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Epiphany: From Simple Madrona Storefront to Historic Parish

On February 11, 2007 Epiphany Parish marked its centennial with a neighborhood celebration. More than 60 guests gathered, including many folks who grew up in Madrona and ventured back to mark the occasion. Barbara Stenson Spaeth, a lifelong parishioner and Emmy Award-winning journalist, spoke about the history of the church and the Madrona community. Her book, "A Bridge Over Time; Seattle's Church of the Epiphany 1907-1997" will be published later this year, marking the Epiphany Parish centennial.



The special Sunday service filled the church and included many very special guests, including Jack Gorsuch, the Rector during the turbulent 1960's. It was a special day for the members of Epiphany Parish and historic for anyone from Madrona.



MCC President's Corner

I hope you are all having a good winter. If you walk around the neighborhood, you can see little signs of spring trying to pop out! Other signs of growth in Madrona are two shops opening soon across from Madrona Playfield. Welcome to Lisa Clinton's women's clothes and accessories store **Juniper** and kid's boutique **TWOOWLS**.

The Madrona Community Council (MCC) met on February 6 in the shelterhouse at the Madrona Playfield. Beth Purcell reviewed the proposed plans to relocate the playfield sandbox to distance it from the wood chips and reduce the problem of sand getting into the woodchips. The MCC fully supports this new design, given the surface

By Laura Yurdin, 32nd Avenue

around the sandbox are easy to walk on and not too slippery. Barb Crook from the Lake Washington Cottages Green Belt Committee chatted with us about the history of the cottages and plans to improve their surroundings. The cottages, which are just north of Madrona Drive, were built in the early 1900s as summer homes and renovated into condos in the 1990s. This group proposes to apply for a "Small and Simple" grant from the city to pay for clean up of the green belt south of the cottages by Madrona Ravine. Barb is already working with the group Friends of the Ravine in Madrona (FORM) to build on their success,

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365 Plays Coming to a Street Corner Near You in April

By Susie Polnaszek, 29th Avenue

My partner Carolyn and I have called our apartment on 29th Avenue home for almost two years. We still haven't figured out what to call our neighborhood since we're right at the intersection of the Central Area and Madrona. Do we live in the Madrontral Area? Central Rona? Now matter what you call it, I loved watching kids race each other down the street on sleds after the ice storm, and pitching in with my neighbors to spruce up Nora's Woods on Earth Day. Life here is such an intersection of cultures and socio-economic backgrounds, and there is so much change taking place. I'm eager for more conversation with my neighbors.

That's why I'm offering an opportunity for people on 29th Avenue and beyond to take part in a series of free outdoor play readings from April 23 to 29. The plays are part of the world premiere of *365 Days/365 Plays* by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Suzan-Lori Parks. Productions are happening simultaneously in cities around the United States between November 13, 2006 and November 12, 2007.

In Seattle, 52 performing artists, producers, and presenters will each present
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one week of Parks' plays in various venues throughout Seattle and King County. Week 21 is being performed by Spectrum Dance of the Madrona Dance Studio. The Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center hosts Week 35. And Week 24 is happening right here in our very own Madrona.

Yes, between April 23 and 29, seven short plays will sprout up on street corners and open spaces in our neighborhood, and you can help make it happen! All adults and older teens with an interest in drama are invited to participate; musicians are also urged to sign up. Enthusiasm and passion are required; professional theater skills are not. To join the Madronal Area/Central Rona troupe, contact me at 227-5640 or artandspirit@hotmail.com by March 1. Together we will bring these mini stories to life. We are also looking for free indoor rehearsal space (a basement or business) so let me know if you have such a space to share.

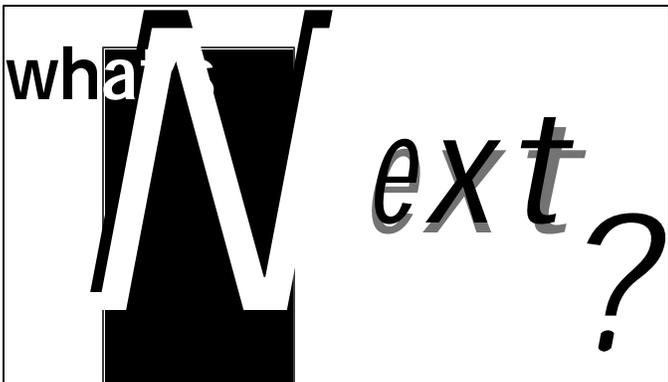
The idea for *365 Days/365 Plays* began in 2002 when Parks made a personal commitment to write one play every day for a year. On November 13, 2002, she began to create a cycle of 365 inventive and unusual pieces, each a complete play, running from three lines to three pages in length. Themes range from the disintegration of the nuclear family to the African-American experience to the mythology of the American Dream. Together the collection forms a powerful critique of how Americans talk and think about themselves as individuals, and as a nation. For details, visit www.365seattle.com

Annual E. Cherry YWCA Fundraising Dinner

On March 17, Epiphany Church will host the 7th annual fundraising dinner for the East Cherry YWCA programs. Join us from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Great Hall for good food, entertainment, and a raffle for great prizes. Tickets to this fun event for a good cause are \$6 per person or \$10 per family.

