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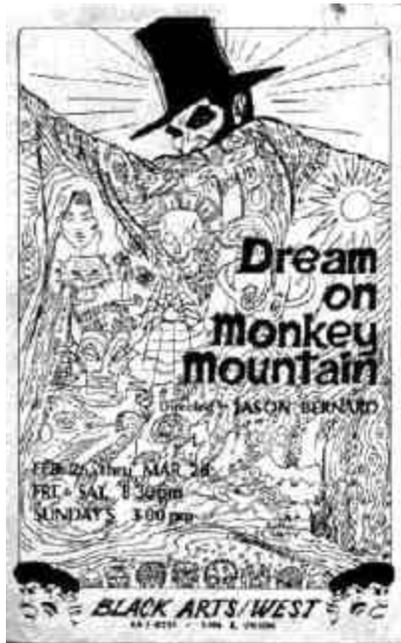
Celebrating Madrona's Black History: Black Arts/West Theater

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

It was the late '60s in Madrona, a time of change for our country and our neighborhood. Gene Keene, founder of The Cirque Theater, elected to shut down when racial tensions exploded in the Central District. The Cirque was located just around the corner of 34th and Union. Fearing riots, assaults, and firebombing, most of their white clientele dared go no further east than 23rd Avenue. But as one door closes another opens and on April 1, 1969 a cadre of Black actors led by Douglas Q. Barnett picked up where Keene left off. They christened the new Madrona theatre at 3406 E. Union Black Arts/West and set out to reach their goal: "Educate, Enlighten, and Entertain."

The inaugural production in May of 1969 was a double bill of two one-act plays by Ed Bullins: *The Electronic Nigger* and *A Son Come Home*. The show did well, thanks in part of a guest star appearance of Otis Young, a well-known Black TV actor. Between then and its final curtain call in 1973, Black Arts/West produced some 32 plays and, to quote founder Barnett, "Each one had its own

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*Black Arts/West Program 1971,
designed by Al Doggett*

President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

by Bill Hansen, 32nd Avenue

The Madrona Community Council (MCC) will host Madrona Neighborhood and School Appreciation Day on March 5 at 10:00am in Madrona School, 1121 33rd Avenue. Laura Yurdin and Jon Hughes are busy planning another great event that honors very special neighborhood and school award recipients. (see page 3) There will be wonderful refreshments and great entertainment so contact Laura at lyurdin@pointb.com if you can help. AND, most important of all, send Laura your nominations for people deserving of special recognition and praise. You know who makes a difference around Madrona so tell the world!

I haven't heard many crime reports this month, other than a car break-in and a

suspicious person both on 35th Avenue reported by Lora Jansson. However, on January 29 the Madrona Playfield was hit by a graffiti "artist." The St. Therese's banner and the shelterhouse windows and sidewalk were spray painted, as were the new construction across 34th and the gate of a home in the 1100 block of 35th Avenue. It only takes one bad apple to cause problems. I guess we need to be forever vigilant to keep this a clean and safe neighborhood. I would like to thank Barbara St. Onge for bringing this to my attention and Anthony Matlock for helping to cleaning it up.

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Taking Pen & Ink in Hand

By Gina Jonas, Grand Avenue

For nine years my husband Michael and I have resided in a house that we inherited from Michael's father, who lived in it for almost 30 years. Daily I am grateful for our inheritance: entering our living room, which is also my studio, I delight in the ever-changing view of lake and mountains. This provides me a wonderfully tranquil setting in which to meet with clients and undertake the daily practice of my profession of 34 years: calligraphy.

Calligraphy offers me both a means of livelihood and a "Way," in the Japanese sense of a path for self-cultivation. Mornings I begin warming-up, like a dancer or musician, using my particular pen and ink exercises to develop relaxation and sensitization, strengthen concentration, and ignite creativity. Eagerly, I then take up one of my personal projects, the calligraphic rendition of lyrics to songs composed by Michael. I deeply enjoy the process of finding visually expressive forms to "harmonize" with each song's music and lyrics. We hope to self-publish our collaboration as *Lyrics*, with a CD toward year's end.

Next, I commence my commission work, which consists largely of work for non-profit professional organizations,

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Black Arts/West (cont'd from page 1)

raison d'être, its own milieu and story, its own success or failure, and each was an adventure on its own."

