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Support the Farmers: Buy Fair Trade Coffee in Madrona

From the local corner espresso stand to the big chains stores, it is no secret that the residents of Seattle cherish their double tall non-fat lattes. But as they lick the foam off their lips, the question is: do Seattle coffee drinkers care where their coffee comes from? Global Visionaries (GV), a Madrona non-profit, has decided to tackle that huge issue from its small storefront on 34th Avenue.

Each year, GV involves 60 local high school students in a year-long program that introduces them to social justice issues. They volunteer their time locally, and Global Visionaries also provides them with the opportunity to travel to Guatemala on a service-focused cultural immersion trip. Local and Guatemalan contacts have linked GV with Fair Trade Puget Sound (www.fairtradepugetsound.com) and Pura Vida Coffee (www.puravidacoffee.com) who are partnering to promote Fair Trade Certified coffee in the Northwest. As part of their mission, GV students have set out to teach Seattleites the truth behind the coffee trade in developing nations such as Guatemala and Nicaragua, and promote more responsible coffee buying.

Pura Vida Coffee's Breakfast Blend, French Roast, and Decaf House Blend can be purchased for \$10 at GV's 34th Avenue location, across the street from St. Clouds. The purchase of fair trade coffee ensures that farmers in developing nations are paid a livable wage. While the fair trade movement is growing quite rapidly, it still accounts for only 10% of the coffee sold around the world. From a \$4 cup of coffee that is not fair-trade certified less than 2 cents will likely make it back to the farmer, while the farmer's share of the fair trade market is substantially higher. GV hopes that Madrona coffee lovers will join them in promoting fair trade coffee products. Everyone can start by asking your local java joint to serve fair-trade certified coffee. You can also show your support by buying a bag or two for yourself or a friend—nothing tastes and feels better than fair trade coffee

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MCC President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

by Bill Hansen, 32nd Avenue

Make sure you visit our business district and see all the wonderful winter greens and lights that Nathan Goderstad has been busy installing. Many thanks to Suzanne

Sheppard and Marie Doyle for this idea and initiating the project; the garlands and lights are really a continuation of the Madrona Blossoms project that installed the beautiful flower baskets this summer. The Madrona Community Council (MCC) gladly helped fund these decorations to help brighten these gray winter days and increase the sense of community in Madrona. Please come out and enjoy the spirit and also remember the Christmas ships will be at Madrona Beach

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Singing for the Season

By Deidre Silva, 31st Avenue

Twenty-five years after its first holiday concert in Meany Hall, the 200-man Seattle Men's Chorus now shows its style to capacity crowds in

Benaroya Hall's main venue and around the world. This year's elegant and flamboyant holiday show is billed the



Lee Bocklund

"Holly Jolly Holiday," and Madrona's Lee Bocklund will be belting out the carols with the best of them.

When he moved to Seattle in the early '90s, Lee lived on Capital Hill and attended some of the chorus' concerts. He was impressed with the artistry, professionalism and quality of the shows the chorus is famous for. He was thrilled when his audition led to an invitation to join. "It's really an honor to be part of this organization," he said.

Lee has sung in the world-class chorus for ten years and looks forward to the holiday concert, despite the demands it makes on

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CoRRRECTIONS

Christmas Ships Visit Madrona
December 18, 6:40pm to 7:00pm.
Lead ship carries carolers from the Columbia Children's Choir.
Community bonfire at Madrona Beach,

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of December 18 at 6:40. They always put on a great show.

Speaking of the sense of community, Cynthia Shick has come to several MCC meetings to talk about the work of Portland urban environmental activist Mark Lakeman. Mark's ideas build social conscious and make people want to come out of their homes and socialize with their neighbors. His techniques including painting a giant sunflower in an intersection or installing a urban oasis meeting bench to both encourage people to come together and to slow traffic. Cynthia hopes to have Mark come to Madrona early next year to inspire us all with his creativity and enthusiasm. For further information, contact Cynthia at cynshi@gmail.com

These types of urban happenings seek to get neighbors involved in community. Too often people are too busy during the day and too tired in the evenings to do anything but flop in front of the TV. It is understandable, but also too bad as we will have a far better community if we get to know each other and have some fun doing it! Madrona has a history of neighbors getting together to improve our community through such projects as the renovation of Madrona Playfield, the stewardship of the Madrona Wood and Madrona Ravine, and the commitment to Madrona K-8 school. But we can do so much more to make Madrona like a small community within the big city of Seattle. We can build on ideas like those of Mark Lakeman and others to make sure we have a great place to live, work and play.

Another benefit of involved neighbors is reduced crime—if you know your neighbors you are much more likely to contact them (and call 911) when you see something suspicious. Some blocks are already taking advantage of the Seattle Police Department program to come out and walk with them through their neighborhood to learn how susceptible ours cars and homes are vandalism or theft. What a great idea.

Please come to our January 3 MCC meeting in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, 34th and East Spring, starting at 7:15pm. Bring your ideas to help us to make this a better community for all—the MCC does have seed money to get new projects underway. If you have a good idea, share it!

