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## Downtown Madrona Serves its Community

The flower baskets on 34th Avenue do a great job of getting us to slow down and appreciate the many businesses Madrona has to offer. Just like everything, businesses change with time and over the summer, several have made improvements to their products and services that they would like to share with the community. Our business district needs our support to keep it alive and thriving. We do these small business owners—and ourselves—good by keeping our cash in Madrona and helping downtown Madrona grow.

The **Hi Spot**, now in business for 28 years, had the busiest summer ever. Since the restaurant is not open for dinner, the space is now available for evening parties and events. Details about price, plus a full catering menu are posted at [www.hispotcafe.com](http://www.hispotcafe.com)

Through October, **Décor on 34<sup>th</sup>** is having a Consolidation Sale as they close their original store front at 1406 34<sup>th</sup> and focus on their new, larger store, **Next décor**, across the street at 1421. Lamps, art, and mirrors are 40% off, furniture is 50%, Christmas items are 70% off and everything else is 60% off. Decor is also proud to host its 4<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary party in early October. What kind of business will move into the 1406 space remains to be seen.



*Megan Myers creates the new Happy Family mural at Amara.*

On October 12, Lisa Marie Rollins of **Amara Adoption and Parenting Services** will participate on a panel discussion about transractical adoption hosted by the Central District Forum for Arts & Ideas as part of its Which Way Seattle? Series. Amara offers a variety of classes and support groups for families with adopted children or those who are considering adoption. Their new mural of happy animal families is a fun and colorful addition to downtown Madrona.

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## MCC President's Corner

Hope this finds everyone well and adjusting to the end of summer. It was a great summer around Madrona. Big thanks to Jason Malone and Jon Hughes for running the Summer BBQ in July, and to Didi Burpee for organizing our neighborhood cleanup earlier this month.

A group of about 10 neighbors met at the Shelter House for the first post-summer meeting of the Madrona Community Council (MCC). It was a good meeting overall. Denise Harnly from Central Area Development Association (CADA) came to talk about plans to develop the former Wonderbread Bakery site at Jackson and

18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. CADA is also looking for someone from the Madrona neighborhood to spend a few hours with them on October 27 to help with neighborhood planning. If you're interested, contact Denise at [deniseh40@comcast.net](mailto:deniseh40@comcast.net) or 328-8330.

I've been in touch with Julie Nickerson of SDOT regarding our request for a parking study of the area bounded by 33<sup>rd</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> avenues between E. Marion and Pine Street. The latest news is that requests are reviewed on a first come first serve basis and we hope to know more in a month or so. Their process is to first

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## Madrona Cleanup & Party

*By Didi Burpee, 34th Avenue*

On September 9, more than 60 volunteers—many of them children—turned out to clean up the neighborhood and enjoy music in the park on Madrona Clean Up Day. Neighbors branched out into the streets with bright yellow bags and picked up garbage from Cherry to Olive and from 29<sup>th</sup> to 34<sup>th</sup>. Even though our neighborhood doesn't seem too messy, the volunteers filled 12 large bags of trash!

Neighbor Anthony Matlock, who works for the City of Seattle, talked about graffiti removal and provided supplies for the volunteers to use to paint over the tags on a large retaining wall near Union. Anthony reminded us that we can all help keep Madrona beautiful by reporting graffiti to the Graffiti Hotline at 684-7587 as soon as it appears, and picking up a little trash everyday.

After the cleanup, the volunteers relaxed on a beautiful sunny afternoon and listened to two great bands at the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Recess Monkey and A Minor Racket (neighbor John Healy's band). Many thanks to the bands and to the businesses who generously donated to make this event happen: Madrona

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**Dulces Latin Bistro** was closed for a few days for a classy interior remodel that included new carpet and window fashions. Stop in and enjoy the new ambiance.

**Café Soliel** is happy to be hosting the Madrona Dining & Sipping Society for another neighborhood dinner. The café has now been serving authentic Ethiopian food for 13 years.

The **Personal Fitness Center** at 34<sup>th</sup> and Union has closed and the space is for rent.

Luel Mengistu and his wife Salam of the **Madrona Deli** have expanded their selection of organic products and now carry organic juices, cereals, pasta sauce and even wine! They also have a full line of organic milks—fat free, 1%, 2%, and whole, plus soy milk. If there is a specific product you would like them to carry, they are glad to add it to their inventory as they base their selection of new products primarily on customer requests. Because many people asked for it, they now have a large assortment of over the counter medicines.

**Wormwood Studio**—formerly Carousal de Beaute—is now open more regularly again as the health of owner Clay Burleson improves. Clay is glad to be back on his feet and cutting hair and looks forward to remodeling his salon in the New Year.

During the comment period for the **development planned for the parking lot** on 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the DPD received so much input from the neighborhood that the next review has been delayed. To find out when it will be, check on Project 3005396 on [www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/design\\_review\\_program/Overview](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/design_review_program/Overview).

A collection of poster art from Havana will be on display at **Verite Coffee** during October. Curated by local designer Dan Smith and EMP's Jacob McMurray, the exhibit premiered at Bumbershoot, and will be donated to El Centro de Desarrollo de las Artes Visuales in Havana, Cuba when it finishes its US tour.

**Kismet Spa** would like everyone in Madrona to know that they are now offering manicures and pedicures 5 days a week. Also, Laurel, recent Graduate from the Aveda institute, will be joining their staff as a new hairstylist this October.

The renovation of **The Lakeview Building** at 34<sup>th</sup> and Cherry is almost complete. One of the two new business spaces has been rented and will soon be home to **Precious Toys**. The owners are local parents Monica and Gavin Coulter and they hope to have their shop open in October. The other business space is still available and property owner James Winder is waiting for just the right tenant to fit into the Madrona neighborhood.

