



By Popular Demand

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Zabaione crema with fresh berries is a “don’t touch!” dessert on Carpaccio’s menu.

Local restaurateurs talk about the dishes they don’t dare take off the menu

By Jane Knoerle | Almanac Lifestyles Editor

The chef may be tired of making “Steak a la Ritz.” The staff may be sick of serving “Steak a la Ritz.” But if customers say “Don’t touch that!” it stays on the menu.

No matter how bored you become with “same old, same old,” Ciya Martorana, the popular managing partner at Carpaccio in downtown Menlo Park, knows you give patrons what they want.

Take the lasagne. Made from Ciya’s own recipe, it’s been on the menu (Wednesdays and Fridays) since Carpaccio opened 21 years ago. “I think one of the reasons customers like it is that it’s very light, with the bechamel sauce on top,” she says.

“I have one couple that drives down from San Francisco for dinner every two weeks. They called last night to say they’re coming at 8 p.m., so be sure to save them an order of lasagne and one of rack of lamb.”

Rack of lamb also ranks up there as an all-time favorite at Carpaccio, as does the cannelloni. The pasta tubes are traditionally stuffed with a veal and chicken mixture, but seafood cannelloni sometimes appears as a special.

Other “don’t touch!” items are bombetta di parmi-

giano, a mini parmesan souffle served warm with shaved asparagus in a champagne-walnut oil vinaigrette.

As to desserts, zabaione crema, served with seasonal fresh berries, is a keeper. Cannoli with ricotta cheese filling studded with chocolate bits and pistachios is also fast becoming a top choice, says Ms. Martorana.

Flea Street Cafe

Jesse Ziff Cool, owner of Flea Street Cafe in West Menlo Park, says “Wild, wild pasta” appears on the menu every winter. In her newest cookbook, “Simply Organic” (Chronicle Books \$24.95), she notes, “This great cool-weather pasta is a favorite in my restaurant, reappearing each year as soon as the fresh tomatoes disappear.”

The recipe includes fettuccine, wild mushrooms, wild rice, sun-dried tomatoes and crumbled feta cheese.

Another must on Flea Street’s menu the Pacific Coast Seafood plate — grilled fish served over a potato and vegetable mash. “It’s simple, comforting food,” says Ms. Cool. In a new twist on an old favorite, the grilled

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Ciya Martorana of Carpaccio

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fish is served with three sauces: pistou; herb, garlic and olive oil; and tomato.

Fried green tomatoes are also a Flea Street classic.

John Bentley's restaurants

John Bentley, owner of John Bentley's Restaurant in Redwood City and John Bentley's of Woodside, knows all about customer loyalty. When he opened his Redwood City restaurant five years ago, he originally intended to close the Woodside locale. Loyal customers begged him not to leave, so now he has two successful dining spots.

Tom Stevini, executive chef at Woodside, says one of his signature dishes is the roasted garlic custard appetizer, which is served with shitake mushrooms and caramelized pecan sauce.

The most popular entree is ahi tuna served with udon noodles. The favorite dessert? Apple tart with sun dried cherry ice cream.

John Bentley's Redwood City restaurant also has several items customers just can't do without. "The butter lettuce salad with crumbled Maytag blue cheese and white balsamic dressing is always on the menu," he says.

Customers also love the golden beet ravioli with wild mushroom filling. "It's very colorful and a great vegetarian dish," says Mr. Bentley.

Two entrees the restaurant knows not to mess with are grilled hanger steak served over scalloped potatoes and sauteed spinach, and crispy sweetbreads served with shallot, bacon and Yukon gold potatoes and grain mustard sauce.

"I learned to cook sweetbreads 25 years ago at Lippenzaner restaurant in San Francisco," says Mr. Bentley. "The trick is not to



Photo by Danielle Vernon/The Almanac

Server **Victor Lim** holds the Flea Street Cafe Pacific Coast Seafood dish, featuring Arctic char on a bed of beet mash and late autumn vegetables. The dish is served with a trio of sauces.

with warm frisee salad, trumpet mushrooms and fingerling potatoes, always available.

Another top favorite is three preparations of spring lamb: roasted, grilled, and braised. "All the meat comes from the same lamb," says Mr. Elperin.

Many of the Pub's dishes are enhanced by fresh vegetables grown in partnership with SMIP Ranch in the hills above Wood-

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Jamis MacNiven of Buck's

move them (while they're cooking)," he says.

For dessert, sticky toffee pudding cake was all the rage when Bentley's opened five years ago, and the restaurant wouldn't dare take it off the menu. "We have many, many Brits who love the dessert," he says.

The Village Pub

Dmitry Elperin, executive chef at the Village Pub in Woodside, changes the menu every other week, but some things stay the same. Diners expect to find sauteed veal sweetbreads, served

side. "Right now we have crimson turnips, Swiss chard, leeks, and late-harvest tomatoes, if you can believe it," Mr. Elperin says. Pub employees are hands-on at the ranch. "We do the planting ourselves," he says.

On the lunch menu, lamb kofta (ground lamb meatballs) served with yogurt, pine nut and herb salad, is a favorite "And everybody loves the warm cookie plate for dessert," he says.

