will feel welcome in American society.

Q: How do you convince white people that immigrants aren’t their adversaries?

A: One of the defining issues facing our country is how white people of all ages and political backgrounds will deal with the fact they’re no longer the majority and what that means. That has always been the reality in the Bay Area. Yet the power dynamic is still not equal if you look at wage gap and income gap. What’s at stake here is what kind of awakening are white people going through to realize what is happening in this country?

Having said that, I completely believe we can’t speak about immigration without talking about white people, black people

and Native Americans. People think this is just a Latino issue or an Asian issue.

We are all in this together — I know it’s easy to say that, but it’s a harder thing to do. At a time like this, where people in different identity groups are all facing their own struggles, it’s hard to find ways to work together. For me, it’s like what vision are we working toward? How do you convince white people that this is their issue too? Because guess what, it is!

Q: Any other thoughts you want to share with Mountain View?

A: I was just in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Someone asked me about the elementary school. I’m still processing it; it’s still not real in my head.

But what I keep thinking about is the moment it was announced, and I thought that it wouldn’t happen. I suspected there would be people in Mountain View and in the area saying that you can’t name a school after an ‘illegal.’ The fact that

there was no protest against this was astounding to me.

You know why it was astounding? I think people in the community know I’m one of them. Regardless of where you stand on the issue, no one can argue with the fact that I’m a product of that community: the Mountain View public library, the Los Altos public library, Crittenden Middle School.

For me, it solidified the important point that the community has to decide who’s welcome. They have to decide how they define American. And my community decided I was American, even though I don’t have papers. ■

Vargas will be speaking about his new book, “Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen,” at a Kepler’s Literary Foundation event at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Aragon High School Theater at 900 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. Tickets are available at keplers.org. Read the full interview at mv-voice.com.

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Playing tackle football is not safe

By Sarah Eitzman

After reading with interest the recent guest opinion in the *Voice* by Mountain View High athletic director and head football coach Shelley Smith, I felt it was imperative to comment on the promotion of tackle football at Mountain View High School. Athletic participation in high school has many benefits, but should be weighed against the risk of lasting injury, specifically in reference to football and chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE).

First, we know that football causes brain injury and kids who play football are at a disproportionate risk for brain trauma. A recent study by Boston University showed 87 percent of the brains of deceased football players showed CTE, including the brains of young adults who had only played high school football. One study found CTE in 99 percent of the NFL players' brains but also in three of the fourteen brains from former high school players (CTE can only be shown postmortem.)

Second, improved football

helmets will not eliminate the significant risk of brain injury. Shelley Smith's position that new Riddell helmets will ameliorate the risk of brain injury is contradicted by the warning sticker that Riddell itself puts on the helmets. The warning includes the statement in all caps that, "No helmet can prevent serious head or neck injuries a player might receive while participating in football," as well as stating that, "Contact in football may result in concussion brain injury which no helmet can prevent." Shelley Smith may think the Riddell helmets can prevent head injury, but clearly Riddell's lawyers know otherwise.

Moreover, the real risk comes from multiple hits that don't cause concussions. A typical hit in football is the equivalent of a 30 mph car crash and a player might register anywhere from 250 to 580 crashes a season. A study from Wake Forest University showed that just these routine hits cause changes in the brain's white matter even without

the player suffering a concussion. A Boston University study, published in *Brain*, used post-mortem examination of teenage football players to show that early CTE could result from damaged blood vessels in the brain from repetitive head impacts without a concussion.

Guest Opinion

Third, the author's suggestion that improved tackling techniques will prevent head injury has been conclusively debunked. The NFL's "Heads Up Football" program to teach proper tackling was shown by the *New York Times* to have no demonstrable effect on injuries overall (Alan Schwartz, "N.F.L.-Backed Youth Program Says It Reduced Concussions. The Data Disagrees," *New York Times*, July 27, 2016). The primary reason for this is that the head and neck muscles of youths are nowhere as developed as the professional athletes who play for the Seattle Seahawks, who developed the program cited by the author. A young child's head-to-body size ratio can be four times larger than an adult's; combined with

a thinner, weaker neck means an impact to the head causes more rapid head movements.