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

conduct a field check to see if at least 75% of the parking is full on at least 5 contiguous blocks within the target area. If it is, then SDOT orders a formal parking study and reviews the results with the community to decide what to do, if anything. More info on the process is available at [www.cityofseattle.net/transportation/parking/parkingrpz.htm](http://www.cityofseattle.net/transportation/parking/parkingrpz.htm)

Darrell Vange, President of Ravenhurst Development, attended our meeting to talk about the new development project at the Goodwill site on Dearborn Street and Rainier Avenue. Goodwill, a non-profit organization, has traded the land in return for new training facilities and a thrift store. The current proposal is to develop the 10-acre parcel into a mini-community that brings big box retail, smaller local businesses, and over 500 housing units (part subsidized, part market value). To learn more about it read the story on page 12 or go to [www.godearbornstreet.com](http://www.godearbornstreet.com).

Elections for the MCC officers will be held at our meeting in October. Most of our current officers are willing to volunteer for another year but if anyone else wants to take a turn, I'm sure we could find a place for you. We are looking specifically for a new Secretary—someone who can put out an agenda for our monthly meeting, and take minutes and post them on the web for community awareness. It's a job that requires about 4 hours a month. The slate of officers is currently:

- President—Laura Yurdin
- VP of Issues—Rick Kolpa
- Treasurer—Steve Orser
- VP of Events—Paige Smith
- Secretary—Open position

If you would like to become part of the MCC, send me an email at [LYurdin@PointB.com](mailto:LYurdin@PointB.com) or attend the October meeting.

The MCC meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:15 in the shelterhouse in the Madrona Playfield. Everyone is invited to attend and bring their ideas, concerns, and energy. Our next meeting is October 2 and I hope to see you there!

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## 2007 Madrona BBQ: Iffy Weather, Terrific Day

By Jon Hughes, 34th Avenue

The 9th Annual Madrona BBQ Festival on July 21 was another great neighborhood event. It could not have happened without so many volunteers and donations from our business community. THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the event a success!

How about Jason Malone, living here just a year, and stepping up to coordinate the event! Special thanks to Ben Chotzen for being our MC and Craig Veirling for his master setup skills and hard work!

Other special thanks to Linda Walton-Sawadogo (kid's games/activities), Lisa Molan (hair braiding), Roberta Harrison (cake-walk), John Healy (great music!), Kim Herber and crew (hot dogs and much much more!), Lori Rath, Greg Elkerton, Jeff Stegeman, Anna Malone, Nicole Trimble, Jane King, Toni Ventenbergs (MK8 PE teacher), Brennan Connor, Barrett Barnett, Paige Smith, and the core of Madrona K-8 parents who provided the root beer floats and treasure hunt: Martha Ortiz-Williams, Christina Williams, Tannon Bird, and Heather Harris. And thanks to everyone who brought wonderful desserts for the huge and popular cake walk, and anyone else not mentioned here by name: you know who you are and that we love you!

2007 Madrona BBQ Festival Sponsors: First and foremost, St. Clouds Restaurant for donating the stage and sound equipment for all our live entertainment. The musicians were Night Train (the Mercer Middle School jazz ensemble), local saxophonist Frank "Stainless" Steel, A Minor Racket with Madrona's own John Healy, Big Dirt, and James Baumgart of The James Baumgart Trio.

Much appreciation too to all the other local businesses and individuals who contributed goodies and gift certificates to our most successful raffle: • All-Purpose Pizza • Café Soleil • City Life Real Estate • City Peoples Garden Store • Coupage • Coyote Central • Cremant • Glassy Baby • Grocery Outlet • Hi Spot • Izilla Toys • JayWalk • Juniper • King's Palace: A social club for dogs • Kismet Spa • Leschi Mart • Madrona Deli Market • Madrona Eatery & Alehouse • Madrona Healing Arts • Michelle Landa, LMP • Décor • Ruby Cleaners • Two-Owls • Verite/Cupcake Royal • Wilridge Winery.

Next time you're in one of these fine establishments, let them know you appreciate all they do for Madrona.

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## Neighborhood Cleanup.. (cont'd from page 1)

Alehouse, City Life Real Estate, Two Owls Children's Boutique, Jaywalk, All Purpose Pizza, Verite, and Grocery Outlet. And of course, many thanks to all of those who came out on a fine day to volunteer and to John Healy, Michele Catalano, Kelly Mulligan, Kathy Kearney, Tom Beierle, and Brian Lenz for setting up and organizing volunteers.

And good news! Earlier this summer, the small circle garden at the entrance to the Madrona Playfield, across from Verite Coffee, got some badly needed attention. In one long evening of work, plus some final plantings and clean-up the next morning, Mary Gallwey and Holly Boone relocated the overgrown plants and the installed the new hebes and penstemons. All would have been for naught had Marty Liebowitz not given them a key to the hose bibb at Bowling Green, which proved a lifesaver because the entire sprinkler system at the Playfield was down with a malfunctioning valve.

Jeanie Taylor, the senior gardener, put in an emergency order for a plumber and soon all was well again. Now if everyone would just pull a weed or two as they stroll by.....



Dave & Keiko with kids  
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## Cove Culvert on the Woods Horizon

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

We hope you're enjoying the new cove in Madrona Park even more now that native plants have arrived to add welcome green. Madrona Woods volunteers were joined by a hard-working Pepperdine University alumni group on September 8 to plant 500 of the approximately 4000 trees, shrubs and ground covers that arrived the beginning of September. We'd love to have you join us to put the rest of the plants stored around the edges in their assigned places. We'll have work parties twice a month this fall to get the plants in. Signs announcing dates and times will be posted at the lakefront, or contact Deirdre McCrary at [deirdre\\_jaymccrary@msn.com](mailto:deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com) to be notified by e-mail at home.

With the help of grants from Fish America and the King Conservation District, we hope to go ahead with the culvert under Lake Washington Boulevard in early October. This will mean temporary one-lane closures for a few days. But, more importantly, it will mean we'll finally be able to let the stream flow from the Spring Street entrance to the lake by the end of October. The rest of the stream will wait until next year.

We're sorry to have to leave the construction fence up until after the first of the year, but we need to protect fragile new plants for as long as possible. And we can't open the area to the public until we have a bridge built over the stream and the new trail and railing in place. We're in the middle of a campaign to get support from local businesses to pay for this public access, which is not covered by our grants. We're grateful to Madrona resident Robb Wasser for spearheading this effort. Please let him know if you want to contribute or help contact businesses. You can call him at 425-289-1096 or e-mail him at [robertw@prosperarealestate.com](mailto:robertw@prosperarealestate.com).