The Village Pub was recently awarded one star by the Michelin Guide for 2008. It is only one of 25 restaurants in the Bay Area receiving the award.

Buck's of Woodside

Buck's sells 15,000 extra-large artichokes a year in its roasted artichoke entree, served with shrimp and crab, says Buck's owner Jamis MacNiven. He says Buck's is also the second largest retail buyer of giant artichokes in the state. "It's our most popular item," he says.

Patrons also love the hot Dungeness crab sandwich with melted cheddar. "We'd have a riot if we ever changed it," says Mr. MacNiven. The crab melt recipe was inherited from the Stage Coach restaurant, which occupied the Buck's location years ago.

"Milkshakes are very popular. People treat it (drinking one) like a religious experience. We make them the old-fashioned way," he says.

The MacNiven family is expanding its restaurant business, with two of Jamis' sons, Rowan and Dylan, working on their second Woodhouse Fish Co. restaurant in San Francisco, due to open in February. The roasted artichoke entree will be served in both "crab shacks."

While trendy cuisine might inspire the latest "foodie" craze, savvy restaurateurs know you give patrons what they want. And that just might be good old "Steak a la Ritz." **A**

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Local wineries featured in GC's tasting events

GC's Tasting Cafe & Specialty Market in downtown Menlo Park is hosting two wine-tasting events featuring local winemakers this month.

Michael Michaud of Michaud Vineyard in Woodside will treat chardonnay and pinot noir fanciers to a vertical tasting of both varietals on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 5 to 7 p.m.

A resident of Woodside, Mr. Michaud uses chardonnay and pinot noir grapes from the Chalone appellation, says Kathy Kahn of GC's.

On Thursday, Dec. 11, Ken Wornick of La Honda Winery in Redwood City will pour a trio of wines from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mr. Wornick, who also is a vineyard manager, makes many of his wines from grapes grown in the Santa Cruz Mountains appellation, including from small vineyards he manages from Woodside and Atherton to Saratoga. He also uses grapes from several other regions in the state, and from his own vineyard in La Honda.

At GC's, he will pour his 2002 Napa reserve cabernet sauvignon, which he says "is drinking very smooth and subtle right now"; a 2006 Santa Cruz Mountains pinot noir, "on the extracted end with a very deep color and intense flavor profile for pinot noir"; and a 2006 Chalone appellation cabernet sauvignon, which is "classic Bordeaux in style — low on alcohol, good acidity, a moderate use of oak," he says.

There's a \$3 charge for the tastings.

The cafe will also host a sparkling wine-tasting event from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12. It will feature three French Champagnes, a French brut rose, an Italian prosecco and a Spanish cava, according to Ms. Kahn. The charge is \$15.

GC's Tasting Cafe opened in September. In addition to offering a range of cheeses and wines for tasting, and a wide selection of charcuterie, the cafe serves soups, salads, sandwiches and fondue.

The cafe is at 657 Oak Grove Ave. For more information, visit gcstastingcafe.com, or call 322-9463.

Afternoon tea at Allied Arts

Just in time for the holidays, The Red Currant restaurant at Allied Arts Guild is serving afternoon tea from 2 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday.

There is a traditional tea for \$32 and a more elaborate royal tea for \$36. Both include smoked salmon and egg salad sandwiches, mozzarella and roasted peppers on potato wafer, scones with lemon curd and an assortment of tea pastries.

A children's tea for ages 5 to 12 is \$24. It includes hot chocolate, ham and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, and egg salad sandwiches and scones.

Reservations are required, call 322-2626. Last seating is at 3 p.m.

The Red Currant is also open for lunch Monday through Saturday. Allied Arts Guild is located at 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park.

Cookbook authors at Kepler's

Thomas Keller, named America's best chef by Time magazine, will be at Kepler's bookstore at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, to talk about his newest book, "Under Pressure: Cooking Sous Vide." Sous vide involves cooking at precise temperatures below simmering. Chef Keller shows the way in this collection of recipes from his restaurants, The French Laundry in Yountville and Per Se in New York City.

Wona Miniati will be at Kepler's at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, to sign copies of her new book, "Cooking with All Things Trader Joe's." Each recipe features Trader Joe products in easy home-cooked meals.

Kepler's is located at 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. For more information, call 324-4321.

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★ Holiday Calendar

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Stanford rings in holidays with music

The Department of Music at Stanford University will ring in the holidays with the university's star ensembles and guest artists. Highlights include: the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols in Memorial Church (Dec. 5 and 6); the Friends of Music Holiday Musicales with the Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Chorale (Dec. 6); and the Sing and Play Along Messiah (Dec. 12).

For a complete list of events, go to <http://music.stanford.edu/Events/calendar.html>. To purchase tickets, call 725-.2787.

All events are open to the public and will be held on the Stanford campus at Dinkelspiel Auditorium, on Lagunita Drive, adjacent to Braun Music Center; Campbell Recital Hall, in Braun Music Center, 541 Lasuen Mall; Stanford Memorial Church; and CCRMA Stage, The Knoll, 660 Lomita Drive.