Funds raised support two critical YWCA services, the Child Care Facility and the Girls First Program. The childcare center educates children using toys and educational DVDs while their parents attend domestic violence support groups. The center needs donations of toys, equipment, and gift certificates. Girls First is the new name for the three merged empowerment programs for young women—Young Leaders Using Technology, START!, and Leaders in Progress. It is an intensive, year-long leadership program for high school freshman girls of color with a mission is to develop leadership, instill confidence, learn skills, and provide opportunities.

All are encouraged to help these neighborhood programs do their good work in our community.



MCC President's Corner (cont'd from page 1)

and will attend the March MCC meeting with more details. Neighbor Mark Richardson attended to ask advice on how he can help his 90-year old neighbor resolve a property line dispute with the builders of the nearly finished Salvation Army Church/condo project on 32nd and Pike. The MCC put Mark in touch with the site developer who is also a Madrona neighbor. We hope for a satisfactory outcome for all!

A few reminders—Neighborhood Appreciation Day is March 24 at Madrona K-8. Reach out to Mark Melroy (329-1408) or Paige Smith (329-3368) to nominate someone special, or to help at the event. This celebration brings our community together.

Madrona crime prevention coordinator Virginia Sly reminds everyone to let her know if you have experienced a crime. Virginia attends the monthly East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition meeting and it is important that she has a good view of what is going on in our neighborhood. You can reach Virginia at 325-9700 or vsly@msn.com

There was concern about the “extreme makeover” happening at Al Larkins Park, where a large hedge was recently removed along 34th Avenue. According to the Parks Department, the old junipers and other plants were removed partly for security reasons as they completely screened the view into the park. Another reason Parks took them out is to improve the shrub beds and prepare them to provide more color and variety. Parks will remove ivy along the northern park boundary and replant both areas very soon with winter interest plants, spring-flowering plants, and natives. A temporary fence along the west border will help protect the new planting, and signs explaining the improvements will be posted there.

We also discussed the survey the MCC planned to send out last month to get a pulse of what neighbors would like the MCC to be doing to support the community. We are still working on that survey so stay tuned! In the interim, if you have a topic that you would like to discuss or are interested in a specific speaker for our meeting—please let an MCC officer know. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse beginning at 7:15 and welcome your feedback and suggestions. Join us at the March 6 meeting to learn the latest on the renovation of the former Coleman School into a northwest Black History museum.

See you around the neighborhood.

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Playfield Sandbox Moves South

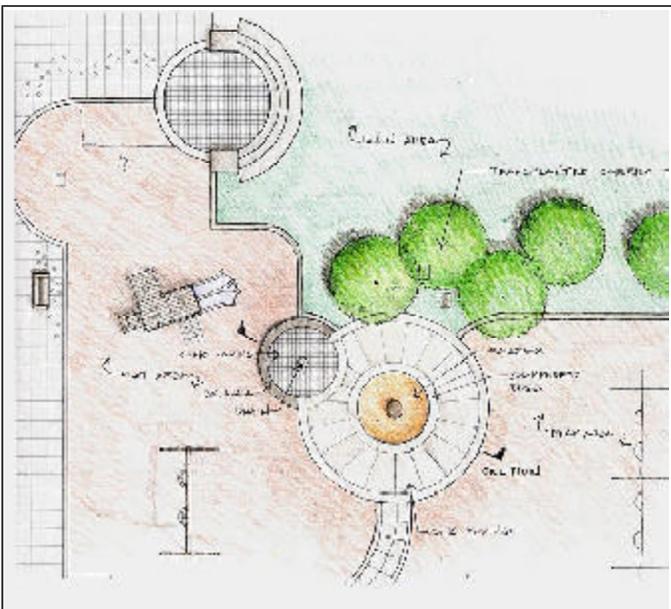
By Beth Percell, 35th Avenue

Changes are coming to the kids' play area in the Madrona Playfield.....but don't worry, they're fairly minor and let us keep the sandbox! Thanks to those who provided input or came to the neighborhood meeting about the sandbox this fall. The message the Parks Department heard was that Madrona valued the sandbox and wanted to retain it.

Upon hearing that, we set to work with Allworth Nussbaum Landscape Architects, the same firm that designed the renovation of the park a few years ago, to address the long standing problem with the sandbox. For those of you who are not aware, the issue is simple. Sand from the sandbox migrates out of the sandbox and well into the woodchipped play surfacing. The woodchips are specifically engineered to compress and knit together to provide a safe fall cushion for children playing on the play structures, and a surface solid enough to accommodate wheelchairs and strollers. Sand from the sandbox was mixing in with the wood chips and compromising their ability to provide a safe, sturdy surface.

After much discussion, the new proposed design moves the sandbox away from the wood chips and places it on the adjacent grassy mound. The new sandbox will be the same size as the original, the surface of which will be paved and its walls retained as a seatwall/bench. In the next few weeks, cherry trees will be transplanted east of the sandbox in a grassy area where we hope they will be happier and flourish! Please respect the trees as they adjust to their new digs!