Finally, I would like to give a very special congratulation to our neighbor, Richard Conlin, on his reelection to the Seattle City Council and his selection as council president. Way to go, Richard! Also, Richard if you run out of things to do, remember that you are always welcome to take back your old MCC position as chairman of the Madrona Land Use Committee!

Ben Chotsen
paste-up

Singer (cont'd from page 1)

his time. Three months before the show the choir has one three-hour rehearsal every week and then, as the performance grows closer, Lee and the other singers have to be available for Saturday, technical, and finally dress rehearsals. In the past, Lee has opted to spend the season resting his voice and concentrating his efforts on his job as a hair dresser and teacher at downtown's Gary Manuel Salon. But this year he just couldn't resist being involved.

The Seattle Men's Chorus puts on three shows a year—a Spring concert, a Gay Pride Week show, and then the year's finale, the Holiday Show. Lee is already looking forward to their Spring 2006 show, which will feature Judy Garland's music. Additionally, the chorus performs throughout Puget Sound, and is enthusiastically supported by the local gay communities everywhere. "It's nice to provide people with a totally welcoming and affirming place and put a face on the gay and lesbian community," said Lee.

In 2003, Lee settled into his first house, a 1924 Craftsman bungalow on 26th Avenue. Like most of his neighbors, he just finished a major kitchen remodel and plans to work on the exterior next. "It's surprising how much work a house is," he said, laughing. "An old house takes a lot of time – but it's worth it." If you're down around 26th Avenue this Spring, keep an ear out for Lee singing as he works.

Support the Farmers (cont'd from page 1)

GV participants are excited to offer presentations to any group interested in learning more about fair trade. For more information, contact GV Executive Director Chris Fontana at fontanas@global.visionaries.org, visit GV on the web at www.global-visionaries.org, or come by the office for a bag-o-beans and a lesson in free trade economics.



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- ❖ Spring Neighborhood Garage Sale
- ❖ Madrona Mayfair Parade & Games
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Sleepy Wintery Woods

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

The forest floor is blanketed with tawny big-leaf maple leaves. Snowberries, chosen last by the birds, are the only fruits left on leafless understory bushes. Yellow bracken ferns add a bit of color along Devil's Ditch. The needles of Douglas firs, Western red cedars and Western hemlocks now stand out green against the bare branches of deciduous trees. Winter's beauty is more subdued than spring's lush greens and autumn's brilliant golds and reds.

Winter is the best time for clearing, when the ivy roots pull up long from the rain-softened soil and no birds are nesting. It is the best time for planting, when months of rain will give new seedlings a good start. Winter is also a good time for dreaming of the free-flowing stream and new wetland cove that have been approved by almost everyone who needs to, and will become realities in 2006. Many 6th graders from Madrona K-8 and St. Therese, plus middle-schoolers from Seattle Girls School, began planting in the Madrona Park Creek watershed this year. Next fall they'll be placing rocks and woody debris to help guide the new stream through the upper and lower ravines.

We're grateful to Councilman Larry Gossett for putting \$20,000 for our project in the 2006 county budget, and to Seattle Post-Intelligencer environmental reporter Lisa Stiffler for highlighting our group in an inspiring November 7 front-page article that clearly laid out the perils of an urban forest. We're still awaiting word on grant applications submitted earlier this fall.

To find out more about the creek day-lighting project, contact Peg Gaynor at peggy@gaynorinc.com, or Parks Department contact Cheryl Eastberg at cheryl.eastberg@seattle.gov. To donate money or find out how to get involved, contact Joan Scott at 324-6468 or jmscott@seanet.com. To get on our e-mail list for notification of work parties and other events, contact Deirdre McCrary at jaymccrary@juno.com. Our website will soon be up at www.madronawoods.org.

Fighting to Keep Trees Alive and Healthy

Drive on Lake Washington Blvd past Madrona Woods or Frink Park and you will enjoy a picturesque scene—tall trees and English ivy growing together to make a beautiful green landscape. But looks can be deceiving and this pleasant verdant view hides a problem that is potentially devastating for the giants of our urban forests.

A century ago, as the city of Seattle grew, the vast forest that covered its hills were clearcut, and the trees that grew in to replace the tall evergreens were maples and alders. Other deciduous trees that might have grown up under the shelter of the big leaf trees never took hold because the clearcutting was so complete and too few seeds were left in the ground. Over the last 100 years, the leafy deciduous trees have grown large and old. Below, where cedar, hemlock, and Douglas firs might have sprouted, the earth is instead covered with invasive plants – ivy, blackberries, holly, and climbing vines such as clematis.

Now those big deciduous trees are nearing the end of their natural life, and the ivy—like a disease taking advantage of a frail, elderly individual—is happy to speed their decline. Over time, the pretty green ivy climbing up its trunk and hanging romantically from its branches will kill the tree. The invasive ivy robs the tree of nutrients and creates the “sail” effect by catching high winds and helping to pull the tree over. Experts estimate that without action, many of Seattle's forested parks and open spaces will be tree-less “ivy deserts” in 20 years.