Here are the highlights:

■ **Stanford Flute Ensemble.** Tuesday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m. Campbell Recital Hall. Free. Karen Van Dyke directs the Flute Ensemble's pro-

gram of Boismortier's Concerto in B Minor, McMichael's La lune et les étoiles, Hoover's Kyrie, and Bozza's Soir de la montagne.

■ **Stanford Early Music Singers:** Petrarch in the Sixteenth Century. Wednesday, December 3, 8 p.m. Memorial Church. Free. The Early Music Singers, directed by William Mahrt, present Madrigals and Motets on Petrarch's texts by Verdelot, Arcadelt, Lasso, Marenzio, Rore, and Wert.

■ **The Stanford Improvisation Collective.** Thursday, December 4, 8 p.m. Campbell Recital Hall. Free. The Stanford Improvisation Collective, directed by Mark Applebaum, takes to the stage for this year's feast of material improvisations, secular game pieces, and indeterminate expressions of richness, joy, and sensitivity.

■ **Stanford Memorial Church Choir and Stanford Chorale:** Festival of Lessons and Carols. Friday & Saturday, December 5 and 6, 8 p.m. Memorial Church. Free. The Memorial Church Choir and

the Stanford Chamber Chorale combine forces under the direction of Gregory Wait and Stephen M. Sano to present this ever-popular service of Christmas carols and readings from scripture in the tradition of the Chapel at Kings College, Cambridge.

■ **Friends of Music Holiday Musicales.** Saturday, December 6, 2:30 p.m. Memorial Church; \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. The Friends of Music at Stanford present their annual Holiday Musicales featuring the Stanford Chamber Chorale and Symphony Orchestra.

Breakfast with Santa in Menlo Park

Menlo Park's annual "Breakfast with Santa" will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Burgess Recreation Center, 700 Alma St. in Menlo Park.

The pancake breakfast is sponsored by the Menlo Park Community Services Department, in cooperation with the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and the Menlo Park Rotary Club.

There will be holiday crafts, letter writing to Santa, and a visit from Santa Claus himself.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, 12 and under (\$1 off with donation of an unwrapped

toy). Reservations are required. Call 330-2200 on go to menlopark.org/registration.

OTHER EVENTS

■ Peninsula School will host its annual holiday craft fair Sunday, Dec. 7. There will be more than 30 vendors with handcrafted toys, pottery, jewelry, soaps and more. Homemade soups and desserts and other items will be available as well as live music and a supervised play area. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Peninsula School, 920 Peninsula Way, Menlo Park. Call 650-325-1584.

MORE EVENTS

Filoli will be hosting "The Holly and the Ivy" fundraising event through Dec. 6. Shop the Holiday Boutique while performers sing and play seasonal melodies. Filoli, Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org.

"Holiday Traditions Around the World." Visitors can make an Italian Labefan doll, an English party favor, a Filipino star lantern, a German Christmas tree and more. Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call 650-299-0104. www.historysmc.org

"Holiday Treats," an original 30-minute holiday puppet show presented by Nick Barone Puppets will be performed Monday, Dec. 8. The show is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. 4-5 p.m. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422 or visit

www.smcl.org for more information.

"Holiday Affaire With Zest." The Garden Club of Palo Alto presents a holiday sale of handmade products, including jams, seasonal decorations, wreaths and centerpieces. Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto.

Palo Alto Children's Theatre is hosting a musical production of "A Christmas Carol," an adaptation of Dickens' holiday classic that follows Scrooge's magical journey. It plays Dec. 5-20. Tickets are \$10 adult, \$5 child. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4930 for more information.

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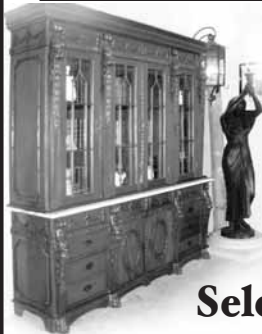
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Ballet American presents 'The Nutcracker'

Redwood City's own Ballet America will stage a community production of "The Nutcracker" on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the historic Fox Theater, located at 2215 Broadway in downtown Redwood City.

This classic, full-length ballet, set to the Tchaikovsky score, includes a cast of more than 100 dancers with colorful sets and beautiful costumes.

From the youngest angel to the professional Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier, the production joins dancers of all levels from the community "in a spirited celebration of the season," says Julia Ball-Dugan, artistic director of the Academy of American Ballet in Redwood City.

"The Stahlbaum's festive party, the comical sword-wielding mice, the graceful falling snow, and the magical land of the Sugar Plum Fairy — all are here in this professional production," says Ms. Ball-Dugan.

Accessible to children and experienced ballet fans alike, this year's production joins students of the Academy of American Ballet with Bay Area professional dancers: David Bier, Esther Cardona, and Ms. Ball-Dugan as the Sugar Plum Fairy.



Ballet America stages "The Nutcracker" on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Fox Theatre in Redwood City.

Reserved seats are \$18 through \$39. Tickets are available through ticketweb.com and cast members.