While the Parks Department pays to maintain our park, including the sandbox and the wood chips, they have no funds to cover the cost of relocating the sandbox. Those of you who are new to Madrona may not know that our community raised several hundred thousand dollars a few years ago to totally redesign and rebuild the playfield. We need someone to lead a new fundraising campaign to pay for this new improvement. If your child loves the sandbox, maybe you can lend a hand? To help with fundraising or if you have any other questions, contact me at purcellbeth@hotmail.com.



Planning for a Great 2007 in Madrona

By Paige Smith, MLK

The year is off to a quick start! We are just around the corner from Neighborhood Appreciation Day on March 24. Do come help honor those who do so much for Madrona, and meet some neighbors! Shortly following that will be our Madrona Garage Sale in late April (the exact date is still TBD) so clean out your closets. Donate your cast-offs to benefit the Madrona Community Council or rent your own table. In May we will have a neighborhood favorite event—Madrona Mayfair! This always brings out a huge crowd for the parade and to share fun and games with the little ones at the Madrona Playfield. We are searching for someone to coordinate this event and the earlier we get going, the more awesome it will be! Later in the year there are several other opportunities to get involved, either as an organizer or a helper. Come help keep Madrona great!

To commit NOW, while you're thinking about it, contact me at 329-3368 or paige_eg_smith@hotmail.com. To volunteer later, attend a MCC meeting the second Tuesday of any month in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse at 7:15. Thanks so much!

2007 Madrona Neighborhood Events

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| Jan | Ecumenical Martin Luther King Celebration
Epiphany Parish |
| Feb/
March | Neighbor Appreciation Day—March 24
Mark Melroy 329-1408 |
| April | Community Garage Sale
Kim Herber 325-9923 |
| May | Mayfair Parade & Carnival -- Seeking Coordinator
Madrona Blossoms Flower Baskets
Marie Doyle 323-6128 |
| June | Neighborhood Cleanup Day -- Seeking Coordinator |
| July/
August | Madrona BBQ Festival
John Healy 720-1090 -- Seeking Co-Coordinator |
| Sept | Madrona Community Council Officer Elections
Laura Yurdin 320-8693 |
| Oct | Kids' Halloween Party -- Seeking Coordinator |
| Nov | Winter Greens & Holiday Lights
Marie Doyle 323-6128 |
| Dec | Christmas Ships & Bonfire -- Seeking Coordinator |

Thanks! Paige Smith, 329-3368 or paige_eg_smith@hotmail.com.

*Debra Thompson
Harvey paste-up*

Play Madrona Mutt Match-up

By Claire McCoy and Helen Payton, 34th Avenue

Sometimes it seems like everyone in Madrona has a dog. All of these dogs live in our neighborhood. To play Mutt Match-up, pick which dog lives with which owner by drawing a leash to connect them. The answers are on page 8.



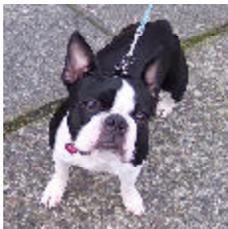
JOE

Personals: 16-month old Lab/
Rotweiller mix
Specialties: Loves everyone



ALEXANDRA

Lived in Madrona: All my life
Favorite Place to Walk:
In the park



TILLIE

Personals: 1.5 year old Boston
terrier
Specialties: Is so cute!



BRUCE

Lived in Madrona: 13 years
Favorite Place to Walk: Around
the neighborhood



MOSES

Personals: 5-year old Portuguese
Water Dog
Specialties: Stared as "Sandy" in
production of "Annie"



MADELINE

Lived in Madrona: 2 years
Favorite Place to Walk: Down
by the lake

Your Mutt Match reporters are Claire McCoy proud dog owner of Lizzie, female black lab; and Helen Payton owner of Kodi, male black lab, and Jah, a male husky.

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Daylighting Countdown Begins

Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

Friends of Madrona Woods has contracted with Pacific Earth Works to start construction on the new wetland cove at the shore of Lake Washington the beginning of March. Bulkhead removal, dredging and earth movement at the water's edge need to be completed before the young fish start coming by in early April. Then activity will move up toward Lake Washington Boulevard as fish weirs and ponds are put in place and the culvert placed under the boulevard.

The construction from March to May will involve disruption in the park north of the concession building and on Lake Washington Boulevard. We expect to keep one lane of the street open; lakeside walkers and runners will have to use the sidewalk along the road for up to nine months. We hope the end result will make the temporary inconvenience worth it. We'll do the bulk of the planting in the cove area this fall so protective fences will stay up until the end of the year.

Though we've raised almost \$400,000, we still need more funds to complete the daylighting from the shore to the Spring Street entrance to Madrona Woods this year. We're approaching several agencies and private foundations to help cover the \$60,000 shortfall. Funding constraints may mean we won't finish the daylighting between Spring Street and the top of the Madrona Park Ravine until 2008.

This is why we're turning again to you, our neighbors, who have been so generous in the past. What you've already given has helped us get permits and do planning and early planting. Now, we especially need money to build the bridges. If you'd like to help, please send us a check in the enclosed envelope. If the envelope is missing, mail your donation to Scott, 3700 East Marion St., Seattle, WA 98122.