The medical evidence that football causes significant damage to our teenagers is overwhelming. The ongoing scientific debate as to the nature and extent of that damage should not be used to justify continuing to allow this activity to happen. It would be prudent to counsel to stop this activity until it can be proven that football can be played safely without inflicting lasting damage on our children — not the other way around.

Sadly, given the attitudes of our school officials, this public health crisis will likely not be resolved until the costs of litigation and damage awards create crippling liabilities. I urge parents, the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Board of Trustees, and Superintendent Jeff Harding each to consider their responsibility for the future health and welfare of the students at Mountain View High School.

Sarah Eitzman is a retired pediatrician and resident of Mountain View.

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

This upcoming election has a strong batch of (Mountain View Whisman School District) candidates, and I hope this is a sign for school board elections to come. While all offer unique skills, a particular set of needs elevate some skills as more urgent than others. I urge you to vote for Devon Conley and Greg Coladonato. Both represent a vision looking toward the future of Mountain View schools, rather than looking back into its past. Both Conley and Coladonato will ask critical questions to prevent unnecessary public controversies, both have a good instinct for transparency, and both make STEM (science education) a central issue.

The district at the center of Silicon Valley needs leaders to champion STEM for all children. Conley and Coladonato both have technical backgrounds that can help schools become bridges to the local opportunities that often seem a world away for economically disadvantaged students. Conley and Coladonato are also the only current MVWSD parents running as well. A vote for them is a leap forward for the futures of

Mountain View children.

*Christopher Chiang, former MVWSD school trustee
Space Park Way*

RE-ELECT ELLEN WHEELER

I'd like to share why I have decided to support trustee Ellen Wheeler for re-election to the Mountain View Whisman School District school board. As a working professional with two teenagers no longer in district schools, I have not been "plugged in" to MVWSD like I used to be. After some discernment, I have decided to support Ellen because she shares my values about education. For example:

■ Fairness to students in every school, no matter their socioeconomic status or which district school they attend. Although her own son attended Bubb and Graham, during those years Ellen could be seen helping out at the Theuerkauf Chess Club or attending the school musical at Crittenden. She values the neighborhood school.

■ Putting resources into programs where we can get the most bang for our buck. Ellen has backed the efforts of district

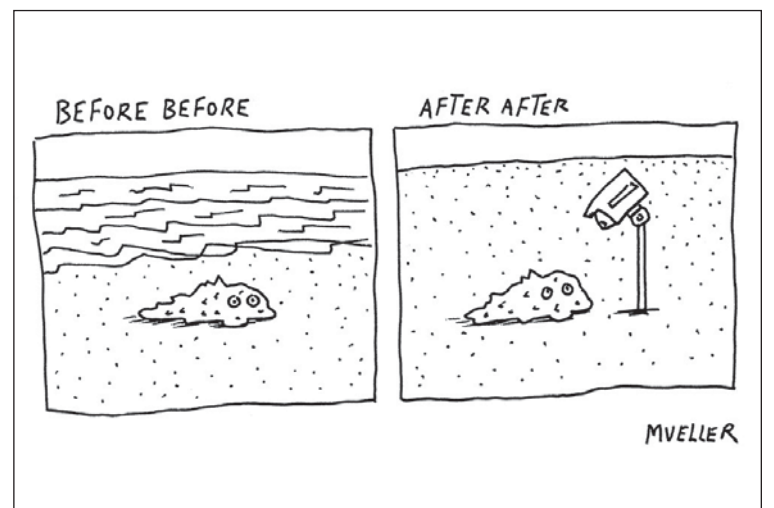
preschool director Terri Wallace to maximize resources available for those programs and increase family participation. She knows that when children start school behind they tend to stay behind.