Ballet America is a performing group founded and directed by Julia Ball-Dugan, a former profes-

sional dancer. Its mission is to enhance local appreciation of the art of ballet through quality productions of both new and classical choreography.

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Menlo Park Chorus performs holiday concert

The Menlo Park Chorus will perform its annual holiday concert on Friday, Dec. 12, at the Burgess Recreation Center — with a preview performance featuring a sampling of the program on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Menlo Park Library.

The Dec. 6 performance is set for 11 a.m. at the library, 800 Alma St. Admission is free.

The Burgess Center concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$12, general; \$8, seniors and students; and free for children under 12. The center is in the Menlo Park Civic Center at

Ravenswood Avenue and Laurel Street.

The concert will feature traditional music of the season, spirituals, and Broadway favorites. "We are celebrating with familiar pieces, often in new and unusual arrangements," says chorus director April McNeely.

John Isofa, who arranged a Christmas classic for the concert, accompanies the chorus on piano.

The chorus is sponsored by the city of Menlo Park, the Bay Area Music Foundation, and the Performing Arts Alliance at Foothill College.

Ms. McNeely teaches voice at Santa Clara University and is a private voice teacher.

Free van service to the Dec. 6 performance at the library is available for Menlo Park seniors and people with disabilities. To more information or to schedule transportation, call 330-2512, or e-mail rloth@menlopark.org.

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Special Events

Douglas Engelbart and the Dawn of Interactive Computing. SRI's 40th anniversary celebration of the first public multimedia demonstration of the mouse. Tue., Dec. 9, 1-5:30 p.m. \$25 general public; \$10 students. Stanford Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-859-5213. <http://www.sri.com/engelbart-event.html>

Church of The Nativity 3rd Annual Concert. Featuring songs by Mozart and other musical dignitaries. Sun., Dec. 7, 2-3:30 p.m. \$15 seniors/\$20 adults. Nativity Church Concert, 210 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-323-8328.

"Twas the Night Before Christmas." Holiday dance/theater event features professional dancers and 100 auditioned dancers from MP Academy of Dance. Weekends, Dec. 7, 13 and 14, 1:30 & 4 p.m.. \$20 adults; \$12 seniors and children. Woodside Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Ave., Redwood City. Call 650-862-1392. www.twasthenight.org

Model Railroad Show. Model trains in 3 scales will be on display and running on large layout. Fri. Dec. 12, 7-10 p.m., Sat. Dec. 13, 12-6 p.m. and Sun. Dec. 14, 12-5 pm. Free admission. Donations appreciated. Model Railroad Building (Former Baggage Bldg.), 1090 Merrill St., Menlo Park. Call 650-322-0685.

Spring Down Horse Show in new all-weather arena. Sun., Dec. 7, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. \$15 per class/ \$20 post entry. Spring Down Equestrian Center, 725 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-1114. www.springdown.com

On Stage

"A Christmas Carol." Woodside Priory School's production of an "interactive Dickens Christmas Experience," with Christmas caroling, complimentary cider, tea and holiday cookies. Cast interacts with audience members. Dec. 4-6, 6 p.m. Woodside Priory School, 302 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-8221.

"A Christmas Carol" at Palo Alto Children's Theatre. A musical adaptation of Dickens' holiday classic. Plays Dec. 5-20, \$10 adult, \$5 child. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4930. www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre

"Long Story Short." Creators Brendan Milburn and Valerie Vigoda of the rock band GrooveLily return to TheatreWorks with this musical roller-coaster romance. Dec. 3-28, Tue.-Wed. at 7:30 p.m., Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 and 7 p.m. \$21-64. TheatreWorks at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org

"The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe." The Foothill College Theatre Arts Department teams up with Peninsula Youth Theatre. Dec. 4 through Dec. 7, 2-3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7. Discounts for groups of 15 or more. Parking is \$2. Foothill

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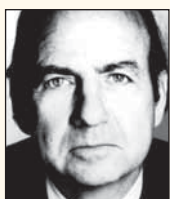


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Author Calvin Trillin distills the recent presidential election into verse, with his new book "Deciding the Next Decider: The 2008 Presidential Race in Rhyme." He plans to discuss — and sign copies of — his book at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Kepler's bookstore, 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. Mr. Trillin, who became the Nation's "deadline poet" in 1990, has been a staff writer at the New Yorker since 1963.

College Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7360. <http://www.foothill.edu/fa>

Talks/Authors

Education for Citizenship Series/ Consuming Culture and Greed. Public conversation with Juliet Schor, David Loy, and Mark Gonnerman (moderator) will explore the vice of greed. Wed., Dec. 3, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Kresge Auditorium, 555 Nathan Abbott Way, Stanford. Call 650-736-2629.

The Ethics of Food & the Environment. The Bowen H. McCoy Center for Ethics in Society presents Frank Rijbsberman, Google.org director of water and climate adaptation issues, on: "Every Last Drop: Managing Our Way Out of the Water Crisis." Thu., Dec. 4, 7 p.m. Free. Annenberg Auditorium, Cummings (Nathan) Art Building, 435 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-736-2629. ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu

The New Administration: What it Means for Silicon Valley Business. David Brady, deputy director and senior fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, will moderate a panel of guests. Wed., Dec. 10, 7:30-9 a.m. \$58. Stanford Faculty Club, 439 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. Call 650-725-3330.

