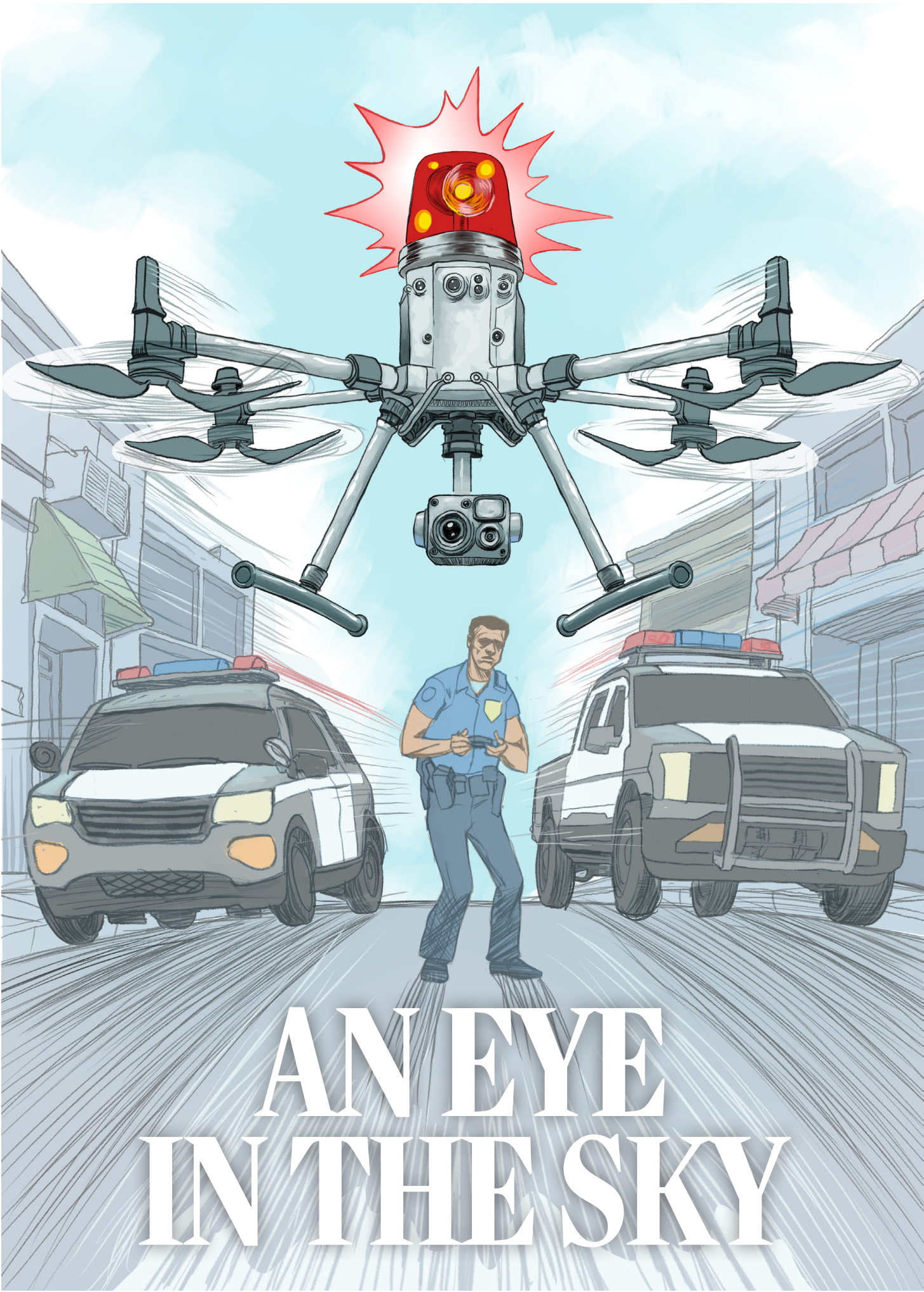




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A man in a red hoodie jumped over fences and swiveled through alleys near 165th Avenue in San Leandro, fleeing a suspected domestic violence incident. Above, a drone followed him, streaming live footage of his movements to pursuing police officers and leading them to a backyard where the suspect was hiding underneath a box.