The stage lights shined brightest in 1971. That year Black Arts/West staged *Dream On Monkey Mountain* by Derek Walcott, directed by Jason Bernard. The critics raved about the performances of Alexander Conley III, Charles Canada, Robert Livingston, Sara Jackson, and Jerry Brewer. Then came *Ain't Supposed To Die A Natural Death* by Gilbert Moses. It was a working show that allowed the director to mold the poems into a story of street life in the "hood," with an eclectic cast of characters. It mirrored perfectly the problems endemic to Blacks in America. Performed and polished in Madrona, it open on Broadway two months later and director Moses received a Tony nomination.

When the theatre first opened, its audience was about 70 percent white. The Blacks who attended were professional people—doctors, lawyers, architects, professors. The theatre was criticized by Black militants because of the complexion of its audience and over time more Black patrons did attend more regularly. For some shows the audience was all Black but the original core of white patrons, many from Madrona, continued their support.

Though Black Arts/West is known mainly for its theatrical productions, it leaves several other legacies. The theatre was home to a core of excellent dancers. During its tenure, some 400 kids ages 6 to 16 participated in the Black Arts/West dance program. In 1971 and 1972, Black Arts/West took their shows on the road and performed for audiences in McNeil Island Prison and Monroe State Reformatory as part of a prison outreach program.

While the theater was associated with the Central Area Motivation Program (CAMP), a local anti-poverty organization, relations were not always good and money was always a struggle. The Seattle City Council provided some funds but the theater sustained itself on primarily with money raised by its touring groups—The Soul Search Players and The New Group Theatre—grants, donations, and the blood sweat and tears of its actors.

Eventually the pressure was too much. In 1973, the theater's final production, *Black Girl* opened to mixed reviews and founder Barnett resigned. His successor Buddy Butler could not keep the lights on and Black Arts/West took a deep bow and stepped back into the shadows of Madrona history.

Source: HistoryLink.org Online Encyclopedia of Washington State History, "Black Arts/West: a History" (by Douglas Q. Barnett), <http://www.historylink.org/> (accessed February 2005)

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

At the February MCC meeting, it was mentioned that certain portions of our business district around 34th and Union often look a bit shabby because of litter. If you see litter in that area, it is always a good idea to mention it to the adjacent storeowners. If the litter is at the vacant 1403 34th Avenue property (formerly Pacific Oaks), call the owner representative Eric Pucher at 246-2010 and ask him to be a good neighbor and help keep Madrona clean.

It seems that this wonderful spring-like weather makes many of us think about sprucing up our neighborhood. Cynthia Shick expressed to the MCC her interest in doing some innovative things with our Madrona traffic circles. She would like to make them more interesting and inviting places for the neighbors to enjoy. If you have any thoughts along this line, email Cynthia at cshick@ix.netcom.com. To help you get rid of unneeded treasures, Kim Herber has already started planning our next Madrona Garage sale. The exact date is not yet set but the sale will be held in late April or early May in the Madrona Plaza parking garage—stay tuned to the *Madrona News* for details and contact information. As always, you will be able to rent a table and sell your own items or donate things to be sold to benefit the MCC. It is never too early to start setting aside the items you need to get rid of; I certainly have a few in my garage that need to go! Over on Madrona Drive, Linda Hanson and the Friends of the Ravine in Madrona are busy planning Phase IV of their restoration project. Their monthly work parties are open to all so if you would like to help, email Linda at lghasla@comcast.net.

The MCC is very interested in sponsoring other neighborhood improvement projects. We do have seed money to get them underway so if you have a favorite idea or pet project, this could

be your chance. Share them with us at our next MCC meeting March 1 in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse at 34th and East Spring Street at 7:15pm.

Calligraphy (cont'd from page 1)

educational institutions, and wedding-related projects such as invitation designs and my specialty: the decoration of marriage texts, including the Jewish Ketubah. I also design logos and inscribe poems, love letters, and literary texts. It is highly rewarding to create meaningful aesthetic expressions for individuals and couples.

In 1976 I helped found the first calligraphy society in Seattle. Currently, I teach privately and at the ASUW Experimental College, and have taught at international calligraphy conferences. Please come to my Open House at my in-home studio at 1104 Grand Avenue from 3:00 to 7:00pm March 4. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 329-6865. It will be my pleasure to share the vibrant world of contemporary Western calligraphy.

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It's Neighbor Day Time!

By *Laura Yurdin, 32nd Avenue*

We are looking forward to seeing all of you out at the March 5 2005 Madrona Neighborhood Appreciation Day event. It will be held at 10:00am in the Madrona K-8 Library. We will be giving out awards to our local heroes, in addition to providing entertainment and refreshments.