Chef Thomas Keller. In a new cookbook, "Under Pressure," chef Thomas Keller explains why sous vide cooking yields results. Thu., Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Community Events

Christmas with a Mission Gift Fair. Third annual gift fair features hand-crafted gifts from around the world. Dec. 6-7, noon-8 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 950 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. www.mppc.org

Kara's Annual Candlelight Service of Remembrance. This non-denominational service offers inspirational music and readings in addition to a communal candle lighting in memory of loved ones. Thu., Dec. 4, 7 p.m. Free. Unity Palo Alto Community Church,

3391 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.kara-grief.org

The 21st Annual Christmas Creche Exhibit. Five hundred nativities from 80 countries. Live holiday music daily with special concerts in the evenings and on weekends. Dec. 6-10, noon-9 p.m. Free. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

30 vendors with handcrafted toys, pottery, jewelry, soaps and more. Homemade soups and desserts and other items will be available as well as live music and a supervised play area. Sun., Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Peninsula School, 920 Peninsula Way, Menlo Park. Call 650-325-1584. peninsulaschool.org

"Handbells Perform Holiday Music." On Sat., Dec. 6, the San Mateo County History Museum, the SFSU (San Francisco State University) Handbell Choir will perform a variety of European holiday folk tunes at noon in courtroom A. Sat., Dec. 6, noon-1 p.m. Free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call

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Portola Valley Green Speaker Series Event - Global Warming: Update from the Frontline of Science


The Town of Portola Valley invites you to hear Dr. James E. Hansen, the second speaker in our Pioneers of Sustainability Series. Dr. Hansen is considered one of the world's foremost scientists focused on climate change and is well known for his testimony to Congress starting in the 1980s. Details: Tuesday, December 16th, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center Community Hall, 765 Portola Road. Carpooling encouraged as parking is limited, For more information or to RSVP, please visit www.pvgreenspeakerseries.eventbrite.com or contact Brandl de Garmeaux directly at bdegarmeaux@portolavalley.net (650.851.1700 ext. 222). RSVP is appreciated, but not required to attend.

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The City of Menlo Park invites qualified contractors to submit sealed bid proposals for the construction of the NEALON PARK SOFTBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. Work required as part of this project consists of, in general, removing ballpark outfield netting, removing steel pole supports, constructing new reinforced concrete pier footings and furnishing and installing new steel pole supports and netting as shown on the plans and described in the specifications. The Contractor shall possess either a Class A License or a combination of Class C licenses that are applicable for the majority of the work at the time this contract is awarded. Project documents and copies of the prevailing rate of wages can be obtained from the Menlo Park Engineering Division, located in the Administrative Building at 701 Laurel St. Sealed bid proposals will be received at the Engineering Division office until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at which time they will be opened and publicly read. Additional information can be obtained from the City's website:

www.menlopark.org/cip

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650-299-0104 ext. 224. www.historysmc.org
"Holiday Traditions Around the World." Visitors can make an Italian Labefan doll, an English party favor, a Filipino star lantern, a German Christmas tree and more. Sat., Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call 650-299-0104. www.historysmc.org

"Holiday Treats" Puppet Show. "Holiday Treats" is an original 30-minute holiday show presented by Nick Barone Puppets. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Mon., Dec. 8, 4-5 p.m. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

Girls Engineer Their Tomorrows. An afternoon of engineering for girls in grades 4-5. Make lip gloss, bracelets with solar beads, build bridges and lemon batteries. Presented by the Space Cookies, the all-girl high school robotics team sponsored by NASA Ames & Girl Scouts of Northern California. Sat., Dec. 6, 1-5 p.m. \$40. location given with registration, Palo Alto. Call 510-537-9607.

Winter Puppet Show. Randal Metz and the Puppet Company perform an original tale, "Wacky Winter and The Grunch," intended for kids ages 3 and up. Wed., Dec. 17, 3:15-4 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-0147. www.smcl.org

Et Alia

California Oils. Allegro Framing and Art presents eight artists with diverse concepts but with California as the central theme. Through Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Allegro Framing and Art, 3056 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-529-1800. www.alegroframing.com

Singles Christmas Dinner Dance. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church Singles Together invites singles (40s and up) to a semi-formal Christmas Dinner Dance. Music by 16-piece big band "Sons of Jubal", buffet dinner, non-alcoholic beverages and dance lesson. Sun., Dec. 7, 6:30-10 p.m. \$35 per person. Lucie Stern Ballroom, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.mppcc.org

"Holiday Affaire With Zest." The Garden Club of Palo Alto presents a holiday sale of handmade products, including jams, seasonal decorations, wreaths and centerpieces. Sat., Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto.

Champagne and Chocolate Reception. Kepler's will be open for members only. Staff will help members select gifts and wrap them, plus champagne, chocolate, music and merrymaking. Sun., Dec. 7, 5-8 p.m. Kepler's Literary Circle members only. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Peninsula Republican Women's Christmas Gala. The Madrigal Singers from Mountain View High School perform at a three-course luncheon Friday, Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Guests are invited. Prepaid reservations are required by Dec. 8. \$50 per person. Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club, 2900 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-591-7269.