■ Looking for evidence-based practices while not being afraid to try new things. Ellen is continually attending workshops to learn about research in education and best practices that might be useful for our students.

There are lots of issues facing a school board that many of us don't have time to track. Sometimes

they make unpopular decisions that seem unfair or confusing. My experience has been that I often feel this way when I haven't taken time to educate myself about the issues. What I often conclude after learning more is that Ellen was way ahead of me in understanding the landscape. I trust her to make the types of decisions that I would make if I were sitting in her place. She has my full support for re-election to the MVWSD school board.

*Lisa Whitfield
San Pierre Way*



■ FOOD FEATURE

A new lease on life

CAFFE MACHIAVELLO OWNER OPENS RESTAURANT AFTER KIDNEY TRANSPLANT

Story by Elena Kadwany | Photos by Veronica Weber

Two months after getting a kidney transplant she was never supposed to survive, Maria Neal opened her first restaurant.

It might sound like a recipe for chaos or, at the very least, excessive stress for someone recovering from a serious surgery. But for Neal, a 36-year-old mother of four from Peru, it was a change that she says has saved her life.

Neal, who lives in Menlo Park, opened Caffe Machiavello in the ground floor of Park Plaza Apartments at 195 Page Mill Road in Palo Alto in early August. The idea for the restaurant was born three years ago, when Neal, who was born with polycystic kidney disease, fell and harmed her kidneys. Her nephrologist told her she had a 14 percent chance of making it to her kidney transplant surgery — not to survive the surgery, but simply to the day of, she said. She prepared for the worst.

“I had accepted that I was going to die,” she said.

But survive she did, with a new kidney from her mother and a new outlook on what’s most important to her. She left her job as a real estate agent to spend more time with her three sons and daughter, now 17, 14, 8 and 6 years old.

Post-surgery, however, Neal’s diet became extremely restricted and eating out with her children became near-impossible. Things were “chaotic,” she said.

“I spent the last few years searching for stability ... to leave my kids something behind that they can actually remember mommy by, and for them to know that I was not going to just disappear,” Neal said, sitting at a table inside Caffe Machiavello on a recent afternoon. “So I decided to build this restaurant.”

Neal was encouraged by a mentor, an older local restaurant



Maria Neal stands in front of Caffe Machiavello’s deli counter with her husband Rahsaan Dean and their children, from left, Brian Neal, 16, Sean Dean, 8, Isabella Dean, 6 and Kurt Dean, 14.



► See **LEASE ON LIFE**, page 16 Prepared foods and Italian imports are on offer at the restaurant’s deli counter.



Franco Carrubba, a co-owner of Caffe Machiavello, pulls a Roman-style pinsa pizza out of the oven on Sept. 13.



Ken and Cynthia Taggart and Jung Lee dine al fresco on Caffe Machiavello’s patio.



Keith Miller, chef de cuisine at *Caffe Machiavello* in Palo Alto, prepares an order of lomo saltado.



Franco Carrubba and **Brian Dean** wait on a table on Sept. 13.

LEASE ON LIFE

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owner who had survived cancer twice. (He did not wish to be named.) He is like a father figure for Neal, who lost her father to the same kidney disease when she was a teenager.

He “pushed me to see life in a different way and to not believe what the doctors say necessarily,” Neal said, “but to fight.”

At *Caffe Machiavello* (Neal’s maiden name), there is a high emphasis on quality of ingredients, largely due to the owner’s dietary restrictions. In Neal’s words, she doesn’t use anything “that I can’t pronounce.” The bread for sandwiches, the pizza dough and the complimentary cookies brought to every table are all made in house. The kitchen uses a 50-year-old family recipe

for the bread, Neal said, and imports flour from Italy for the pizza. They serve thin-crust, Roman-style pinsa pizza made from Italian flour, olive oil and water.

The kitchen also has to be impeccably clean. Neal’s kidney medications lower her immune defenses, making her extremely susceptible to any kind of illness.

