

At last

Veteran commended for valor, 66 years later



By Renee Batti

Photographs by Michelle Le

It was Carl Clark's jacket that the U.S. secretary of the Navy pinned the commendation medal on, but Mr. Clark told the hundreds of well-wishers at the Jan. 17 ceremony recognizing his World War II heroism that he was accepting the honor on behalf of all the military men who fought bravely for their country but, because they were black like him, "got very little recognition for what they did."

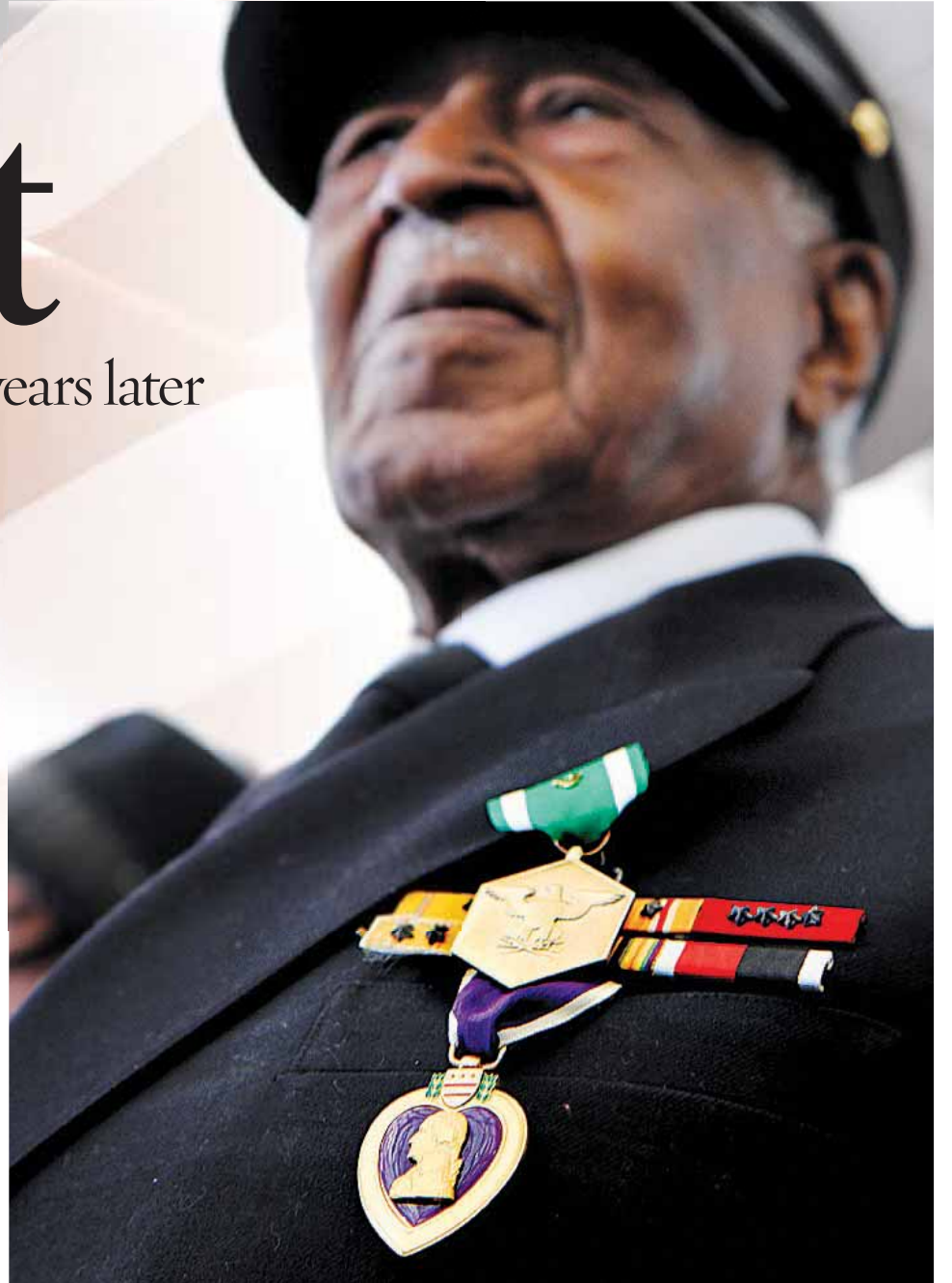
The award, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with the Combat Distinguishing Device, was a "long, long overdue recognition" of Mr. Clark's heroism aboard the USS Aaron Ward in 1945, when the ship was hit by six kamikaze planes, said Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, who flew in to Moffett Field for the ceremony in Moffett's Hangar 651.

