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Google plan would beam WiFi from the sky

'PROJECT LOON' WOULD DISTRIBUTE SIGNAL
FROM NETWORK OF BALLOONS

By Daniel DeBolt

One of the latest sci-fi-esque projects to come out of Google's skunk-works is one that could replace traditional internet infrastructure with high altitude balloons beaming the net down to earth.

While those who struggled to use Google's free WiFi in Mountain View may be skeptical, more than a few developing nations are taking seriously "Project Loon," a Google X project. Google X is Google's research and development wing which is developing Google Glass, self-driving cars and now, "internet from balloons 20,000 feet up," said Google's Mike Cassidy in a talk at Google headquarters on Friday. The talk was part of the

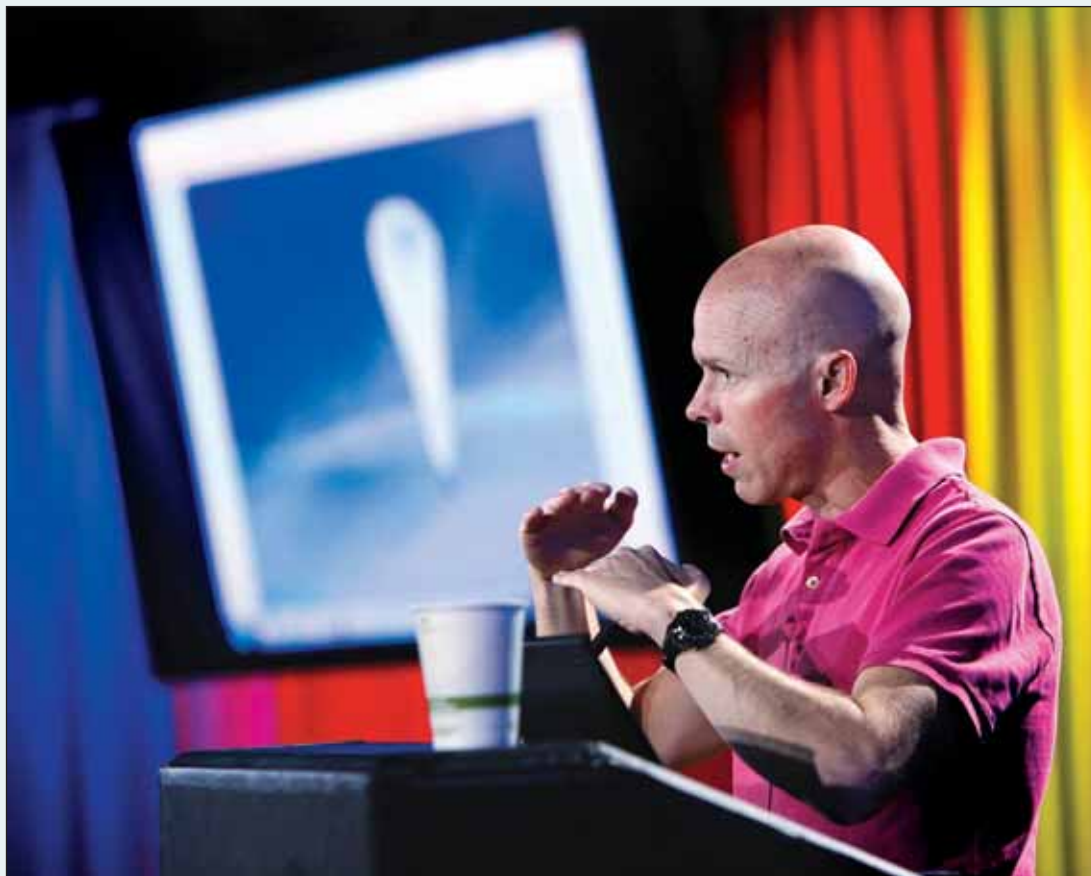
InterPlanetary Network Special Interest Group's Space Technology Innovations Conference.

Yes, there's a group dedicated to bringing the internet to outer space.

"This project, we hope, is good for people who don't have access to start with," Cassidy said, adding that 5 billion people worldwide still don't have internet access and "28 countries have asked for us to come to deliver internet."

That's because it could be much cheaper to float Project Loon's high altitude balloons in the sky than to run fiber internet throughout a country. A special antenna is placed on a buildings to connect to the high altitude network, though Cassidy said

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Google's Michael Cassidy talks about Project Loon on Jan. 24.

MICHELLE LE

Can't we all just get along?

THE ANSWER SEEMS TO BE 'NO'
FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE

By Nick Veronin

It seems that Steve Nelson may never get along with the administration of the Mountain View Whisman School District and his fellow trustees.

At the most recent meeting of the district's board, a number of heated discussions were had — all of them between Nelson and another board member, or between Nelson and Superintendent Craig Goldman — and apparently that's just par for the course.

It's become expected that conflict will arise during district



Steve Nelson

meetings, according to Goldman and Bill Lambert, president of the board of trustees. If that wasn't made clear in the run up to Nelson's October 2013 censure for unprofessional behavior, it is now.

In the months following his official reprimand, Nelson has continued to clash with board members and district administrators — frequently engaging his colleagues in public arguments and making the task of running local schools much harder than it needs to be, Goldman and Lambert told the *Voice*.

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Council rejects two big projects

CITY'S PLANNERS ARE TOO OVERWHELMED TO HANDLE THE WORK

By Daniel DeBolt

Two major redevelopment proposals were rejected at Tuesday's City Council meeting, and it wasn't because council members didn't like the proposals.

After saying only good things about a proposal to redevelop the 51-year-old Creekside Apartments at 151 Calderon Ave. and add 154 units to the city's much sought-after supply of housing, City Council members rejected a "gatekeeper" request Tuesday for planning department staff to work on the proposal with the aim of bringing it to a council vote.

"I'm really torn about this," said council member Mike Kasperzak of the apartment project, which

could have created one of the largest complexes in the city. The proposal called for replacing 294 units in aging two-story buildings with 448 units in four-story buildings with underground parking, leaving 104 units along Dana Street untouched. "Given the age, the location and what surrounds it, this is actually a perfect candidate for intensification. The light rail station is right across the street. But considering staff time and the fact that this is not in a 'change area,' I'm struggling with that."

Council members also rejected a gatekeeper request for a new "Terra Bella precise plan" that would zone for 1.1 million square feet of office space on 23 acres just south of Highway 101 — on

both sides of Shoreline Boulevard and along the north side of Terra Bella Avenue. No actual project was proposed.

Both 151 Calderon and the Terra Bella precise plan are also outside of "change areas" identified in the recently approved general plan. Council members said they had a "blood oath" not to go against the general plan for at least five years.

Council members said both proposals were too much for planning department staff to handle on top of the current workload. There's been a flood of development proposals in the city, along with intense planning work to develop the San Antonio,

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Andrew Rivadeneyra,
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Corey Denis, San Francisco



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Linda Nguyen, San Jose



"I actually used to live in Mountain View some years ago. I don't have too much experience with parking, but I must say today is much more of a challenge than I thought it was going to be. But it worked out okay."

Greg Nuckols, Cloverdale



"I don't feel stressed about parking, because I don't mind parking far away and walking in. To me, there is no difficulty."

Margaret Poor, Mountain View

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■ CRIME BRIEFS

BOOGIE BOARDER DIES IN SANTA CRUZ

A boogie boarder who died after being pulled from the ocean in Santa Cruz on Friday has been identified as James Zenk, 47, of Mountain View, according to county coroner's office.

Shortly before 5 p.m. on Friday, witnesses alerted emergency crews to a man in distress in the water at a popular surfing location near Lighthouse Point, according to Santa Cruz fire Battalion Chief Rob Young.

Zenk was caught in dangerous waters situated between rocks and the mainland, Young said.

Three rescue swimmers entered the water from the cliffs above the boarder while two rescue swimmers arrived in rescue boats, according to Young.

Zenk was rescued by the swimmers and taken to Dominican Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Two rescue swimmers were treated for injuries and released, Young said.

—Bay City News Service

WOMAN ROBBED OF PURSE

A robber hit a woman and stole her purse on the 400 block of Sierra Vista Ave. on Jan. 27, according to police.

The 40-year-old woman was just getting out of her car, when a man came up and hit her in the head — possibly with his fist — grabbed her purse and fled on foot, said Sgt. Saul Jaeger, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department.

The man was described as black, between 20 and 30 years old, of medium build and height, Jaeger said. The purse contained cash and credit cards.

There was another man with the robber, according to Jaeger, but the woman gave only minimal details on his appearance, saying that he was of medium build.

SUSPECTED BICYCLE THIEF CAUGHT

Had your bike stolen recently? Police nabbed a man on Jan. 25 who had apparently been on a bike-stealing spree — catching the suspect red-handed with a U-Haul truck full of stolen bicycles. They are now in the process of trying to return the bikes to their rightful owners, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department.

The man, a 49-year-old transient named Patrick Klein, was reported by a Mountain View resident who witnessed him stealing a bicycle from a bike-storage locker at an apartment complex located at 505 Cypress Point Dr., Jaeger said.

Officers located Klein and his U-Haul truck, and arrested him on charges of burglary, and possession of narcotics and burglary tools.