If planting and approaching local businesses aren't your thing, there are plenty of other ways you can give a little time to the daylighting project. You could help manage volunteer groups that join us for work parties (make arrangements, give directions, provide food). If you like to use your muscles, you could help build the bridges and carry heavy items (just two or three hours on call would help a lot). We need people to help write grants and administer them when we get them. If you'd like to see our trails maintained, you could direct work parties doing trail repair. You could help set up and use the irrigation system in the woods, using our new 1100 gallon water tank near 38<sup>th</sup> avenue. And next spring you could participate in monitoring, with training by Seattle Urban Nature this fall.

In addition to Fish America and King Conservation District, we want to thank our grantors who have made the success so far possible: City of Seattle Aquatic Habitat Matching Fund; King County Grant Exchange "WaterWorks" and King County Council through the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (Water and Land Resources Division); and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

And thanks to our many Madrona residents and friends who have sent checks. You can send much-appreciated donations at any time to Joan Scott, 3700 East Marion St., 98122 or pick up an envelope from the sign at the construction site. For more information about activities in the Woods and Park, contact me, [judithstarbuck@msn.com](mailto:judithstarbuck@msn.com) or 322-2640 or visit our website at [www.madronawoods.org](http://www.madronawoods.org).

## Behind the Library Fence

By Carol Ullman, Seattle Public Library

You've probably noticed the less-than-attractive chain link fence that now surrounds the Madrona-Sally Goldmark library. The branch closed June 16 and Library staff spent the next several weeks preparing the books and other materials to be moved out of the building. The last few pieces of equipment and furniture were removed in early August. Renovation is now under way and is on schedule to be completed in the first half of 2008.

The Library told the general contractor, Cope Construction Co., that it could start construction July 20. The actual construction start was delayed a few weeks while the branch was completely emptied, the contractor lined up a full list of subcontractors, and the architect, Heliotrope Architects, updated construction documents that reflected changes to the original design of the renovation.

The design changes were made after the initial construction bid came in higher than expected. The Library worked with the contractor to reduce its bid by several hundred thousand dollars while still protecting the integrity of the design.

Changes from the original design included simplifying bracing requirements for the chimney, reducing the exterior walkway installation and changing the wood grade for some of the interior millwork. A vestibule entry, which was added to the original scope of work, was eliminated, though the main entry will move north toward Union Street to improve visibility.

By early September, the contractor was in the process of demolishing the interior, removing hazardous materials, and responding to unforeseen conditions discovered as the work progressed a typical occurrence when renovating an older building. The branch library is located in a former fire station built in 1919.

Next steps are to frame new interior walls, install structural steel and begin work on the roof. For project progress reports, visit [www.madrona.us](http://www.madrona.us) and the link to the Library's web site.

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## Do Yoga at the Shelterhouse

If you've been at the Madrona Playfield on any of our many wonderful Tuesday summer evenings, you may have noticed new activity at shelterhouse. Margaret Wise, one half of the husband and wife duo of Madrona Healing Arts, has made arrangements with the Garfield Community Center to teach yoga classes there for the Madrona community. Since mid-July she has been offering an all-levels yoga classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

What is yoga? Yoga is a complete science of life that originated in India thousands of years ago. It is the oldest known system of personal development that encompasses body, mind, and spirit. Many people are first drawn to yoga as a way to keep the body fit, strong, and flexible and as an aid to relax the mind. Those who continue with regular practice notice subtle changes in their approach to life. Through exercising the body and stilling the mind, an inner peace can be found, and this is the essence of yoga.

In the community classes, you will learn the basic principles of a breath-centered hatha yoga practice. Hatha yoga is the yoga of the body using postures to create strength and flexibility. Linking movements with the breath works to integrate the body with the mind, transforming a stretching class into a moving meditation.

Margaret's first yoga class was over ten years ago. She has studied a variety of yoga traditions and completed several teacher trainings in the U.S. and abroad. Six months of full-time study in India solidified her dedication to the practice of yoga. Her studies encompass the full breadth of the yoga practice including pranayama (breathing exercises), meditation, and philosophy. Also, during her time in India, she made a yoga DVD.

Margaret looks forward to sharing her practice with you! If you have questions, contact her at Madrona Healing Arts, [madronahealth@gmail.com](mailto:madronahealth@gmail.com) or 790.0761.

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## Anti-war Vigil Continue at 23rd & Union

*By Kathy Barker, 37th Avenue*

It was almost five years ago that over 2000 Seattle activists who opposed George Bush's obvious intent to bomb Iraq met at Garfield High School and formed neighborhood groups as part of the Sound Non-violent Opponents of War (SNOW). The Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against War (MCAW) was one of these groups, and members immediately began weekly vigils on Sunday afternoons on 34th Avenue and E. Union Street. Among its numerous other actions, MCAW, took part in the 10,000 person strong February 2002 Seattle march. Millions of people protested the war across the world on that day, but the bombs still started falling on Baghdad that March.

And the war continues in 2007. After the bombing started, MCAW's vigils moved to a more visible location, 23rd Avenue and E. Union (near the post office) from 7:30 to 8:30am on Fridays.

Sometimes there are two of us, sometimes 12. We hold signs, and wave to the many people in cars, buses, and trucks

who honk and flash peace signs in support of stopping the war. New people continue to join, and everyone is invited! Some come for five minutes, some for the whole hour; some come afterwards for coffee, bran muffins, and discussion at Verite Coffee. Sometimes we are joined by the Backbone Campaign's Chain Gang, huge puppet heads of George Bush and associates. If you'd like to know more, email me at [kbarker715@comcast.net](mailto:kbarker715@comcast.net).

Most MCAW members are involved in other peace efforts with other organizations such as the Fellowship of Reconciliation and Vets for Peace. Several members are working on a fall campaign to mitigate the NCLB-mandated presence of military recruiters in public high schools. We urge students and parents who want to opt out of having a student's name sent to the military to be sure your district opt-out forms are handed in by October 1.