In presenting the medal, Secretary Mabus acknowledged the military's record of racism that prevented people like Mr. Clark from being honored for valor. He spoke of African Americans who "risked their lives for their nation," fighting for American ideals and the promise of justice that the country hadn't fulfilled for them.

Mr. Clark's actions, he said, exemplify "a standard of conduct we should all aspire to." He noted that Mr. Clark has said he doesn't consider himself a hero. "But we do," the secretary said, the audience erupting in applause.

Mr. Clark's actions that long-ago day and into the night "played an undeniably significant role" in saving the ship and the lives of countless sailors, said Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, who hosted the event. For two years, Ms. Eshoo worked to secure official military recognition for Mr. Clark, 95, a resident Menlo Park.

The ceremony was attended by family members who came from all over the state and country, by a multitude of friends, by Mr. Clark's



Carl Clark shortly after Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus pinned his medal to his jacket. At left, relatives and friends of Mr. Clark rejoice after the World War II veteran receives his medal. His nieces, Jo Strowder, front left, flew in from Washington, D.C., and, next to her, Kathryn Gray came from Maryland.



Carl Clark is swarmed by the press after the commendation ceremony at Moffett Field.

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fellow members of St. Francis of Assisi Church in East Palo Alto, and by people who had never met Mr. Clark, but were touched by his story of heroism and the injustice that delayed his recognition for 66 years.

As a military band played the national anthem and military passages ushering in Secretary Mabus and Rep. Eshoo, family members quietly wept. And when Mr. Clark slowly walked into the spacious hall aided by a cane, applause and whistles broke out, then morphed into a hand-clapping processional chant: Carl, Carl, Carl.

Also in the audience, tears streaming down her cheeks, was “life stories” writing instructor Sheila Dunec. It was Ms. Dunec who went to Rep. Eshoo with Carl Clark’s story, which the veteran shared in 2000 during a World War II life stories course Ms. Dunec conducted at the Menlo Park Library. Originally a writing course, it evolved into a project that included oral pre-

sentations, a video and, several years ago, a staged event.

Mr. Clark told the crowd that “this never would have happened” if it hadn’t been for Ms. Dunec. He thanked her and Rep. Eshoo, who “brought this honor to a conclusion.”

Acknowledging other blacks in the military who were never recognized for their service, he noted: “We were loyal Americans and tried to do our part.”

Secretary Mabus described Mr. Clark’s heroism aboard the Aaron Ward, but also his life after he returned to his country, stationed for a time at Moffett, then working for the post office and involving himself with painting, writing and community. “He led a good and productive life,” Mr. Mabus said.

Mr. Clark joined the Navy in the 1930s, when blacks could serve only as mess attendants — essentially, officers’ servants, he told the Almanac in an earlier interview.

On the Aaron Ward, he was part of an eight-man damage-control unit designated to put



Carl Clark and his sisters, Katherine Fletcher, left, and Korea Strowder prior to the ceremony.

out fires and take on other urgent roles if the ship were attacked. On May 3, 1945, Mr. Clark sprang into action when his ship was hit by the kamikaze planes.

When the first signs of the attack were apparent, Mr. Clark recalled, the seven other men

in the unit huddled in one area of the deck, yards away from him. When the first plane hit, all seven men were killed. Mr. Clark was flung up against an overhead structure, breaking his collarbone; his helmet and shoes were blown off his body.

When the second plane neared

the ship, Mr. Clark could see the pilot’s face. Then, the plane hit, and “blew me right across the ship,” he said.

With the rest of the damage-control team gone, Mr. Clark ignored his injuries and began an hours-long effort to extinguish fires — including one

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that broke out in the ammunition locker, threatening to blow up the ship — and to help his surviving shipmates. Although the fire hoses were meant to be handled by at least two men, he often manned them by himself. Without treatment for his own injuries, he worked through the night single-handedly carrying the injured to the medic ward.

Although the ship's captain told Mr. Clark he would make every effort to have him awarded for his heroism, those efforts were unsuccessful. But that injustice ended with the awards ceremony.

The country Mr. Clark defended didn't live up to its responsibility to him, "but today, we correct that omission," Secretary Mabus said.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Clark's only living child, Karen Collins of Portland. His son died several years ago.