Fortunately, the City is aware of the potentially devastating situation and is addressing the problem. Last year, the City joined with the Cascade Land Conservancy (CLC) to form the Green Seattle Partnership, a unique public-private partnership, which is led by longtime Madrona resident Pieter Bohlen. The goal of the Green Seattle Partnership is to promote a livable city by re-establishing and maintaining healthy forested parklands. Under CLC Project Manager Joanna Nelson of Leschi, the group is developing a 20-year plan to restore the 2,500 acres within the Green Seattle Partnership to health by 2025.

Important work is also happening at the community level by excellent volunteer groups such as the Friends of Madrona Woods, Friends of the Ravine in Madrona (FORM), Friends of Frink Park, and Friends of Leschi Overlook. These groups and more than 100 others in Seattle actively and passionately pursue forest restoration and yet, despite their efforts, only 9 acres were reclaimed in 2004. With 2,500 acres of forested parklands in the city, it would require over 230 years to complete restoration at that rate.

Despite their small scale, these Friends groups are a crucial component to the City's restoration plan. Each group has nominated a Forest Steward to work with the Green Seattle Partnership and Seattle Parks Urban Forester, Katie Moller, to develop coordinated site plans. Local Forest Stewards are: Madrona Woods, Ann Bucher and Deirdre McCrary; Frink Park, John Barber; and Leschi Overlook, Fran and Bunny Wood. The FORM group is very well managed by Linda Hanson, however, as it does not include land owned by Seattle Parks, this site is not yet included in the Green Seattle Partnership.

Please continue to support your local Friends groups as the work you do today benefits the plants, animals, and humans who will make Seattle home in the future.



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Toys for Tots Comes to Madrona

Barbara Banon, the local Edward Jones investment representative, is supporting the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots program by using her office in Madrona's Bowling Green building as a drop-off location for this year's toy drive. Madrona residents are invited to help needy children in the area by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to Barbara's office at 3304 E. Spring during regular business hours. For more information about Edward Jones or the Toys for Tots drive, contact Barbara at 323-0440.

Kwanzaa Celebrated on Jackson St.

Kwanzaa is a seven-day festival celebrating African American people, culture, and history. It is a time of community gathering, and reflection. It is a time of endings and beginnings. This year, Kwanzaa begins on December 26 and continues until New Years Day, January 1. But in Seattle the celebration got started early when Kwanzaa Festival 2005 filled the Seattle Vocational Institute's campus on Jackson Street on December 10 & 11.

The day included youth activities—including photos with Black Santa—a food court, and a marketplace of African artifacts, fine art, and jewelry so celebrants could shop till they dropped! There was also live music, dancing, drumming, African story telling, and a chance for all members of the community to get together and enjoy a day of Umoja—unity.

Kwanzaa was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966. Each evening, a family member, usually the youngest child, lights candles in a special candleholder and opens a discussion of one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

- Imani-Faith
- Kujicahagulia-Self-Determination
- Kuumba-Creativity
- Nia-Purpose
- Ujamaa-Cooperative Economics
- Ujima-Collective Work and Responsibility
- Umoja-Unity

On the sixth day, family and friends get together to enjoy a large feast.

Christmas Services in Madrona

The staff and parishioners of all three Madrona churches, Madrona Presbyterian, Epiphany Episcopal, and St. Therese Catholic, would like to send wishes for Christmas peace and joy to all of our neighbors in the Madrona community! We want to thank you for sharing so many gifts, big and little, with our community. In 2006 may we all continue to find the joy that there is in giving, and above all in the complete giving of ourselves to God, and to people of every faith, race, language, and way of life. Below is the schedule for the Christmas season. All are welcome to join us for any of our celebrations.

Madrona Presbyterian: Christmas Eve will be celebrated at 6:00pm and Christmas Day at 11:00am. The community is invited to attend. The church is at the corner of 32nd Avenue at East Marion.

St. Therese Catholic: There will be several services with live music. The church is on 35th Avenue between Spring and Marion streets.

Christmas Eve—no late night Mass

- 5:00pm Children's Choir & Children's Pageant
- 7:00pm Jubilation Gospel Choir

Christmas Day—no 5:00pm Mass

- 9:00am Traditional music with St. Therese Choir
- 11:00am Shades of Praise Gospel Choir

Epiphany Episcopal Church: The church is located at 1805 38th Avenue.

12/18, 4th Sunday of Advent—no Sunday School

- 8:00am Rite I
- 10:15am Holy Eucharist & Thanksgiving for Babies
- 11:45am Wassail Party
- 1:30pm Reading of *A Christmas Carol*

12/ 24, Christmas Eve:

- 5:00pm Family Eucharist (with childcare)
- 9:30pm Festival Eucharist with Chancel Choir and Orchestra

12/25, Christmas Day:

- 9:00am Holy Eucharist

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- 9:00am Holy Eucharist



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December Movies in Columbia City

By Paul Doyle, Columbia City Cinema

Thanks for your response to Harry Potter. It was terrific and we're following it up with an equally wonderful movie: "The Chronicles of Narnia." Disney financed, the director of Shrek directed, a New Zealand production company produced and everybody did a super job! Showtimes are Fridays and-Saturdays at 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, and 9:30; Sundays through-Thursdays at 1:00, 4:00, and 7:00. Narnia is rated PG and will probably play through December 29 and possibly until January 5. After Narnia we will be showing "King Kong" and "Walk the Line." Our vintage 204-seat theater has one big screen, real popcorn, and every movies starts with a cartoon. It will remind you of the Saturday matinees you loved as a kid. Check us out at 4816 Rainier Avenue South, near Rainier and Columbia.