The menu is global, with bruschetta and pizza next to hamburgers and chicken wings. Peruvian dishes include lomo saltado, steak flambé with onions, tomatoes, cilantro and rice or quinoa; pollo a la brasa, rotisserie chicken seasoned by Neal nightly with spices and aji panca, a Peruvian red pepper; and a quinoa bowl with roasted rocoto, a spicy Peruvian pepper. A deli section sells packaged international foods like Italian salami and

Mediterranean spreads.

The wide culinary range is purposeful, meant to serve large families with different tastes and customers with dietary restrictions. Customers who want the kitchen to make them something special only need to ask, Neal said.

It’s also reflective of a diverse staff, whom Neal refers to as her “family.” She said she plans to give employees a portion of the restaurant’s profit as it grows.

“You have food from around the world and people cooking from around the world. That’s kind of what we want. Under this one roof, you can feel a little piece of what America used to be — a humongous, beautiful, happy melting pot,” she said.

Her family helps out frequently. Her husband DJs on a patio during happy hour, while her oldest son works at the restaurant after school.

Running the large, airy restaurant, and all the ups and downs

that come with it, has become a welcome respite for Neal.

“This is not allowing me to feel weak or sick. I have not been able to rest ever since I left the hospital,” she said. “I think that it helps

me a lot. I’m very happy and very energetic, something that I didn’t have before.” ■

Email Elena Kadavy at ekadavy@paweekly.com.



Caffe Machiavello occupies a ground-floor space at the *Park Plaza Apartments* on Page Mill Road in Palo Alto.

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Maria Neal talks to diners on *Caffe Machiavello*’s patio.

MOVIE OPENINGS



COURTESY OF WARNER BROS.

A Yeti discovers creatures known as humans really do exist in "Smallfoot."

You ain't seen nothin' Yeti

'SMALLFOOT' SUBVERSIVE IN SUBSTANCE, SECOND-RATE IN STYLE

★★ (Century 16 & 20)

In 2015, a Pew Research Center study reported that the fastest growing category of religious belief is an absence of religion, with nearly a quarter of the U.S. population subscribing to no religion at all. And now, courtesy of Warner Animation Group, we have "Smallfoot," a PG-rated animated picture, clearly aimed at families, that depicts a civilization coming to terms with the fraudulence of its own closely-held religion.

The religious majority may feel this means Hollywood is hastening America to hell in a handbasket, but it's my job merely to

tell you about "Smallfoot," which — whatever its intentions — offers only moderate entertainment value. Directed and co-scripted by Karey Kirkpatrick ("Chicken Run," "Over the Hedge"), "Smallfoot" positions as its protagonist a young Yeti named Migo (Channing Tatum), who lives in blissful ignorance as he anticipates the day he'll take over the superstitious duties of his father Dorgle (Danny DeVito). In accordance with long-held beliefs, Dorgle starts every day by head-butting a gong in order to make the sun rise, an activity that pointedly causes concussions and not only stunts his growth but reverses it.

This pointless and harmful tradition may not rise to the level of Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery" when it comes to perniciousness, but it does make fools of Migo's entire village, with one exception. The Stonekeeper (Common) wears the Yeti religion as a kind of armor: a vest of stones, with each stone representing a supposed truth. Once Migo has a chance encounter with a human being, an entity heretofore believed to be mythical, the Yeti can't un-see the truth. This "Bigfoot" has met a "Smallfoot," a Steve Irwin-esque TV host named Percy (James Corden). Language is a barrier, but a gesture reminiscent of "Androcles



MOVIE REVIEWS

FARENHEIT 11/9 ★★★

In his political documentary "Fahrenheit 11/9," filmmaker Michael Moore explores the Trump era with two questions: "How the f--- did this happen, and how the f--- do we get out?"