Mr. Clark's two surviving siblings also were there: sisters Korea Strowder, 91, of Washington, D.C., and Katherine Fletcher, 93, of Omaha. They

and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews filled the first rows of the audience.

Also in attendance was Faye Lavrakas and Joanna Lavrakas, niece and sister-in-law, respectively, of retired Navy Captain Lefteris "Lefty" Lavrakas. Although Capt. Lavrakas died last August, before knowing that Mr. Clark's medal was approved, it was his testimony, as one of the last surviving officers of the Aaron Ward, that appears to have finalized the approval.

In a November 2010 letter to Secretary Mabus, Rep. Eshoo referred to Capt. Lavrakas' statement about expediting the award: "Please hurry up, Carl and I are both in our 90s and we need to correct this injustice for Carl."

After the ceremony, people streamed to the platform to photograph and shake hands with Mr. Clark. Secretary Mabus and Rep. Eshoo also were swarmed by media and others attending the event.

Among those who struggled

through the mass of people on the platform to meet Mr. Clark was Leslie A. Williams, 92, of Belmont. It was a poignant moment when the two retired, uniformed military men were

introduced — the U.S. Navy hero warmly shook hands with the veteran of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first all-black group of military pilots who served during World War II. ■

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CARL CLARK, REFERRING TO AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE MILITARY DURING WORLD WAR II

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February 1, 2012
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PUBLIC HEARING

1. Andreas & Brigitte Wendker SDES2011-0008, XMAX2011-0001, GRAD2011-0005
 1460 Portola Road Planner: Deborah Dory

Review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal to demolish the existing residence, and to construct a 6,484 square foot main residence with an attached 660 square foot garage, two 2,294 square foot barns, a 22,951 square foot riding arena to be used for dressage, a 2,827 square foot round equestrian pen, corral and pasture fencing, a vehicular gate, new driveway, a swimming pool, and a sport court. The project includes consideration of a Maximum Residence Size Exception pursuant to WMC 153.047.E, and grading in excess of 1,500 cubic yards pursuant to WMC 151.22.B. The property is zoned SCP-5, and is located on the Portola Road scenic corridor.

2. Robert Fanfelle & Laini Katheiser SDES2011-0009
 481 West Maple Way Planner: Deborah Dory

Review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal to demolish the existing residence and shed and to construct a new 3,974 square foot main residence with a 440 square foot attached garage; to remodel the existing 463 square foot accessory living quarters (ALQ); and to construct a new swimming pool, septic system, driveway, and landscaping on a property located in the Emerald Lake Hills. The property is visible from Interstate 280.

All application materials are available for public review at the Woodside Planning and Building Counter, Woodside Town Hall, weekdays from 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM, or by appointment. For more information, contact the Woodside Planning and Building Department at (650) 851-6790.

CALENDAR

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Special Event

'Grand Boulevard Initiative' Residents are invited to a presentation and discussion on the future of the El Camino Real thoroughfare. Jan. 26, 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, 700B Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. Call 408-318-9559.

'The Spirit of Uganda' These young performers share the culture of their East Africa homeland through drums, choreography and vocals, while bringing a message of resilience and hope. Jan. 29, 6-8 p.m. \$30. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Call 650-269-6068. spiritofugandamenlopark2012.eventbrite.com/

'Lassen: Fumaroles, Mud Pits and a Boiling Lake' U.S. Geological Survey geologist emeritus Patrick Muffler presents a free public lecture on Lassen Volcanic National Park and its volcanoes and thermal features. Jan. 26, 7-9 p.m. Free. U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-329-5136. online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/

On Stage

'Doubt, A Parable' Sister Aloysius, a Bronx school principal, takes matters into her own hands when she suspects young Father Flynn of improper relations with a male student. Jan. 26-Feb. 18. \$26-32. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.busbarn.org

'Marvin's Room' Scott McPherson play follows two estranged sisters who are reunited when one needs the family to be tested for bone marrow donation. Jan. 19-Feb. 12: Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m., and Sun. at 2 p.m. \$16-\$30. Dragon Theatre, 535 Alma St., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-2006. www.dragonproductions.net/

'Moon for the Misbegotten' Eugene O'Neill play is a story of blarney, scheming and betrayal. Directed by Jeanie Smith. Jan. 13-Feb. 5, Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. \$15-\$30. Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, Mountain View. thepear.org

'The Pirates of Penzance' The Stanford Savoyards present Gilbert and Sullivan's classic musical comedy staged in the space-western universe of Joss Whedon's "Firefly." Jan. 20-28 \$10-\$20. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford University. www.stanford.edu/group/savoyards