I would also like to remind you that along with laptops, ipods, xBoxes and cell phones, Columbia City Cinema gift certificates are one of the most sought-after gifts this holiday season. Just having one gives instant satisfaction and street cred to the bearer so come in and get one for everyone. Movie gift certificates are available in any amount and we promise to use the money to finance an endless list of possibilities such as paying off Warner Brothers and Dreamworks, installing a gas fireplace in the lobby so you will all be toasty warm, and convincing our banker that this is a stable enterprise. Any elf can see that a Columbia City Cinema gift certificate is the best win-win deal on the planet. Thanks for your support and we'll see you at the movies! For the latest info on shows and upcoming attractions visit www.columbiacitycinema.com/

Madrona Babes in Toyland

Please join some of the cutest neighborhood kids you'll ever see for Spectrum Dance Theater's production of "Babes in Toyland" on December 18. The holiday theater and dance performance will be held at the Museum of History and Industry's McEachern Auditorium at 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Tickets are \$10 each in advance (ages 3 and older) and \$12 each at the door the day of the performance. Dancers and actors as young as 5 years old will perform creative, tap, ballet and other forms of dance. The costumes are as cute as the dancers! If this doesn't get you in the holiday spirit, nothing will!

"Adopt" a Family for the Holidays

By Eric Hoff, Amara Parenting

Amara Parenting and Adoption Services at 34th & Union houses the Teenage Parenting and Pregnancy Program (TAPP), which has provided life skills, education, and resources to teen moms in alternative high schools for the past 26 years. The TAPP moms are young women up to 21-years old, and their children are mostly under five years old, including many newborns.

Amara would like to give these young families something special this holiday season. If you're able, please consider dropping off diapers, learning toys, blankets, books, clothing, and school supplies for TAPP mothers at Amara's office.

Another way you can help is by supporting Amara's fundraising through *Cartridges for Kids*, an organization that recycles empty inkjet, laser, fax and copier cartridges, and used cell phones. Don't throw away those old electronics! 100% of the profits gained by CFK benefit Amara Parenting and Adoption Services. When your family buys you that brand new Blackberry you've been eyeing, be sure to donate your old PDA to Amara! Everybody wins – a cleaner environment and more children in permanent homes. For more information contact me at eric@amaraparenting.org, or 260-1710.

Thanks for your generosity

Cultural Christmas Tidbits

Brought to you by Sponge Language School

If the conversation lags a bit on Christmas morning, brighten it up with a couple of interesting facts on how Christmas is celebrated outside the US. Both China and Japan have imported some of the sparkle and commercialism around Christmas. Christmas Eve has become a romantic holiday for young couples similar to American Valentine's Day. Restaurants and hotels offer special dinner packages to celebrate. New Years is the big family celebration in both countries.

Stump your relatives with this piece of holiday trivia: Name two 'traditional' Japanese Christmas foods. Answer: Kentucky Fried Chicken and strawberry shortcake, called Christmas cake.

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City Offers Grants to Artists

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All interested artists, especially first-time applicants, are encouraged to attend free workshops in January and February where staff will explain the application process, how to complete the forms, and offer helpful application tips. Artists who have received funding in the past will be on hand to share their experiences and suggestions. During draft review sessions, applicants can bring their draft proposals and get one-on-one counseling with a staff member. Pre-registration is not required for workshops.

“I am proud to be mayor of a city that boasts such an incredible array of artists,” say Mayor Greg Nickels. “Through this program, the City recognizes the unique working dynamics of the individual artist and his/her contribution to a vibrant and diverse cultural community.”

Applications and information about artist workshops are available online at www.ci.seattle.wa.us/arts/fundingapplications/. Application deadline is 5:00pm on February 21, 2006. For more information, contact Irene Gómez at 684-7310 or irene.gomez@seattle.gov.

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Creepy Creeping Van

By Dawna Hoerle, 30th Avenue

I'd like to relay to you all some suspicious activity that I noted one morning as I was leaving for work, in hopes that Madrona residents will be extra vigilant about crime this holiday season.

It was still dark around 7:00am and I was waiting to pull out of my somewhat hidden driveway at 30th & Olive when I noticed a 2-toned blue/silver/grey minivan driving west on Olive VERY slowly, almost stopping every few feet. When they noticed my car they sped up to drive by me, but paused again when they thought I had turned and couldn't see them any longer. However, I happened to be driving behind them as they crossed MLK and headed up the hill, and either my inner detective—or my stupidity—got the best of me. After they turned right onto 25th Avenue, I quickly drove up to 27th Avenue, looped back down to 26th Avenue and pulled in between two parked cars and turned off my lights. Several minutes later, the van appeared going east on John, again driving slowly and almost stopping every few feet, back across MLK and back into Madrona.