Nominations for the awards are due to me by February 20. This is a great way to honor the members of our community. If you are thinking about submitting a nomination, we are accepting nominations for the following neighborhood and school awards:

- **The Nora Award:** Named in honor of Madrona activist Nora Wood, this award is given to a Madrona resident who, over time and in ways both large and small, has left a personal mark on the community. Previous winners include Bob Bass, Mary Holm, Dorothy Grant, Dee Dee Rainbow, and Dr. Samuel B. McKinney.
- **The Local Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for an act of heroism, singular kindness or generosity. Previous winners included Sayre Coombs, Tom Flood, Jocelyn Owens, Ann Lennartz and Anthony Matlock.
- **The Unsung Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for service to others in the larger community. Jon Hughes, the Friends of Madrona Playfield, Francois Kissel, Wayne Melonson, and Julie Berry are previous winners.
- **Doris Baptist Hickman Staff Award:** Named for Madrona's beloved teacher who this year is celebrating her 25th year at Madrona. This award is for a Madrona K-8 School staff person who has made a significant contribution to the school.
- **Madrona Student Award:** This award recognizes a Madrona student who demonstrates through his/her actions the school statement "We are academic achievers, respectful and caring of ourselves, our school, and our community" with particular emphasis on the *community* aspect.
- **Go Panthers Award:** Recognizes an individual who has made extra and extraordinary efforts for the education and growth of Madrona K-8.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, or if you have a local entertainment act that you wish to contribute, contact me at 320-8693 or lyurdin@pointb.com.

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- **Central Area Senior Center**, 500 30th Ave S. Wednesdays from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Call 726-4926 to make an appointment.
- **Douglass-Truth Library**, 2300 E Yesler Way. Thursdays from 10:00am to 2:30pm. E-filing available. Call 684-4586 to make an appointment.
- **Miller Community Center**, 330 19th Ave E. Tuesdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Call 684-4753 to make an appointment.

Welcome Babies!

Congratulations to these growing families.

Bebe Choquette

On January 5, 2005, Paul & Haven Choquette of 35th Avenue greeted their first child, a daughter. Bebe, a raven-haired beauty, weighed 7lbs., 9oz., and was 20 inches long.

Dylan Michael Cohen

Bill & Jennifer Cohen, and big brother Tyson of 33rd Avenue welcomed Dylan into the world on January 5, 2005. He weighed 7 lbs., 8oz., and was 20 inches long.

Noah William Lippman

Kelly & Michael Lippman and big sister Sara welcomed their 8 lb. 2 oz. bundle of joy on January 11, 2005.

Noah Jain Marvy

He was born January 2, 2005 at 7 lbs., 9 oz., and 20.5 inches long. His parents Kamala Jain & Paul Marvy, and older brother Asher all live at 32nd & Cherry.

Genevieve Rose Silver

Gigi, the first baby for Joy & Scott Silver, arrived on Christmas Day, December 25, 2004. She was 7 lbs. 8 oz., 20 inches long, and will join mom and dad at home at 36th & Cherry.

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Guest Columnist: *How Lawyers Promote Democracy*

By Stephen Teller, Teller & Associates,

"I think that the practical intelligence and political good sense of the Americans are mainly attributable to the long use which they have made of the jury in civil causes."

- Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, 1835

We all know democracy means voting, but that's not the whole meaning. Democracy is where all power comes from the people. In the USA, we give that power in separate parts that balance each other and it is through this balance that democracy endures. Otherwise, our nation, like any other, could slip into tyranny, theocracy, or corruption.

In the US Constitution, the people granted only temporary, limited power because power is easily abused. A lifetime political appointee can consolidate power for decades and so politicians must frequently stand for re-election. Without time limits, government power grows and concentrates in those who have it.

Corporate powers are also limited. Even though corporations can exist indefinitely and consolidate and increase their power forever, they are still limited by the laws of our land. When they break the laws, we need to be able to hold them accountable.

That's where the trial lawyers come in. We balance the power of government and corporations, and make them think and act carefully to avoid using their power in ways that injure people. The right to a trial by jury is in our Constitution for a reason.

This is why it puzzles me that so many people question the value of civil suits, and the wisdom and judgment of juries. America's founders balanced grants of power to lawmakers, leaders, and courts, and gave away power carefully. The people's power is not only given by our votes but also through our courts where the people decide when power has been misused. Government and corporate powers are huge and juries balance this power. Juries let the people decide whether the power they gave has been misused. Today, while the big money verdicts make the newspaper, juries make good and fair decisions without much glory every day.