*MCAW protesters with a Head.*

*Coldwell - Leslie Lucas*  
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## Law for All: “Green” Option for Burials

*By Lori Rath, Rath Law & Mediation*

We’ve all probably heard the phrase, “ashes to ashes, dust to dust,” but those words hardly describe modern day burial practices in the U.S., which often involve metal caskets, concrete vaults, and embalming with formaldehyde. Typical burials are also relatively expensive, with costs easily approaching \$10,000. Times are changing, however: The number of people choosing cremation has climbed from 15% to 30% nationally during the last two decades, and that number is even higher in the Western states. Another growing trend is the so called “green burial.”

The Green Burial Council, headquartered in Santa Fe, is a nonprofit organization that seeks to promote environmentally sustainable burial practices, and land conservation through partnerships between burial grounds and land trusts. It has developed a certification process for “green” burial grounds, and certified grounds currently exist in nine states. Although Washington is not yet one of those states, Seattle’s People’s Memorial Association provides links to green burial resources on its website at [www.peoplesmemorial.org](http://www.peoplesmemorial.org). The Green Burial Council web site at [www.greenburialcouncil.org](http://www.greenburialcouncil.org) is a good starting point if you’d like to explore this option for yourself or a family member.

Green burials are characterized by the use of pine coffins or no coffin at all, refrigeration instead of embalming, and stones or trees as markers instead of tombstones. The cost of a typical green burial is a small fraction of the cost for a more traditional burial.

I am told that Nate Fisher, the main character in the HBO series “Six Feet Under,” requested a green burial and was buried in the last episode in a forest preserve, wrapped in a shroud, with a rock as a marker. It may be only a matter of time before green burials become an option in our region.

If you have any questions about planning for your death, contact me at 219-1402 or [lori@rathlawmediation.com](mailto:lori@rathlawmediation.com).

## SDOT Repairs Some Madrona Sidewalks

Thanks to Proposition 1 (Bridging the Gap) passed by voters last November, funds are now available for sidewalk repair and SDOT has begun working to improve the safety in neighborhoods around Seattle, including Madrona.

Concrete paving and sidewalk repair is complete at the corner of 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue and E. Cherry. Along 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, SDOT enlarged the tree pits for the Red Sunset Maple trees in the planting strips. They also replaced broken concrete with asphalt paving and laid shims until permanent repairs can be made. This winter, crews will use a grinding machine to reduce minor lifts in sidewalks.

Abutting property owners are responsible for repairing sidewalks damaged by trees on private property. However, Liz Ellis of the SDOT Pavement Management team is working with residents of 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue to repair sidewalk badly damaged by trees maintained by SDOT. One is slated for removal due to poor branch structure and the other may be replaced. Repairs to the alley approach on the south side of Marion between 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> avenues are also in the queue.

Property owners interested in being pro-active about keeping sidewalks safe can get helpful information at [www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse\\_permits\\_online.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_permits_online.htm) or by calling 684-5283.

## A Glorious Morning for Morning Glory

*By Linda Hanson,  
Friends of the Ravine in Madrona (FORM)*

Our cool, occasionally damp, summer has provided a productive growing season and the invasive weed commonly known as Morning Glory has taken full advantage in our Madrona Ravine! Also known as “Bindweed” the plant twines and clambers over our recently planted natives, pulling them down, stunting and crippling their growth. Morning Glory was originally introduced from Europe as an attractive perennial vine, and is now called “pernicious” by one authority, and “dratted” —or worse— by others.

Come help us pursue the Morning Glory on what we hope will be a “Glorious” morning, September 29. On October 13, we will also meet to plant more native species to further discourage return of the invasives. Join your friends and neighbors 9:00 to 12:00 noon at the Bus Stop next to the Pine Street Pedestrian Bridge on Madrona Drive. Bring your favorite tools and gloves – rain or shine

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## It's Your Money: Are Your Savings in the Right Places?

By *Mathew Roper, CFP®*, 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue

My name is Matt Roper and my wife Rebecca and I have lived and worked in Madrona for the past four years. In our free time we keep ourselves busy laboring on our house (major fixer). I'm a fee-for-service advisor who provides financial planning and investment management advice to individuals and businesses. I'm excited to have the opportunity to share articles on various financial planning topics, including; retirement planning, investment management, investment tax planning and college planning. If you have specific topics you're interested in, email me at [mroper@shelgrenfinancial.com](mailto:mroper@shelgrenfinancial.com) and I'll be happy to concentrate on these areas.

What type of accounts are you currently saving to? If you're like most people, the majority of your savings are in retirement accounts like a 401(k) or IRA. While likely positive, there are downfalls to having disproportionate wealth "tied-up" in retirement accounts with limited flexibility.

Retirement accounts are great for accumulating tax-deferred investments earmarked for later in life. However, they are not appropriate for shorter term investments. The reasons are two fold. First, there are usually restrictions and limitations on accessing retirement accounts. For example, often you cannot access a 401(k) without a qualifying event, such as a separation from service. Secondly, penalties are often assessed when funds are withdrawn in a manner not approved by the IRS. For example, if you withdraw funds from a Traditional IRA before age 59 1/2, the distribution may be taxed as ordinary income plus assessed a 10% early withdrawal penalty; exceptions do apply.

Something else to think about are possible tax implications. If you currently save to retirement accounts, you'll likely benefit by reducing your adjusted gross income. However, when you decide to retire and start drawing from these accounts, your withdrawals will be taxed as ordinary income up to a maximum tax rate of 35%. Compare this to a maximum long term capital gain rate of 15% in non-qualified (taxable) accounts and we're talking real savings. In addition, funds in non-qualified accounts allow you to play the tax bracket game (e.g., starting to withdraw funds from non-qualified accounts right before bumping up to the next tax bracket).

One last consideration is establishing investment strategies to help minimize taxes in a non-qualified account. Individual stocks, exchange trade funds and separately managed accounts are attractive vehicles to keep your tax bill to a minimum.