I called the East Precinct and the police said that if I had a feeling that something wasn't right, then it wasn't. They told me that the best thing to do in that situation is to call 911 and provide a license plate number. Later, I researched the Seattle Police Department's website and found some interesting information I'd like to share. According to the 2005 year-to-date crime stats, theft, residential burglary and auto theft are the top three reported crimes in Madrona, which falls generally into Census areas 77 and 78 for stats. For the details, visit:

Crime Data Report:

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Neighborhood School News

Thank You Madrona! Please Come Visit!

By Shelley Huestis, 31st Avenue

Madrona Community, thank you so much for your extreme generosity in helping Madrona K-8 Panther Partners PTSA raise almost \$65,000 last summer. The 107 school families, relatives, neighbors and friends who donated include:

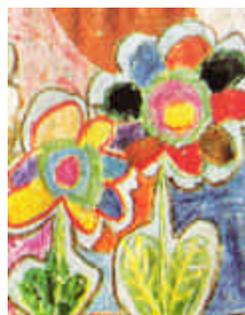
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Your donations helped pay for every student at Madrona to get two sets of our new uniform, for every 5th Grader to attend Islandwood Environmental Camp, and for every student to get a school yearbook at a discounted rate. Your donations helped pay for our part-time after-school activities coordinator, for our K-5 after-school arts program and in-school artists in residence, for our learning garden, events and assemblies throughout the year, child-care at monthly PTSA meetings, copying costs of our monthly school newsletter and weekly flyer, and stipends for each teacher for classroom supplies. To see copies of our monthly school newsletter and weekly flyer, more details about our budget, to read the summary or complete version of our academic achievement plan, to read general meeting minutes, and to get contact information for our PTSA board, please check out our web site at www.gomadronak8.org.

In addition to visiting our PTSA web site, we hope you will come visit our school during January and February tours. Details for all Seattle Schools tours can be found at www.seattleschools.org on the enrollment page. Madrona Elementary School tours are scheduled for Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 AM on January 10th, 24th and 31st and February 7th and 14th, and Madrona Middle School tours are scheduled for Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 AM on January 12th and 26th, and February 9th.

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Neighborhood School News

Sponge Soaks up Language Students

By Jackie Friedman Mighdoll

Sponge, a new school in Leschi/Mt. Baker Ridge neighborhood that offers language classes for young children and their caregivers, is off to a great start. More than 80 students have joined us to say 'hola,' 'bonjour,' 'ni hao' and 'konnichiwa.' We've been dancing to salsa, drumming on taiko, doing puppet shows, and waving celebratory red scarves.

Our classes in Spanish, French, Mandarin and Japanese are geared for kids from newborns to five-year olds. The first 45 minutes of class are immersive—with games, songs, dance, stories and snack—and we introduce three or four phrases each week. Our teachers are native speakers who are great at ensuring you and your child understand—even if you've never heard a word of the language before. Our curriculum is based on the communicative approach, so you're learning words, phrases and expressions that you can use. The last 10 minutes are an opportunity to review phrases and culture with the teacher and for free discussion in English.

If this sounds like something for you and your child, save the date for the Sponge Open House on January 22. We will have mini-classes in Spanish, French, Japanese and Mandarin. It's a good chance to see the space, meet our teachers, and have your questions answered!

Our Spring 2006 session runs from February 6 to June 24, and open enrollment for new students began December 15. Details on how to begin the registration process are on our website. If you are interested in starting right away, we have openings in several of our classes. It's not too late (or too early) to start learning! For more info, visit www.spongeschool.com

Valley School Auction Huge Success

By Gail Mensher,

Director of Admissions The Valley School

The annual Valley School auction on November 19 at the Women's University Club was an unparalleled school fund-raiser. Parents and friends of Valley generated over \$110,000 for the school's next expansion project.

"The success of our auction is a huge testament to the depth of devotion of our parent body. They are simply an amazing group of people," said Director Barry Wright,

Madrona resident Amy Summers chaired this important fundraiser and social event with great expertise and unwavering charm. Amy praised local community support for the auction.

"We had some really fantastic items donated by Madison Park/MadisonValley, and Madrona businesses. Our dessert auction was a huge hit and featured desserts from Bella Dolce, the Essential Bakery, Rovers and Verite. Many other local businesses donated shopping and dining gift certificates which were overall our best offerings, selling well over fair market value. Many Valley School families live in these neighborhoods and sincerely appreciate the community support," she said.

Our school is currently giving tours for prospective students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade on Thursday mornings from 9:00am to 11:00am. Our annual evening open house is January 18 at 7:00pm. This is a great time for parents to hear directly from the teachers and the director about the programs at Valley. For more information or to register for a Thursday tour, call 328-4475. We can also accommodate special scheduling needs.

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Dogs Rally Round Greenies

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

Faithful readers of the Madrona Mutt Match-up probably already know about Greenies. Greenies are a chewy dog treat shaped like a toothbrush and marketed as an aide in cleaning dog's teeth and helping to freshen up their breath. Dogs love them! In fact, many dogs featured in the Madrona Mutt Match-up name Greenies as their Favorite Treat. But recently KIRO TV reported that this popular snack may be dangerous for dogs. KIRO consumer advocates spoke to several Seattle dog owners whose pets became quite sick after eating Greenies.