To donate money or get involved in the daylighting, contact Joan Scott at 324-6468 or jmscott@seanet.com. To get on our e-mail list for notifications of work parties and other events, email Deirdre McCrary at deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com. The next work party is March 17. For anything else, email me at judithstarbuck@msn.com. Hackers hit our www.madronawoods.org website, but it's back up. Watch there or the kiosks for an announcement of the groundbreaking ceremony in early March.

CoRRRECTIONS

Apologies for the errors that crept into the January edition.

- On December 14, the Seahawks lost their game just a few hours before the wind kicked up in Seattle and most of the city lost power.
- Madrona artist Roy McMakin has two pieces in the newly opened Olympic (not Urban) Sculpture Park on the downtown waterfront.
- The Mutt Match-up answers were all mixed up. The correct pairings are:
- Michael & Hoss, Richard & Musha, Clint & Sam

To Your Well-Being:

Taking a Walk

By Kathy Underwood, MSW, LICSW

People usually consider walking on water or in thin air a miracle. But I think the real miracle is not to walk either on water or in thin air, but to walk on Earth. Every day we are engaged in a miracle which we don't even recognize: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the black, curious eyes of a child — our own two eyes. All is a miracle.

- Thich Nhat Hanh

Punxsutawney Phil came out on February 2 and didn't have to run back scared of his own shadow, leaving us the comfort of anticipating an early spring. I'm thinking of this tradition and how we find ourselves cooped up during the winter. With computers, ipods, and Blackberries we are able to distance ourselves from the world around us.

For the past 10 months, I've enjoyed a sense of sanctuary because my practice is right here in Madrona. Being in Madrona affords us all the opportunity for easy strolls, and the ability to literally walk out my office door and feel the freedom to explore delights me. One moment I'm contained in a building, and the next I'm ambling down 34th Avenue. Immediately, my breathing changes as I pass the shops, enjoying the community as a ready refuge from the busyness of my work day. I walk for the "time out" it provides. When I walk, I stop planning, put problem-solving to rest, and give myself a mental health break. Interestingly, after this simple "resetting," I return refreshed and ready for more challenges.

Fitness gurus, doctors, and health advocates all agree that walking every day—no matter the weather—is essential to our well-being. Walking is one of the least expensive, most accessible activities we have. Walking provides health to our body, especially our heart and lungs, while offering a ready outlet for stress relief. A simple walk allows us to move out of whatever passive "state" we're in and become active, generating energy and endorphins.

Plan your walks; put them in your schedule. Walking offers a state for meditation, allowing us to reconnect with ourselves, others, and the Earth. Listening, breathing, observing, and being. Instead of sitting and sipping coffee for your break, take a walk. Be intentional and accept the experience for what it is. Say hi to your neighbors, the local barber, and the dog-walkers. Soon you'll find your mood changing, your energy shifting, your shoulders releasing....Come out of your office and home, and enjoy the walk. What a simple joy!

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**Edward Jones
paste-up**

Law for All:

Expanded Rights for Retirement Beneficiaries

By Lori Rath, Attorney/Mediator

If you have a life insurance policy or a retirement plan, then you're probably familiar with the requirement of naming a beneficiary for those assets. Certain rules apply to your named beneficiary, and those rules have traditionally been more advantageous for a beneficiary who is your legal spouse, versus a friend, relative, or domestic partner. However, a new law, The Pension Protection Act of 2006, expands the rights of non-spousal beneficiaries of retirement plans in two key ways.

First, the law establishes a "non-spousal rollover" provision that allows virtually any beneficiary—a domestic partner, a sibling, a child, a cousin, etc.—to roll over an "inherited" retirement plan, such as a 401(k), into their own IRA. The beneficiary can then either make withdrawals from the IRA over a five-year period, or over his or her life expectancy. Under the old rules, a non-spouse beneficiary had to withdraw the assets as a lump sum and declare it as income, often resulting in a higher tax bracket.

Second, the law extends the "hardship distribution" rules to non-spousal beneficiaries. Those rules allow beneficiaries of some retirement plans to tap into the retirement funds in the case of certain medical or financial emergencies. Under the previous law, only beneficiaries that were also legally recognized as spouses or dependents could qualify for this benefit.

Although these changes are important and will benefit many people, keep in mind that an individual must be officially named as a beneficiary to take advantage of these new benefits. Ensuring that your beneficiary designations for retirement accounts are updated and appropriate is an important part of estate planning. If you have any questions about estate planning, contact me at Rath Law & Mediation, 219-1402 or lori@rathlawmediation.com.

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Neighborhood School News

8th Grader Wins State VFW Essay Content

Reprinted from Panther Prints, the Madrona K-8 newsletter

Congratulations to all the Madrona K-8 students who earned awards in this year's VFW Essay Content; the theme was: Citizenship in America. Jasmine Cheatham won the state 8th Grade championship and was honored at an awards banquet in Yakima on January 20. Other Madrona K-8 winners are:

- 4th Grade—Emily Huse 1st; Camariah King 2nd; Ronald Roberson 3rd
- 5th Grade—Madeline Huse 1st; Randy Tippins 2nd; Brian Phillips 3rd

The first place winners, along with their families and teachers, attended an Ice Cream Social/Awards Ceremony at Farwell Roosevelt VFW Post in West Seattle on January 13. District Awards were given to Emily Huse, Brian Phillips, Randy Tippins, and Jasmine Cheatham. Good job, everyone!