Moore's unabashedly partisan op-ed begins with a comedic look at the Nov. 9, 2016 election night — the "11/9" alluded to in the title (also a reference to Moore's 2004 "Fahrenheit 9/11"). Moore has a keen comic sensibility, and the current situation proves ripe for his satire. But the greater impression of "Fahrenheit 11/9" is its dire accounting of the corruption of the Republican Party, the sellout centrism of the Democratic Party and the victimization of working-class Americans. Perhaps it's due to Trump fatigue, but Moore's material on

the 45th U.S. president only has a fraction of the impact that his enraging Flint story had. Moore knows he's preaching to the choir: In the face of 100 million disenfranchised non-voters, he wants to stoke righteous anger and get like-minded people in the streets, in the voting booths and, better yet, on the ballots.

Rated R for language and some disturbing material/images. Two hours, 5 minutes. — P.C.

PICK OF THE LITTER

★★★ 1/2

There are two kinds of people in the world: People who hate dogs, and people who will love "Pick of the Litter," the dog-themed documentary sensation of the year. Directors Dana Nachman (of Los Altos) and Don Hardy (of Alameda) locate a compelling narrative by tracking the journey of five puppies from the same litter — born and raised to become guide dogs for the blind.

Not MPAA rated. One hour, 21 minutes. — P.C.

and the Lion" begins a friendship that soon leads to all of the Yeti seeing Percy with their own eyes — and thus having to reckon with a direct challenge to their beliefs.

With smug self-confidence, the Stonekeeper says of his followers, "You'd be surprised what they'd believe," while another character later counters, in describing the truth, "It's complicated, and it can be scary. But it's better than living a lie."

In what's been called a post-truth America, such sentiments may speak to the adults in the room, but in its narrative particulars, "Smallfoot" falls flat. The characters are bland, as are the six new songs (one sung by Zendaya, who plays a Yeti crusader for truth) that qualify the picture as a musical.

Arguably the film's biggest let-down is its CGI animation, with

its uncanny details, unexciting designs and unwelcome color schemes weighing down the picture instead of lifting it with visual lyricism. There's some ski-less skiing and a brief snowmobile chase, but the only element that got a reliable reaction from the restless kids at a recent preview screening was physically punishing slapstick. And so "Smallfoot" falls into that "not Disney, not Pixar" category of American animation: not bad, per se, but mediocre. The film's low-key but undeniably pro-science, anti-superstition stance sets it apart as something of a thinker, even a subversive one, but it's dubious that kids will pick up on the provocation between the pratfalls and the pop songs.

Rated PG for some action, rude humor, and thematic elements. One hour, 36 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

NOW SHOWING

A Simple Favor (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

BlacKkKlansman (R) ★★★1/2
Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Crazy Rich Asians (PG-13) ★★★1/2
Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Fahrenheit 11/9 (R) ★★★
Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Hell Fest (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

The House with a Clock in its Walls (PG)
Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

In This Our Life (1942) (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Juliet, Naked (R) Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Life Itself (R) Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

Lizzie (R) Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

Mission: Impossible Fallout (PG-13) ★★★1/2
Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Night School (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

The Nun (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Operation Finale (PG-13) ★★★
Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

Pick of the Litter (Not Rated) ★★★1/2
Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

The Predator (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Satan Met a Lady (1936) (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Searching (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Smallfoot (PG) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Sui Dhaaga (Not Rated) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

White Boy Rick (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

The Wife (R) ★★★ Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Aquarius: 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto (For recorded listings: 327-3241) tinyurl.com/Aquariuspa

Century Cinema 16: 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View tinyurl.com/Century16

Century 20 Downtown: 825 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City tinyurl.com/Century20

CineArts at Palo Alto Square: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (For information: 493-0128) tinyurl.com/Pasquare

Guild: 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (For recorded listings: 566-8367) tinyurl.com/Guildmp

Stanford Theatre: 221 University Ave., Palo Alto (For recorded listings: 324-3700) Stanfordtheatre.org