While saving money in qualified accounts is definitely advisable, do so with an understanding of your overall financial situation and asset flexibility in mind. A good exercise to test your asset flexibility is to ask yourself, "if I needed money for a home purchase, business investment, etc., where would I get it from?"

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## Diners & Sippers Hit The Hi-Spot and...

By Malcolm Harker, 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue

The Madrona Dining & Sipping Society (MD&SS) celebrated August with a Hi-Spot Feasta; our host, Mike Walker catered to our every legal need.

Mike and Audrey, our fearless cabbie, had agreed on a Mexican theme; Mike's black "Japan" T-Shirt was an interesting sombrero substitute; fortunately, his loyal and attentive Spotistas, Erica, Pilar and Bethany, had secreted the Sushi.



A choice of Chicken or Potato Taquitos were the spicy Appetizers. Being descended from a long line of short potato-heads, the combination of tasty tubers and fried corn tortillas was irresistible – apologies to those who only saw the empty plates!

Flank Steak or Chicken over Mexican Salad were the delicious Mains; those who were dismissed from Cremant for being 5 minutes late were offered a tasty Salad Niçoise *pour se consoler*.

Is mixing Mexican & French cuisine could be a promising culinary concept:

- Tortilla Flambé?
- Taco au Jambe de Chevre Gratiné?
- Quesadilla derriere de Cochon Morte?

These idle musings were interrupted by the arrival at our table of the redoubtable Audrey, to advise us how to steer a Checker – or was it how to check a Steer? No matter; the tale revolved around Audrey's recent purchase of 48 bags of Steer manure – all of which fit comfortably in her commodious Checker Cab. The back of the cab being in better shape than her own, Audrey also took the precaution of loading a couple of *trabajadores* to spread it when they finally reached Montana; such are the trials of the sweet life in the Bitterroots!

The charming Dr. Tia also regaled us with Tales of the Prostate – this being her medical specialty, originally developed while working for the Veterans' Administration. Dr. T acknowledged that prostate Prostates often seem to receive less attention than certain prominent elements of the female anatomy; further discrete probing elicited the qualified acknowledgement that the female organs being on the outside and looking nice might be a contributing factor. Options for restoring sexual equality conjured up disconcerting images, so we quickly moved on to desert. For our citrus delight, Mike presented small but perfectly formed Lemon Tarts: Mmmm.....pert!

The consensus was that a muy bien time was had by all - and at \$35 *por cabeza* (Vino, Tip & Tax incluido) we were all *datiles baratos!*

Mike Walker and Audrey are plotting a repeat repast for the Fall, with a guest appearance from Chef Lysle Wilhelmi, chef & owner of Madrona's first evening restaurant, the Madrona Bistro; now the site of Wilridge Winery. At Mike Walker's invitation, Lysle will cook for us in the Hi-Spot kitchen. It will be a real treat & trip down memory taste lane for those who remember that excellent start to our own culinary street, 34th Avenue. More instructions will no doubt follow. Meantime – follow that Cab!!!

## ...Soak up the September Soliel

By Audrey Seale, 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue

It's been a wonderful summer, so why not get together with the neighbors and share stories of summer adventures? The Madrona Dining & Sipping Society (MD&SS) begins the Fall season on September 20 at 6:30pm for a special dinner at Cafe Soleil at 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue and E. Union. It was at a dinner there last year that our group achieved a modicum of fame in a *Madison Park Times* feature article. The food is delicious and it's a special "neighbors only" evening as the restaurant will be open just for us.

If you wish to join the festive group that evening, please RSVP to Paula Rothkopf at [paula@bitrealm.com](mailto:paula@bitrealm.com). The MD&SS is a casual group of neighbors so if you haven't shared a meal with us before, just do it! Everyone is always welcome! If September doesn't work for you, plan now to join us next time. On October 18 we'll have a chance to sample the new menu at Dulces Latin Bistro and enjoy their recent interior remodel.

If you would like to join our discreet email list and receive notice of upcoming monthly dinners before the *Madrona News* arrives on your doorstep, send your email to me at [audreyseale@qwest.net](mailto:audreyseale@qwest.net). Here's to a delicious, fine dining season with our wonderful Madrona neighbors!

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## St. Therese School: Accolades and Openings

Sometimes it takes someone from the outside to remind you that you have something special right under your nose. In a recent article about education in Seattle, *Colors* magazine recognized Madrona's St. Therese School for its success in raising test scores of its largely African American student body. Dr. Ed Taylor of the UW is quoted as saying, "Historically black Catholic schools have traditionally done well by Latino and African-American populations. There are some independent schools, such as St. Therese in Madrona – that's a largely African-American school that does quite well by its students – that's very mission-driven and is one of the special-focused schools that shows evidence of doing well by African-American kids."

The school's WASL scores were cited as an important benchmark of success. For the past four years, all St. Therese 4th graders passed the WASL Reading test, 85% or more passed the writing test, and at least 75% passed the math test. The school, which goes through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, typically picks up many new students as 6<sup>th</sup> graders when families in public school seek an alternative to public middle schools. Despite the influx, this past year 75% of St. Therese 7th graders passed the reading test, 62% passed in writing, and 68% passed the math.

If you are looking for a school for your child, St. Therese still has openings for students in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grades. The school year is still young, and there is still time to make a transfer. To schedule a tour, contact Sandy Gunder at 324-0460, x 117.

St. Therese is also hosting a Kindergarten Information Night on November 8 from 6:30 to 8:00pm. If you have a child who will be eligible for Kindergarten next year, this is a great opportunity to meet the teacher, principal and other school staff as well as current parents. For more information, contact the school office at 324-0460 or visit [www.stthereseatl.org](http://www.stthereseatl.org).

## BBQ Kicks Off New Year at Madrona K-8

*By Jon Hughes, 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

On August 29, Madrona K-8 hosted over 500 students and family members for its annual Welcome Back to School barbeque! Much excitement surrounded the start of the new school year. School district officials announced the great news that Madrona K-8 had the highest overall gains on WASL test scores for the entire district. The students and staff worked very hard last year and attained academic success. Congrats to all.