'The Pitmen Painters' TheatreWorks presents "The Pitmen Painters," a Lee Hall comedy-drama play about six 1930s miners who become stars of the art world. Jan. 21-Feb. 12, with afternoon and evening performances Tue.-Sun. \$19-\$69. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.theatreworks.org

'The Royal Falcon Musical' This musical is the story of Arjan, a young boy who is taken on a journey through time by a falcon who teaches Arjan the importance of compassion, forgiveness and sharing. It is based on the children's book by Jessi Kaur. Jan. 28, 6-7 p.m. Adults \$12, children \$8. Cubberley Theater, 4000, Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 408-515-6620. musical.theroyalfalcon.org

Talks/Authors

'The Power of the Horn: Charlie Parker to John Coltrane' Alisa Clancy, operations director of KCSM 91.1 FM and co-host of "Morning Cup of Jazz," will speak. He will discuss the evolution of jazz saxophone and the lives of Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Lester Young and others. Feb. 4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2512. www.menloparklibrary.org

John C. Ralston John C. Ralston discusses and signs his new calendar book, "This Date in San Francisco: 366 Days in the History of Our Fascinating Beloved City." Jan. 26, 7 p.m. Buy event book or \$10 gift card to admit two. Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321.

'Feast of Jewish Learning' A night of community, connection and learning with dozens of classes and workshops on an array of Jewish topics. For bar mitzvah-age and older. Jan. 28, 7-10 p.m. Free. Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-233-8700. bjesf.org/adults_feast.htm

'Honey Badger Don't Care' The single-named author Randall speaks on "Honey Badger Don't Care," a wildlife book for adults. He is narrator of YouTube's "The Crazy Nastyass Honey Badger." Jan. 26, 6-8 p.m. Free. Stanford Bookstore, 519 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-329-1217. www.stanford-bookstore.com

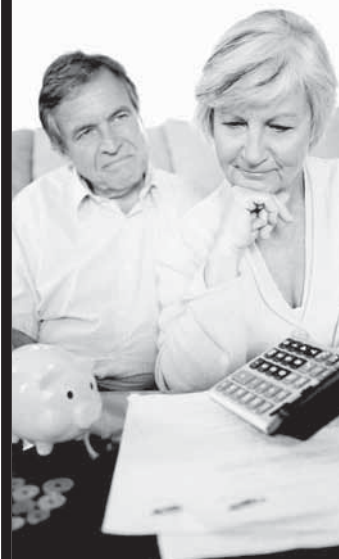
Humanist Community in Silicon Valley Members of the Humanist Community board of directors will discuss their work with the board, and will take part in a Q&A and discussion with audience members about the future of the humanist community. Jan. 29, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Palo Alto High School student center, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-964-7576. www.humanists.org

Patrick Dougherty Lecture Environmental sculptor Patrick Dougherty (who created "Double Take" outside the Palo Alto Art Center) returns to Palo Alto for a lecture. He will talk about his process and the site-specific artworks he has created. Jan. 25, 7-9 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2366. cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter

Stina Katchadourian Stina Katchadourian's memoir, "The Lapp King's Daughter," looks at Finland's being caught in a power

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struggle between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II. Based on correspondence between the author's parents and her childhood memories. Jan. 30, 2-3 p.m. \$2 (free for members). Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5436. avenidas.org

SVForum E-Commerce Event: 'Day in the Life of a Coupon' A panel discussion will be held on how businesses can use coupons to encourage purchases from new customers, and to reward existing customers for their loyalty. Feb. 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$20; free for forum members. DLA Piper, 2000 University Ave., East Palo Alto.

Art Galleries

'Calindas, Molinsky and Bertolet' The Menlo College Art Committee presents the art of Marconi Calindas, Aaron Molinsky and Edwin Bertolet, the winners of the Menlo College Plein Air Art Show. Reception: Feb. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m., with the exhibition open weekdays, Jan. 23-March 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Menlo College Administration Building, 1000 El Camino Real, Atherton. Call 650-543-3901. www.menlo.edu

Abilities United art exhibition Forty original works of art by artists from Abilities United are on display. Daily through Feb. 10, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-618-3319. www.cafezoeinmenlopark.com

Auditions

EL Camino Youth Symphony Annual Auditions ECYS invites young musicians ages 6-20 with at least one year of experi-

ence on a musical instrument to audition for the music-education program for the 2012-2013 Season. Auditions take place throughout March/April. Auditioners apply online: <http://www.ecys.org/auditions.html>. \$25. www.ecys.org

Stanford Memorial Church Choir Auditions are ongoing by appointment. Rehearsal Thursdays 6:30-8:30 p.m., performance Sunday 9-11 a.m. Free. Stanford Memorial Church, Stanford University.