★ Skip it ★★ Some redeeming qualities ★★★ A good bet ★★★★ Outstanding

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Goings On

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

■ HIGHLIGHT

CAL ARTE ENSEMBLE WITH TAMAMI HONMA

The Cal Arte Ensemble will perform "The Soldier's Tale," the story of a soldier who trades his fiddle to the devil in return for unlimited economic gain. Featuring Tamami Honma on piano with narration and visuals. Sept. 30, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events

THEATER

'The Legend of Georgia McBride'

The Los Altos Stage Company will present "The Legend of Georgia McBride," a comedy about an Elvis impersonator who is replaced by a B-level drag show. 'The Legend of Georgia McBride' runs through Sept. 30, times vary. \$20-\$38. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage/georgia-McBride

CONCERTS

NEQ Season 12 Concert 1C Cello quintets composed by Onslow and Schubert will be performed, featuring Kenneth Slowik on cello. Sept. 30, 4-6 p.m. \$10-\$30. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverly St., Palo Alto. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

Dierks Bentley, Brothers Osborne & LANCO Country singer Dierks Bentley will perform with Brothers Osborne & LANCO and promote his upcoming album, "The Mountain." Oct. 5, 7-10 p.m. \$30-\$1,000+. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Ozzy Osbourne Ozzy Osbourne will be performing live as a part of his "No More Tours 2" tour, as a throwback to his intended farewell tour of the '80s. Oct. 6, 7-10 p.m. \$30-\$3,000+. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Peninsula Harmony Chorus A Cappella Music Concert The Peninsula Harmony Chorus will host an evening of a cappella music with songs about winging, singing and flying. There will be sing-along music as well. Sept. 29, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15. Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverley St., Palo Alto. peninsulaharmony.org/UpcomingEvents.html

MUSIC

52nd Quaker Harvest Festival The 52nd year of the Quaker Harvest Festival and 100th anniversary of the Palo Alto Meeting House will feature music, a book sale, bakery sale, lunch, specialized boutiques and more. Sept. 29, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Friends Meeting House, 957 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. friendsharvestfestival.org

Tohoku Tsunami Relief Benefit Concert featuring Otonowa The benefit concert will feature musical group Otonowa. There will be a Q&A with the band and special Tohoku guest Takehiro Dai, who will talk about his experiences

with the tsunami when he was in high school and how that impacted his life. Oct. 6, 1-5 p.m. \$15-\$25. Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

TALKS & LECTURES

Book Launch with Anita Felicelli at Books Inc. Palo Alto Pushcart Prize-nominated writer Anita Felicelli shares her debut story collection, "Love Songs for a Lost Continent." Oct. 1, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event

Paddy Hirsch at Books Inc. Palo Alto Journalist and author Paddy Hirsch will discuss his debut work of historical fiction, "The Devil's Half Mile," which is set in 1799. Oct. 4, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event/paddy-hirsch-books-inc-palo-alto

Lisa Brennan-Jobs at Palo Alto High School Books Inc. and Palo Alto High School present Lisa Brennan-Jobs for a discussion of her memoir, "Small Fry." Oct. 3, 7-9 p.m. \$10. Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event

Ge Wang Ge Wang, Chinese-American musician, computer scientist, designer and author, will share his new book "Artful Design." Oct. 2, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, RSVPs requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Soraya Chemaly: This is Now with Angie Coiro In her new book "Rage Becomes Her," Chemaly links patriarchy and misogyny to the traditional repression of women's full range of emotions. She goes beyond simple rejection of "Smile, honey!" to an embrace of anger as a personally and politically transformative tool. Oct. 1, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, RSVPs requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

'Big History of Humans' The Big History of Humans identifies the major events in human history and connects these events using the idea of evolving complexity. Oct. 3, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com/event

Pros & Cons: Nov. 6 Ballot Measures A League of Women Voters of Palo Alto will present an analysis and discussion of the Nov. 6 California



TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Fun Home' TheatreWorks Silicon Valley will present a production of "Fun Home," a play about growing up around a funeral home, and coming to terms with your identity and past. Oct. 3-28, times vary. \$40-\$100. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

ballot propositions. Oct. 5, 2-3 p.m. Free. Avenidas Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. lwypaloalto.org/Calendar.html

John Flanagan Author of the "Ranger's Apprentice" series, John Flanagan, returns with "The Red Fox Clan." He will be present and answer questions from the audience. Oct. 4, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Kiersten White with Stephanie Garber Author Kiersten White will be discussing her latest book, "The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein," a retelling of the story of Frankenstein from the perspective of Victor Frankenstein's adoptive sister Elizabeth. She will be discussing with fellow author Stephanie Garber. Sept. 30, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

'Blackboard' "Blackboard" brings together works that imitate, resemble or feature a blackboard, to consider the relationship between art and education. The "blackboards" on view interrogate schooling, authority, literacy, form and color. Through Jan. 27; times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

Painting Nature in the American Gilded Age The Cantor Arts Center's newest exhibition will consider how nature was depicted by American artists from the 1880s to 1910, an era of unprecedented industrialization and urban development. Through landscapes, portraits and still lifes, the exhibition will delve into the importance of nature for artists and the public. Through Aug. 25, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

Vintage Toys: It's Child's Play! The museum will be showing a variety of antique toys that belonged to children in the past. This exhibition will cover the origins of playtime, toy factories, toy trains, builder toys and more. This exhibit aims to evoke childhood memories over the decades. Through Feb. 17, times vary. Free.

Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto.

Heritage Walks through Historic Orchard Hosted by the Los Altos History Museum, Robin Chapman, author of "California Apricots: The Lost Orchards of Silicon Valley," will lead heritage walks through the Los Altos Civic Center Orchard. Sept. 29, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/events

'Coves, Cliffs and Beyond' Viewpoints Gallery's October exhibit "Coves, Cliffs and Beyond" by Teresa Ruzzo, will feature depictions of the California coast, from Big Sur to Mendocino, and includes scenes of secluded beaches, sheltered coves, jagged cliffs and vistas. Oct. 1-27, times vary. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. viewpointsgallery.com

Gallery 9 September Exhibition: 'Fruition' by 21 WCA Artists Twenty-one artists from Peninsula Women's Caucus for Art will present their work in "Fruition: Harvesting Imagination." The exhibition will employ a wide range of media and demonstrate a variety in style and content. Through Sept. 30, times vary. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos.

DANCE

Benefit Ballet Performance This performance will featuring the students of Bayer Ballet Academy and original choreography. All proceeds go to AHMF to create dance enrichment programs benefiting the local community. Sept. 30, 2-4 p.m. \$35. The Center for Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

FILM

The Silicon Valley Science Fiction Short Film Festival Silicon Valley Science Fiction Short Film Festival will show 18 films by directors from all over the world, including the United States, Spain, Russia, Ireland, Qatar, Sweden, France, the Czech Republic and Australia. Sept. 28, 7-9 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events

Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf movie screening Gamble

Gardens will present an advanced screening of the documentary, "Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf." Oudolf is the garden designer behind The High Line in New York and Olympic Park in Stratford, London. This is the only scheduled screening in Palo Alto. Oct. 3, 7-10 p.m. \$25-\$40. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. gamblegarden.org/event/five-seasons

FOOD & DRINK

Out to Eat 2018 Outlet, a program of Adolescent Counseling Services, will host "Out to Eat 2018," a party supporting LGBTQ+ youth. The event will feature keynote speaker Anthony Rossopast, food and drinks and more. Oct. 4, 6-9 p.m. \$100. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Bay Day: Palo Alto Baylands Restoration Festival Participants can remove invasive species, transplant native plants, take a nursery tour, become a citizen scientist or join a guided nature walk. There will be food trucks, arts, crafts, music and more. The event is family friendly. Oct. 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Baylands Nature Preserve, 2500 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. bayday.org