The Panther Partners (PTSA) held their first meeting of the year on September 12. The schedule for the year was announced and includes: Curriculum Night, Bingo Night, Talent Show, Movie Night, Chess Night, Winter Celebration, Math Night, Science Night, Arts Night, Book Night, WASL Breakfast, Sports Banquet, Field Day, and much, much more! The after-school dance, art, drill team, chess, and other fun programs supported by the Panther Partners will start soon.

Congrats to some local Madrona K-8 grads: La'Quan Anderson-Ridenour ('07) was accepted into an academic program that included a trip to Europe this summer. Heather Dow ('05) is off to college, having been excepted into an early-entry program where she completes high school and earns college credits. Go Panthers!

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## Homeless Cooking Expands to Feed More

*By Darren Pritt, 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

Welcome to the Neighborhood Cooking Foundation (NCF). We are a local non-profit born out of the homeless cooking done by John Platt and Paul Butler, owners of St. Clouds Restaurant. We currently meet on the third Wednesday of every month at St. Clouds Restaurant and one Saturday a month at the Madrona Presbyterian Church to prepare “home cooked” restaurant quality meals to be served to the homeless of Seattle. At this time we are providing meals for Tent City 3, the Operation Sack Lunch meal site at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Cherry Street, Jubilee Women’s Center, Peace for the Streets, Men’s Inn Downtown and the YWCA. All the cooking done by NCF volunteers is led by local chefs John Platt, Nohra Roberts of Mazaran Bistro and Eckert White. We prepare approximately 250-300 meals each month.

The primary funding for the NCF comes from a local family gift fund committed to helping the homeless of Seattle. Because of this commitment, the family gift fund has made a pledge to cover any and all operational costs incurred by the NCF so that 100% donations go directly and only to food costs. The NCF is also a volunteer driven organization so we are always looking for more community members to get involved. We welcome all who would like to volunteer. If you’d like to get involved, contact me at [darren@neighborhoodcooking.org](mailto:darren@neighborhoodcooking.org) or go to [www.neighborhoodcooking.org](http://www.neighborhoodcooking.org). Our next cooking is October 6 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the Madrona Presbyterian Church. We would love to see you there.

## CADA Seeks Your Ideas

*By Denise Harnly, CADA Boardmember*

What would you like to see happening in the Central Area?

The Central Area Development Association (CADA), the only non-profit community development organization in the Central area, is dedicated to enhancing the economic vitality, affordability and livability of the Central area. There are currently a number of projects in various stages of development and CADA is looking for input from the community before they get too far along. So I went to the September Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting to get your community involved in the review process. No one on the MCC is available to participate so I would like to extend an invitation to the Madrona community at large.

The CADA Board would like to invite a resident from Madrona to come to the morning portion of our Board retreat on October 27 at Safeco (23rd & Jackson) from 9:30 to 11:30am. We want to get input from representatives from each of the Central area communities on projects or events that you feel would enhance our neighborhoods. What services are needed? Do you find yourself driving to Capitol Hill to buy certain essentials or to get certain services? We would like someone from Madrona to join us to hear what others would like to see, as well as to add your ideas to the visioning process.

If you are interested or have questions, contact me at [deniseh40@comcast.net](mailto:deniseh40@comcast.net) or 328-8330. We would love to hear your ideas.

## Join the Madrona Blossoms Team

By Marie Doyle, 37th Avenue

Your friendly neighborhood Madrona Blossoms Committee is seeking a few good folks to join our team! For the past three



years, Suzanne Sheppard and I have been doing all it takes to bring those beautiful flower baskets and wintergreens to adorn the business corridor of our lovely neighborhood. But we need a few more team members.

None of the jobs take much time if they're spread around. (You can even do them when the kids are napping!) Here's what we need help with:

- Fall fundraising: writing letters, sending donor thank-yous, general bookkeeping
- Hanging the wintergreens (a Saturday in November—the more, the merrier and the faster the work gets done)

Don't be nervous about committing! If you have even an hour a week that you could offer, you can have a lot of fun and feel great about giving back to this wonderful community. It takes all of us to keep it lively, safe, and lovely. To volunteer, or to ask questions about volunteering, contact me at 323-6128 or [doylemf@comcast.net](mailto:doylemf@comcast.net). I'd love to hear from you!

### 2007 Madrona Neighborhood Events

Get in the mood for winter! Volunteer to hang winter-greens in November or lead the bonfire in December.

Jan	Ecumenical Martin Luther King Celebration— <i>Jan 14</i> Epiphany Parish
Feb/	Neighbor Appreciation Day— <i>March 24</i>
Mar	Mark Melroy
April	Community Garage Sale— <i>April 28</i> Kim Herber
May	Madrona Blossoms Flower Baskets— <i>May 15</i> Marie Doyle Mayfair Parade & Carnival— <i>May 19</i> Paige Smith
July/	Madrona BBQ Festival— <i>July 21</i>
Aug	Jason Malone & Jon Hughes
Sept	Neighborhood Cleanup Day— <i>September 9</i> Didi Burpee
Oct	Kids' Halloween Party—October 31 <i>Karen Sampson Liu 323-0630</i> Madrona Community Council Officer Elections <i>Laura Yurdin 320-8693</i>
Nov	Winter Greens & Holiday Lights <i>Marie Doyle 323-6128</i>
Dec	Christmas Ships & Bonfire at Madrona Beach <i>Seeking Coordinator</i>

To get involved, contact event coordinators or Madrona Community Council VP of Events Paige Smith at 329-3368 or [paigeinmadrona@hotmail.com](mailto:paigeinmadrona@hotmail.com)

## News from the Central Area Senior Center

Scott Linford, CASC Program Coordinator

Autumn is around the corner, bringing a new line-up of programs at Central Area Senior Center (CASC) in Leschi, just off Jackson Street at 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue S and Lane Street. Many of our old friends are returning: the daytime **Bridge Groups** are back, **Intro to Quilting** has returned on Thursday afternoons, and **Gentle Panda Tai Chi** starts again on Sunday afternoons. **Spanish Class** resumes on Wednesday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The evening class, from 6:30 to 7:20pm, is an introductory class for anyone who's ever said "I've always wanted to learn Spanish..." Teacher Toni Webb makes sure that learning a new language is as fun as it is edifying.