District Names Snowday Make-up Days

Reprinted from Panther Prints, the Madrona K-8 newsletter

The Seattle Public Schools (SPS) will make up four of the five missed school days. The fifth day does not have to be made up as it was a state emergency. The SPS solicited schedule preferences of parents and received 6,073 responses to an on line survey. This feedback, together with the proposal from the teachers' union, was considered. The make-up days are:

- February 2 (originally a day between semesters)
- March 16 (originally a professional development day for staff)
- June 21 and 22 (originally summer break for students)

Placing the first two make-up days in February and March means that students will recapture important learning time prior to the WASL, and will complete the school year only two days later than originally planned. While the last day for students will be June 22, staff will work on June 25 and 26 to make up missed professional development days.

Tidbits from The Valley School

By Gail Mensher, Director of Admissions

Opportunities remain to tour The Valley School and visit our pre-kindergarten through 5th grade classrooms and our beautiful campus. Tours are on most Thursday(except 2/22) by appointment from 9:00am to 11:00am. Application deadline is March 8 and children who have applied will visit on Saturday, March 3 or Saturday, March 10.

Although it's a ways off, all our classes are already hard at work on some very special projects. On May 11 The Valley School will host its own World's Fair for family and friends. Looking both to the past and to the future, classes will be demonstrating classic and new-found inventions and exhibiting the fruits of their labor and research. We anticipate a variety of projects appropriate to grade levels from toys to energy efficiency to space travel. We hope everyone in Madrona can come to experience some real kid-powered creativity in action.

What Does Citizenship in America Mean to Me?

By Jasmine Cheatham, 8th Grade Madrona K-8

It means someone who is a member of a nation by birth or naturalization. The word "citizenship" originally meant "to change" and "to inhabit a city". Therefore, a citizen originally was a member of city who could adapt.

Today citizenship includes the rights and duties of people throughout America. We have the rights of freedom of speech, religion, and assembly among others granted by the Bill of Rights. We also have the right to vote, to hold public office, to travel within the United States and more. Our duties include paying taxes, defending our country, obeying the laws, serving on juries, voting, learning about public issues, and helping our fellow citizens. Therefore, a citizen is a helpful member of their community who fulfills the rights and duties established by the Constitution and society i.e. someone who gives help to the homeless by providing them with necessary items or volunteering in a homeless shelter, one who respects and obeys the laws of our nation.

Citizens are born in America. Also, people from other countries can petition for naturalization which is the legal process to change citizenship from one country to another. Naturalized citizens take an oath to abide by our country's rules. We all take action to do good things for this nation. A citizen is one who respects the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the many laws which have been passed.

Former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan said, "What the people want is very simple. They want an America as good as its promise." Our forefathers promised life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We are still working on these concepts and we should make changes as needed so that human rights are addressed fairly.

A ninth grader at Yosemite High School said, "If we educate people on the values, rights, and responsibilities our country was founded on, then our country could become great again." These values, rights, and responsibilities provide boundaries that protect us. Our founding fathers sacrificed to give us the power we need as citizens to make this nation great. Now, it seems like the power is going away so we need to get it back.

Finally, citizenship in America to me means that I was born here. I obey the laws. I take responsibility for my education and the service I provide to my community.

BBall is Back in the House

Adults of all skill levels are invited to join weekly pick-up basketball in the Madrona K-8 gym. The gang meets Wednesdays (excluding school holidays) from 8:00 to 10:00pm. A "cover charge" of \$3 per player goes to support the Madrona K-8 PTSA. It might be cold outside but it's always warm in the gym so come join us for fun and exercise. For more information, contact Jon Hughes at 349-1441.

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I Remember When....

Growing up in the Inkwell

By James Bell, 23rd Avenue

My family arrived in Seattle in the 40's from New Orleans. My father came first, living in Bremerton and working at Bethlehem Steel. He soon sent for my mother and me and before long my mother gave birth to my brother Charles, then my brother Louie, and a couple of years later our sister Carol. Around 1948 our family moved into the High Point housing projects in Seattle. But we didn't stay there long because my folks soon bought a house in the Central Area.

The Central Area or "The Inkwell," as we called our neighborhood, was as diverse a community as you could find in Seattle in those days. My next-door neighbors to the south were Jewish. I remember going with my Jewish friend Michael to another class he had to attend after we'd already spent all day at school at Madrona Elementary. It was rather strange to me because the book was read from back to front, as I recall. Our neighbors to the north and across the street were white and of no particular ethnicity. In between we had Filipino and Asian neighbors. It was there on 29th Avenue and Spring Street where we were raised.

Nobody in the neighborhood wanted for food and you could get any food commodity you wanted right there. Bread came from one of the bakeries on Cherry or Union streets and vegetables from the gardens that most everybody had in their yard somewhere. In those days people hunted on Whidbey Island, Skagit Flats, and the White and Blue Mountains and fished all along Lake Washington and at all the other lakes. My favorite was Moses Lake in central Washington. I cleaned and ate so much rabbit and deer meat that I thought there was none left in the woods. In hunting and fishing seasons we sold or traded all kinds of wild game and still had a full freezer.