Community Events

'Introduction to Facebook' Facebook is doing outreach to Little House with an "Introduction to Facebook" event on Thurs 1/26 at 3:30. Company representatives will attend to explain the services the company offers. Pre-registration is required by 1/23. Event: Jan. 26, 3:30 p.m. Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025, EXT. 222. www.penvol.org

Lunar New Year Celebration This Asian celebration of change and the Year of the Dragon will include lion dancers, acrobats, live music, refreshments and children's activities. Feb. 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. www.redwoodcity.org/events/lunarnew-year.html

Concerts

'A Musical Sojourn: 200 Years of Music by African American Composers' An afternoon of spirituals, songs and instrumental music of composers Margaret Bonds, Valerie Capers, Betty Jackson King, Joshua McGhee, Zenobia Powell Perry, Flor-

ence Price and William Grant Still, performed by local musicians and singers including Yolanda Rhodes, Jodi Gandolfi and LaDoris Cordell. Jan. 29, 3-5 p.m. Donations: \$15/adults and \$5 seniors & students. Eastside College Preparatory School Performing Arts Center, 1041 Myrtle St., East Palo Alto. Call 650-688-0850.

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra Harpsichordist Richard Egarr performs with Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra. Program includes works by Handel, Locke, Purcell, Arne and Lawes. Jan. 26, 8-10 p.m. \$25-\$85. Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Call 415-252-1288. www.philharmonia.org

Dance

International Folk Dance Class Classes taught by Marcel Vinokur. Mondays through April 2. Beginner class at 7 p.m. and intermediate at 7:45. Request dancing at 8:45. No partners necessary. Featuring dances from the Balkans and Israel. Monthly parties 1/28, 2/25, 3/24, 8 p.m.: \$9 with free refreshments. (No class 1/16, 2/20.) \$58 (\$44 for Menlo Park residents), \$7 drop-ins. Arriaga Family Recreation Center, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-327-0759.

Exhibits

'directly indirect' An exhibition called "directly indirect" features abstract and representational paintings and prints, and mixed-media installations, by eight artists. Exhibit runs Jan. 9-27, open weekdays 3-6 p.m. Free. Kriewall-Haehl Gallery, Woodside Priory School, 302 Portola Road, Portola Val-

ley. kriewallhaehlgallery.blogspot.com

Rona Foster A solo exhibition of paintings by Rona Foster in acrylic and mixed media, through March 9. Free. Plantation Deli & Cafe, 3536 Alameda de las Pulgas, West Menlo Park.

Kids & Families

Sivka-Burka Children's Choir Attired in traditional Russian Cossack outfits, the children celebrate Russian culture through folk songs. Jan. 28, 3-3:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-0147. www.smcl.org

'Babies & Books' Storytime for children 18 months and under No storytime on Feb. 13. Mondays, Jan. 9-Feb. 27, 11-10:15 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. smcl.org

'Boat Story Time' A storytime centered on "Jonathan and the Big Blue Boat" by Philip C. Stead. Jan. 29, 11:30 a.m. Free. Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-

324-4321. www.keplers.com

Preschool Storytime for children 3 to 5 years old. Stories, songs and rhymes. A special craft storytime on third Wednesday of month. Wednesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 29, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. smcl.org

Toddler Storytime for children 18 months to 3 years old. Songs, stories, and movement activities to encourage children to listen and read. Tuesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 10:30-11 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. smcl.org

Film

'Final Friday Flicks' Atherton Library hosts "family-friendly" films the last Friday of each month. This month's feature is "Babe," based on the children's book by Dick King Smith. Jan. 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF MENLO PARK PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Menlo Park, California, is scheduled to review the following items:

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Use Permit/Charles Holman/240 Princeton Road: Request for a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence and detached garage on a substandard lot with regard to lot width in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban) zoning district.

Use Permit/Stephanie Day/165 Garland Drive: Request for a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to lot width in the R-1-S (Single-Family Suburban) zoning district. As part of the proposed project, the applicant is requesting removal of one twin 38.8-inch and 26.9-inch heritage cedar tree in fair condition.