We continue to partner with the Mayor's Council on African American Elders to bring you **Community Education Presentations** and a free dinner at 5:30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month. September 27 is "Healthy Aging", featuring the video "The Art of Aging". October 25 is "Why Am I Feeling Blue? Depression & Older Adults". We hope to see you there for important information and a delicious (and free) meal.

We have some exciting new programs as well. Wednesday night is now **Dance Night** with two new dance classes. **Beginner's Ballroom** dancing begins at 6:30pm, taught by Abel Hewitt of the Seattle Swing Dance Club. At 7:30pm, Aleta and Donald Felder of the Seattle Steppers teach an **Introduction to Steppin'**, a lively and fun dance form. Dance Night is a great way for people of all ages to have fun, meet new friends, and get some exercise in the least expensive dance classes in town.

Two more great programs begin in October. the **Advanced Enhance Fitness** class is the perfect way to get your workout before you get to work. Roberta Langworthy leads this class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:30 to 8:30am so call to sign up in advance. On Thursday evenings, Laurel Allen will teach an **Introduction to Astrology**. There's much more to this ancient art than the daily horoscope...learn the basics and read your own birth chart here at CASC.

We also have two very special evening presentations coming up. On October 14, from 3:00 to 6:00pm, Paul deBarros, local jazz historian and author of "Jackson Street After Hours: The Roots of Jazz in Seattle" will open a historical photo exhibit. There will also be a performance by the Clarence Acox Trio featuring Jennifer Hopkins on vocals. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served and admission is a \$10 suggested donation. For even more jazz, stick around for the October 21 Jazz Benefit concert featuring a performance by very special guest **T.S Monk Sextet**, as well as the **Garfield High Jazz Combo**. This event, from 3:00 to 6:00pm, also features wine, hors d'oeuvres, and the traditional CASC appetinis. Tickets are \$75 and available now at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).

For more information on any CASC programs or special events, please feel free to drop by or give us a call – we'd love to hear from you. You can contact me directly at 726-4926 or [ScottL@seniorservices.org](mailto:ScottL@seniorservices.org).

## Project Brings Shopping Closer to Madrona

*By Darrell Vange, Ravenhurst Development*

The Dearborn Street development is unlike any other in the country. This innovative, urban-style project will replace an outmoded site at Rainier and Dearborn with a three-block shopping district that will be home to a new Goodwill store and training facility.

In addition, there will be a Target, 550 housing units, including 100 badly needed apartments for low-income seniors and 100 workforce apartments; new pedestrian promenades connecting surrounding neighborhoods; and nearly two acres of open space.

Goodwill, whose current campus is crumbling, has teamed up with Dearborn Street Developers LLC. The LLC will construct a new facility for Goodwill that Goodwill will own in perpetuity. In exchange, the LLC will acquire the land for the project. The value of the new Goodwill far exceeds the land value.

Dearborn Street also will have 600,000 square feet of retail, including a grocery store, 50 neighborhood shops and restaurants; a home improvement store; and a national merchandise store. Residents of Madrona and other nearby neighborhoods will no longer have to drive to the suburbs for everyday essentials.

Our goal is to create an integrated urban community that reflects the character of the neighborhood. That is why we are working closely with surrounding communities. With Little Saigon, we are pursuing a public art program, and we have offered to fund a Little Saigon BIA, or business improvement area. We're offering small businesses rent subsidies. Such efforts have earned us the support of the Rainier Chamber of Commerce.

Dearborn Street will have the largest green roof in city history, and we're pursuing a host of low-impact development and storm-water management techniques.

The project will have many traffic mitigation measures. We're adding lane configurations and revising signals to enable easier pedestrian crossings. The development, which the Cascade Bicycle Club endorses, will have parking for 200 bicycles, and Flexcar parking.



Dearborn Street Developers LLC has committed to using a union contractor (GLY) for the base building construction. We're partnering with the Contractor's Development and Competitiveness Center to identify local minority, women, disadvantaged and emerging small construction firms to build the project, which the City Council must approve.

Our list of project supporters is growing. People can find out how to support the project at [www.godearbornstreet.com](http://www.godearbornstreet.com).

*Darrell Vange is development manager of Dearborn Street Developers LLC, a venture of two Seattle companies, Ravenhurst Development and TRF Pacific LLC. Among the team members' notable projects are Roosevelt Square in the U District and downtown's Westlake Center.*

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Calendar of Events

**WEDNESDAYS 10:30-11:00am PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES**—Presented by Seattle Public Library at Amara Parenting & Adoption Services, 3300 E. Union

**THURSDAYS 7:30pm, AA/ALANON MEETING**—Epiphany Great Hall.

**FRIDAYS 7:30am MADRONA/LESCHI CITIZENS AGAINST THE WAR**—Quiet demonstration, 23<sup>rd</sup> & Union, Kathy Baker [kbarker715@comcast.net](mailto:kbarker715@comcast.net)

**FRIDAYS 3-7pm MADISON/MADRONA FARMERS MARKET**—Grocery Outlet parking lot, MLK & Union. Judy Kirkhuff 782-2286 [Judy@SeattleMarkets.org](mailto:Judy@SeattleMarkets.org).

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- Sept 22 10:30am-2:30pm **Madrona Woods Work Party**—Meet at the construction site entrance on Lake Washington Bl, Deirdre McCrary [deirdre\\_jaymccrary@msn.com](mailto:deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com) or [www.madronawoods.org](http://www.madronawoods.org)
- Sept 27 5:30pm **Free Dinner & Education for Seniors: Healthy Aging**—Central Area Senior Center in Leschi, Scott Linford [scottl@seniorservices.org](mailto:scottl@seniorservices.org) or 726-4926 ext 12.
- Sept 27 6:30-8:00pm **East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition Meeting**—Meet with local police and community members, Seattle Vocational Institute room 401, 2120 S Jackson St., Veronica Pugh [veronica@sngi.org](mailto:veronica@sngi.org) or 322-9330.
- Sept 29 9:00am-Noon **Friends of the Ravine in Madrona (FORM) Work Party**—Bring your gardening gloves! Meet at the Madrona Drive bus stop rain or shine, Linda Hanson 324-5554.
- Oct 2 2:00-3:00pm **Tour for Children**—Agency open house. Amara Parenting & Adoption Services, 3300 E. Union, 260-1703 or [andrea@amaraparenting.org](mailto:andrea@amaraparenting.org).
- Oct 2 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Laura Yurdin 320-8693 or [LYurdin@PointB.com](mailto:LYurdin@PointB.com).
- Oct 6 9:00am-1:00pm **Madrona Woods Work Party**—Meet at the construction site entrance on Lake Washington Bl, Deirdre McCrary [deirdre\\_jaymccrary@msn.com](mailto:deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com) or [www.madronawoods.org](http://www.madronawoods.org)
- Oct 6 9:00am-1:00pm **Homeless Cooking**—Bring a cutting board and fresh ingredients. Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt [darren@neighborhoodcooking.org](mailto:darren@neighborhoodcooking.org).
- Oct 9 6:00-8:00pm **Adoption Information Meeting**—Learn more about the adoption process and Amara’s programs. Amara Parenting & Adoption Services, 3300 E. Union, 260-1700 or [amara@amaraparenting.org](mailto:amara@amaraparenting.org).
- Oct 10 6:00-8:00pm **Foster Care Information Meeting**—Orientation about becoming a foster parent. Amara Parenting & Adoption Services, 3300 E. Union, 260-1700 or [amara@amaraparenting.org](mailto:amara@amaraparenting.org).
- Oct 11 6:30-8:30pm **Waiting Family Support Group**—Amara Parenting & Adoption Services, 3300 E. Union, 260-1700 or [amara@amaraparenting.org](mailto:amara@amaraparenting.org).
- Oct 13 9:00am-Noon **Friends of the Ravine in Madrona (FORM) Work Party**—Bring your gardening gloves! Meet at the Madrona Drive bus stop rain or shine, Linda Hanson 324-5554.
- Oct 14 3:00-6:00pm **Opening of “Jazz on Jackson Street” Historical Photo Exhibit**—Featuring jazz critic and author Paul deBarros and a performance by the Clarence Acox Trio. Central Area Senior Center in Leschi, \$10 suggested donation, Scott Linford [scottl@seniorservices.org](mailto:scottl@seniorservices.org) or 726-4926 ext 12.
- Oct 17 9:00am-1:00pm **Homeless Cooking**—Bring a cutting board and fresh ingredients. St. Clouds Restaurant, Darren Pritt [darren@neighborhoodcooking.org](mailto:darren@neighborhoodcooking.org).
- Oct 18 6:30-8:30pm **Placed Family Support Group**— Support group for families whose adoptions are not yet finalized. Amara Parenting & Adoption Services, 3300 E. Union, 260-1700 or [amara@amaraparenting.org](mailto:amara@amaraparenting.org).
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- Oct 21 3:00-6:00pm **5th Annual Jazz Benefit**—Featuring performances by the T.S. Monk Sextet and the Garfield Jazz Combo. Central Area Senior Center in Leschi, tickets: \$75, Scott Linford [scottl@seniorservices.org](mailto:scottl@seniorservices.org) or 726-4926 ext 12.
- Oct 23 7:00-9:00pm **Class: Getting Unstuck and Moving Forward in Your Art and Life** —Taught by Madrona artist Jacqui Beck, Columbia City Gallery, register at [www.seedseattle.org/seedarts/ccg](http://www.seedseattle.org/seedarts/ccg)
- Oct 25 5:30pm **Free Dinner & Education for Seniors: Why Am I Feeling Blue? Depression & Older Adults**—Central Area Senior Center in Leschi, Scott Linford [scottl@seniorservices.org](mailto:scottl@seniorservices.org) or 726-4926 ext 12.
- Oct 27 9:30-11:30am **CADA Board Meeting & Community Planning Session**—Hosted by Central Area Development Assoc., Safeco Office (23rd & Jackson), Denise Harnly [deniseh40@comcast.net](mailto:deniseh40@comcast.net) or 328-8330.

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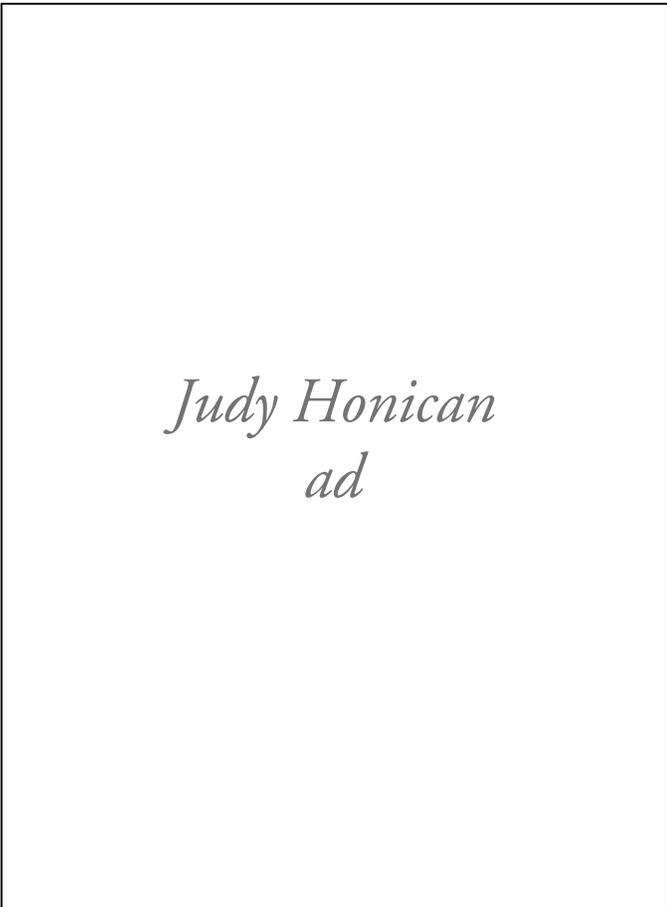
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