The cobbler on Cherry Street repaired our shoes until tennis shoes made him move to the U district to try and make a living. "You can't resole tennis shoes," he said, and after a couple of years he had to leave there too. Other black business thrived and some have managed to survive to this day. Dr. Larry's Ophthalmology office is still open on 23rd Avenue, as is a long-standing eatery on Martin Luther King and Cherry that is now called Catfish Corner. Prior to the current incarnation it was named Soul Burger and it was the best burger place in town until a speeding car ran into the front of the business early one Sunday morning years ago.

Many newspapers and professionals served the Central Area community over the years. Two of the papers, the Medium and the Facts, continue to bring important issues to the attention of the Central Area with a focus on African Americans. Most of the pharmacists like the Jordans, or medical doctors and dentists who had Central Area offices have retired or moved on. The black teachers I knew, including Mrs. Lewis, the only African American teacher at Madrona, and the other educators who had to take legal action to be allowed to work in the Seattle school district, have moved on too.

The diverse racial makeup of the community remained until the early 60's when it started changing dramatically. The Jewish neighbors moved out, and leaving their religious structures and selling or leasing their businesses to the African Americans moving into the valley along Madison Street between 31st and 23rd avenues. This period also saw an increase of Blacks in the Jackson area and soon the Central Area ~~was~~ the Black Community.

Today, those residents of the Inkwell would be pleased to see the many teachers, doctors, and lawyers who live and work in the Central Area community. In fact, some early African American residents of Madrona now spend time volunteering their professional services though the Central Area Senior Center in Leschi. Some even belong to the Black Heritage Society (BHS) of Washington, an organization dedicated to preserving the history of the contributions of African Americans. The BHS accomplishes its goal through its oral history project, a commitment to see a Black History Museum open in the former Coleman School, and an association with the Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI) to preserve and display artifacts of the first black settlers in Seattle. For more information about the Black Heritage Society, visit www.blackheritagewa.org/

James Bell is retired from the Department of Employment Security and president of the BHS. On February 11, the BHS presented "Speaking Out! Voices of Seattle's Black Community" at MOHAI. The script was created from oral history interviews and performed by local African American luminaries.

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MD&SS Devours 34th Avenue

By Audrey Seale, 36th Avenue

If you were unable to attend our January dinner, you missed a banner start to another year of great good and neighborhood conversations with the Madrona Dining & Sipping Society (MD&SS). In our best attended dinner since we filled the back room at Dulces last fall, over 30 neighbors gathered at Coupage, the newest restaurant on 34th Avenue. Coupage treated us royally with a delicious meal accompanied by generous amounts of wine provided by Paul Beverage of Madrona's very own Wilridge Winery. Our prix fixe dinner offered an entree choice of a sumptuous cod and mussel plate or a thick square of beef served up to look like a piece of chocolate cake. The actual dessert was profiteroles that were plate-licking good. We met owner Tom Hurley, manager Tewfik Boulenouar, and Chef Rachel Yang and toured the kitchen, which is very modest for the quantity and quality of the food it produces. When you stop in Coupage, look for the photo of our group, complete with our rave reviews hanging on the wall. And don't forget to tell your server that the Madrona Dining & Sipping Society sent you!

This month the fun continues on February 22 at 6:30 when the MD&SS returns to the place where it all began—Dulces Latin Bistro. Julie and Carlos are planning a special menu for us that is perhaps the best deal on our very own food-famous street! It will be a fine evening of new and old friends along with a delicious 3-course prix fixe meal for \$25 with the option of 3 matched wines for \$10 extra. Dinner with friends at Dulces is always a special event in many ways and we hope you can join us. Contact me at 329-8775 or audreyseale@qwest.net by February 20 to make your reservations, and to learn the details of this special evening.

Mutt Match-up Answers: Madeline & Joe,
Alexandra & Tillie and Bruce & Moses

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Rath Law
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Prestige Builders
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Little League Sign-up Ends March 1

Boys and girls, grab your gloves and get ready for the upcoming season of Seattle Central Little League! Sign is under way and applications **MUST** be received by March 1. You can get registration packets by:

1. Downloading an application from <http://www.eteamz.com/SeattleLL>
2. Calling 706-2648 and asking to have a packet sent to you
3. Picking up a copy of the registration form at any local community center or your neighborhood school.

If you are a 5- to 7-year-old, you can play T-ball; 7- to 8-year-olds can sign up for coach pitch. Kids 9 to 10 years old play in the Minors, 11 to 12 in the Majors; 13 to 14 in the Juniors, and 15 - to16-year-olds play as Seniors. We also have Girls Softball team for those age 8 to10.

Opening Day is April 1 with all games played on Saturdays at the Garfield Community Center fields. The SCLL boundaries are I-90 north to the Ship Canal and from downtown to Lake Washington. Tell all your friends, send in a registration, and come out and play!

Welcome Babies!

Sasha Evelyn Hilwig arrived on January 14, 2007 at 7lbs. 11oz. and 20 inches. Happy first-time parents are Jay and Kari Hilwig.