Use Permit/Sam Patel (I Bar Inc.)/725 Santa Cruz Avenue: Request for a use permit for personal services on the ground floor of an existing commercial building in the C-3 (Central Commercial) zoning district.

PUBLIC MEETING ITEM

Architectural Control/Thomas Bunker/898 Santa Cruz Avenue: Request for architectural control for exterior modifications to an existing restaurant, including window modifications and repainting, in the C-3 (Central Commercial) zoning district.


NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on public hearing items in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on **Monday, February 6, 2012, 7:00 p.m.** or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon. If you challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The project file may be viewed by the public on weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, with alternate Fridays closed, at the Department of Community Development, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park. Please call the Planning Division if there are any questions and/or for complete agenda information (650) 330-6702.

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Menlo Park resident sets up music shop

By Karla Kane

Embarcadero Media

Should you find yourself with a stuck trombone slide, a dented oboe or a problem piccolo, have no fear. Bridgepoint Music is here.

Menlo Park's newest music store, located at 657 Oak Grove Ave., is fully equipped with a repair shop, along with a selection of orchestral instruments and an ever-expanding sheet-music collection. And though the shop has been open only since this summer, owner James Manganaro already has plans to develop and diversify.

"Right now we're in the middle of getting permits from the city for practice rooms for lessons," he said. He envisions four to five soundproof practice spaces rented out to local music teachers.

Mr. Manganaro is a long-time tuba player who found that, alas, being a professional tubist is not the most lucrative of career paths. Though he does freelance gigs and plays with some groups, he said: "I needed to find some other way to supplement that income. I knew that I wanted to do music so I decided to learn how to go into the repair business."

He went to a specialized school in Washington state, worked in a music store for a while, then decided to open one of his own.

"It started off just as a repair shop, then I thought it would be a good idea to offer rentals that were in great condition," he

said. Eventually he set the goal of opening a "good, full-service" retailer, offering high-quality instruments as well as repairs and custom parts.

Currently, his shop is centered mostly on band instruments, "with an emphasis on the student line," he said. "Pretty soon we're looking to bring in more pro instruments."

Because he aims to sell only trusted brands, the store at present stocks mostly woodwinds and brass instruments that he has personal experience with and can vouch for. "I'm looking for the stuff I believe in, the quality product," he said.

He hopes to expand in a year to bring in orchestral string instruments, along with more employees who are experts in instruments he is less familiar with. But though he may eventually add a variety of miscellaneous melody-makers such as ukuleles to his stock, he said he's not interested in supplying traditional rock and roll instruments at Bridgepoint.

"We leave the guitar, drums and bass to other stores. It's a different kind of music store than that. There's already a lot of that in town," he said, referring to Redwood City's nearby Gelb Music, a mainstay of the local rock-music scene.

So far, business has been good, he said, including "a lot of fourth-graders getting their first instruments." That's a demographic that Mr. Manganaro, who started his music career in



James Manganaro inspects a dented trumpet in his store, Bridgepoint Music in Menlo Park.

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middle school, can related to.

"I was a quirky kid. I want to be different. I wanted to play the sousaphone (a type of tuba)," he said, of the instrument that stole his heart. The tuba, with its rhythmic low notes, he added, is "very beautiful."

Repair-wise, he and his associate technician can work on "anything from simple cleanings to complete overhauls; building custom parts; fixing stuck valves or stuck slides; dents; adjustments; everything and anything that needs to be done," he said. His father, Charles, helps out with bookkeeping and the rest of the business side of things.

As for the store's moniker, he said with a laugh, "I needed a name, but my name doesn't have a very good ring to it and all the

really cool, awesome names had already been taken." He came up with "Bridgepoint" on a whim, "and nobody hated it. It sounded pretty good."

He said he's been pleased with the interest he's gotten so far and said he's focused on "making sure everyone in Menlo knows we're here. The repair department is going pretty strong."

He's keeping up with his own musical pursuits as well. "I'm in a couple brass bands. It's important for music stores to maintain an active relationship with the community," he said. "I'm always looking for places to play."

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Trumpets and other brass instruments hang from the wall of Bridgepoint Music.

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St. Raymond School upgrades technology

St. Raymond School, a K-8 Catholic school in Menlo Park, plans to substantially upgrade its technology and science education program starting in August.

The new program is not intended to replace the current instruction and curriculum, but to complement it, said Principal Tara Rolle.

A new library lab will combine the current library with computer lab space. The school will bring in new technology, including new iMac desktop computers, "placing technology instruction side by side with our library books," she said.

In the classroom, MacBook

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laptops will be used in grades 3, 4 and 5. A set of iPads have been purchased for grades K-2 to supplement MacBooks. For middle-school grades, iPads have been purchased to continue the 1-to-1 ratio of computers to students.

MacBook Pros, with sophisticated programming software, have been purchased for a new STEM lab, which will give teachers resources to build a "competitive" and "cross-curricular" math and science program, Ms. Rolle said. (STEM stands for science, technology,

engineering and math.)

The STEM lab will host St. Raymond's new after-school robotics class, with the goal of creating a robotics club to compete with other local schools.

St. Raymond, which has 255 students enrolled, is considering other after-school STEM programs, including gaming, computer programming and aeronautic engineering.

The school plans to become the first school in the Archdiocese of San Francisco and San Jose to be recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for its integration of technology into the education program, Ms. Rolle said.

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NEIGHBORHOOD	AVERAGE SALE PRICE			MEDIAN SALE PRICE			DAYS SUPPLY	WHOSE MARKET?
	2010 Q4	2011 Q4	% Change	2010 Q4	2011 Q4	% Change		
LINDENWOOD	\$3.04	\$4.50	48.2%	\$2.60	\$4.10	57.7%	30	SELL — BUY
LLOYDEN PARK	\$2.43	\$2.18	-10.1%	\$2.10	\$1.83	-12.7%	45	SELL — BUY
WEST ATHERTON	\$3.79	\$4.33	14.1%	\$3.68	\$4.26	15.9%	180	SELL — BUY
WEST OF ALAMEDA	\$3.82	\$4.25	11.2%	\$2.20	\$4.25	93.2%	360	SELL — BUY
ALLIED ARTS	\$1.34	\$1.87	40.4%	\$1.30	\$1.78	36.9%	39	SELL — BUY
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CENTRAL MENLO	\$2.11	\$2.14	1.6%	\$2.08	\$1.98	-5.0%	45	SELL — BUY
FELTON GABLES	\$1.53	\$1.83	19.7%	\$1.53	\$1.83	19.7%	90	SELL — BUY
LINFIELD OAKS	\$1.39	N.S.	N.S.	\$1.35	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.	SELL — BUY
MENLO OAKS	\$1.70	\$2.23	31.7%	\$1.65	\$2.31	39.7%	0	SELL — BUY
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PALO ALTO	\$1.41	\$1.71	21.9%	\$1.32	\$1.40	6.5%	56	SELL — BUY
ATHERTON	\$3.43	\$3.63	5.7%	\$2.70	\$3.41	26.3%	116	SELL — BUY
MENLO PARK	\$1.29	\$1.34	4.2%	\$1.25	\$1.29	3.2%	56	SELL — BUY