Rolling Birds Rally. Join a ranger to see how many of the 100+ winter bird species that can be found in the Baylands. This is a beginners birding outing (although experts welcome) meant specifically for folks with mobility issues. Bring binoculars or scope if you have one. Rain or shine. Ages 7 and up. Sun., Dec. 7, 9-10:30 a.m. Free. Palo Alto Baylands Nature Center, 2775 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2423.

"An Uncommon Christmas." Canada's 40-voice choir, Peninsula Cantare will perform music of Howells, Kodaly, Rutter and Dello Joio — along with a new piece by local composer Steve Cardiasmenos, who will conduct his work. The audience may join in for a sing-along and refreshments. Sun., Dec. 7, 3 p.m. \$20 general, \$15 students/seniors. CaOada College Main Theatre, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Woodside. Call 650-593-4287. peninsulacantare.org

For all listings

This Calendar contains partial listings of community events. To see all listings, go to TheAlmanacOnline.com and on the green navigation bar on the left, click on "Community Calendar."



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5BR | 3.5

3,200+ SQ FT!
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AMAZING LOCATION!
Desirable Woodside location, 3+ acres, and amazing views of western hills. Lovely updated ranch style home with gourmet kitchen & excellent schools.
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3BR | 2.5BA

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TRADITIONAL WEST ATHERTON \$3,850,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Two-story remodeled home w/great indoor/outdoor flow. Windows/French doors overlooking spacious lawn, pool, & mature trees. Great neighborhood.
Natalie Martin 650.324.4456

LINDENWOOD HOME \$2,695,000
4 BR 3.5 BA You'll love this spacious home with pool, spa and private gardens for it's easy living style and multiple indoor/outdoor entertainment areas.
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GORGEOUS NEW CRAFTSMAN \$2,349,000
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OUTSTANDING MP SCHOOLS \$2,179,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Superbly located & situated on a tree-lined street in West MP, this beautiful 2430 sqft home has it all with a large 10,010 sqft lot w/pool.
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HUGE PRICE REDUCTION!
4 BR 3 BA Price roll back to about 2002 pricing. Sparkling single story Vintage Oaks hm, huge FR/Kitchen w/granite, freshly painted & HW flrs just refinished.
Elaine White 650.324.4456

STUNNING HOME W/BAY VIEWS \$2,095,000
3 BR 3.5 BA Sharon Hghts best value! High ceilings, bay view, cook's updated kit, formal DR, stepdown FR; Sep office suite w/outside entrance, Las Lomitas schls.
Sue Crawford 650.324.4456

DESIRABLE SHARON HEIGHTS \$1,980,000
3 BR 3.5 BA Experience a real home for the holidays in this wonderful Sharon Hts. home which is perfect for entertaining! Beautiful views & adjoins open space.
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MENLO PARK

NEW MP LISTING! \$869,000
3 BR 2.5 BA The Location! The Schools! And the Price! Townhome with 2 car garage & huge storage. Las Lomitas!
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STUNNING TOWNHOME! \$859,000
3 BR 2.5 BA This Elegant 3BR/2.5BA Hm Is Perfect For The Calif Lifestyle. It Has A Elegant LR, Sep. DR & FR Adj To KIT! The Inviting Deck Overlooks The Swim Pool.
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2 BR 2 BA Great opportunity to remodel Menlo Home. Willows location. 5000 sq ft lot 1000 sq ft house. Excellent Menlo Schools.
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PALO ALTO

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SAN CARLOS

REMODELED W/ FAMILY ROOM \$1,229,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Totally remodeled home with maple wood floors, LR with FP, DR, Chef's Kitchen, bonus room, 2 car garage, private patio and yard. White Oaks School.
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LOS ALTOS HILLS