Tayen Lazaria Munger, fourth child of Josh Munger and Juanitta Lang, was born on January 26, 2007. She weighed 8lbs.14oz. and joins siblings Quinault 8, Avalon 6, and Zael 4.

NEW
Scooter and Ken
Paste-up

Senior Center Adds Programs & Hours

By Scott Linford, CASC Program Coordinator

At the Central Area Senior Center (CASC) in Leschi, we're always trying to welcome new people to try our varied programs. Here are a few things new at CASC in 2007.

We're Open until 9:00pm on Thursdays. We invite middle-aged folks who work during the day to come over for an evening of Tai Chi, bridge, a Bereaved Parents Support Group, and classes in Spanish and guitar.

Family Health Portrait Program on Fridays. Nursing students from the UW work with participants to create an oral history and a detailed family health history. Participants take home a family tree and a chart of medical conditions prevalent in their family to share with siblings, children, and grandchildren.

Bereavement Support Group begins March 19. The group meets Mondays from 10:30am to noon and is facilitated by an African American woman from the African American Comfort Program. Geared to educate those facing life-threatening illness at end of life, the group is open and welcoming to people of all ethnicities.

Mutual Exchange of Information and Stories with Middle School Children. So far topics have focused on the Civil Rights Movement, African American history, and local Seattle history.

Presenting a Seattle History Documentary. February 23 at 7:00pm CASC presents "Confronting the Reign," a documentary by local filmmaker Shaun Scott that traces Seattle history from its founding to the present, including multi-ethnic struggles. Dessert and a Q&A session follow the film. Tickets are \$10 with proceeds benefiting CASC.

For more information about the CASC, contact me at 726-4926 ext 12 or scottl@seniorservices.org

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Local Peace March January 27

By Kathy Barker, 37th Avenue

On January 27, neighbors running errands in the Central District were surprised to find streets blocked off and 2000 people marching in the afternoon sunshine. The march was organized by local activists to remind the US Congress that their constituents in Seattle expect them to deal with the war on Iraq, impeachment, and health care NOW.



Photo by Elliot Stoller

The gathering began outside the Center for Social Justice, (Aaron Dixon's 2006 senatorial campaign headquarters) at 21st Avenue and E. Union Street. The police soon closed the area as people spilled into the streets, listening to organizer Jesse Hagopian and other speakers, including members of Iraq Vets Against the War. To the beat of drums and music, everyone then walked peacefully along 23rd Avenue, up Yesler past the library, south down MLK, and east on Jackson. The crowd surged into the Promenade 23 shopping center and gathered outside the military recruiting station. Shouting "Stop the war", "Shut it down" and (very sweetly, I thought), "You should be ashamed!", the marchers remained outside the closed recruiting station for about 20 minutes. They then headed to the Langston Hughes Performing Arts center to hear Aaron Dixon and other activists and veterans speak of the shocking impact the war has had on American and Iraqi families. Lt. Ehren Watada, the first commissioned officer to refuse to fight in Iraq on the grounds that the war is illegal and immoral, received a standing ovation before and after his speech.

Some have wondered why the march targeted the recruiting station. The reason is simple: with the call for 21,000 more troops for Iraq, the pressure is on the military recruiters to meet quotas. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires high schools to give military recruiters student contact information and access to students at school or lose federal funding. The Seattle School District has established policies to protect students from aggressive recruiting on high school campuses, yet schools remain the primary source of new recruits. This makes neighborhood recruiting stations symbols of the largely invisible poverty draft supporting the war. Thank you to those in Madrona and beyond who marched with us to make a personal statement about peace.

To receive notice of local peace events, contact me at kbarker715@comcast.net or Sarah Banks at sarahb@saranjan.com. Also, contact your local, state, and federal representatives frequently to voice your opinions.

Seattle SPD Crime Statistics

By Virginia Sly, 38th Avenue

The Seattle Police Department (SPD) publishes a newsletter called *The Briefing*. I thought the following excerpts might be of interest.

- In November of 2006, the SPD received its re-accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Accreditation demonstrates the professional achievement of the men and women of the department. Of the 25 largest cities in the nation, Seattle is one of only five to be accredited.
- Data from 2006 indicates that Seattle is one of the safest major cities in America. Serious crime was at its lowest rate in over 30 years with reductions in auto theft and car prowls leading the way. Total crime decreased 8.2%, largely due to a solid reduction in property crimes. In 2005, violent crimes increased 8.2% but the trend leveled off last year with a 0.8% increase. Property crimes dropped sharply by 9% from the previous year.
- The SPD gained 44 new positions, is re-aligning geographical beats for the first time in many years, and working to put the most officers on the street during the busiest times. They are improving the communication technology between officers in various mobile patrol units and police facilities to ensure the safety of our community.
- The SPD continues to be an active participant in the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Gangs Task Force. By ignoring traditional city boundaries and working with other local agencies, the SPD multiplies the force brought to bear on problems of gun crimes and gang violence. An increase in aggravated assaults with firearms is tempered by a slight 0.9% decrease in total aggravated assaults.
- There was a sharp decrease in property crimes; auto thefts were down by 14.9% and larceny was down 12%. The 2005 12.6% reduction in burglary was negated by a 2006 increase of 11%. Because many property crimes are crimes of opportunity, the SPD encourages residents to adopt simple crime prevention measures into their daily routines.
- Local crime solving continues to compare favorably with similar cities, meeting or exceeding the national benchmark in all major crimes except auto theft and larceny. Highlights include clearance rates of 70% for murder, 52.7% for rape, and 27.9% for robbery, exceeding national benchmarks by 16%, 17%, and 9%, respectively.
- The SPD will be one of the first major city police agencies to have life-saving automated external defibrillators known as AEDs in all of its 225 patrol cars by June 2007.

Michael's Cucina
paste-up

Ah Shucks!

Oysters and Crémant...the season of feasting in France continues well past the New Year. A classic French lunch easily begins with a plate of six or twelve oysters, simply cleaned, opened and eaten raw with lemon and accompanied by bread and butter and a dry white Muscadet or a glass of Crémant. But you needn't board a 777 for Paris to enjoy this delicious tradition. All we in Madrona have to do it head for to 34th Avenue where the restaurant Crémant is celebrating oyster season with "oyster happy hour." Every day in February and March oysters are only \$1.00 each between noon and 5:00 pm.



Photo by Bob Peterson

Crémant has another reason to celebrate—March 15 is the restaurant's 1 year anniversary. "I can't believe we have been open almost a year now!" says co-owner Tanya Emerick. "And thank you for your support, Madrona," adds her husband Chef Scott Emerick.

One of the best new restaurants that opened in all of Seattle in 2006 is just a hop, skip, and a jump away on 34th Avenue. Crémant is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11:00am to 11:00pm; reservations are recommended for dinner.

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- TUESDAYS** 9:00am **SCHOOL TOURS**—St. Therese School, 720-7278, through March 29.
- WEDNESDAYS** 10:30am **PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES**—Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library, 684-4705.
- WEDNESDAYS** 8-10pm **PICK-UP BASKETBALL FOR ADULTS**—Madrona K-8 gym, \$3 fee goes to PTSA, Jon Hughes 349-1441.
- THURSDAYS** 9:00am **SCHOOL TOURS**—The Valley School, 328-4475, through March 29.
- THURSDAYS** 9:00am **SCHOOL TOURS**—St. Therese School, 720-7278, through March 1.
- THURSDAYS** 10-11am, **SOUND STEPS**—Walkers explore the Central District on foot, Garfield Community Center, Mari Becker 684-4664.
- THURSDAYS** 7:30pm, **AA/ALANON MEETING**—Epiphany Great Hall.
- FRIDAYS** 7:30am **MADRONA/LESCHI CITIZENS AGAINST THE WAR**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Baker kbarker715@comcast.net

- Feb 20-23** **Mid-Winter Break**—Seattle Public Schools closed.
- Feb 21** **Homeless Cooking**—CANCELLED.
- Feb 22** 6:30pm **Madrona Dining & Sipping Society at Dulces**—Everyone invited to this casual dinner of neighbors and conversation. RSVP to Audrey Seale 329-8775 or audreysale@qwest.com
- Feb 23** 7:00pm **“Confronting the Reign”** —documentary on Seattle history by local filmmaker Shaun Scott. Central Area Center, \$10, 726-4926
- Feb 24** 6:00pm **Film & Float**—Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA, call the front desk at 322-6969 to find out what movie is playing!
- Mar 1** **Beginning Rehearsals for 365 Days/365 Plays**—Madrona performances are April 23 through 29. Sue Polnaszek 227-5640 or artandspirit@hotmail.com
- Mar 1** **Ending Seattle Central Little League Sign-ups**—For kids ages 5-16. Get registration packets at www.eteamz.com/SeattleLL or call 706-2648 for info.
- Mar 6** 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Laura Yurdin 320.8693 or LYurdin@PointB.com
- Mar 6** 6:00-8:00pm **Adoption Information Meeting**—Amara Parenting & Adoption Services, 3300 E. Union, 260-1700 www.medinachild.org
- Mar 11** **Beginning Day Light’s Savings Time**—Spring ahead earlier than usual with this year’s new national schedule.
- Mar 11** **Ending New Art Exhibit with Jacqui Beck**— A showing of galley member’s painting, Columbia City Gallery 4864 Rainier Avenue S., www.columbiacitygallery.com.
- Mar 14** 7-8pm **Madrona K-8 Panther Partners (PTSA) Meeting**—Madrona K-8 library, Panther Partners Secretary, Julie Wroble 324-4829
- Mar 16** **Snowday Make-up School Day**—Seattle Public Schools
- Mar 17** 9:00am-1:00pm **Madrona Woods Work Party**—Meet at 38th & Marion, Deirdre McCrary deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com or www.madronawoods.org
- Mar 17** 6:00pm-8:00pm **E Cherry YWCA Fundraiser Dinner**— Epiphany Church Great Hall, 324-2573
- Mar 24** 10:00am **Madrona Neighborhood Appreciation Day Celebration**—Madrona K-8 library. Send nominations to Mark Melroy at mmelroy@yahoo.com or 812 33rd Avenue.

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