Under our system, lawyers for either side work very hard to show the jury the merits of the case. When an individual has been hurt and seeks justice, they seldom can pay legal fees like a government or corporation can, which is by the hour, win or lose. Trial lawyers represent injured people and get paid only if they win. They spend years learning the laws, and enforcing them is difficult, stressful, and financially risky work. It takes dedication. Many trial lawyers could make more money working for the powerful. Instead, they work for democracy by standing up for the "little guy" and balancing corporate and governmental power.

Teller & Associates, is now in Madrona, at 34th and Union. They fight workplace discrimination and sexual harassment, and represent people injured through others' misconduct or carelessness. Their personal injury and auto accident practice balances the corporate power of the insurance companies by demanding fair compensation for injured people. They also pursue compensation for the US taxpayers in "Qui Tam" suits by helping clients report Medicare over billing and other fraud against the government.

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Madrona Dining & Sipping Society

By Audrey Seale, 36th Avenue

Under the belief that good dinners together create good neighbors, 16 Madronans gathered for dinner to enjoy good food and great conversations on January 12 at Dulces Latin Bistro at 34th & Pike.

Most of us arrived as relative strangers. But after three hours of conversation—and several bottles of Madrona-made Wilridge wine—we discovered we had many, many connections and shared interests. Here are just a few of our discoveries: One neighbor's grandfather built another neighbor's home. One couple just returned from Kenya and another is heading off to England. Two neighbors discovered they shared Hungarian heritage. A devoted Dead Head sat next to a neighbor who worked with the Grateful Dead for 15 years. A lapsed vegetarian and a practicing one shared their disgust of Portobello mushrooms. One neighbor shared the best insider info on the Pike Place Market produce, while two retired Episcopal priests chatted across the table.

It was so much fun that we agreed to make it a monthly "thing" and everyone in Madrona is invited! Please plan to join the newly named Madrona Dining & Sipping Society at Dulces and enjoy their prix fixe menu the third Thursday of every month. In both February and March that means the 17th so mark your calendar and contact me at 329-8775 or audreyseale@qwest.net to RSVP. I have six reservations already so I'm sure it will be another evening to remember.



Left to right: Berta Beveridge, Bob Seale, Vicki Ruskin, Peter & Lisa Snow, John Healy, Michelle Catalano, Geoffrey Ruskin, Lysle Wilhelmy, Forrest Schofield, and Davison. Not shown: Bob Beveridge, Kin Herber, Paul Beveridge, and Audrey Seale.

Ben Chotsen pasteup

Dulces New Classical Pianist

By Lael Carlson, 411 University Street, Seattle

Who would have guessed that in a cozy Madrona restaurant, the sounds of a classically trained pianist could be heard wafting over the dinner hour, turning the dining room into a concert hall? Unless you've eaten dinner at Dulces Latin Bistro recently, you might not have even noticed the new baby grand piano sitting in the dining room.

Last August, Owner Carlos Kainz decided that there simply weren't enough places in Seattle that offered piano music. So he remedied the situation by bringing in a piano and hiring Cindy Hughes to play Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Now he has invited renowned classical pianist, Lisa Lanza, to perform every Thursday.

Lisa Lanza is a solo pianist, accompanist and chamber musician who performs mainly in Seattle and on the Olympic Peninsula. She has performed at the Seattle Art Museum, the Frye Art Museum, the Olympic Music Festival, with the Port Townsend Community Orchestra and Benaroya Hall, to name a few. Lanza plays classical works, soft jazz and old standards. "Her repertoire is just amazing," marvels Kainz. She has a following of fans that travel to Madrona all the way from her hometown of Port Townsend just to hear her play at Dulces.

And a special congratulations to Dulces, who earned another impressive award for their wine list. This February, *Wine Enthusiast* gave them an "Ultimate Award of Distinction," making them one of three restaurants in Seattle to earn such an award.

Dulces Latin Bistro is open for dinner every Tuesday – Saturday from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. Visit www.dulceslatinbistro.com to view their menu, wine list, or to make a reservation.

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It's Not Your Papa's Take-out

A year ago Saul Weikama was biking through Southeast Asia while his Seattle friend Maria Rebecchi was relaxing under the scorching sun of a solitary beach in Mexico. They both returned home with disparate stories and a common ambition: to start a business. While their goal was clear, their plans were a bit vague until one evening, as they enjoyed one of their favorite rituals—a delicious, gourmet meal at home—they found themselves lamenting their lack of time and energy to cook wholesome meals every day. This led them to decry the pathetic monotony of the food available for delivery in the Seattle area and suddenly their business vision became as clear as a steaming plate of fresh glass noodles.