The arrest last September came in part due to the Drone as First Responder trial program at the Eden Township Substation of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. At a meeting last month, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors heard video testimony from the responding officer about the effectiveness of the drone involved

Alameda County embraces next-gen drone technology, sparking privacy concerns

in the chase.

"Because of the UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle), I didn't have to worry about being ambushed or any threats close by because I had the eye in the sky," he said.

Though the sheriff's office has employed drones over the past decade, this new model will be remotely launched from the Eden Township Substation to respond to active crimes and emergency incidents over the next year, promising, police say, to provide real-time reconnaissance to police and firefighters before they arrive and

avoid unnecessary dispatches.

The Board of Supervisors voted 4-0 Tuesday, with Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas abstaining, to enter a one-year \$600,000 contract with the Atlanta-based law enforcement company Flock Safety to provide a DFR system. The program's supporters, such as Sgt. Justin Brannon, who heads the sheriff's office's Small Unmanned Aircraft System unit, said that having this kind of advance information of an incident is a tremendous advantage for officers attempting to diagnose

a situation.

"It's really been an invaluable tool for road safety, law enforcement and fire operations," Brannon said. "DFR is the future."

Drones have been a tool for Bay Area law enforcement agencies for more than a decade. The San Jose Police Department was the first to jump into UAV space in 2015 when it incorporated a drone response for hostage situations and the agency's bomb squad. Despite technological advances, the idea then was basically the same as it is now: Send the drone to assess an incident and avoid putting public safety officers at risk.

Because federal funding supplied SJPd's drone, 13 other Bay Area law enforcement agencies were able to share it,

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IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Central Valley farmers fearful, but also hopeful

Trump's policies threaten industry

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Central Valley farmers like to say they feed the world, and it is not hyperbole.

The valley stretches for 450 fertile miles from Bakersfield in the south to Redding in the north, yields an estimated 40% of the fruit,

vegetables and tree nuts grown in the United States and exports half of that bounty overseas. California agriculture overall is a \$60 billion annual business.

It is also one that President Donald Trump has thrown into turmoil. Only in recent weeks has he offered vague glimmers of hope.

When agents from the Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement turned up



A farmworker picks plums in the fields of Fresno County. The Central Valley, home to a \$60 billion agricultural industry, remains on edge amid mixed signals from the Trump administration about deportation. ZAYDEE SANCHEZ — THE NEW YORK TIMES

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HEALTH CARE

Virus may be disease trigger

HPgV is found in Parkinson's patients

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Researchers have uncovered new clues that could help doctors understand why some people suffer from Parkinson's disease.

A progressive neurological disorder affecting 10 million people globally, Parkinson's can cause disruptive symptoms such as tremors, immobility and loss of balance.

Now, scientists at Northwestern Medicine have discovered that a usually harmless virus — the Human Pegivirus — may be a contributor to the disease.

The findings — published Wednesday in the journal JCI Insight — come shortly after Stanford researchers unveiled improved treatment, called adaptive Deep Brain Stimulation therapy, for the disease.

Northwestern researchers set out to find environmental factors that could trigger the condition by testing the brain matter of 10 people who had Parkinson's when they died and 14 who did not.

"Using a tool called ViroFind, we analyzed post-mortem brain samples from individuals with Parkinson's and from those who died of other causes. We searched for all known human-infecting viruses to identify any differences between the two groups," Igor Koralnik, who led the study, said in a statement.

ViroFind is a time consuming and expensive but powerful process that

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SAN JOSE

Cop had sought to be foster parent

Suspect also denied his former wife's physical abuse claims

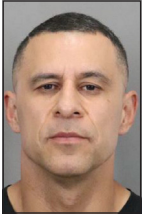
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The San Jose Police officer charged with molesting a teenage girl more than a decade ago had been seeking certification as a foster parent and also was accused by his former wife of physically abusing her years earlier.

The new information concerning Officer Saul Duran, documented in publicly available court filings in 2010 relating to child custody issues and the divorce of his first wife, raises questions about whether that should have raised concerns with local authorities at the time.

Any significant evidence of abuse would "definitely be a red flag," said Steve Baron, a former social worker and member of, but not speaking for, the county's Child Abuse Prevention Task Force. But he said that information might not have come to light if the alleged abuse wasn't documented in police or court records, especially if it didn't occur in Santa Clara County.

In the 2010 child custody court records from Santa Clara County,



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