The MVPD has set up a gallery of the recovered bikes, which can be viewed on the department's blog, mountainviewpoliceblog.com.

—Nick Veronin

■ POLICE LOG

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100 block Castro St., 1/22
1600 block Villa St., 1/23
200 block Castro St., 1/23
1300 block Marilyn Dr., 1/26
1900 block Latham St., 1/27

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

500 block San Antonio Rd., 1/22
600 block Showers Dr., 1/22
400 block San Antonio Rd., 1/25

DRUG POSSESSION

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2400 block W El Camino Real, 1/22
2100 block Landings Dr., 1/27
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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

500 block Cypress Point Dr., 1/25
1200 block Christobal Privada, 1/27

ROBBERY

400 block Sierra Vista Av., 1/27

■ CORRECTION

The Voice incorrectly reported last week that Jac Siegel and John McAlister were the only City Council members opposed to the redevelopment proposed for 801 El Camino Real. Member Margaret Abe-Koga said after the Jan. 21 study session on the project that she would oppose it, as well.

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Jose Antonio Vargas speaks at a reception in Los Altos prior to the screening of his film "Documented."

Immigrant activist gives back to scholars

JOSE VARGAS SCREENS FILM TO RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

By Nick Veronin

Monday's screening of Jose Antonio Vargas' new film was not the first, but it may have been the most significant for the journalist and immigrant rights advocate who calls Mountain View home.

Unlike previous screenings, this showing of "Documented" was a scholarship fundraiser held at the Mountain View

Center for the Performing Arts — in the heart of the city where Vargas grew up, fell in love with journalism and discovered he had been smuggled into the United States illegally. It's the place where he found the strength and the support network to beat the odds.

"Everything that I am is indebted to this community," he told the near-capacity crowd during a brief introduction to the documentary

on Monday, Jan. 27.

After the presentation, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist took time to personally thank several members of the audience for their role in helping him on his journey. He had kind words for his old choir teacher and debate coach from Mountain View High School, his grandmother and especially the group of high school

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Whisman area neighbors want local school

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION PUSHING FOR COMPROMISE

By Nick Veronin

The stage is set for a battle between the Mountain View Whisman School District and a group of residents living in northeastern Mountain View who say it's high time the district reopen one of the area's two long-closed neighborhood schools.

At a recent board meeting, members of various neighborhood associations from the area implored the trustees and administrators of the district to reopen Whisman School — which has

been shut since 2000 and which currently houses the German International School of Silicon Valley and the Yew Chung International School of Silicon Valley.

"I'm urging you to please consider reopening Whisman School in our neighborhood," Jessica Gandhi, president of the North Whisman Neighborhood Association.

"At this point we're all commuting to everywhere but in our own neighborhood," Tamara Wilson told the *Voice*. Wilson is the parent of a 3-year-old boy who would go to Whisman if it

were open, but is instead slated to go to Huff School.

"We definitely, definitely need a neighborhood school," said Paula Weaver, who lives in the area. Her husband Bob, a representative for the Whisman Neighborhood Association, also spoke in favor of reopening Whisman School.

Despite pleas from community members like Gandhi, Wilson and the Weavers, Craig Goldman, superintendent of the Mountain View Whisman School District,

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EPA gets \$3 million for toxic cleanup

CTS PRINTEX TO PAY FOR TCE CONTAMINATION ON SIERRA VISTA AVENUE

By Daniel DeBolt

Nearly 30 years after circuit board manufacturer CTS Printex left Mountain View for Fremont, the company has agreed to pay \$3 million for a toxic cleanup on Sierra Vista Avenue.

The settlement was reached Jan. 16 in a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Indiana-based CTS Printex (now called CTS Corporation) and its former landlord, the ADN Corporation, must pay \$2 million to monitor and treat the toxics left at the site, as well as another \$850,000 to the EPA for nearly 10 years of prior cleanup work, which removed 99 pounds of cancer-causing trichloroethylene (TCE) from more than 100 million gallons of groundwater. The settlement does not quite cover the \$1.3 million the EPA says it spent on prior cleanup work, or the money spent by the state of California, which has also been involved in the cleanup.

"Our goal is to protect the people living and working in this community from the harmful effects of vapor intrusion," said Jared Blumenfeld, EPA's Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest. "This settlement requires the final cleanup of the groundwater, eliminating the potential for contaminants to enter homes and buildings."

From 1970 to 1985, CTS Printex manufactured circuit boards at a site bordered by Colony Avenue to the north and Sierra Vista Avenue to east, using solvents that contaminated the soil and groundwater. Townhouses were built on the site a few years ago, and indoor air samples taken after construction found no TCE vapors. TCE vapor intrusion through the soil and floors can cause cancer and birth defects,

among other problems, according to the EPA.

EPA officials told the *Voice* that there will be no more clean-up work under the homes.

"Contaminants there (under the homes) are at very low levels — either at or very close to the cleanup standards," wrote EPA spokesman David Yogi in an email. "EPA will continue to monitor the groundwater levels beneath the townhomes to ensure contaminant levels are decreasing."

Yogi said the site could be cleaned up to EPA standards within 10 years. Until then, groundwater use is restricted and building plans must be cleared with the EPA.

EPA's chosen cleanup method for the site is "bioremediation" which involves injecting a substrate into the ground for TCE-eating bacteria, likely to be used on a concentrated area of contamination in a parking lot among commercial buildings just north of the original site. There will also be "monitored natural attenuation" — which means making sure the remaining levels of TCE naturally break down.

CTS Printex employed about 400 people at the Mountain View plant and decided to move to Fremont when it couldn't comply with Mountain View's ordinance for hazardous materials storage and disposal, recalled Lenny Siegel, director of the Center for Public Environmental Oversight. Fremont residents protested the company's move there, he added.

The site is one of 23 in the county the EPA is working to clean up, most of them contaminated with TCE.

'Our goal is to protect the people living and working in this community from the harmful effects of vapor intrusion.'

JARED BLUMENFELD

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WHISMAN SLATER

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said his district is not planning to reopen Whisman. In fact, the board just approved a plan from the German school to install four new portable units on the Whisman School campus — a signal that the German school and Yew Chung are there to stay for the foreseeable future.

However, Goldman said, his administration is exploring the possibility of reopening Slater as combination neighborhood school and expansion of the district's Dual Immersion program, which has children learning in both in both Spanish and English.

"We are not currently considering reopening Whisman

School," Goldman said. "We think Slater is the best option for serving both the Slater and Whisman neighborhoods."

That would be fine, Bob Weaver told the *Voice* if the plan is to place the expanded Dual Immersion program on top of a traditional neighborhood school at the Slater site. But, Weaver continued, the way Goldman has presented his idea to the Whisman Neighborhood Association, it is not acceptable.

"Right now, there is absolutely no district desire to create a traditional neighborhood elementary school in our neighborhood," Weaver said, adding that Goldman's Dual Immersion plan is "not going to fly as a substitute for a traditional neighborhood program."

"The Dual Immersion plan as

currently presented by the superintendent is a choice program," Weaver said — meaning that parents can choose to send their kids there or somewhere else within the district.

While Goldman has said that residents of the Whisman area would get priority to attend the school, Weaver noted that there are some who would not want their children in the Dual Immersion program and would prefer a traditional program. Those parents would end up having to send their children to a school outside of the area, which is precisely what the residents want to avoid.

Wilson said that there are many young families with infants and toddlers living in her condominium complex, located at 106

E. Middlefield Road, right around the corner from the Whisman campus. She presumes that many of her neighbors would rather have their kids go to a nearby school rather than drive their children across town to another campus.

Goldman defended his plan to expand the Dual Immersion program on the Slater campus as the most practical option.

"Given the history of low enrollment in Whisman and Slater from those neighborhoods, the district needs to consider how it can ensure that if it builds a school there will be sufficient enrollment to justify the adjustments," Goldman said, adding that he doesn't believe there are enough students of the appropriate age living north of Central Expressway to justify adding a third traditional neighborhood school on top of the existing schools, Monta Loma and Theuerkauf.

"Having a Dual Immersion program would allow the school to attract students from other neighborhoods if there is insufficient enrollment from other neighborhoods," Goldman continued. "This is the best idea we have at this point in time to provide a neighborhood solution that simultaneously ensures that the school will be fully utilized."

Weaver countered Goldman's claim, saying that he is quite sure there are enough children currently in the Whisman area to justify a traditional neighborhood school. There are 611 students currently enrolled in a district elementary school living in the area, and he said that number is projected to jump by at least 100 in the next five years.

Goldman said that it's true there are enough students in the area to fill a school, but he is skeptical as to whether the parents of all of those students would be willing to pull their kids out of their current schools — which include traditional schools, as well as the parent-participation school, Stevenson. "We need to have some level of certainty that we're not going to be building a bridge to nowhere," he said.

Weaver said he understands Goldman's logic. It would cost the district an estimated \$20 million to get one of the neighborhood schools up and running again. For his part, Goldman has asked Weaver and the area neighborhood associations to show him that a school in the area would be filled.

"He has sort of put the onus on us — he has asked us to prove it," Weaver said. "It is our intent to prove it." ■

Resource fair to help special needs kids

By Nick Veronin

As the mother of an autistic child, Christine Case-Lo knows how hard it can be for parents of children with special needs to find appropriate educational programs and recreational activities for their kids.

That's why Case-Lo co-founded the Learning Challenges

Committee — an organization dedicated to helping special needs parents carve a path for their children through local public schools — and its why she has organized the Learning Challenges Resource Fair, scheduled for this Friday, Jan. 31, at Crittenden Middle School.

The fair, which is set to run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., will give

special needs service providers a space to showcase what they have to offer — such as summer camp programs for children with learning disabilities, specialized toys and games, tutoring services and legal advice.

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district administrators and local benefactors who made him the first recipient of a scholarship through the Mountain View-Los Altos Community Scholars program.

The screening was organized as a fundraiser for the Community Scholars. Since sending Vargas to San Francisco State University in 2000, the program has provided scholarships for more than 225 local students. The program is currently sponsoring 75 graduates from the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District — the majority of them first-generation college students.

The organization is 100-percent volunteer-run. All of the proceeds from Monday's event will go directly toward student scholarships, a representative said.

"Documented" follows Vargas from the moment he decides to "come out" about his status as an "American without papers" in an essay in the New York Times Magazine. The cameras trail him as he gives speeches, talks to supporters and opponents of immigration reform, and as he grows to become one of the most recognizable faces of the immigration reform debate.

All the while, the film also tells Vargas' back story: how at age 12 he was sneaked into America by his grandfather in 1993, how he discovered at the age of 16 that his Green Card was fake when he attempted to apply for a driver's license, how he found allies along the way that helped him pursue his goals of a higher education and a career in journalism, and how he became estranged from his mother — who has remained in the Philippines and has not been in the same room with her son for more than two decades.

After the credits, Vargas returned to the stage and told the audience that the film they just watched was not the film he originally set out to make. He did not intend to make a film about his personal life and struggles. He hadn't intended to include his family in the documentary at all, he said.

But, he went on, "In some ways, this is the film I needed to make." Later, he added, "My goal from the beginning was to show what a broken immigration system does. And this is what it does."

Vargas said he lives every day unsure of what is coming next. He has wondered if he will be deported. He has worried that the people who have helped him along the way — the people who have lied for him — will get into trouble.

By documenting his personal

struggle, Vargas said he hoped he could get people on opposite sides of this debate talking to each other in a meaningful way — something he says is all too rare these days, thanks in large part to a media that highlights polemic arguments rather than seeking out nuanced discourse. "We're not talking to each other," he told the crowd after the film screened. "We're talking at each other."

That needs to change, Vargas said, and he thinks it can. But first, people on both sides of the debate need to be willing to listen to one another, just like he listened to a rather drunk man he encountered in Birmingham.

The exchange, captured on film in "Documented," begins with the man, who remains unidentified, interrupting an interview between Vargas and an immigration rights activist. The man tells Vargas' interviewee to "shut up," before proceeding to say that all illegal immigrants need to leave the country.

Instead of stopping the cameras and moving away from the man, who seems a bit menacing, Vargas engages him. Without condescending, Vargas tells the man that he had no choice when his mother put him in a cab and sent him off to the airport to fly to America. He explains that there is no real process for the 11 million estimated undocumented men and women living in the U.S. to work toward citizenship.

Perhaps most importantly, Vargas lets the man speak. And though clearly intoxicated, the man articulates a point that Vargas said he sympathizes with: that undocumented workers undercut citizen construction contractors when they are willing to work for far cheaper wages.

"That's a perfectly valid point, and we need to recognize that," Vargas told the audience — the same audience who had mostly chortled at the drunken man with the southern draw.

At a pre-screening event held at the home of Community Scholars supporter Nancy Nesmith in Los Altos, Vargas said he has plans to hold an event hosted by a chapter of the Tea Party. A murmur rippled through the small crowd.

One woman wondered aloud at how he would be able to talk to a group that would likely be hostile to his views.

But Vargas said he was not worried. In fact, he seemed to relish the idea of the Tea Party event. "Journalism taught me empathy," he said, explaining that it has helped him see past the differences he has with people and instead try to understand why someone feels a certain way.

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NELSON

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Reached by phone, Nelson said he would not comment.

While Lambert acknowledged that the trustee has been better when it comes to interjecting himself into the affairs of district staff, he said that Nelson has not really changed the way he behaves with the board and district administrators — especially Goldman.

“He continues to be rude and insulting to the board,” Lambert said. “He continues to be really the same way — rude and insulting — to Craig (Goldman) via email, and during the board meetings.”

According to Lambert, Nelson’s actions and behavior are making it difficult to get things done. “There are a lot of things going on in the district,” Lambert said, pointing to the continued unrolling of the \$198 million Measure G bond, the introduction of Common Core State Standards, and new educational technologies being tried out in district classrooms. “Steve’s behavior detracts from our focus and our ability to run the business of the district.”

Goldman agreed, explaining that his office is constantly bombarded by emails from Nelson — who frequently requests information that is extremely time-consuming to compile, often for reasons that remain unclear.

“He demands information that isn’t readily available, and therefore we have to divert staff time to respond to his request,” Goldman said. “It’s particularly frustrating because he never seems to use the information for any productive purpose.”

Further complicating matters,

Goldman noted, is the style of Nelson’s correspondences.

“With a lot of his emails it’s difficult to tell whether they are just musings or if he is making a specific request for information,” Goldman said. “He frequently doesn’t say clearly what he wants.”

To top it off, Nelson has also been known to request documents that do not exist — only to become angry when he is told that the district cannot deliver the phantom reports, Goldman said.

At the Jan. 23 board meeting, Goldman confronted Nelson, asking him why he had been filing Freedom of Information Act requests asking for correspondences between city officials and the district administration — which the superintendent identified as being consistent with Nelson’s “pattern of harassment and an interference of the operations of the district.”

Nelson said he had filed a FOIA request because Goldman had been “stonewalling” him.

“I am really offended by the allegations that I’m not responsive to you,” Goldman fired back, bringing up the volume of email he regularly receives from Nelson. “You have an insatiable desire for reports and information. We respond to the overwhelming majority of requests for information.”

Trustee Chris Chiang said he was concerned with the tone of the conversation and the impact such exchanges would ultimately have on the district and its students. “There are very few organizations out there that can operate if the board and the executive leadership are hostile,” Chiang said. “It is a recipe for disaster.” ▀

■ COUNCIL BRIEFS

‘CZAR’ PROPOSED FOR BIKE-PED ISSUES

City Manager Dan Rich said Tuesday that interest among council members and residents in bicycle and pedestrian issues has been so overwhelming that he wants to hire an expert to deal with it, a new position he called “a bike-ped czar.”

“Nobody on staff is an expert or solely dedicated to bike-ped issues,” Rich said in a brief discussion Tuesday.

Council members voted in early 2013 to make bike and pedestrian mobility a top priority, but some members still aren’t as supportive of the efforts as others.

“Could you just send more people to conferences to bring them up to speed?” Councilman John McAlister said. Rich replied, “Staff does not have the capacity to unless you want to give up something else.”

It was also suggested that the city just hire a consultant.

“I think in this case, a consultant doesn’t really get at what we’re getting at,” Rich said. “What we’re looking for is an ongoing contribution.”

There was concern about paying for the staff member, given a projected general fund deficit in 2015-16. Member Margaret Abe-Koga suggested that Google could pay for it, given the company’s interest in paying for bike- and pedestrian-related projects.

With only a few council members expressing serious concerns, Rich got the green light to come up with a proposal for a council vote.

The discussion came during a study session on expanding the role of the city’s bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee.

—Daniel DeBolt

PROJECT LOON

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his team is exploring ways to do without it. So far it provides 3G service, with single digit megabit-per-second connection speeds.

The first person to get online using Project Loon was a farmer in New Zealand, who used it to check the weather during a pilot test last June. Among those interested are the governments of Argentina, New Zealand, Chile and "a remote penguin hatchery near the Antarctic circle," Cassidy said. "They were very excited about this."

Project Loon uses high altitude balloons, similar to weather balloons, which float 20,000 feet in the sky — twice as high as planes fly. The key to making it work is the balloons can be pushed back and forth by raising and lowering them into relatively

predictable high-altitude wind currents, while one balloon can be replaced by another when moved by the wind. Right now, each balloon can provide 200 kilometer-acres of coverage on the ground, though much better coverage is in the works.

"One of our business models is to work with Telcos in various countries," Cassidy said. "They are very excited about this. When you ask them about the costs of cell tower plans, they say \$3.6 billion or \$7 billion. We say we'll put the towers in the sky and have a revenue sharing agreement with you. Ten out of 10 have said, 'Yes, that sounds great.'"

After the talk there were questions about the impact of having tens of thousands of plastic balloons in the sky. "Aren't they going to be landing in the ocean?" said one attendee. "We basically have the equipment to bring the balloon down when

and where we want to, within half a kilometer," Cassidy said.

He said they will be able to recycle the plastic and reuse the electronics of old balloons, which are designed to stay up for 100 days at a time and use a solar panel to keep batteries charged. Even a hole the size of a pinhead is not repairable, Cassidy said.