From their home on 34th Avenue, Maria and Saul set their new business, Plates on Wheels, in motion. This venture is based on the simple idea of coupling interesting, high-quality food with convent home delivery. Plates on Wheels partners with a growing list of family-owned restaurants and natural food markets in the Seattle area to deliver a variety of ethnic cuisines and organic groceries to homes and work places at a very reasonable price. In today's environment, where lack of time and convenience often leads to families eating fast food, Plates on Wheels strives to inspire healthy eating habits.

The Plates on Wheels on-line ordering service at www.platesonwheels.com is a great time saver for busy individuals, families, single parents, seniors or professionals whose time available for shopping or preparing wholesome meals is limited. It takes only a few minutes to log onto www.platesonwheels.com and select from a variety of cuisines ranging from Afghan to Nigerian.

Saul and Maria are excited to introduce their Madrona neighbors to their new labor of love. They know that even with the many wonderful dining options we have right here in our own neighborhood, the busy people of Madrona will enjoy the services of Plates on Wheels.

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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 dogs lives with which owner by drawing a leash to connect them. The answers are on page 11.



Gromit

Favorite treat: New squeaky toys
 Age: 7 years



Anna

Favorite color: Black
 Lived in Madrona: 10 years



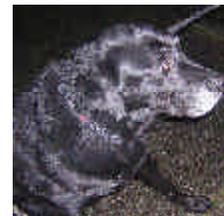
Princess

Favorite treat: Bone
 Age: 2.5 years



Carol

Favorite color: Blue
 Lived in Madrona: 3 years (this time)



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Favorite treat: Dog biscuits
 Age: 9 years



Catherine

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Peppermint Toothpick:

Tips for Keeping Kids' Teeth Healthy

By Dr. Loren Tarr, Madrona Family Dental

Q: My 3 year-old son is very attached to his pacifier. Can it do any permanent harm? I need help getting him to stop using it because I can see how it has opened his bite. What is the best approach?

A: Depending on how forcefully he sucks his "binky" and for how much time, a pacifier can move your son's upper front teeth forward. Thumb sucking typically moves teeth even more and can be an even harder habit to end. I recommend taking a very gentle approach at first. Talk to your son about needing to stop using the pacifier because it is moving his teeth and is making it harder to bite off pieces of food. Look in a mirror together and show him the space between the top and bottom teeth when he bites down and explain that this space will get bigger if he doesn't stop. This "rational" approach begins to be effective for children around 2 or 3, but you have to be consistent and respectful. A gentle daily reminder can be very persuasive in the long run.

Before my daughter turned 2, our pediatrician advocated simply taking her pacifier away because "at this age she'll forget about it after a week or so and then you will be done with it." This is true, but the bond between my daughter and her pacifier was very strong and at that time we really could not stand a week of sleepless nights just to be rid of it. So, talked about it and regularly showed her the space between her top and bottom teeth in the mirror. We limited its use to when she was in the car or going to sleep. With pride and dramatic flare she gave it up voluntarily shortly after turning 3. But if this approach does not work and you are seeing your son's "open bite" get worse you may just have to simply take the pacifier away. The problem is you cannot take the thumb away and he may resort to it. I have found, almost without exception, that if you speak to a child respectfully they will understand and choose to stop the habit or at least forgive you for nudging them in that direction. If we shame them for it they are more likely to defiantly resist the perceived parental tyranny.

Provided the child is still growing, all but the most severe cases will resolve completely a few years after the habit stops. But definitely ask your dentist to assess the impact your son's pacifier is having on his teeth and recommend strategies suited to your son's temperament.

Loren A. Tarr, DDS, is the owner of Madrona Family Dental at 3306 East Spring Street.

*Dentist
Paste-up*

Everyone Learns to Swim at the Y

The YMCA Aquatics Philosophy emphasizes self-development. At Meredith Mathews East Madison (MEM) YMCA at 23rd and Olive, our small swim classes help build positive self-esteem. Our skilled instructors work with each student to offer encouragement, set attainable goals, and evaluate their progress on an individualized basis. The goal is for participants to achieve their "personal best."

If you have the ambition to learn to swim, the YMCA has the class for you! Our next swim session begins February 26. Open registration starts on February 19 and spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. We offer classes tailored to all levels of swimming ability.

Preschool (6 months to 5 years)—includes Water Babies: (6 months to 3 years, with parent), Pike, Eel, Ray and Starfish.

Youth Swim Lessons (ages 5 ½ years and up)—includes Polliwog, Guppy, Minnow, