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Total Experience Gospel Choir Graces Madrona Presbyterian

By Sara Levant, 37th Avenue

It's obvious from the honors awarded the Total Experience Gospel Choir that choir director Patrinell Wright is a musician of wide acclaim. Besides that, she's a generous Madrona neighbor. About a month ago, she encountered an old friend, Fordie Ross, a member of Madrona Presbyterian Church, who asked if the choir might be able to donate a concert to assist the church in its struggle to raise \$100,000 for furnace repair. Pat readily agreed and the result: a concert to take place on December 7 at 7:00pm at the church, at the corner of 32nd Ave. and Marion. Music will include gospel music, seasonal selections, and works from *The Black Nativity*. It's a great deal for neighbors—only a short walk or drive from home—and it's also a bargain. And it's a godsend for the church fund to replace its 100-year-old heating system.

Tickets (suggested donation:\$10) may be purchased on line at www.madronachurch.org or by calling the church office at 328-2704 and leaving a message. Tickets will also be available at the door. The church has no parking area, but St. Therese Catholic Church, three blocks away, has offered its playground, which doubles as a parking lot, on 35th and Marion. (Enter at the southeast corner.) Added attraction: church members will be donating baked goods for sale before and after the concert.

For Madrona Presbyterian, the concert is a positive note in a rocky history involving one white and one black congregation that in 1953 were forced to merge. The resulting membership became mostly black, surviving, barely, when promised funds from the sale of the blacks' church were diverted to Mercer Island Presbyterian. That injustice was acknowledged in 2003 with a service of reconciliation and a comprehensive renovation of the building done by construction volunteers organized by a Mercer Island congregant. Read more about this history at www.madrona.us in the History section.

The church's present congregation, although still small, is gradually growing and reaching out to the community, most noticeably through its children's garden in the front of the church and its involvement in a twice-monthly food-preparation program for the homeless. Best of all, the bonds among the racially mixed group are strong; new members often say they have joined because of the sense of warmth.

Madrona Community Council President's Corner

By Cynthia Stross, 35th Avenue

The Madrona Community Council (MCC) elections were held at the November meeting. I am happy to report that we have a new secretary, Deirdre McCrary and a new vice-president, Jeremy Hudgeons! And we thank Steve Orser, Paige Smith, and Holly Smith for their continued service on the council. I'll remain as president.

We are also fortunate to have wonderful local businesses in Madrona. Thanks to Amy Bush at Jaywalk, the business community has formed an association called BOOM that is bringing the business owners together. I was very happy and grateful to BOOM for

sponsoring the first-ever Halloween Scavenger Hunt this year. It was great fun to walk through the business district, see neighbors, and go into some new shops. We thank BOOM for making such a fun event for Madrona families!

More kudos for another Madrona business: Verite Coffee Cupcake Royale won a 2009 Mayor's Small Business Award. There are now four neighborhood locations, including the original shop in Madrona. In addition to supplying Seattle with fabulous coffee and

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Honoring a Madrona Veteran, Frank Williams

By Amanda Lakel & Holly Smith, 31st Avenue

Recently several neighbors from 31st Avenue joined three members of The National Association of Black Veterans (NABVET) for dinner in downtown Seattle to honor a special Veteran, neighbor and friend: Frank Williams.



Frank Williams, third from the left, with fellow Veterans Lloyd Burrows, Al Knight and Stan Johnson.

Frank served in the United States Army from 1941 to 1945 under General George S. Patton, and defended our country with courage, commitment and devotion. Corporal

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Frank Williams was a member of the 3510 Quartermasters, a highly esteemed transportation unit in the European Theater. Their mission was to pick up freight at St. Lo, near the Normandy beaches, and drive it as quickly as possible to either Chartres, to supply the U.S. 1st Army, or to Dreux to supply the U.S. 3rd Army. The round trip of the route was up to 700 miles.

This operation was called "The Red Ball Express," named after the old railroad term meaning "priority freight." All the Red Ball Express trucks displayed a red ball insignia that gave them the right-of-way over all other traffic, military or civilian. The Red Ball Express was one of World War II's most massive logistic operations, manned primarily by African American soldiers. The trucks kept gasoline and other vital supplies rolling to the front lines as American troops pushed the Germans out of France and back toward Germany.

Frank Williams moved to the 1500 block of 31st Avenue in Madrona in 1958 when he was 38 years old. He is now 86 and lives with his wife Margaret in that same house on our block. Frank worked for Boeing for many years and now, in retirement, he and Margaret enjoy his tomato garden, watching baseball and visiting with his neighbors.

Frank's granddaughter Amanda Lakel, Margaret, and the members of NABVE's organized the awards event. At the celebration dinner, Mr. Williams received a Resolution certificate from The National Association for Black Veterans, a letter from our Governor, Christine Gregoire, and a Certificate of Appreciation with a letter from United States Army Chief of Staff, George W. Casey Jr. and Secretary of the Army, John M. Hugh.

Granddaughter Amanda, almost following in Frank's footsteps, now serves in the U.S. Navy in Bahrain. She was allowed to take special leave to return to Seattle to attend her grandfather's awards dinner.

Frank, Margaret, and Amanda want to thank all the neighbors on 31st Avenue who came out to show Mr. Williams gratitude for his service and sacrifice. It was really a special evening and nice to hear some more of the history behind an honored veteran, our great neighbor Frank Williams.

You can learn more about the Red Ball Express on Wikipedia, at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Ball_Express.

Garfield Community Center Fitness Classes

Programming at Garfield Community Center (GCC) at 23rd and Cherry is under way. The GCC is currently offering the following classes:

- **Yoga for the Family:** December 3 through 17 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Cost is \$20 for one adult and one child.
- **Taekwondo for Kids:** Tuesdays from 6:00pm to 7:00pm And Saturdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Open to kids ages 3 through 15; cost is \$45 per session.
- **Toddler Open Gym:** Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Cost is \$2 per child.

The GCC's annual Thanksgiving events is November 20 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Patrinell Wright Honored Woman of Influence

By Sara Levant, 37th Avenue

A Madrona resident of 40 years, Patrinell Wright, founder and director of the Total Experience Gospel Choir, was honored on November 19 by the *Puget Sound Business Journal* as a Woman of Influence. She is named, among other things, as one of those in the Puget Sound area who "give back to their community... and are sought as respected mentors in their field of influence."

The choir, founded in 1973 at Mount Zion Baptist Church, grew out of two gospel choirs, one at Franklin High School, one at Roosevelt. By now it has chalked up travels to 32 states, 22 countries, and five continents. Pat and the choir, which has 32 members, have amassed so many honors and awards—150 and still counting—statewide, nationally, and internationally that one wonders where there's space enough to display them.

Born in Carthage, Texas, daughter of a schoolteacher and a Baptist preacher, Pat found her calling early in life. At age three, in church, she sang her first solo; by 14, she had taught herself to play the piano and was directing two choirs. She arrived in Seattle in 1964, along the way marrying the Rev. Benny Wright, raising two children (who became part of the choir), and working for the Seattle School District. Now she has five grandchildren, two of them in the choir: a 13-year-old playing the drums and an 18-year-old who's a lead vocal and occasional director. (The drummer is not the youngest member—that distinction goes to a six-year-old; the oldest is 72.)

Madrona Presbyterian is honored that the Total Experience Gospel Choir will be singing at the church at a fundraiser on December 7 at 7:00pm. They will perform gospel music, seasonal selections, and works from *The Black Nativity*. It's a great opportunity for neighbors to experience this amazing group just a short walk or drive from home. And at a suggested donation of \$10 each, the tickets are a bargain!

On the choir's web site one finds many famous names that the group has appeared with. A few that jump out are Ray Charles, Quincy Jones, Dionne Warwick, Pete Seeger, and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. In between travels the choir has made 10 recordings; Pat recently made her first solo CD.

Starting in 2005, she and choir members have been helping victims of Hurricane Katrina, traveling to Louisiana and Mississippi, rebuilding lives and property, and at one point overseeing the driving of a pickup truck from Seattle to be donated to victims. For her post-hurricane help, in 2007 ABC News Tonight named Pat a "Person of the Week" and later a "Person of the Year."

In case you didn't know, Pat was a Seafair queen in 2005. "I wore a tiara, knighted several members of the community, and had a red Corvette to drive around town for three weeks afterward," she recalls. Well, Pat, you just never know where choir directing will lead.



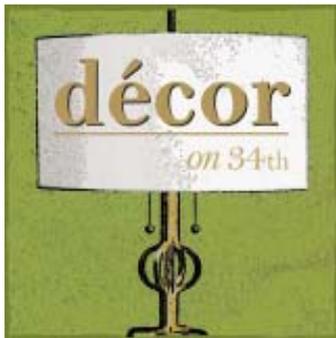
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cupcakes, Verite's owner, Jody Hall, has advocated in Washington, D.C. for health care reform that would make it easier for small businesses to buy affordable and comprehensive insurance for employees - one way she makes sure that her staff shares in the rewards of her business. Verite is a wonderful community neighbor; last year, they donated over 25,000 cupcakes to local organizations, schools, and children's charities, helping raise an estimated \$200,000 for various programs throughout Puget Sound.

Speaking of business neighbors, several sources report that The Facts newspaper is planning to move into Mr. Conley's space which he formerly used for his hat business on 34th Avenue. The building the Facts has occupied is for sale at MLK and Cherry.

Another terrific community event is on the way, scheduled for Monday, December 7. Neighbor Patrinn Wright and the world-famous Total Experience Choir are performing a fundraiser to Madrona Presbyterian! The concert, featuring seasonal and gospel music, will happen at 7:00pm in the church, with proceeds going toward replacing the church's the 100-year old heating system. They need a new furnace! Neighbors can help out by enjoying a truly unique opportunity right here, in the neighborhood

It takes a village to publish the Madrona News each month. Long serving Production Editor Christine Bender is looking for someone to take over her duties of page layout and design. If you are interested in donating a few hours a month to your community, contact editor Kim Herber at kdh5027@aol.com,



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African American Business Book Open to All

Publishing the African American Business Directory (AABD) is a labor of love for Lottie Cross and right now she's working on the 19th edition. Past issues have included African-American owned businesses only but this year, as she knows all small businesses are struggling to sustain, Lottie is inviting any business with fewer than 20 employees to participate in the directory. To reflect that change, the 2010 directory will be called the "African American Buy Local Business Directory."

15,000 copies of the directory will be printed in late January and distributed for free. Lottie shares them first with supporters at the Business Directory Release Reception in February. Everyone in attendance leaves with a box of directories to take back to their community and give away to their customers. She and her team of volunteers then distribute the directory in grocery stores, churches, laundromats, libraries, community centers, barber & beauty shops, restaurants, and law offices. Lottie also makes sure that the office of each Seattle city council member receives a copy. The complete directory is searchable on line at <http://blackdollar.org/AABD.htm>.

Lottie receives no pay for her work; all the funds raised by the ads in the directory go toward publishing more copies of the directory. Interested small business owners who want a listing in the 2010 directory should contact Lottie ASAP as December 1 is the deadline. The rate sheet is also on the website or you can contact Lottie directly at 324-3114.

Welcome Babies!

As the weather gets colder, new parents won't have their little ones out for their adoring neighbors to coo over. To get the word out about the arrival of your winter bundle of joy, put a free birth announcement in the *Madrona News*. Send the particulars to Kim at kdh5027@aol.com.

Welcome to **Eli Lathrop Kercher**, born September 29, 2009 to Jeff and Linda Kercher. He weighed 9 lbs 5 oz., was 21 inches long, and joins big brother Ethan at the Kercher home on E. Pike St.

A logo for Lakeview Kids' Dentistry featuring a stylized orange tree branch above the text 'Lakeview Kids' Dentistry' and 'Stephen J. Stuehling, DMD, PLLC' with a small orange bird icon. Below is the address '703 34th Avenue Seattle, WA 98122', phone '(206)251-7638', and website 'www.lakeviewkidsdentistry.com'.

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A logo for Benjamin Chotzen Real Estate featuring the name 'Benjamin Chotzen' and 'Associate Broker' above the website 'www.Benjaminchotzen.com' and a square logo with 'GBK REALTORS'. Below is the text '24 years specializing in our neighborhood.' and contact information: 'benjaminchotzen@yahoo.com', 'cell 206.948.3208 • office 206.322.8940 • fax 206.328.4716', and 'Gerrard Beattie & Knapp, LLC • 1313 East Pine, Seattle, WA 98122'.

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Neighborhood School News

Madrona K-8's Fantastic Fall

By Madrona K-8 PTSA

The Madrona K-8 School has just finished a successful first Session of the 2009-2010 school year, and it's on to Session 2. Students are enjoying the array of new elective courses, including Spanish, yoga, karate, chess, performing arts, cooking, slimy science, arts, leadership, and more. Honors math just began for middle school advanced mathematicians. The 5th graders will head to Islandwood on Bainbridge Island soon for their annual week-long environmental sciences outdoor-school program.



Head Coach Kitisha Washington lazes before her victorious Ultimate Frisbee team while assistant coach Letta Baker, back right, beams

A host of afterschool activities are well underway. The Ultimate Frisbee team is undefeated this season and won the city championship with a final win over Eckstein Middle School!

Through hard work the mostly neophyte Girls' Soccer team has won several games. The girls' and boys' basketball teams will soon be starting their seasons. The boys' team hopes to ride some of the magic from last year's city championship into another successful season. The Girl Scouts are winterizing the school garden and making plans for the food they will grow and donate next spring. Several current and former Madrona students are learning advanced rock climbing and for Madrona students are learning advanced rock climbing skills, and self-empowerment, teaming up with a mentor through the Passages Northwest Girl's Rock program

The PTSA has been busy as well. They are "wrapping up" their fall wrapping paper, jewelry, and holiday gifts fundraiser and are busy planning winter events. The October meeting was a well attended potluck and November's meeting was an information session on becoming a foster family.

There are still many questions about the new school assignment plan. Let's hope district officials can answer some when they hold a public meeting at Madrona K-8 on December 17.

Families and teachers are looking forward to Parent Teacher Conferences and the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. We are thankful for our hard working students, staff, families, and everyone else who supports our school. Happy Thanksgiving!

Epiphany Construction Making Good Progress

By Matt Neely, Head of School

Epiphany School and Sellen Construction continue to make remarkable progress on Madrona Hall, the new classroom building for Epiphany students. Over the last few weeks, the team has completed the underground parking garage, framed most of the first floor of classrooms, and delivered a skybridge that will connect Madrona Hall to Spock Hall. Sellen has a keen focus on neighborhood relationships, traffic, and environmental impact and has worked hard to minimize the effects of construction on school and neighborhood life.



Epiphany School's curricular theme this year is "Build It," and students are studying construction and buildings in the school's yearlong endeavor to use construction as a teaching tool. You may see students sketching the building, wearing hard hats, or interviewing members of the construction crew as "construction journalists."

Madrona Hall is being built in accordance with the United States Green Building Council's comprehensive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. Epiphany's efforts at sustainability derive from the incredible work on sustainability going on in the Madrona neighborhood. Thank you all for inspiring us!

Valley School Preps Students for Middle School

By Gail Mensher

It has been a lively and productive fall at the Valley School. Educational and fun activities have included a pre-kindergarten circus unit; kindergarten scarecrow and human body studies; a pumpkin festival in first grade; second grade spider science; plant communities, real and imagined, by the third grade; fourth grade crime scene detective work; and the publication of the *Fairytale Times* in fifth grade. Topping this off are new solar panels with 24-hour energy monitor—part of Valley's effort to be certified by the Washington Green Schools program.

The school has hired Camille Hayward, director of the Lake and Park School and veteran tutor, to prepare all interested fifth grade students for the Independent School Entrance Exam. Most Valley students apply to large private middle schools. Their acceptance rates are extremely high, but the application process can be daunting. Valley is providing this extensive tutoring program as a way to reduce stress and prevent test prep from dominating fifth grade curriculum.

Valley School admissions tours are now running on Thursday mornings at 9:00am and will continue through February. Tours last about two hours and interested adults should email lynn@thevalleyschool or gail@thevalleyschool to sign-up.



Madrona Artists Host Holiday Crafts Sales

Conrow Porcelain Open House

Conrow Porcelain Gallery is expanding from that small public showroom into back rooms and kiln area, creating a fresh, larger show space, cleaning away layers of clay dust, bringing in shelves, pedestals and bright lights... getting ready for the annual holiday show. The show opens with an artists reception on December 4, from 4:00 to 9:00pm at the studio at 1429-34th Avenue, between Pike and Union. Guitar music will be performed by **Erie Jones**. The show then continues on December, 5 & 6 and 11 & 12, from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Several guest artists, who show locally, nationally, and internationally, will bring their newest collections to this very local venue.



Susan Goodwin's beautifully designed earrings and necklaces of pearls and gemstones glitter with color and style.

Gunter Reimnitz creates steel sculptures, in designs ranging from small crows to six-foot herons, lively additions to any garden space!

New Orleans fabric artist **Kate Beck** (formerly from Seattle) designs and executes silk clothing, sending a collection of scarves and accessories for this show. Her hand-painted and shibori dyed silks shimmer with color and texture, adding a dash of panache to any wardrobe.

From Sydney, Australia (and working part of each year in Ginny Conrow's studio): **Barbi Lock Lee** makes delightful, brightly colored bowls and cups, pitchers and vases, frequently accented with hand-formed Australian birds perched on lips and rims.

Seattle fabric artist **Kathy Ackerman** designs tapestry bags, small and large, using vintage cloth and buttons to create purses for every occasion.

Madrona's **Ginny Conrow** will show her latest crystalline-glazed porcelains, focusing on drinking vessels, oval bowls, and serving dishes, with a variety of glazes that glow with warmth and color. She taught a masters workshop for crystalline glaze potters in Florida in the spring and demonstrated her glazing and throwing techniques at an international conference in New York in October. Her work is featured in Jeff Snyder's new book, *Ceramics Today*, available in spring 2010.

For more info about the open house or directions, call Ginny at 427-1941 or go to www.conrowporcelain.com.

Mixed Media Artist & Painter Jacqui Beck

Madrona artist, Jacqui Beck will be hosting a Holiday Studio Art Sale on December 5 and 6, from 10:00am to 4:00pm both days. Her studio is right in the heart of Madrona at 3109 E Union Street. There will be paintings of all sizes and price levels. If you've been waiting to buy a painting, this is the time. Cards, prints, and other small items will also be available.

Jacqui paints in acrylic and mixed media. Her paintings may have ten or more layers of paint, with the subterranean layers adding depth and texture. Her work is collected and exhibited in the United States, Canada, Europe, and New Zealand. She has studied at Gage Academy of Art and with many nationally known artists.

Jacqui's subject matter ranges from trees to dancers to colorful chickens. Her current series is titled "Tribal Suite," a celebration of the inter-connectedness of everything. It originated from her own feelings of lack of a closely connected tribe, and her realization that she had to create this for herself. These paintings bring forth different aspects of connection between people, as well as with the natural and spiritual worlds.

Jacqui's Art Sale coincides with the city-wide arts and crafts sale, Seattle Sampling. You can preview her work at www.jacquibeck.com.

Debra Glickman, Madrona Drive Potter

Hi, my name is Debra Glickman. I live (and was born) on Madrona Drive and I'd like to invite you to my annual pottery sale December 5 and 6 from 10:00am to 4:00pm—before Hannukah, and before we have a chance to get any snow! Last year I was snowed out... The sale will be in my home at 1424 Madrona drive; it's located off the street and behind 1422, up the closed off driveway. Don't be afraid—come on up!

My parents built their home on Madrona Drive in 1941 and their children were all born in the neighborhood. My parents and older siblings all went to Madrona School and Garfield High School but my family moved to Israel when I was a young teen and I lived there until returning to Madrona five years ago.



In Jerusalem I worked as a production potter in the first "visible" pottery studio in the city. We worked, and people could walk in, watch, talk, photograph us, make orders and buy pottery. Our studio evolved into a co operative store, selling hand-made pottery and sharing all the other jobs that made the store run, from sweeping to bookkeeping. I enjoyed my career making my living doing what I loved, and being in direct contact with my customers.

For the past five years, I've been back in Madrona living with my elderly parents and homeschooling my two children. Now I call myself a "retired potter" because I don't work at it every day. But making pots is still what I choose to do for my "FUN Time." I take classes at Pottery Northwest and have accumulated a lot of my creations—mostly functional ware, some Judaica, and many, many different experiments with new and different clays and glazes! It is fabulous for me, but my shelves are sagging, and the boxes are piling up, so I'd love to share them with my neighborhood!

For directions, call me at 322-1162. I'll be setting up on Friday so you can also come by then.



Santa's Coming to Madrona...



You better not pout and you better not fight...and you BETTER brush your teeth because Santa is coming to Madrona! Despite his very busy holiday schedule, the Jolly Old Elf himself will be making a stop at Lakeview Kids Dentistry (703 34th Ave) on December 5.

Dr. Stuehling and the Lakeview Kids Dentistry staff invite

everyone in Madrona to come and chat with Santa from noon to 3:00pm. Kids, bring your wish list! Parents, bring your cameras! Everyone, bring a donation of a canned or boxed good to support the food drive for the Food Bank at St. Mary's Church.

Seasonal Refreshments will be provided! Santa and his helpers are looking forward to seeing you Lakeview, near the corner of 34th and Cherry, next to Precocious Toys.



Old World Ukrainian Bazaar at Epiphany

Once a month The Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church based in Renton holds a Divine Liturgy in the chapel of the Episcopal Church. This group has been worshiping in the Ellsworth Storey designed chapel the first Sunday of the month at 11:00am for 50 years.

Typically each Liturgy is followed by a coffee hour and occasionally a potluck dinner. However, their December service will also be preceded by something extra special—an old world style bazaar!

On Saturday December 12 from 9:30am to 2:30pm, members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church welcome all of Madrona to join them at Epiphany for a church bazaar. At this event there will be Ukrainian folk singing and entertainment. You can also enjoy Ukrainian specialty foods such as borsch (beet soup), varenyky (pasta stuffed with meat, potatoes, cabbage cheese and mushrooms); holubsi (cabbage rolls stuffed with meat or rice and vegetables) and a variety of delicious cakes and torts.

Proceeds from this bazaar will go to Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church. For more information about this church, visit: www.htuocs.org.



Annual Toys for Tots drive runs November 23 through December 23.

Madrona drop-off location: Barbara Banan's Edward Jones Investments office, Bowling Green building, 3304 E. Spring Street.

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Leschi Mourns Murdered Officer & Celebrates Community Awards

By Diane Snell, Leschi News

The Leschi community was stunned by the assassination of Officer Timothy Brenton at 29th Avenue and Yesler on Halloween. We have long had an excellent working relationship with the East Precinct and this tragedy struck close to home. To allow residents a chance to gather and share their concerns, the Leschi Community Council (LCC) dedicated its November meeting to the tragedy. Representatives from the East Precinct spoke, and the 100 plus neighbors in attendance, many long time residents, discussed the changes that have taken place in the neighborhood over the years. Many shared the sense that this crime violated our community's values. This theme was constantly reinforced as speakers expressed their sadness and anger at this killing within the neighborhood we have worked so hard to improve. Others spoke of the positive changes in the neighborhood and the feeling that we need to continue this work and not give up—a view strongly supported by the police officers.

Cashel Toner, the new principal of Leschi Elementary School, was in attendance and she told how the staff had dealt with the tragedy in different ways depending on the ages of the students. The older students wanted to know what they could do and one child thought of making the origami paper cranes that represent peace. The students planned to make 1000 cranes, string them together and take them to the memorial site.

Our planned featured speaker, Dr. Susan Platt, graciously abbreviated her talk on local sculptor James Washington Jr. to allow ample time for the forum. We hope to have her back in the near future.

On a MUCH happier note, Leschi recently received two important community awards. In October, the Seattle Neighborhood Group bestowed the Leschi Community Council with its annual Community Builder award. The LCC was recognized for the five community concerts it hosted in Flo Ware Park over the summer. All were well attended, with the community gathering to listen, play instruments, sing and to partake of food. Sharon Sobers, LCC President, accepted the award on behalf of the council. These community events were possible thanks to many neighborhood groups including the East Precinct, Parks & Recreation, Langston Hughes, the Seattle Neighborhood Group and the generosity of neighborhood

businesses such as Promenade Red Apple and Grocery Outlet. In November, The Washington chapter of AARP honored long-time Leschi residents Ed and Joan Singler with their 2009 Andrus Award for Community Service. The Singlers were recognized for the impact they've had their community. They co-founded the Seattle chapter of the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE) 1961, and continue to actively help others in Leschi and throughout Seattle.

On December 5 the LCC will gather for a potluck holiday party with good food, entertainment and the exciting annual raffle. The party will be from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Avenue S. It's free and all are welcome—your admission ticket is your potluck dish!

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CoRRRECTIONS

Do You Miss The Mutt Match-Up?

Do you love the Mutt Matchup? Would you like to be the new Mutt Matcher? The contact email listed last month was wrong. Please contact Kim at kdh5027@aol.com to volunteer.

Drainage Woes Become Rainwater Gold

By Nikola Davidson, 31st Avenue

When Madrona residents Paul Rasmussen and Claire Buchanan set out to solve their drainage issues around their house on E. Schubert Place, they had no idea their remedy would have so many benefits. With the help of Madrona-based EarthSystemsNW (ESNW), what started as a problem with too much water was transformed into a solution that solves their drainage issues, conserves water, helps prevent storm water pollution, AND saves money.



Jack Rasmussen helps supervise the cistern installation.

Paul and Claire initially thought of addressing their drainage issue with the help of a couple of rain barrels but Paul recalls "...when ESNW told us how much water we had coming off our roof (over 43,000 gallons per year) we realized we had a serious resource on our hands and decided to take advantage of it. And when we saw that it was not that great of a leap to go from an irrigation-only system to a fully potable one, the decision was easy."

EarthSystemsNW, which specializes in rainwater harvesting, rerouted the home's gutters and downspouts to one location, a 2,000 gallon cistern hidden under their back deck. Now, as the cistern fills with rainwater from their roof, Paul and Claire's family of four uses the rainwater for all their outdoor and indoor water needs, including drinking water.

To make that possible, ESNW installed a series of filters to make the water coming off the roof is fully potable. "It's incredibly pure and it tastes fantastic—better than anything the city could provide," gushed Paul. "We bottle it and take it to parties instead of wine. OK, our enthusiasm may be a little over the top, but the water really is good."



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Samples of the water were also sent to an independent lab that confirmed its purity.

The family is excited not only about the quality of their water but also about the environmental benefits of their cistern. Paul feels that "the greatest environmental advantage of the system is to help conserve public water resources during the most critical part of the year (summer) when demand is highest."

Most homeowners that currently harvest rainwater only use it for outdoor irrigation. When asked about sharing the success of their pioneering system, Paul responds "it would be nice if we can serve as a model for the city and other homeowners to show just how feasible it is to take advantage of water that's otherwise wasted."

Want to find out what rainwater harvesting is feasible on your property? Contact Madrona-based EarthSystemsNW for a free consultation at info@earthsystemsnw.com or 948-5326.

Attention 2010 Kindergarten Parents

St Therese School knows that lots of Madrona parents of 4-year-olds are already making school plans for next September. When selecting a school, facts and data give an important picture but there is no substitute for personally visiting school to envision how your child might—or might not—fit in there.

While checking out Kindergarten for your little ones, don't forget to put St. Therese School right in Madrona at 900 35th Avenue on your Visit List. To get a taste of what the school has to offer, join us for our annual Kindergarten Information Night for prospective parents on December 3, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Come meet other parents, our Kindergarten teacher and principal. Please RSVP by calling 324-0460, ext. 117 or email sandyg@sainttherese-parish.org.



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Halloween Night was a Blast!

By Paige Smith, MLK Way

Wasn't this a perfect Halloween? No rain, beautiful fall colors, and plenty of trick-or-treaters all over Madrona. Many little pumpkins, monkeys and Go Go Dancers found their way to the neighborhood party at the shelterhouse in the Madrona Playfield. The theme there was Thar Be Pirates—and there were even a few of those!

The shelterhouse party is a long-standing Madrona tradition but this year the business owners of Madrona—BOOM—added a fun and funny scavenger hunt to the night's festivities. Burke Shethar of the Madrona Ale House gave out 70 clue sheets that had hunters scavenging up and down 34th Avenue. Everyone who turned in a completed sheet at the shelterhouse was entered into a drawing for prizes donated by Madrona businesses.

Congrats to the winners:

- Aiden & Owen won a glass platter from décor on 34th
- Becca and Katie both won an Ugly Doll Bat from Precocious Toys
- Finn, Zach, Tim and Rowan each won a gift certificate from Verite
- Edel won brunch for four from St. Clouds
- Desmond won dinner and drinks from the Madrona Alehouse

Special thanks to this year's Halloween Party organizer, Ruth Walther who did an amazing job with the pirate themed shelterhouse, and to everyone who donated goodies for the party! Thanks to Nikki Lundin who worked with BOOM to organize the trick-or-treating down 34th Avenue. Thanks so much to Amy Bush of Jaywalk and Burke from the Ale House for pulling together the scavenger hunt! WOW, that was fun! Thanks to Laralyn Barhydt of Peekaloo Art for donating her time and talent for our beautiful posters.

It was such a beautiful night! It was awesome to see so many kids having fun with the scavenger hunt and enjoying the yummy baked treats at the shelterhouse!



Winged Elias of Grand Avenue



Mette & Ada of 34th Avenue get their scavenger hunt list



Princess Stella of 36th Avenue



Soren & Mom of 33rd Avenue

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2009 Madrona Neighborhood Events

Last chance to volunteer to coordinate an event in 2009! Of course, you can always plan ahead for 2010....

- Jan** 18—Martin Luther King Celebration, Epiphany
- Mar** 7—Neighbor Appreciation Day, Jon Hughes
- April** 19—Neighborhood Cleanup, Didi Burpee
- May** 16—Mayfair Parade & Carnival, Paige Smith
30—Community Garage Sale, Janna Pekaar
- Sept** 13—Dining & Sipping Family BBQ, Audrey Seale
- Oct** 6—MCC Officer Elections, Cynthia Stross
31—Kids' Halloween Party, Ruth Walther
- Nov** 15—Winter Greens & Holiday Lights, Marie Doyle
- Dec** 5—**Christmas Ships, Bon Fire & Carols at Madrona Beach**—Need Coordinator

To get involved, contact these event coordinators or Madrona Community Council VP of Events Paige Smith at 225-5821 or paige.eg.smith@gmail.com

glassybaby Expands its Light to NYC

A couple of weeks ago, a big truck was parked outside the glassybaby studio on East Union. While the thirty artists inside the Madrona workshop blew and shaped colored glass into a rainbow of signature glassybaby vessels, men with dollies rolled cases of their work on board the semi for a trip across the country. Their destination: the new glassybaby store in New York City!

New Yorkers are already excited about the store in the Big Apple at 555 Hudson Street. It hasn't taken long for the new neighbors in Manhattan's West Village to see why glassybaby has such a loyal following in Madrona and throughout Seattle. On the opening day, glassybaby fans from as far as Connecticut drove to New York to see the store and take more home several at a time. Especially popular is the new Hudson glassybaby, a perfect silver-blue hue created to celebrate the New York store.



Glassybaby and its mission were born in Seattle in 1998 when founder Lee Rhodes was in her third battle with a rare form of lung cancer. She was also raising three small children. She found serenity in a small colorful glass vessel made by a family member for whom she had given glass blowing lessons as a Christmas gift. Lee learned to make them herself and began calling them "glassybaby". Her friends soon wanted them and she couldn't keep up with the demand so she founded a business to produce the vessels and give back a portion of the proceeds to cancer and other charities.

The company has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Seattle area charities and is bringing that philosophy along to New York. In November and December, 10% of sales from the New York store will go to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

The Madrona store is already gearing up for the holidays with gift sets and new colors. One that is sure to be a favorite is called Wishful. As always, a portion of glassybaby sales go toward Seattle area charities.



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We're Encouraged

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

It's always encouraging for a group that's been working together for as long as we have (13 years) when there's an infusion of fresh enthusiasm. Friends of Madrona Woods is fortunate to have two groups of young people coming to work with us for the 2009-2010 academic year.

In the last issue we mentioned the students from Garfield High School's Earth Service Corps who will be working the second Sunday of every month to restore the area north of the sidewalk that runs from Spring Street to Lake Washington Boulevard. We will also be partnering with a team of six from the University of Washington's Capstone program. This is an educational experience where students design the restoration project and help accomplish it. They will be clearing and revegetating along the west edge of Lake Washington Boulevard and possibly tying the seepage from the hillside into the stream.

We're also greatly encouraged by the exciting news that Friends of Madrona Woods will be receiving the Denny Award for volunteer service in our parks at the annual Seattle Parks Department volunteer appreciation event on November 17.

We'd be even more encouraged if we could eliminate our remaining debt of more than \$13,000. If you'd like to help, send checks made out to Friends of Madrona Woods to John Lahti, at 1715-33rd Ave., 98122.

We'll continue our new policy of holding work parties only when we have a specific task or a group that's available. If you want to be on our email list for notifications of work parties, email Deirdre McCrary at deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com.

For more information about involvement in the Madrona Woods and natural area, contact me, judithstarbuck@msn.com or 322-2640, or visit www.madronawoods.org.

City Seeks New Volunteers for Neighborhood Building Design Boards

Land use issues are always a hot topic in Madrona. If you've been involved in the process, you know that one step is a review of the proposed design by a group of volunteer citizens on a design review board. The people on these boards are either professionals in the design and development fields who have proven skills and established careers, or community and business leaders with an interest in shaping new development in their neighborhoods. Their task is to offer an assessment of the design for mixed-use developments, multifamily housing, and commercial projects against current codes and guidelines.

If you have ever been to a design review and thought, I could do THAT, here's your chance. The City of Seattle is seeking qualified candidates interested in serving on the 2010 Design Review Boards. Various boards throughout the city have a total of 12 volunteer positions open for terms beginning April 4, 2010. The City welcomes applications for anyone, but is especially interested in hearing from women and people of color. Applications are due December 10, and are available at www.seattle.gov/designreview.

The Capitol Hill/First Hill/Central District Design Review Board (includes Madrona) has one opening for a local business interests representative. The other eleven openings are for design professionals, business representatives, and general community representatives on the Northeast Design Review Board, Queen Anne/Magnolia/South Lake Union Design Review Board, Southeast Design Review Board, and Downtown Design Review Board. Learn more at www.seattle.gov/designreview

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Reduce Waste and Win \$50,000 for Madrona!

By Sally Hulsmann, 36th Avenue

Does Madrona need public benches, a pocket park, lighting, signage, public art or other public improvements? CleanScapes, our garbage, recycling, and compost service provider, is sponsoring a \$50,000 neighborhood challenge to reduce waste. You don't have to sign up, you don't have to apply. The only thing you have to do is create less garbage!

CleanScapes is measuring the total tons of waste (garbage, recycling and yard waste) it picks up from residential customers. The neighborhood area (determined by collection day) with the largest percent decrease in total tons from Fall 2009 to Spring 2010 wins. Community councils representing the winning area will choose a community improvement project from a list of options. No project is too small. Please submit your ideas to Madrona Community Council President Cynthia Stross at cynistr@gmail.com.

East Union street is the dividing line that separates Madrona into two garbage collection areas (Thursday and Friday), so our neighborhood has TWO chances to win!

According to CleanScapes, approximately 200 tons of garbage is collected from Seattle households every day. Much of this could have been recycled, or better yet, not created in the first place. To get us all started reducing our waste, here are a few ideas:

- Cancel your junk mail (www.DMAchoice.org)
- Call off phone books (www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org)
- Compost grass and leaves in your garden
- Use durable plates, flatware, napkins, kitchen towels, etc. instead of disposables
- Use reusable water bottles, shopping bags, coffee cups etc.
- Sell or donate useable appliances, clothes, furniture (www.freecycle.com)

We can do this, and we have a great reason to make a good showing and win the competition. The president and CEO of CleanScapes lives in our neighborhood! Chris Martin and his wife Susie moved to Madrona in 2003. They live with their 5 year-old twins at 33rd and Columbia. Chris founded CleanScapes in 1997, and the company now has over 200 employees. It serves both commercial and municipal solid-waste and recycling customers in Seattle, Shoreline, San Francisco, and Portland.

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To Your Well-Being: Managing Life's Changes

By Kathy Underwood, MSW, LICSW

There are not many things I know for sure, but one thing I know is that change will occur. It happens to everyone. Unfortunately, change can push us to our limits. This can generate both excitement and anxiety. Many avoid even the most simple of changes. Even though we may have thoughts of making changes in our life, we don't because, in this hectic world, we find safety in the familiar – even if we're dissatisfied.

Risks are inherent in change. Not making changes also keeps us from failing and feeling embarrassed by our mistakes. There is a belief that to make change or adjust to a change we have to be perfect and enter the new world without any ripple of disruption. However, life is a continuum of learning, making mistakes, and relearning, and of being patient with yourself and others in the process.

Change does not have to occur in solitude. Sharing your plans with others is essential to creating the supportive environment that will ease the transition from one way of living to another. Finding professionals to support your growth will help you to understand your behaviors, resistance, anxiety and worry. Here are a few other ways to embrace change in your life:

- Let go of judgments.
- Stop trying to fix what can't be fixed.
- Be patient with yourself and others.
- Share your thoughts and feelings.
- Choose to see yourself as a success even when things are not going your way.
- Above all, Dwell in Possibility.

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RECURRING EVENTS:

- WEDNESDAYS** 5:45 PM **Weight Watchers Meeting**—Central Area Senior Center in Leschi, 500 30th Ave S., 726-4929
- WEDNESDAYS** 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Bible Study** – Epiphany Christie House Library www.epiphanyseattle.org
- WEDNESDAYS** 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Library Book Club**—Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library, 1134 33rd Ave.
- THURSDAYS** 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM **The Valley School Admission Tours** – running from November 2 through February. Interested parents should email lynn@thevalleyschool.org or gail@thevalleyschool.org.
- THURSDAYS** 7:30 PM **AA/ALANON Meeting**—Epiphany Great Hall www.epiphanyseattle.org.
- FRIDAYS** 7:30 AM **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, letter-writing and coffee afterwards at Touga on 34th. Kathy Barker kbarker715@gmail.com.
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- Nov 18** 9:00 AM –1:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—St. Cloud’s Restaurant, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Nov 18** 10:30 AM **Preschool Story Time** – Madrona Sally-Goldmark Library, 1134 33 Ave, (206) 684-4705.
- Nov 20** 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **Garfield Community Center Annual Thanksgiving Celebration**, 2323 E Cherry Street.
- Nov 23 – Dec 23 Toys for Tots Drive** — Drop off toys at Edward Jones offices, 3304 E Spring Street. Barbara Banon
- Nov 24** 9:00 AM **St Therese School Tour** —Interested parents should contact Sandy Gunder at 324-0460, ext. 117 or sandyg@saintthereseparish.org.
- Nov 26** 10:00 AM **Thanksgiving Day Mass** – St Theresa Church, 900 35th Ave.
- Nov 26** 7:00 PM **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** – Park Shore Retirement Home, 1630 43rd Ave E., Madison Park.
- Dec 1** 9:00 AM **St Therese School Tour** —Interested parents should contact Sandy Gunder at 324-0460, ext. 117 or sandyg@saintthereseparish.org.
- Dec 1** 7:15PM **Madrona Community Council Meeting** – Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Cynthia Stross cynistr@gmail.com.
- Dec 1** 5:00 PM **Deadline for African American Buy Local Business Directory Listing**—Advertising **rate sheet at <http://blackdollar.org/AABD.htm>**. Lottie Cross 324-3114.
- Dec 2** 10:30 AM **Preschool Story Time** – Madrona Sally-Goldmark Library, 1134 33 Ave, 684-4705.
- Dec 3** 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Meeting with Cancer Insurance Specialist JK Burwell**— Learn self-care techniques to thrive through the holidays. Hosted local Psychotherapist Kathy Underwood. Amara Building, 3300 East Union. Kathy 293-8308.
- Dec 4** 9:00 AM **BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting**—At Amara Office (34th & Union). All Madrona business owners are welcome. Membership applications available from Barbara Banon (Edward Jones, 3304 E Spring St) or from Nikola@earthsystems.com.
- Dec 4** 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Holiday Art Show Artists Reception**– Conrow Porcelain Gallery, 1429 34th Ave, 427-1914, www.conrowporcelain.com.
- Dec 5** Noon – 3PM **Santa Visits Madrona** – Bring your cameras and donations of canned or boxed goods for St. Mary’s Food Bank. Lakeview Kids Dentistry, 703 34th Ave, 251-7638.
- Dec 5** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**— Christmas Theme! Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Dec 5** 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Leschi Community Council** –Holiday Potluck; Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th South, Diane Snell, jdsnell1@comcast.net
- Dec 5** 9:25 PM – 9:45 PM **Christmas Ships at Madrona Beach** – Join neighbors for singing and community building. 853 Lake Washington Blvd.
- Dec 5 & 6** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM **Conrow Porcelain Holiday Art Show & Open House**—Gallery located at 1429 34th Ave, 427-1914, www.conrowporcelain.com.
- Dec 5 & 6** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM **Jacqui Beck’s Holiday Studio Art Sale** – Studio located at 3109 E Union Street.
- Dec 5 & 6** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM **Debra Glickman Before Hanukah Pottery Sale** –,Studio located at 1424 Madrona Drive, 322-1162.
- Dec 6** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**— Christmas Theme! Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Dec 7** 7:00 PM **Total Experience Gospel Choir Furnace Fundraiser Concert** –At Madrona Presbyterian Church. Gospel, seasonal favorites and more, Suggested donation \$10, www.madronachurch.org or 328-2704.
- Dec 9** 10:30 AM **Preschool Story Time** – Madrona Sally-Goldmark Library, 1134 33 Ave, (206) 684-4705.
- Dec 10** 9:00 AM **St Therese School Tour** —Interested parents should contact Sandy Gunder at 324-0460, ext. 117 or sandyg@saintthereseparish.org.
- Dec 10** 5:00 PM **Deadline for Seattle Design Review Board Application**—Anyone can apply but the city is especially interested in hearing from women and people of color. Applications at www.seattle.gov/designreview.
- Dec 10** 6:00 PM **Central Area Neighborhood District Council Meeting**— Douglas Truth Library, 2300 E. 1st r Way. Madrona Contacts: Max Liebowitz maxliebowitz@gmail.com and Cheryll McCain clmc2000@gmail.com.
- Dec 12** 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM **Ukrainian Church Bazaar**—At Epiphany Church. Enjoy specialty foods and traditional music.. For more information about the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church, visit www.htuocs.org.
- Dec 17** TBD PM **Student Assignment Plan Meeting**—Seattle Public Schools administration hosts a meeting for prospective parents. Madrona K-8 School. Check calendar at www.madrona.us for details.

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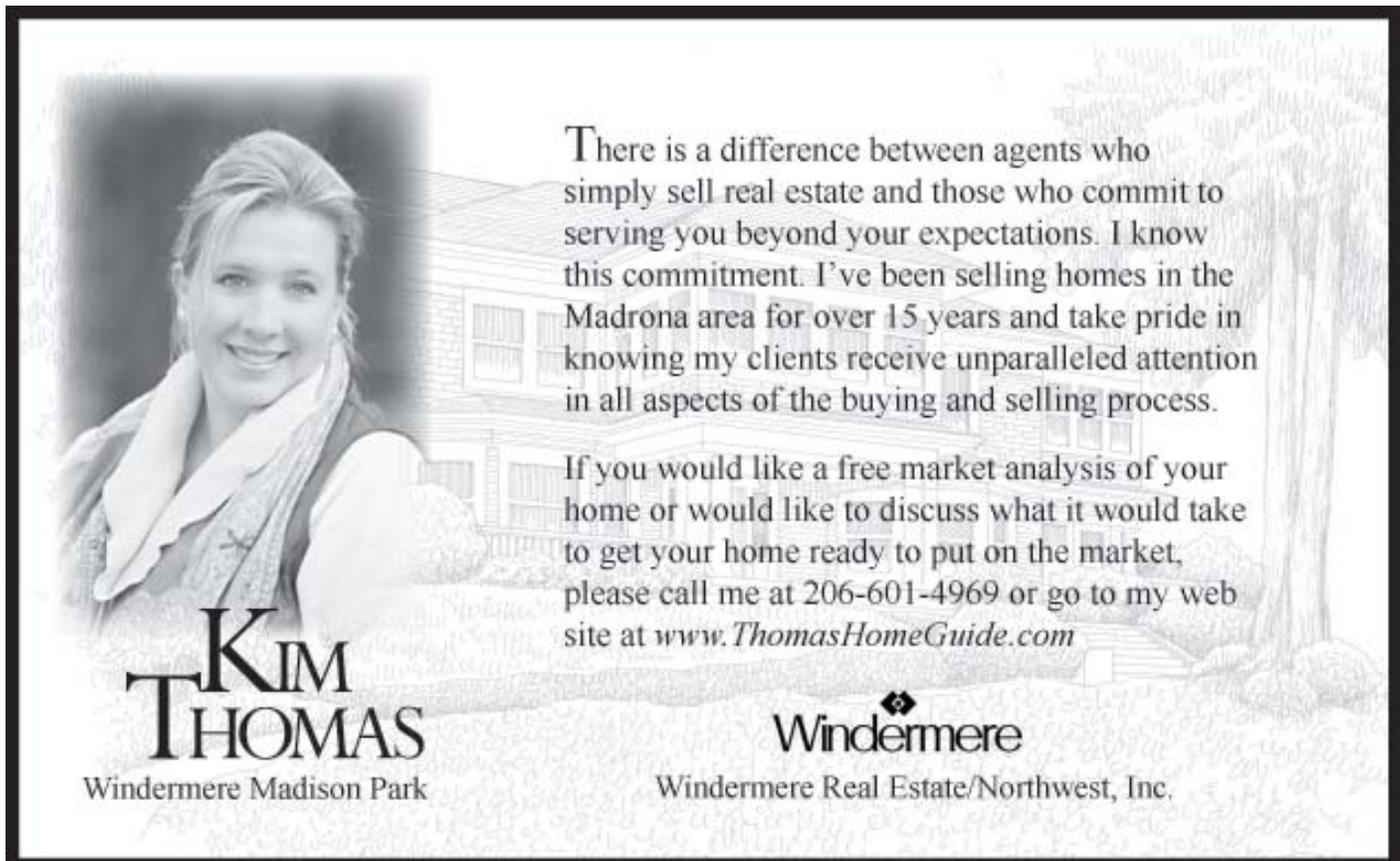
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