GRAND HOME \$5,995,000
4 BR 4 BA Built just 4 yrs ago as a trad. English cntry manor, & positioned in an area of other estates all with the backdrop of Rancho San Antonio open space.
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BEST OF UNIVERSITY HTS!
3 BR 3 BA This wonderful University Hts. home is a winner! Loft-style living in the two story high living room with french doors & three bedroom suites.
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STUNNING NEW CONSTRUCTION \$1,449,000
4 BR 3 BA Elegant L/R w/fireplace, gourmet kit w/granite countertops, breakfast bar, exquisite master ste w/private bath. Lovely landscaped backyard. MP Schls
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GORGEOUS VIEWS IN M.P. \$1,395,000
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Great Location! Current configuration 3/2 and 1/1. Covered parking and additional storage.
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3 BR 2 BA Classic cottage style w/beautifully updated interior & ideal flrplan. Great location close to both Sharon Heights & Alameda shops, Safeway, Starbucks.
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3 BR 2.5 BA Charming, updated, golf course unit with expansive views from custom designed deck w/built-in seating. Great for entertaining! Inside laundry.
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PRICE REDUCED!
3 BR 2.5 BA Extra large lr & sep dr all new kit w/granite cntrs. Stain steel app extra deep sink, extra lg dbl oven. Lots of lite. Dramatic entry. Looks like SFR.
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CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN MP \$998,000
3 BR 1 BA Great opportunity to build, walking distance to Dwn MP. Approx. 9100 sf, R-3 level lot. Plans available. Tentative map in process.
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CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN PA \$930,000
3 BR 1 BA Unique take on a classic design in the highly desirable Willows neighborhood. Open flrplan w/updtd kit, hwd flrs, vtd clngs & lg frnt deck. MP schls.
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3 BR 2.5 BA Luxuriously renovated townhome, furthering Mediterranean theme of the Cuernavaca oasis, a walled community with pools, tennis, clubhouse, greenbelt.
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5 BR 4 BA Approx 4700 SF of living space spread over 3 levels. Approx 8,079 SF lot in Leland Manor neighborhood. Top quality materials used throughout the hm.
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5 BR 5.5 BA Beautiful new construction in Professorville. Fantastic finishes, w/sep. entrance for guest quarters. Huge patio perfect for outdoor entertaining.
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4 BR 3.5 BA Major Price Reduction! Beautiful 2950 Sq Ft I-level home. Excellent like new construction, w/"green" considerations-7500 Loc. Near Stanford, downtown.
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INCREDIBLE BAY VIEWS! \$1,999,000
3 BR 3 BA Architect designed contemporary on approx 1.7 acs w/ tremendous potential. Walls of glass, wood plank ceilings, views from most rooms. Quiet cul-de-sac.
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MOSTLY USEABLE 4 ACRE \$1,099,000
3 BR 2 BA Sunny, mostly useable .4 acre w/3 bed/2ba (den used as 3rd bed) w/open flr plan, updated kitch&baths, random plank hrdwd flrs. Patio, deck, fenced yd.
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3 BR 2 BA Beautifully remodeled w/granite kitchen, hrdwd floors, wood windows, vaulted ceilings, skylights. Great value w/expansion potential.
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STUNNING NEW CONSTRUCTION \$4,995,000
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6 BR 4 BA Final plans submitted to building dept. for 6BR/6BA, 5400sf Craftsman on 10,690sf lot. Designed by renowned architect Steve Pogue.
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SANTA BARBARA STYLE \$3,975,000
4 BR 3 BA Rare 1/2 ac level lot, remodel-expanded hm. Exceptional quality, character & lot size! Walk to downtown MP. Custom finishes & design by Suzanne Miller.
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PRIME MENLO PARK HOME \$3,250,000
6 BR 4 BA Totally Remodeled Two Story Home With Partial Basement. Two Master Bedroom Suites Main Level bedroom on Private lot, Convenient to Town & Mp Schools.
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The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Mount Vernon Interiors, 97 Mount Vernon Lane, Atherton, CA 94027: Jane U. Baran, 97 Mount Vernon Lane, Atherton, CA 94027 This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 10/15/01. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on 11/14/08. (Almanac Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 2008)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 230234

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Blogfundy.com, 175 Brittan Ave., Atherton, CA 94027: Kopfmann Corp., 175 Brittan Ave., Atherton, CA 94027 This business is being conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on 11/19/08. (Almanac 11/26, 12/3, 10, 17, 2008)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 226204

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Deseo, 851 Main St., Redwood City, CA 94063: Renato Cusimano, 99 Stockbridge Ave., Atherton, CA 94027; Diane Cusimano, 99 Stockbridge Ave., Atherton, CA 94027. This business is being conducted by husband and wife. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 8/1/2008. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on 3/31/2008. (Almanac 12/3, 10, 17, 24, 2008)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 230296

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, IP Voice Associates, 2262 Sharon Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025: David Howard, 2262 Sharon Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025 This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on 11/24/08. (Almanac 12/3, 10, 17, 24, 2008)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 230323

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Classic Property Services, 1050 Chestnut Street, Ste. 202, Menlo Park, CA 94025: Nancy Kerry, 916 Peggy Lane, Menlo Park, CA 94025 This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on Jan. 1999. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on 11/25/08. (Almanac Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2008)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 230014

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Portola Wealth Strategies, 158 Goya Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028: Robert M. Cheney, Inc., 158

Goya Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028 This business is being conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on 11/7/08. (Almanac 12/3, 10, 17, 24, 2008)

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No. CIV 477843 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Annika George filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kyra Alexander to Kyra George and Briley Alexander to Briley George. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: December 17, 2008, 9:00am, Dept. PJ, Rm 2E, Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC. Date: October 29, 2008 /s/ Stephen M. Hall, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (The Almanac 11/12, 19, 26, 12/3, 2008)