As for the possibility of hitting an airplane, Cassidy said the system is safer than a balloon on a tether, which has been proposed for such a network in the past. Once in the air at high altitude, "There's no risk of collision between a balloon and commercial airplane — until they come down again," Cassidy said. They're on a "first-name basis with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration)" and "we know where the planes are and we avoid the problem that way," he said.

When asked if countries such as China and Vietnam are opposed

to the project, Cassidy replied, "It's a situation where I wish I could say everything know, but I can't. We're really successful getting overflight permissions everywhere in the world, especially places you would think we wouldn't." Governments such as China's, which censor the internet, "actually want to bring info to people in rural areas."

Project Loon is just one way in which Google aims to bring the internet to the world. Google is an investor O3B, which uses satellites to achieve similar goals. O3B has already launched its first

"medium earth orbit" satellites, with plans to cover the ocean and 180 countries within a wide area stretching 45 degrees north of the equator and 45 degrees south. A major cruise line is also reported to be working to use the service on its ships.

"It's actually really important that Google and others see a variety of ways to invest," Cassidy said. "I think actually it's important there are multiple way to do this."

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COUNCIL REJECT

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North Bayshore and El Camino Real precise plans this year to guide future growth in those areas. Planning director Randy Tsuda said the city could add contract planners, but ultimately there wouldn't be enough oversight of the work. "There's only of me and only one planning manager," he said after the meeting.

Council member Margaret Abe-Koga said of the Terra Bella precise plan proposal from Mark Calvano: "We probably could have added this into the North Bayshore precise plan we are doing but he just came in too late. He should have done this a year ago."

Addressing concerns about adding an overwhelming number of new jobs in a city where housing development has not kept pace, Calvano suggested that the 1.1 million square feet could be subtracted from the 3.4 million square feet of office

space council members are discussing for North of Highway 101, which by itself could mean 15,000 to 20,000 new jobs for the city.

Calvano contended that a new Terra Bella precise plan "will solve more congestion problems than it causes" by eliminating a traffic bottleneck on Shoreline Boulevard between Terra Bella Avenue and Pear Avenue by widening the street from four lanes to six, saving the city \$30 to \$40 million in land purchase costs. Abe-Koga said after the meeting that council members didn't understand how Calvano could promise that when he doesn't own all of the land that would be needed.

Council members voted unanimously to reject the Terra Bella precise plan but still study the possibility of widening Shoreline Boulevard for bus lanes. Only council member John Inks opposed the rejection of the Creekside apartment redevelopment, saying that "I think we need to figure out

how we can get these projects through. The city should be responsive to what the community needs."

There was one gatekeeper request that got through Tuesday night, a proposal for about 200 apartments at 2268-2280 El Camino Real, potentially replacing three single family homes and the Olive tree shopping center near Rengstorff Avenue. Developer Ty Bash said in a letter that the project needed to be developed ahead of the precise plan for El Camino Real because the owner of the Olive Tree shopping center needed to decide whether to rent vacant spaces in the shopping center.

Council members Jac Siegel and John McAlister opposed the project, with MacAlister saying "I'm not going to support it because we already have seven other (housing) projects going on down El Camino and they are all sort of cookie cutter to me."

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OBITUARY

MAJ. ROBERT C. TAYLOR

Maj. Robert C. Taylor, a veteran of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, died in Mountain View on Dec. 26.

Born in California in 1966, he moved to Windsor in 1973, where he graduated from Windsor High School in 1984. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and went on to the Naval Academy, West Point, the Army Airborne, and was a



Navy SCUBA diver and attended Naval flight officer's school. After earning his wings, he was sent on two deployments, became an instructor, and completed Top Gun (Advisory), his family said.

He graduated from Annapolis in 1991 and became a weapons systems officer. He logged 1,500 jet hours, 500 of those during wartime. He flew in the Afghanistan War and was deployed twice to

Iraq, his family said.

He is survived by his mother Marcey (Taylor) Blanco of Loveland, Colo.; his father Bob Taylor of Littleton, Colo.; his children Redmayne and Dagen of Milford, Conn.; and his sisters Leslie Simpson of Conifer, Colo. and Nicole Brunet of Pensacola, Fla.

Services are set for noon on June 13 at Ft. Logan Cemetery in Denver. An online guest book is available on Cusimano Family Colonial Mortuary's website at cusimanocolonial.com.

Don Sanders

November 19, 1948-January 17, 2014

Don was a wonderful man who was loved and respected by many. Those who had the chance to know him were embraced by a kind heart, friendly smile, and wise guidance. Born and raised in Tulsa, OK, Don attended OU and was an ever proud Sooner. His long career began with AT&T, various Bell companies, then many years as a self-employed consultant, entrepreneur and innovator. Diagnosed with brain cancer in April, 2013, Don put up a valiant fight. Ever sweet, his gentle demeanor never faltered. Don peacefully succumbed to the disease while at home, surrounded by love. Needless to say, he will be greatly missed.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration for Don on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 1:00. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided, as well as good company and wonderful shared memories.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Pathways Hospice, Friends of Deer Hollow Farm, or a charity of your choice.



PAID OBITUARY



NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 11-44

The City of Mountain View will be constructing the Central Expressway Sidewalk Improvements, Project 11-44. This project will provide pedestrian facilities along Central Expressway from Gemini Avenue to Moffett Boulevard by installing sidewalk, trees, signs, and high-visibility crosswalks. The project also includes removal of up to five Heritage trees and modifications of the two traffic signals at the Central Expressway and Shoreline Boulevard ramp intersections to include pedestrian signals at the crossings.

Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2014 and be completed by June 2014.

You are invited to the following Mountain View City Council meeting where the Council will review, comment, and consider approval of the project:

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014
6:30 P.M. (OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE ITEM CAN BE
HEARD)
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SECOND FLOOR, MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY HALL
500 CASTRO STREET, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA**

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Joy Houghton, Project Manager, at (650) 903-6311 or joy.houghton@mountainview.gov.

Polystyrene Foam Food Service Ware Ordinance



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.*
City Council Chambers
500 Castro Street, 2nd Floor
*or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard

The Mountain View City Council will hold a public hearing to consider a proposed ordinance prohibiting the use of foam food service ware at any establishment which provides ready-to-consume food and beverage for dine-in, take-out, or complimentary service, whether or not a charge is imposed. The purpose of the ordinance is to reduce the amount of foam food ware litter to improve water quality; comply with new municipal Stormwater Permit requirements by the Regional Water Quality Control Board; and achieve the City's environmental objectives.

The proposed ordinance applies to establishments providing food and beverage: (1) to the public for consumption on or off its premises; (2) as a catered event; and/or (3) at cafeterias in schools and places of employment, regardless if such establishments are open to the general public. It does not affect prepackaged foods such as produce, noodles and soups, or raw eggs and meat.

Food providers include, but are not limited to, restaurants, retail food establishments, caterers, cafeterias, stores, shops, sales outlets, grocery stores, delicatessens, fraternal clubs serving the public, mobile food vendors, vehicles or carts, and roadside stands.

If adopted, the proposed Ordinance would become effective on July 1, 2014. A copy of the City Council staff report, ordinance, and environmental documents are available after 4 p.m. Thursday, February 6, 2014, at the City Clerk's Office or online at www.MVrecycle.org. For more information, call Public Works at (650) 903-6311 or visit www.MVrecycle.org.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECT – MEASURE G

Mountain View Whisman School District is requesting proposals for program management services of the elementary school sites, district office, warehouse facilities, and other duties as assigned.

If your firm wishes to submit a proposal for this RFP, please submit one (1) unbound original and nine (9) bound copies of your completed proposal package to the following address:

RFP for Program Management Services
Mountain View Whisman School District
Attn: Terese McNamee, Chief Business Officer
750-A San Pierre Avenue
Mountain View, California 94043

All proposals must be submitted to the above address in a sealed envelope labeled **RFP for Program Management Services** no later than 3:00pm local time on February 13, 2014.

A mandatory presubmittal meeting regarding this RFP will be held on February 10, 2014 at 9:00am at the District Office located at 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, CA 94043.

RFP packets can be downloaded at <http://www.MVWSD.org/Measure-G-RFPs-RFQs> or be picked up at the District Office, listed above.

The Mountain View Whisman School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and to make any awards as may be determined to be in the best interest of the school district.



Aging in Place 2014

Saturday, February 8th 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Seniors, families of seniors, baby-boomers! Don't miss out on our third annual Aging in Place event at the Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue, sponsored by the City of Mountain View's Senior Advisory Committee and partner, DrukerCenter for Innovation. Comprehensive seminars offered on an array of topics. Volunteer eldercare professionals will be on-site to answer your questions. This event is FREE. Registration begins at 8:30am. Cash lunch is provided.

9:00-9:30 Main Hall: Introduction by Elna Tymes, Senior Advisory Committee member
What is Aging in Place? The benefits and challenges of staying in your own home.

Conference Schedule:

9:40-10:40 BLOCK ONE (two choices)

Alzheimer's or is it Normal Aging (A)
Elna Tymes, SAC member

Living with Arthritis (B)
Sangeetha Bala, MD, South Bay Joint Care, INC

1:00-1:50 BLOCK THREE (two choices)

Affordable Care Act (A)
Janet Wells, Suzanne Wells, Mid-Peninsulans for Affordable Care

Rightsizing your Life - Is it Time? (B)
Cindy Hofen, Managing Moves

10:50-11:50 BLOCK TWO (two choices)

How to Get the Most out of Your Golden Years (B)
Dr. Anne Ferguson, Bay Area Older Adults

2:00-2:50 BLOCK FOUR (two choices)

linkAges in the Community: What's in it for You (A)
Dr. Martin Entwistle, Druker Center for Innovation

VA Support for the Aging Veteran (B)
Dr. J. Lisa Tenover, Palo Alto VA

3:00: Conference Ends

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Lawyers only winners in Bullis, LASD spat

Will the day ever come when the persistent battles between Bullis Charter School and the Los Altos School District are only a distant memory? Will a solution pop up that no one considered before that suddenly seems right for both sides?

Unfortunately, at the present time there are no answers in sight, so it is hardly worth people getting their hopes up about finding a resolution to this long-running dispute. But it is important to realize that while neither the Los Altos district nor Bullis are in any way insolvent, millions of taxpayer dollars are being wasted, flowing like water out the door of each campus to pay ongoing legal expenses.

The crux of the dispute revolves around how the school district meets its Proposition 39 obligation, which requires that its land, buildings and other assets must be “shared fairly” with any charter school within its boundaries. Bullis officials interpret that to mean that the district has as an obligation to hand over an entire school campus to the charter school — which LASD officials say they’ve been trying to make happen, though it’s been disputed as to how hard they are actually trying.

Despite a ruling more than a year ago by the state Appellate Court supporting Bullis’ assertion that the district must provide essentially the same assets as those at its own school, legal maneuverings have kept the battle going strong without a resolution.

Instead, nearly 500 Bullis students are split between two campuses — Blach Intermediate School and Egan Junior High School — where the children attend classes in portables. The split campus solution has infuriated Bullis, and has resulted in a seemingly endless stream of spats over rules that Bullis students must follow on the respective campuses.

Earlier this week, the *Voice* asked both sides to estimate their cost of litigation in this dispute so far. Doug Smith, chairman of the LASD board, estimates that the district has spent “a couple of million dollars” on the litigation. He said it is “...nothing short of tragic that this takes money away from the classroom.” The sad thing is that LASD is budgeting more than \$1.2 million a year on litigation going forward. “The BCS litigation machine shows no signs of letting up,” he said.

Bullis was not quite as forthcoming about its legal expenditures. Spokesman Jay Reed said that \$1.7 million had been spent, although it is likely that the charter school has laid out about the same amount as LASD, and possibly more.

There are no easy answers, but if the two sides are to get beyond relying on the courts to solve their problem, they will have to agree:

■ Bullis is a legal charter school serving students who are primarily residents of the Los Altos School District

■ While a state Appellate Court said LASD must provide Bullis essentially the same assets as its own schools, in practice this does not mean that Bullis has the right to occupy an entire district school

■ Both schools are committed to excellence, exhibited by students at both schools achieving some of the highest test scores in the state

Over the course of this feud an arbitrated settlement was signed and then collapsed, as have efforts to mount a bond issue to build a school for Bullis. But regardless of what happened before, the sides must keep trying. At this stage, leaders have to ask themselves: What is worse, millions of dollars more spent on litigation, or biting the bullet and accepting a negotiated settlement, where each side will have to give some ground but be able to proceed in peace. Both sides have an opportunity to make 2014 the year that this dispute is put behind them, so there no longer is a need to spend this kind of money on wasteful litigation.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

SPECIAL INTERESTS ARE TAKING OVER

The ongoing cramming of more persons from all around the globe into the Bay Area is not the product of good will, but the work of corporate executives and other special interest groups that stand to profit. Nowadays, accommodating special interests is the rule in America. It’s happening at every level of government.

Take for example, Congress’ rather quiet passage of a bill in 2012 that authorized commercial drones in American skies. The FAA is working on implementing regulations. Last year, Amazon floated a plan to deliver packages with small drones. Some could profit, but at what cost?

The U.S. government uses drones abroad to spy on, intimidate and kill foreigners. Did it even concern Congress that foreign countries, terrorists and even domestic extortionists may well use “commercial” drones in America for the same purposes?

In America’s hijacked political system where private-sector money funds campaigns and Congressional and state legislative districts are gerrymandered to eliminate serious opposition, special interests count more than the public interest — far more.

Gary Wesley
Continental Circle

NOT SURPRISED BY LOCAL HOUSING COSTS

Housing is expensive in Mountain View. Supervisor Joe Simitjan would have us believe that our high housing costs are due to the so-called jobs-housing imbalance. I contend that the jobs-housing imbalance is a fiction.

The real reason Mountain View has expensive housing is that Mountain View is a highly desirable place to live: it is safe,

it has great neighborhoods and good schools, and commutes out of Mountain View are often in the reverse direction. I work in Newark and have a better commute than many of my colleagues who live in the East Bay. These are all reasons why people want to live in Mountain View and are willing to pay extra to do so.

If the jobs-housing imbalance were in any way relevant, then Los Altos Hills, which has virtually no jobs, would be expected to have very low housing costs, not costs far higher than Mountain View’s. One would also expect that the huge Madera complex would reduce the average cost of housing; in fact, the astronomical rents there actually increased housing costs.

The jobs-housing imbalance is not a problem and it doesn’t need fixing. The only way to reduce housing costs is to make Mountain View less desirable than its neighbors. The current efforts to add to our congestion by packing in more and more residents seems like a good way to start that process.

Maarten Korringa
Eldora Drive

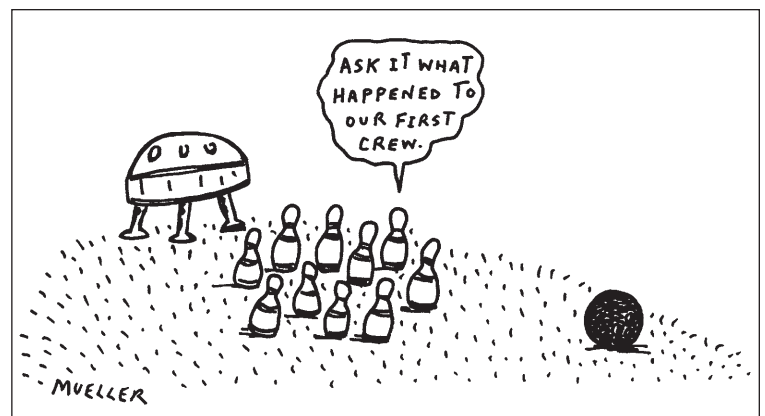
PROPOSED CUTS TO FOOD STAMPS

In regard to the upcoming vote on the Farm Bill, where cuts to food stamps are being proposed, I wanted to say that in a country as prosperous as ours it’s outrageous that the Congress is considering cuts to programs which help the least fortunate among us.

There simply is no moral/ethical justification for this.

In light of recent statistics about millionaires in Congress, these sorts of proposals really do look like class warfare by the rich on the poor.

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■ FOOD FEATURE

Story by Elena Kadvany
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One wouldn't normally associate beer with a library.

But turning that association — or lack thereof — on its head is the whole point of Brew University, a beer-education program launched by the city of Palo Alto library system in the summer of 2012.

"This program has spawned into a huge, huge opportunity for us at the library to attract more customers and broaden our scope in terms of programming and thinking of libraries in a different way than just a deposit for books," said Cheryl Lee, Palo Alto's community engagement and outreach librarian.

Brew University is Lee's brainchild, executed with the help of local partners from the beer and library world alike.

The program is a series of free classes that focus on a range of beer-related topics, from the basics of home brewing to "The Techie Side of Beer." Each class begins with an informal lecture portion at Palo Alto's downtown library on Forest Avenue and then moves to Gordon Biersch, about a block away on Emerson Street, for tastings and socializing. Each attendee is given a three-ounce tasting glass and can pour for themselves from bottles placed throughout the restaurant's brewery, amongst giant metal beer-brewing tanks.

At a recent class, "Seasonal Beers From Around the World," Gordon Biersch's brewmaster John Tucci opened the evening, talking to a captive audience of more than 20 people about his definition of "seasonal," the beers he selected for them to taste, quirky beer history and more.

"Seasonal beer styles are a very general term for beer that's typically not made year-round," he said.

These styles are driven by the weather, holidays and other events. Tucci said he avoided bringing in Christmas beers, but instead went with ones whose flavors complement the crisp, somewhat cold weather this time of year, as well as more unusual brews that he thought attendees wouldn't have tasted before.

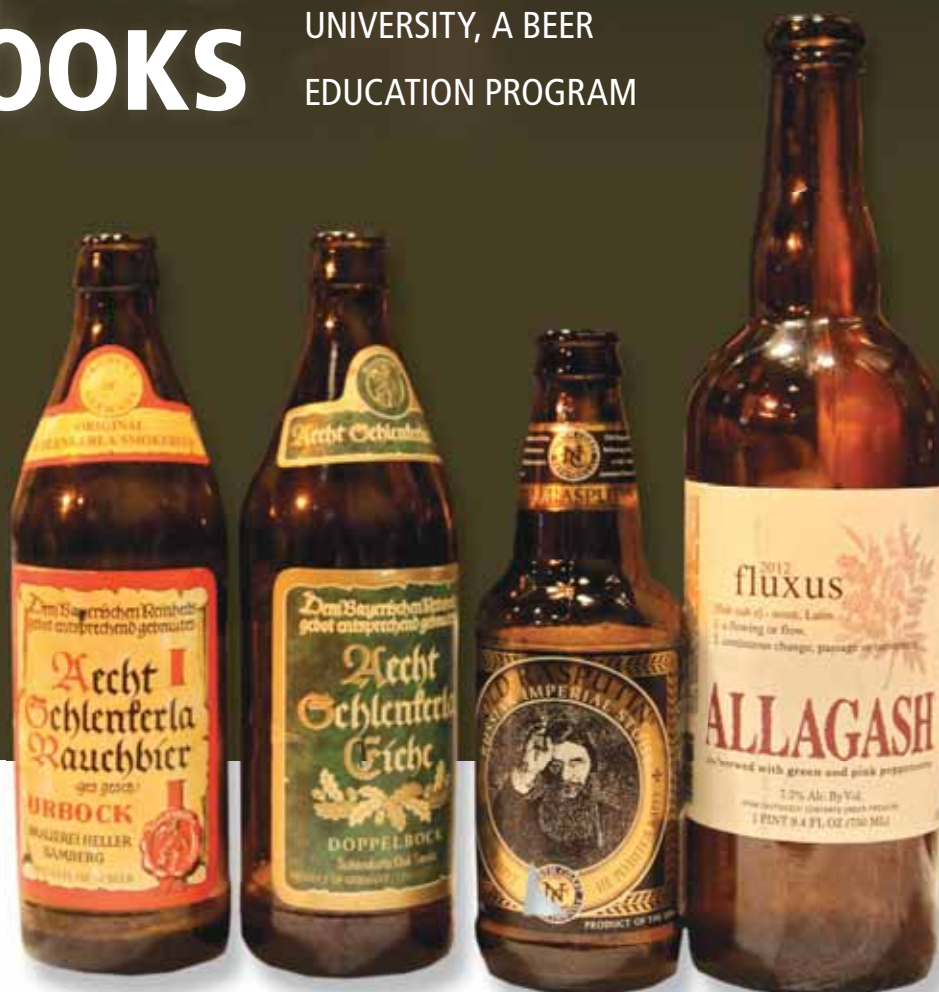
Among others, he brought in a coconut porter from Palo Alto Brewing, "Old Rasputin," a Russian imperial stout from Fort Bragg-based North Coast Brewery, a saison made by a Belgian brewery with grains of paradise, coriander and orange peel, and a sour blonde ale, aged in oak barrels, that drew particular interest from those who

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Library offers brews NOT BOOKS

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Above: Gerry Cargile samples a seasonal beer at a Brew University tasting event sponsored by the Palo Alto Library. **Right:** A sampling of seasonal beers selected for tasting.



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Weekend

BREW

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tasted it later in the evening.

"Anybody want to know how beer got sour and who thought of that one?" Tucci asked. He explained that sour beer's tart nature can be attributed to the levels of natural occurring bacteria.

"It's literally spoiled beer," he explained. "And now, today, of course there's levels of the spoil that you can work with and of course you don't want to allow it to go too far. I've created batches of intentionally sour beers that do go

too far and there's a tipping point when it becomes unpalatable."

He shared an anecdote about saving a jar of a "horrible" tasting batch of sour beer; three or four years later, he opened it up and found its flavor had morphed into "almost identical to what you would put on fish and chips."

City librarian Lee also brought in Derek Wolfgram, deputy county librarian for the Santa Clara County Library District and home brewer of many years, to lead a past Brew University session on making beer.

"We do an overview of the history of beer and brewing just to put it in context a little bit and then talk about all the different ingredients," Wolfgram said. "We have grains that people can taste and hops that people can smell and talk about the process and the different levels of involvement that you can have."

Wolfgram, of course, suggests a few books to get people started making their own beer at home: "The Complete Joy of Homebrewing" by Charlie Papazian and "How to Brew: Everything you need to know to brew beer right the first time" by John Palmer.

The home-brewing sessions inspired one attendee, Palo Alto resident Bruce Kuwano, to pick up the hobby for the first time. At the seasonal beers class, Kuwano

was still in the beginning stages of brewing his own beer.

"I was going to ask John (Tucci) actually if it's supposed to look this way, because it looks kind of scary right now," he laughed. "It looks like a pond with a lot of fuzzy stuff on top. I added yeast, so I think that's what it's supposed to look like."

Undeterred, he moved on to taste more of the seasonal beers.

Future Brew University events include "From HomeBrewer to Experienced Brewmaster" on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. Tucci, who is opening his own production brewery in South San Francisco in a few months, will lead the class. Information on the classes can be found at cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/lib/.

Lee, Tucci and Wolfgram are also working on hosting a "Brew Day" competition this summer. Similar to reality cooking show Top Chef, four home brewing clubs will be given a mystery basket of ingredients and will have to make a beer on the spot with those ingredients. This will be an all-day event — beer takes about six hours to brew — held in the downtown library's outdoor patio.

"We're trying to change the game and broaden what the library means to people," Lee said.

Elena Kadvaný can be emailed at ekadvaný@paweekly.com.

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Entrees

Filet Mignon – Filet mignon in a red wine reduction Served with broccolini and a risotto cake filled with blue cheese.

Braised Short Ribs in a light red wine sauce – served with polenta and seasonal fresh cut vegetables.

Grilled Lamb Chops in a lemon vinaigrette sauce – Served with Swiss chard, and roasted potatoes.

Linguine Pescatore – fresh salmon, snapper, clams, mussels and prawns in a spicy tomato sauce.

Mushroom Ravioli – with Roma tomatoes and fresh spinach, in a light Marsala cream sauce.

Grilled Salmon – served with sautéed spinach, wild rice and vegetables.

Dessert

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The City of Mountain View will be constructing the Middlefield Road Median Island Reconstruction, Project 12-32. This project will improve vehicle safety by reconstructing the median islands on Middlefield Road between Shoreline Boulevard and Easy Street. The project will install median island curbs, ADA-compliant curb ramps, striping, and pavement markings.

Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2014 and be completed by July 2014.

You are invited to the following Mountain View City Council meeting where the Council will review, comment, and consider approval of the project:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014
6:30 P.M. (OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE ITEM CAN BE HEARD)
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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE INVISIBLE WOMAN ★★1/2

As adapted from Claire Tomalin’s revealing 1991 biography, Ralph Fiennes’ fascinating film “The Invisible Woman” looks behind the curtain at the whispered-about mistress Dickens never publicly acknowledged. Fiennes’ film takes the point of view of its title character, Ellen “Nelly” Ternan (Felicity Jones). When the film opens, Dickens has been dead for 13 years, and a married Nelly has settled into a life as a teacher at the High School in Margate. But her long walks on the beach betray a psychic unrest: Clad head to toe in heavy black Victorian dress, Nelly finds cold comfort in these walks, which tip off the local vicar (John Kavanagh) that something is amiss. Memories unfold, transporting us back to 1857 and Nelly’s first encounter with Dickens (Fiennes). *Rated R for some sexual content. One hour, 51 minutes.* — P.C.

THE NUT JOB ★1/2

Set in the late ‘50s in the fictional town of Oakton, “The Nut Job” concerns one Surly (sitcom star Will Arnett), a ruthless rodent. For participating in a nut-gathering incident gone disastrously wrong, Surly gets banished from the city park. So Surly, trailed as ever by his dim-bulb buddy Buddy, faces the harsh world of city streets and alleyways and storefronts, but lo! It’s a nut store! Sweet providence! And a chance for Surly to redeem himself, if he chooses to play nice with those who’ve rejected him. Playing peacemaker is Katherine Heigl’s Andie, but Liam Neeson’s tin-pot tyrant Raccoon proves, y’know, a tough nut to crack. Meanwhile, a human drama — actually, a human noir — is playing out among the denizens of the nut store: crooks using the shop as cover to plan and execute a bank heist. *Rated PG for mild action and rude humor. One hour, 26 minutes.* — P.C.

LONE SURVIVOR ★★1/2

Above all an action movie, “Lone Survivor” bucks the trend of recent thought-provoking tales of survival like “All is Lost,” “Gravity” and “12 Years a Slave.” The firepower-filled film based on Marcus Luttrell’s nonfiction book (co-written with Patrick Robinson) takes for granted the simple psychological drive of survival and doesn’t pause to consider philosophical implications. The main impression “Lone Survivor” leaves is of bodies taking incredible punishment and clinging to life while under constant attack. Producer-star Mark Wahlberg plays Luttrell, one of a four-man SEAL team tasked with locating and assassinating senior Taliban commander Ahmad Shah (Yousuf Azami). Dispatched as a part of 2005’s Operation Red Wings, Luttrell’s colleagues include team leader Lt. Michael P. Murphy (Taylor Kitsch), Danny Dietz (Emile Hirsch) and Matthew Axelson (Ben Foster). Based in Bagram, the men hunker down in the Hindu Kush mountains of the Kunar province to stake out Shah and plan their move. *Rated R for strong bloody war violence and pervasive language. Two hours, one minute.* — P.C.