Marie Sarff, of Madrona's Pet Grocery Fetch, stands by Greenies as a safe, edible treat. "People have to be sure to give their dog the appropriate size Greenie," said Marie. "Just like with chew bones or any other toys, owners have to match the treat to the dog's size and chewing tendencies."

The next time your pooch deserves a reward, toss her a Greenie—just be sure it's not too big and that she chews it well. Otherwise she might end up sick—as a dog!

*Dentist
Paste-up*

*Rath Law
paste-up*

Play Madrona Mutt Match-up

By Hannah Ditty, 35th Avenue

Sometimes it seems like everyone in Madrona has a dog and some people have two! All of these dogs lives in my 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 12.



Mac
Favorite treat: Cheese
Age: 12 years



Kathy
Favorite color: Green & Blue
Lived in Madrona: 17 years



Gomes
Favorite treat: Cheese
Age: 12 years



Koren
Favorite color: Blue
Lived in Madrona: 4 years



Ranger
Favorite treat: Greenies
Age: 10 years



Tracy
Favorite color: Green
Lived in Madrona: 14 years

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CD Forum Sends Out BEYOND Magazine

By Nisi Shawl

With visionary eyes, eight young people saw and created imaginative alternate worlds. The second edition of BEYOND magazine, published online by the Central District Forum for Arts and Ideas, showcases the resulting stories and poems.

Because I'm a professional writer and editor of fantasy and science fiction, my view of the world's a bit different. As I've walked the streets and sidewalks of Madrona over the last 10 years, I've noticed how the neighborhood is changing—just as everyone else has. But I filter my perceptions through speculations that begin “What if...” “If only...” and “If this goes on...”

These are the classic questions that give rise to fantastic fiction. Perhaps because adolescents are less enmeshed in the status quo than we adults are, these also the kinds of questions young people tend to ask.

- “What if vampires truly existed and hunted human prey in these familiar surroundings.....?”
- “If our estrangement from the people we live with goes on, will we all wind up as complete psychopaths.....?”
- “If only we could clone ourselves and then think again about who has civil rights and who doesn't.....”

The astonishing extrapolations based on these ideas appear in BEYOND magazine's most recent issue, at www.cdforum.org/beyond/. The authors who deal with these issues range in age from 9 to 18 years old. They write in voices by turns humorous, grim, bewildered, and self-assured. Some are local, while others sent in their contributions from California, West Virginia, and Michigan. I had enormous fun editing their submissions and

Churches Commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Sara Levant, 37th Avenue

Following a tradition of several years, three local churches—Madrona Presbyterian Church, Epiphany Episcopal Church, and St. Therese Roman Catholic Church—will come together to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at 2:00 pm on January 15, at Madrona Presbyterian Church. This is an ecumenical service featuring live music and readings by Dr. King. Madrona Presbyterian is located at 832 32nd Avenue, on the corner of 32nd & Marion. The entire Madrona community is invited to attend.

tutoring the young writers to make their work even better. By publishing on the World Wide Web, I'm proud to bring their opinions and ideas to the world.

This is the second issue of BEYOND sponsored by the Central District Forum for Arts and Ideas. With its commitment to high school-age contributors, and its emphasis on speculative fiction with African American content, or written by African Americans, BEYOND fills a very specific need. It calls for the participation of African American youth, and encourages youth of all races to consciously represent African culture in their writing. The magazine, which was funded by Verizon and the City of Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, brings much-needed diversity to the literary world. With luck, there will be a 2006 edition so keep BEYOND in mind when the young writers in your life get that far-away look in their eyes. Their visionary works may just be the thing for www.cdforum.org/beyond/!

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Project Update: The Knew Gardens

The construction project at 1423 34th Avenue is nearing completion! The project, known as the Knew Gardens, is a collection of mixed use spaces designed by Roy McMakin and Domestic Architecture.

The Knew Gardens consist of a whimsical re-use and expansion upon the original house, the addition of two new structures, and a commercial space on the street front. The house, originally built in 1904, has been resided to restore the original style wooden shakes. It was also lifted and placed on a finished basement, which will form the back of the street-facing commercial space. Another single story building sits directly behind the house. There will also be a two-story barnlike building snuggled up to Madrona Plaza, and a variety of pocket gardens and small courtyards.

The project is scheduled to be completed in January 2006. The street front anchor tenant will be a Parisian-inspired bistro, named "Cremant du Jardin", owned and operated by Chef Scott Emerick and wife and business partner Tanya Emerick. Scott brings years of experience cooking professionally in Paris, and more recently at Le Pichet and Lark. Their traditional bistro delicacies will surely warm up even the soggiest of winter evening. These two talented restaurateurs expect to open their doors in February 2006.

The remainder of the commercial area includes a second floor retail space above the restaurant, and a variety of work spaces in the main house.

The work spaces in The Knew Gardens will be available for lease starting in January. Interested parties should contact Roy McMakin at 323-6992.



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Raising Funds For Madrona Blossoms

By Marie Doyle, 37th Avenue

Thank you Madrona, for your generous support of the Madrona Blossoms project! So many neighbors have contributed—and our hats are off to you for helping bring beauty, vibrancy, and a sense of unity to our community. It costs about \$250 to put up and maintain a flower basket for one season. If you haven't yet made your contribution, please read on for information on where to send your check—all donations, large or small, are welcome!



*Madrona Blossoms logo
designed by Grace Schlitt-Lenz.*

Our special thanks to the wonderful business community that has helped us move quickly toward our goal of \$50,000 to endow the flower baskets, winter greens, and seasonal banners. Contributing so far are: Wilridge Winery; The Hi Spot Café; St. Clouds Restaurant; Décor on 34th; Madrona Eatery & Ale House; Conrow Porcelain; Madrona Apartments; Logis Group; Madrona Plaza Building; Executive Conversation; Rath Law & Mediation; Domestic Furniture, Bruce Hanson, Attorney; Shaun Han CPA; Shawver Law Group; Bowling Green Building; Jaywalk; Verité; and of course, the Madrona Community Council.

It's not too late to help! If you'd still like to make a tax-deductible donation to the project, send a check, payable to *Madrona Blossoms, MCC* to Madrona Blossoms Treasurer, 1121 37th Ave., Seattle, WA 98122. If you have questions or want more info, contact me at 323-6128.

YMCA paste-up

Madrona Moose Supports Treehouse

By Jennifer Porter

To many, the evening of November 22 seemed like any other Fall evening. But in downtown Madrona, beneath the whimsical awning of children's retailer Madrona Moose, serious shopping was being conducted. Brisk browsing and buying was philanthropic—as well as therapeutic—as guests delighted over dreamy little dresses and extra-ordinary outfits for the holiday season. The evening of retail therapy combined fun with serious business as it was a fundraiser for Treehouse, an important Seattle organization committed to giving foster kids a childhood, free from care and want. Treehouse serves the over 15,000 foster children in King County.

Madrona Moms and mothers from all over the city gathered to enjoy a glass of bubbly, a few bites, and some great new looks from European and American children's designers such as Rachel Riley, St. James, Petit Bateau, Room Seven, One Kid, IKKS, Jean Bourget, Steiff, Spode and more. They came to buy jaunty holiday dresses, playwear, cuddly stuffed animals, and delicate tea sets to present to little ones at home while supporting other children who are not so lucky.

Over two days. Madrona Moose shoppers raised nearly \$1,000 to help Treehouse meet the needs of foster kids of all ages. Treehouse services include tutoring, educational advocacy, summer camps, and the Warehouse, a store of new and gently used clothing and toys where foster children and their care givers can "shop," free of charge, all year round. The funds raised at Madrona Moose will also support Treehouse's Little Wishes, a program that provides money for foster kids to participate in extra-curricular activities such as karate, music, and swimming. Treehouse Executive Director Janis Avery was thrilled with the success of the evening. She said, "Because Madrona Moose customers wrapped their arms around foster care, this holiday season will be a little brighter for kids in need." To learn more about Treehouse or make a donation, visit <http://www.treehouseforkids.org/>.

Madrona Moose at 1421 34th Avenue, across the street from the Hi Spot, is very proud to be a drop-off point of new and gently used items for Treehouse throughout the year. This is a great time to come in and browse at Madrona Moose because during their Holiday Sale you can save 35% on selected merchandise. Holiday hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 6:00pm, Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00pm, and Sunday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Mutt Match-up answers: Kathy & Ranger,
Tracy & Mac, Koren & Gomes

*Hidden Spring
paste-up*

Adoption Day Honors Kids & Families

By Eric Hoff, Amara Parenting

More than fifty guests filled Amara Parenting and Adoption Services at 34th & Union on November 19 to celebrate National Adoption Day (NAD). Amara, which has been finding children permanent, nurturing homes since 1921, placed about fifty children in the past year. Hosting the NAD celebration is yet another way Amara supports children and families.

Thanks to the generosity of the Junior League of Seattle, families were entertained all morning with spider-cupcakes, popcorn hands, picture frame decorating, and piñatas. In the midst of the fun of the party, one grandmother of an adopted child commented, "You can always tell, just by looking, when a child is adored, and all of these children are adored."

Madrona residents are always welcome to learn more about Amara and attend our public events. For more information, contact me at eric@amaraparenting.org or 260-1710.

Welcome Babies!

What a delicious time of the year to snuggle down with a soft, sweet new baby! Congratulations to these Madrona families.

Seth and Zahraa Wilkinson welcomed their first baby, a son named **Khalil James Wilkinson**, to the world on November 14, 2005 at 4:00am. He was 7lbs., 4oz., and 20 inches long.

Jeff, Lisa, and Big Sister Eleanor of 37th Avenue announce the arrival of **Charlotte Louisa Fisher** who was born on October 2, 2005.

Lucas Reeve Konig was born to new Madrona residents Urs Konig and Catherine Parker of 36th Street on September 19, 2005. Luc weighed in at 9lbs., 7oz., and measured 22 inches.

August Clay Trombold arrived on March 7, 2005, at 7lbs., 14oz., and 20.5 inches. His pound family are parents Kevin Trombold and Heath Foster, and Big Sisters Sophia and Kate.

*Leslie Lucas
paste-up*

MADRONA Community Calendar



It's calendar time again! Check below and online for events in your neighborhood. If you have events to add to the on-line or want to have them included in the printed calendar in next month's *Madrona News*, please send an email to Erika Shaffer at Erika@sutherlandgold.com

- HOMEWORK HELP CENTER - Madrona-Sally Goldmark Branch – Weekly** - Monday 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- TUESDAYS – THURSDAYS 7-9pm, LIVE MUSIC** – Dulces Latin Bistro, 322-5453
- WEDNESDAYS 10:30am PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES**—Madrona Sally Goldmark Library, Lynn Lorenz 684-4705
- WEDNESDAYS 9:30am, MADRONA MOMS RUNNING GROUP** - meet at 36th and Pine, Nikki.lundin@comcast.net
- WEDNESDAYS 8-10:00pm, PICK-UP BASKETBALL FOR ADULTS**—Madrona K-8, \$3 to benefit the school, SteveOrser@yahoo.com
- THURSDAYS 9-11, Valley School Tours** – Call the office 328-4475
- THURSDAYS 7:30pm, AA/ALANON MEETING**— Epiphany Great Hall
- THURSDAYS – MONDAYS 8:30pm LIVE MUSIC**—St. Clouds 726-1522, calendar of performers at www.stclouds.com/NewFiles/music.html
- FRIDAYS 7:30am, MADRONA/LESCHI CITIZENS AGAINST THE WAR**—Demonstration, corner of 23rd and Union
- SATURDAYS 9:30am, MADRONA MOMS RUNNING GROUP**—meet at Madrona Beach Parking Lot, Nikki.lundin@comcast.net
- SATURDAYS 10-11am & 3-4pm FAMILY SWIM**—Medgar Evers Pool 684-4766

- Dec. 18 Epiphany Episcopal – 4th Sunday of Advent: 8:00am Rite I, 10:15am Holy Eucharist & Thanksgiving for Babies, 11:45am Wassail Party
- Dec. 18 Epiphany Episcopal Church – Reading of “A Christmas Carol,” 1:30pm
- Dec. 18 Spectrum Dance Theaters “Babes in Toyland” - 1:00 PM and 3:00PM, MOHAI, 206-325-4161
- Dec. 18 Christmas Ship at Madrona Beach - 6:40 PM - 7:00 PM
- Dec. 21 Homeless Cooking - St Clouds, - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 1131 34th Ave, 726-1522
- Dec. 22 East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition - 6:30 PM, 2120 S. Jackson, Seattle Vocational Institute, Mary Williams, 587-4950
- Dec. 24 St. Therese - Children’s Mass with a Children’s Choir and Pageant - 5:00 PM
- Dec. 24 Madrona Presbyterian - Christmas Eve Service - 6:00 PM
- Dec. 24 Epiphany Episcopal Church - Christmas Eve Service - 5:00 PM Family Eucharist (with childcare), 9:30 PM Festival Eucharist with Chancel Choir and Orchestra
- Dec. 24 St. Therese - Christmas Eve Mass with the Jubilation Gospel Choir - 7:00 PM
- Dec. 25 St Therese - Christmas Mass traditional music with St. Therese Choir - 9:00 AM
- Dec. 25 Epiphany Episcopal Church - Christmas Day Service - 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- Dec. 25 Madrona Presbyterian - Christmas Day Service - 11:00 AM
- Dec. 25 St Therese - Christmas Day Mass with Shades of Praise Gospel Choir - 11:00 AM
- Dec. 25 Hanukah begins, sunset
- Dec. 26 Kwanzaa begins, sunset
- Dec. 31 Friends of Madrona Ravine Work Party - 9:00AM Meet at the bus stop on Madrona Drive next to the Pine Street Pedestrian Bridge. Invite your friends and neighbors, and bring your favorite tools and gloves – we always have a good time. Linda Hanson, 322-5554
- Jan. 1 Epiphany Episcopal Church - Holy Name of Jesus Service - 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- Jan. 3 Madrona Community Council Meeting - 7:15 PM, Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Bill Hanson, 322-3450
- Jan. 5 Open Studio, unique watercolor portraits in a working studio/living room gallery - 3:00 PM, 2912 E cherry, Victoria Mackenzie Shelby 323-3630
- Jan. 10 Seattle Schools—Open Enrollment for Students in all Grades Starts, www.seattleschools.org
- Jan. 10 Madrona K-8—School tours for elementary grades, 9:30-10:30 AM, school office: 252-3108
- Jan. 15 MLK Day Celebration – Madrona Presbyterian Church (Marion and 32nd) - 2:00 PM
- Jan. 18 Homeless Cooking - St Clouds - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 1131 34th Ave, 726-1522
- Jan. 18 Madrona K8 - PTSA Meeting - 6:30 PM, www.seattleschools.org/schools/madrona Free childcare during the meeting
- Jan. 18 Annual Valley School Open House - 7:00, call the office - 328-4475
- Jan. 21 Madrona Woods Work Party - 10:00 AM, Come join us to have some fun and help keep up our wonderful wooded oasis. Lunch is provided. Jan. Meet at 38th and Marion, Deirdre McCrary, jaymccrary@qbronline.com

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