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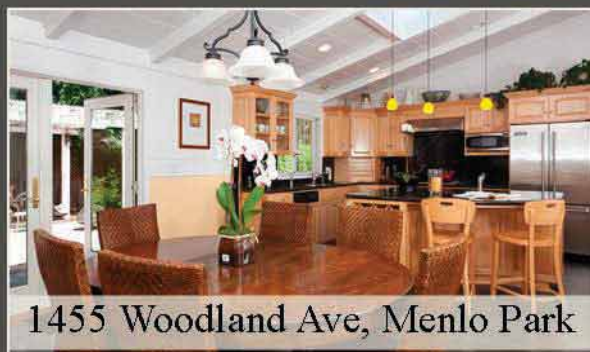
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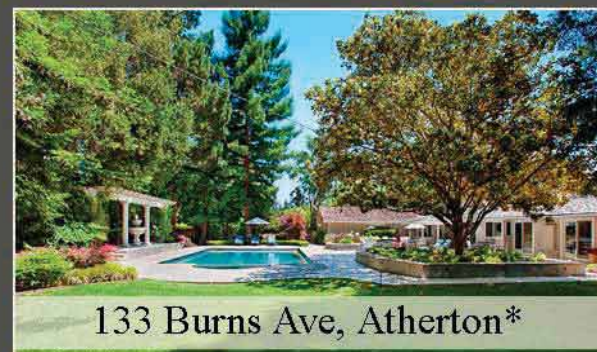
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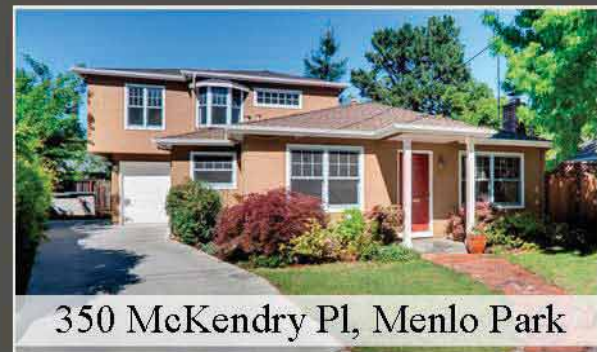
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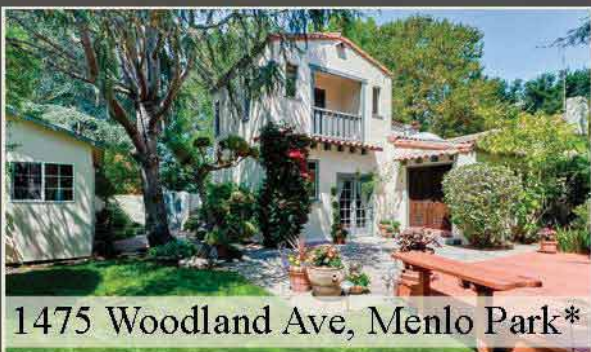
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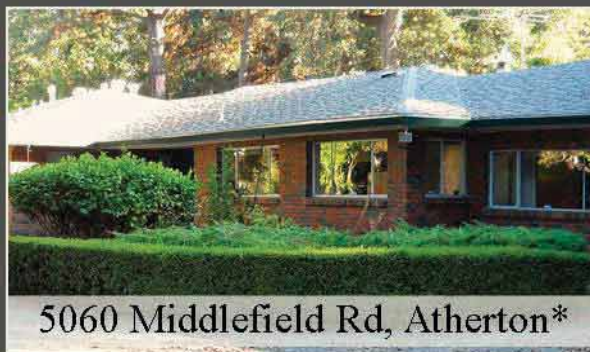


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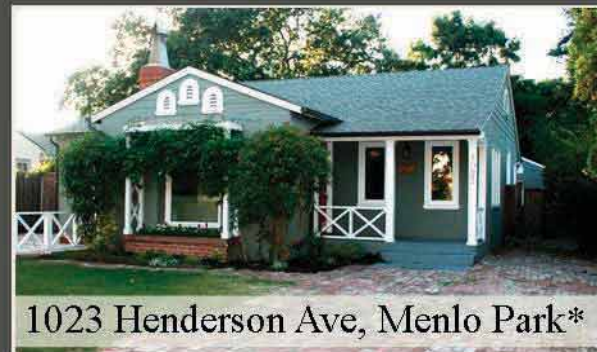
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 09/05/1992. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on December 20, 2011. (Almanac Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2012)

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File No.: 248226
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 09/18/2011. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on December 30, 2011. (Almanac Jan. 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 2012)

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The registrant commenced to transact 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 January 17, 2012. (Almanac Jan. 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2012)

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Corporation Recorded 09/14/2007 as instrument No. 2007-136878, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, Date of Sale: 2/14/2012 at 01:00PM. Place of Sale: At the Sequoia Hall, San Mateo Events Center, 2495 S. Delaware Street, San Mateo, CA 94403 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$319,113.44, estimated. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1403 SAGE ST MENLO PARK, CA Loan Modification Agreement dated 5-04-2009 to increase the loan amount to \$276,984.72. A.P.N.: 055-480-150 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. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit the Internet Web site 949-720-9200 Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 10-2481-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 1/18/2012 The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation 2955 Main Street 2nd Floor, Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: (949) 720-9200 Foreclosure Dept. Fax (949) 608-0130 Sale Information Only: (800) 280-2832 Renae C. Murray, Foreclosure Manager P913509 1/18, 1/25, 02/01/2012 Almanac

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EILEEN EVANS SCHEFSKY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: EILEEN EVANS SCHEFSKY aka EILEEN EVANS to EILEEN EVANS. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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: February 23, 2012, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2E, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 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: January 4, 2012 /s/ Beth Labson Freeman JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (The Almanac Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 2012)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No.: CIV511154 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SERENE HU filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A.) CONNIE REBECCA KUO to CONSTANCE REBECCA HU B.) CLARA AMANDA KUO to CLARA AMANDA HU THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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: February 28, 2012, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2E of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 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: January 17, 2012 /s/ Beth Labson Freeman JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (The Almanac Jan. 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2012)

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