T.S. No. 08-0993-11 Loan No. 0011111291-KESSLER Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/19/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction to sell the highest bidder for cash a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a deed to trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the notice of sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Boguslawa Noworyta, an unmarried woman and Miroslaw M. Kessler, an unmarried man as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation recorded 07/26/2007 as instrument No. 2007-112416, in Book —, Page — of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, Date of Sale: 12/10/2008 at 12:30PM. Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$840,439.56, estimated. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 157 Newbridge St., Menlo Park, CA 94025. A.P.N.: 055-354-160-8. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown,

directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: 11/3/2008 The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation 38 Corporate Park Irvine, CA 92606 (949) 720-9200 Foreclosure Dept. Fax (949) 608-0130 Sale Information Only (714) 573-1965 Brenda Del Real, Foreclosure Officer NOD filed prior to 9/5/2008 NOS Declaration Re: Borrower Contact pursuant to CC §2923.5 (c) Re: Loan Number: 0010545499 Borrower Name: Jose Barrientos Address: 814-816 San Pasqual St, San Diego, CA 92113 Beneficiary: U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Home Equity Asset Trust 2007-2 Home Equity Pass-Through Certificates, series 2007-2 The undersigned beneficiary or their authorized agent hereby represents and declares as follows: 1. [X] On contact was made with the borrower to assess their financial situation and to explore options for the borrower to avoid foreclosure, or 2. [] The follow efforts were made to contact the borrower to assess their financial situation and to explore options for the borrower to avoid foreclosure: [] 3. [] The provisions of California Civil Code §2923.5 do not apply because The undersigned makes the above representations with the intent that the trustee proceed with recordation of the Notice of Sale in compliance with California Civil Code §2923.5 (c). Dated: Oct 31, 2008 By: Dustin Stephenson Document Control Officer Select Portfolio Servicing as authorized agent of Beneficiary P492423 11/19, 11/26, 12/03/2008 (Published in the Almanac 11/19, 26, 12/3, 2008)

TSG No.: 3797102 TS No.: 20089070805259 FHA/VA/PMI No.: Notice Of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/6/2007 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/9/2008 at 12:30 PM First American Loanstar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 03/15/2007, as Instrument No. 2007-039180, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California. Executed by: MAYRA VARNER, JULIO C ZABALA, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 060-

123-550 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 719 SAN BENITO AVENUE , MENLO PARK, CA 94025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$512,746.84 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. Requirements of SB1137 have been met pursuant to the Notice of Sale Declaration of record. Date: 11/6/2008 First American LoanStar Trustee Services 3 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707 First American Loanstar Trustee Services may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Original document signed by Authorized Agent For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call (714) 573-1965 P492800 11/19, 11/26, 12/03/2008 (Published in the Almanac 11/19, 26, 12/3, 2008)

Loan: 0008312928 Investor No: Other: 3845031 TSH#: 08-77502 A.P.N. 062-271-490-5 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/10/2003, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that the real property for which the address is purported to be: 181 Santa Margarita Ave Menlo Park, CA 94025 Assessor's Parcel Number: 062-271-490-5 will be sold at public auction at At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA on 12/19/2008, at 12:30PM to the highest bidder, payable at the time of sale, for cash or cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in California. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any

liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness evidenced by said Deed, executed by Michael W. Eggleston unmarried man as trustor, recorded on 01/06/2004 as Instrument No. 2004-001271, Book No. , page and of the Official records of San Mateo County, California. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$250,770.53. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorse as a matter of right. Dated: 11/21/2008 Five Star Service Corporation, as said Trustee C/o its agent Pite Duncan, LLP 525 East Main Street El Cajon, CA 92022-2289 For Sales Information Call: (714) 573-1965 By: Tammie Duke Trustee's Sales Customer Service Declaration of Due Diligence CA Civil Code Section 2923.5 (c) I, the undersigned, am an officer of CitiMortgage, Inc., servicing agent for the beneficiary of a Deed of Trust encumbering real property located at 181 Santa Margarita Ave Menlo Park, CA 94025, executed by Michael W. Eggleston as grantor/mortgagor(s) and borrower(s), and I declare as follows in support of the filing of the Notice of Sale: 1. A Notice of Default pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2924 was filed prior to September 6, 2008 and a Notice of Rescission of said Notice of Default has not been filed 2. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.5(c), as a prerequisite to the filing of a Notice of Sale under California Civil Code Section 2924(f): [X] CitiMortgage, Inc. has contacted the borrower to assess the borrower's financial situation and to explore options for the borrower to avoid foreclosure. [] CitiMortgage, Inc. has attempted without success to contact the borrower as follows: [] The borrower has surrendered the property as evidenced by either a letter confirming the surrender or delivery of the keys to the property. [] The Borrower has contracted with an organization, person, or entity whose primary business is advising people who have decided to leave their homes on how to extend the foreclosure process and avoid their contractual obligations to mortgagees or beneficiaries. [] The borrower has filed for bankruptcy, and the proceedings have not been finalized. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on 11/14/08, at O'Fallon, MO. By: Maryanne Robertson Name: Maryanne Robertson Title: Supervisor P496342 11/26, 12/3, 12/10/2008 (Published in the Almanac 11/26, 12/3, 10, 2008)

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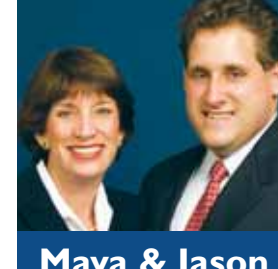
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