MOVIE CRITICS

S.T.- Susan Tavernetti, P.C. Peter Canavese, T.H.-Tyler Hanley

MOVIE TIMES

American Hustle (R) ★★★ Century 20: 12:45, 3:55, 7:15 & 10:25 p.m.
Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 20: 11:05, 2, 4:50 & 7:45 p.m.
August: Osage County (R) ★★★ Century 20: 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:20 & 10:10 p.m.
Devil’s Due (R) Century 20: Fri 12, 2:35, 5, 7:35 & 10 p.m.
Frozen (PG) Century 20: 11:15 a.m., 4:25 & 9:35 p.m. In 3-D at 1:50 & 7 p.m. Sing along at 12:05, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10 & 10:45 p.m.
Gravity (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Century 20: 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:40, 7:10 & 9:45 p.m.
Her (R) ★★★★★ Century 20: 1:20, 4:30, 7:25, 10:20 p.m. Palo Alto Square: Sun 1, 4 & 7 p.m. Mon 1, 4 & 7 p.m. Tue 1, 4 & 7 p.m. Wed 1, 4 & 7 p.m. Thu 1, 4 & 7 p.m.
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) ★★★★★ Century 20: 11:30 a.m. & 6:35 p.m. In 3-D at 3:05 & 10:05 p.m.
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) ★★★ Century 20: 12:35, 3:50, 7:05 & 10:05 p.m.
I, Frankenstein (PG-13) Century 20: Fri 1:40 & 9:10 p.m. In 3-D at 11:20 a.m., 4:05 & 6:40 p.m. In I-MAX at 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.
Inside Llewyn Davis (R) ★★★★★ Palo Alto Square: Fri 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 & 9:50 p.m. Sat 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 & 9:50 p.m. Sun 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m. Mon 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m. Tue 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m. Wed 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m. Thu 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG-13) Century 20: 11:55 a.m., 2:30, 5:05, 7:40 & 10:25 p.m.
Labor Day (PG-13) Century 20: 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:15 & 9:55 p.m.
Lone Survivor (R) ★★1/2 Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 2:10, 5, 7:50 & 10:45 p.m.
Nebraska (R) ★★★ Aquarius Theatre: Noon, 2:30, 5:15 & 8 p.m.
The Nut Job (PG) ★1/2 Century 20: 11 a.m., 1:30, 3:45, 6, 8:15 & 10:30 p.m.
The Past (PG-13) ★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre: Fri 1, 4, 7 & 9:55 p.m.
Philomena (PG-13) ★★★ Guild Theatre: 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.
Ride Along (PG-13) Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 12:25, 1:35, 2:55, 4:15, 5:25, 6:50, 8, 9:20 & 10:30 p.m.
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Guild Theatre: Midnight on Sat. only.
The Saratov Approach (PG-13) Century 20: 11:25 a.m., 2, 4:40, 7:10 & 9:50 p.m.
Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13) ★★ Century 20: 1, 4:20, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m.
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) ★1/2 Century 20: Fri 11:40 a.m., 2:20 & 5:10 p.m.
That Awkward Moment (R) Century 20: 12:15, 2:40, 5:50, 7:35 & 10 p.m.
The Wolf of Wall Street (R) ★★1/2 Century 20: 12:10, 4 & 8:05 p.m.

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Foothill College Cash for College Workshop This event provides one-stop service to complete financial-aid applications. Attend a line-by-line FAFSA workshop and work individually with financial-aid professionals. Ideal for high school and college students who currently attend or plan to attend a California community college, CSU, UC. Feb. 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free admission; free parking. Foothill College Middlefield Campus, Building I, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-949-6987. www.foothill.edu/news/newsfmt.php?sr=2&rec_id=2646

Growing Citrus in Santa Clara Valley Master Gardener Ann Ranish will cover a brief history of citrus in California, tips on planting and caring for citrus, and the best varieties for local climate and soils. Feb. 8, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library's Community Room, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 408-282-3105. www.mastergardeners.org/scc.html

Introduction to Mindfulness This five-week course on mindfulness is taught by Insight Meditation South Bay teachers. No registration required. Tuesdays, Jan. 23-Feb. 20, 7-9 p.m. Free (donations accepted). St. Timothy's/Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. www.imsb.org

Zoom In - Digital Video Workshop

Zoom In is a 15-hour intensive video workshop that covers how to create a digital video, edit it, upload it to Youtube and produce a DVD. Class includes all software, equipment plus a booklet. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Feb. 3-12, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$145. Mid Peninsula Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-494-8686 ext. 11. www.midpenmedia.org/

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Used Book Sale Friends of the Library of Los Altos is hosting a three-day used book sale, Feb. 7-9. On Friday, Feb. 7, from 6:30-9 p.m., it's for members only (annual memberships may be purchased at the door for \$10). Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-947-3632. www.losaltoslibraryfriends.org

Young Meditators Night This night is designed specifically for meditators age 18-40, hosted every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. 7:30-9 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Call 615-330-3622. www.siliconvalley.shambhala.org/program-details/?id=138840

CONCERTS

Music: Love Songs Through the Ages

Love songs in honor of Valentine's Day, featuring mezzo-soprano Amy Bouchard. Classical and popular songs, from Schumann to Gershwin. Feb. 6, 7-8 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm

EXHIBITS

Freestyle Academy Exhibition Students from the Freestyle Academy of Communication Arts and Technology in Mountain View will exhibit their narrative films, animations, websites, profile films, portraits, magazine articles and music videos at this event. Feb. 7, 5:30-9 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-7477. www.freestyleacademy.net

FAMILY AND KIDS

Author Event/Book Signing Los Altos author Sue Fliess will appear at Linden Tree Books to promote her latest Little Golden Book publication, "How To Be a Pirate." Feb. 1, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650.949.3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

CSMA Students & Faculty Art Show 300+ works of art by students and teachers from Community School of Music and Arts' Art4Schools Program will be on display at Mountain View City Hall Rotunda from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Work by K-8 students & teachers from 17 local schools will be showcased. The public reception will be held Fri., Feb. 7, from 3-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View City Hall Rotunda, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

Waldorf School: 'A Renaissance in Education' Waldorf School of the Peninsula hosts this multi-disciplinary event that blend musical and dramatic performances with artistic and academic displays. Feb. 6, 6-9 p.m. Free. Waldorf School of the Peninsula Mountain View campus, 180 N. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-209-9400. www.waldorfpenninsula.org/event/waldorf-presents-a-renaissance-in-education/

FILM

'Flesh and Metal' on Film A variety of films by or about artists featured in the Cantor Art Center exhibit "Flesh and Metal: Body and Machine in Early 20th-Century Art" will run continuously concurrent with the exhibition. Ongoing every day until March 16. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Wed.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays until 8 p.m. Free. Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. www.events.stanford.edu/events/397/39751/

'Perfect Strangers' - Jan Krawitz & Discussion "Perfect Strangers" tells the story of Ellie, a woman determined to give away one of her kidneys, and Kathy, who endures nightly dialysis and loses hope of receiving a transplant until Ellie reads her profile online. The documentary was created by Jan Krawitz, director of Stanford's M.F.A. Program in Documentary Film and Video. Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. Free. Annenberg Auditorium, Crothers Way, Stanford. Call 650-736-6247. www.ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu/events/lectures/ethics-of-wealth-series/perfect-strangers-screening-and-discussion

HEALTH

Jacki's Aerobic Dancing Classes These fitness classes include core work, strength training and aerobic routines. Jacki's also offers complimentary childcare; bring children and get the first month of classes for free. 9 a.m.-10 a.m. \$4 per class. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-941-1002. www.jackis.com/

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Mountain View Plaza Palooza The City of Mountain View is hosting a series of events on the downtown Mountain View Civic Center Plaza. Local musicians and entertainers will perform; food and drink will be served. Event will be held rain or shine. Feb. 7, noon-1:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov

ON STAGE

Los Altos Stage Co.: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof' The Los Altos Stage Company is putting on a production of Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." Through Feb. 16, Wednesday through Sunday, 8-11 p.m. \$32. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.losaltosstage.org

Stanford Savoyards: 'The Mikado' The Stanford Savoyards presents its production of "The Mikado," a comic opera originally done by Arthur Sullivan and W. S. Gilbert. Jan. 31-Feb. 15, Fridays and Saturdays. All shows are at 8 p.m. except for Saturday, Feb. 15, when it's at 2 p.m. \$10-20. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. www.savoyards.stanford.edu

SENIORS

Aging in Place Conference The City of Mountain View's Senior Advisory Committee presents seminars on an array of topics regarding aging in place on Feb. 8. Aging in Place-related vendors and volunteer eldercare professionals will be on-site to answer questions. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela

Ave., Mountain View. Call 847-769-3830.