Monarch Butterflies: The King of Butterflies Learn how to help the survival of the monarch butterfly. The class will go over their life cycle, habitat and migration. There will also be butterfly arts and crafts. This is an educational class for the entire family, children of all ages, taught by local educator, Eleanor Laney. Oct. 6, 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$10-\$30, buy tickets in advance for discount. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. gamblegarden.org/event

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The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
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Mountain View, CA 94043
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101 Evandale Ave.
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Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/13/2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 29, 2018. (MNV Sept, 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018)

DAZZLEGRAMS LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No: FBN646083 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Dazzlegrams LLC., located at 1075 Space Park Way, Spc., 109, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
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997 All Other Legals

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California Commercial Code Sec. 6106.2. Seller has used the following other business names and addresses within the last three years so far as known to Buyer: None
Bajis Cafe LLC
BY: WILLIAM DUNN ESCROW, INC.
Agent for Buyer - Susan Berry, Pres.
9/28/18
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DOLORES A. SILAPAN PANALIGAN
Case No.: 18PR184288
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DOLORES A. SILAPAN PANALIGAN.
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The Petition for Probate requests that: BENILYN MARTIN SALINAS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on November 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. If you object to the granting of the

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Attorney for Petitioner:
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(MVV Sept. 28; Oct. 5, 12, 2018)



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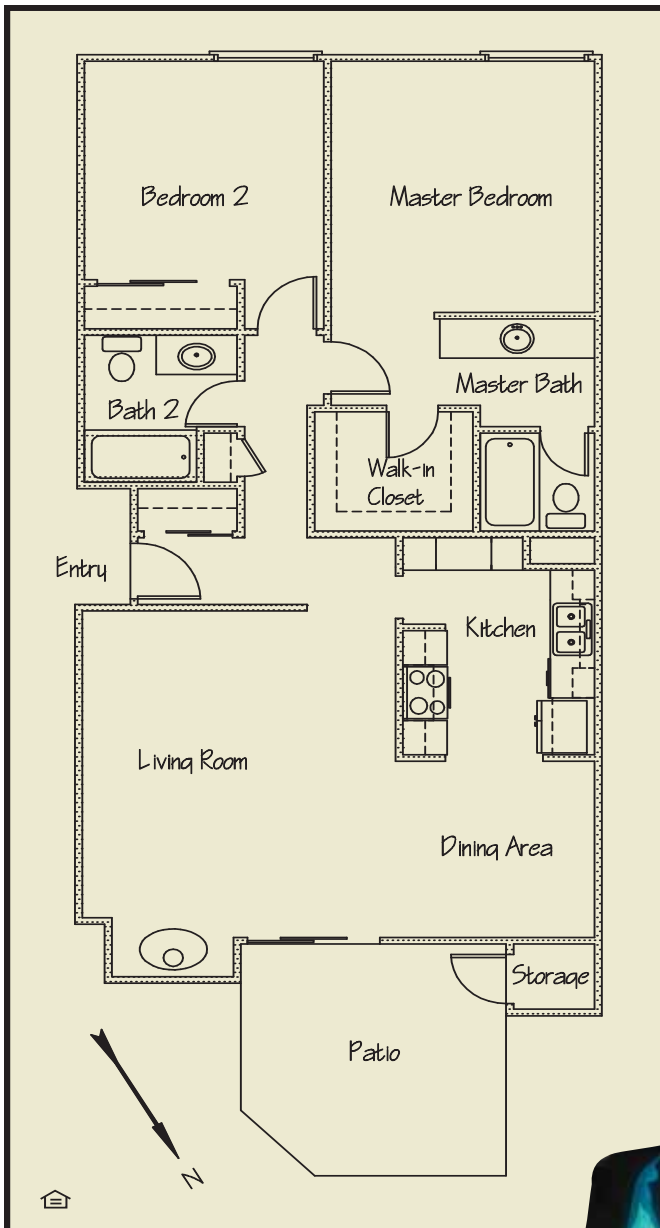


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