The Day Worker Center The Day Worker Center is one of the Senior Center's closest neighbors: It is right down the street on Escuela. This workshop will feature this center and its workers: how it works, who works there, and handyman services available for hire. Feb. 8, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

TALKS & LECTURES

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Talk is applicable for all software products: Web or mobile or desktop or server or cloud or Blue Sky. Feb. 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Early-bird: \$25; Die-Hard: \$50 (coupons for eligible entrepreneurs) Hacker Dojo, 599 Fairchild Dr, Mountain View. Call 408-373-4000. ae-agile-product-strategy.eventbrite.com

CNPS Members Night Slide Show Share pictures taken in 2013 at the California Native Plant Society Members' Night. Photos of anything, any place, or anyone related to native plants are welcome. Please RSVP to have photos included. Jan. 31, 7-8 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library Program Room, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 408-348-9470.

Fran Smith and Sheila Himmel at Kepler's Sheila Himmel and Fran Smith, authors of "Changing the Way We Die: Compassionate End-Of-Life Care and the Hospice Movement," will discuss and sign their new book. Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com/event/fran-smith-sheila-himmel

Regis McKenna talks with John Markoff Regis McKenna, who founded high-tech marketing firm Regis McKenna, Inc. in Silicon Valley in 1970, will speak with journalist John Markoff. McKenna and his firm worked with a number of entrepreneurial start-ups during their formation years, including America Online, Apple, Electronic Arts, Intel and Microsoft. Register online. Feb. 6, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.computerhistory.org/events

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STATEMENT
File No.: 586762
The following person (persons) is (are)
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Clara County.
This business is owned by: An
Individual.
The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MARIANA O. SOLOMON
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Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner began transacting
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on January 9, 2014.
(MVV Jan. 17, 24, 31 Feb. 7, 2014)

997 All Other Legals

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF:**
SUSAN M. PORTER
Case No.: 1-14-PR173716
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
contingent creditors, and persons who
may otherwise be interested in the
will or estate, or both, of SUSAN M.
PORTER.
A Petition for Probate has been filed
by: M. KATHERINE PORTER and ANNE
E. CIRNER in the Superior Court of
California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that:
M. KATHERINE PORTER and ANNE E.
CIRNER be appointed as personal rep-
resentative 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.

The petition requests authority to
administer the estate under the
Independent Administration of Estates
Act. (This authority will allow the person-
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without obtaining court approval. Before
taking certain very important actions,
however, the personal representative
will be required to give notice to inter-
ested persons unless they have waived
notice or consented to the proposed
action.) The independent administration
authority will be granted unless an inter-
ested person files an objection to the
petition and shows good cause why the
court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held
on February 19, 2014 at 9:30 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 peti-
tion, you should appear at the hearing
and state your objections or file written
objections with the court before the
hearing. Your appearance may be in
person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent
creditor of the decedent, you must
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a copy to the personal representative
appointed by the court within the later
of either (1) four months from the date
of first issuance of letters to a general
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section 58 (b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the date
of mailing or personal delivery to you
of a notice under section 9052 of the
California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal
authority may affect your rights as a
creditor. You may want to consult with

an attorney knowledgeable in California
law.

You may examine the file kept by the
court. If you are a person interested in
the estate, you may file with the court
a Request for Special Notice (form
DE-154) of the filing of an inventory
and appraisal of estate assets or of
any petition or account as provided in
Probate Code section 1250. A Request
for Special Notice form is available
from the court clerk.

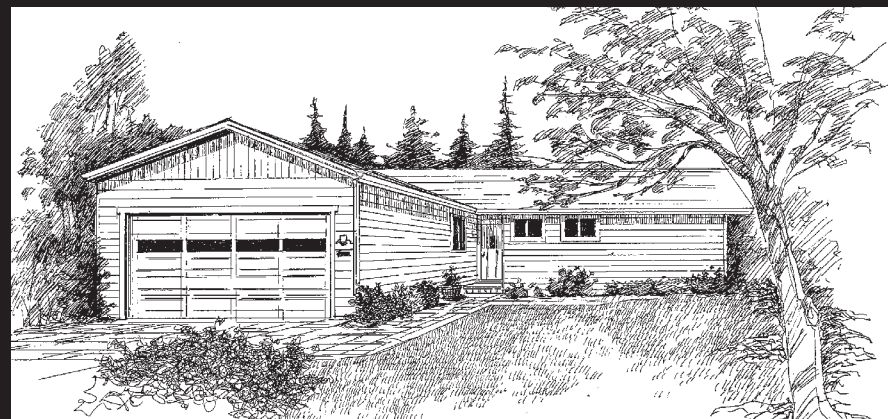
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Available Listings

Address	bd/ba	sq. ft.	age	list price
1104 Carlos Privada	3/2	1,535	28	\$998,000
400 Ortega Avenue #220	3/2	1,485	39	\$749,000
366 Sierra Vista Avenue #4	2/2.5	1,530	27	\$725,000
421 Sierra Vista Avenue #9	2/2.5	1,300	27	\$718,000
1915 Mount Vernon Court #9	2/1	1,056	49	\$515,000
500 W Middlefield Road #151	2/2	1,158	43	\$495,000
505 Cypress Point Drive #140	2/1	843	43	\$448,000
2025 California Street #13	2/1	832	49	\$434,900

Pending Sale

Address	bd/ba	sq. ft.	age	list price
469 Kasra Drive #106	2/2.5	1,594	7	\$819,000
505 Cypress Point Drive #11	1/1	668	43	\$389,000
255 S Rengstorff Avenue #168	1/1	551	49	\$315,000

*This information was pulled from MLS Listings, Inc. as of 1/28/2014. If you would like further information, please contact Royce.

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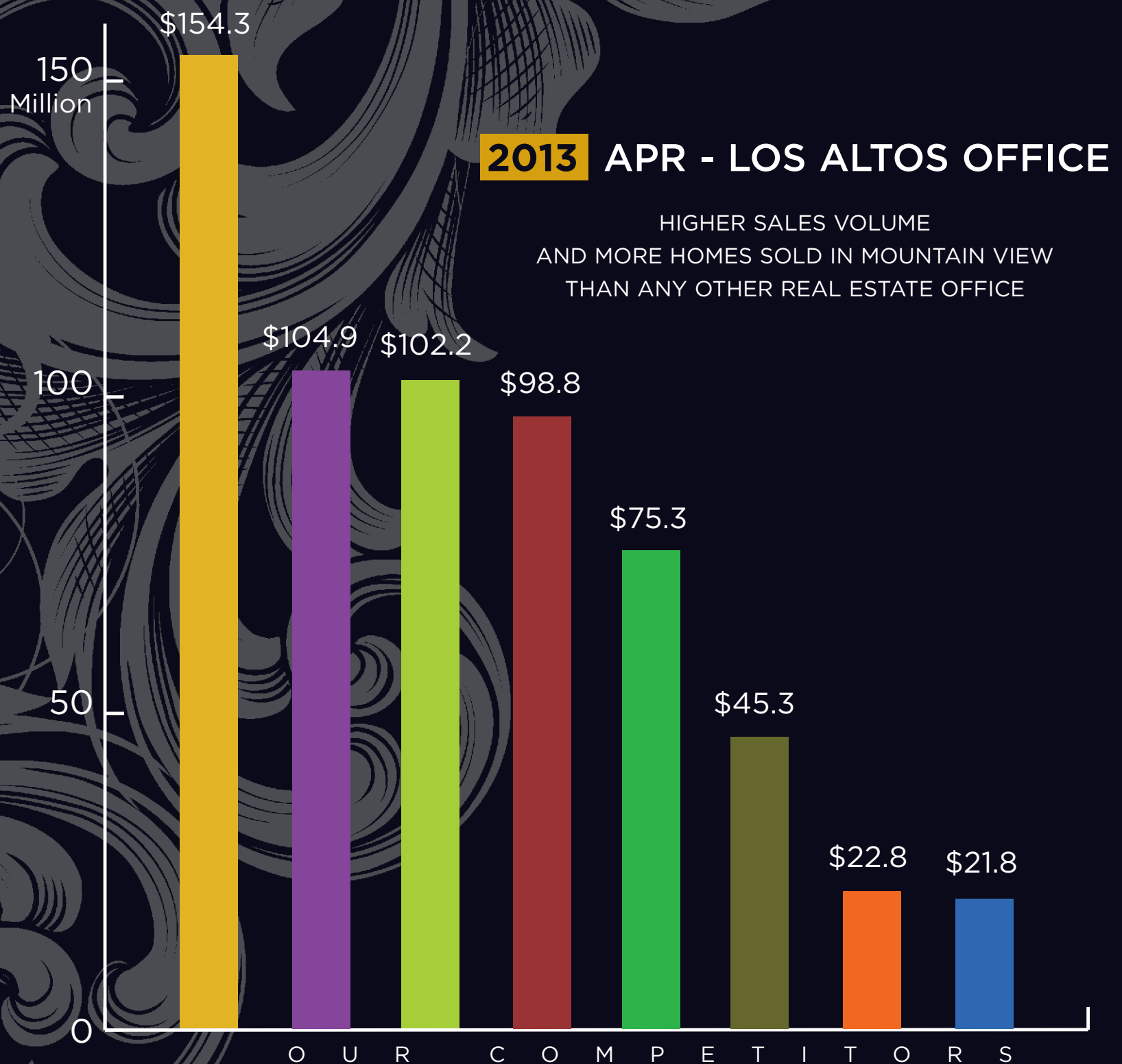
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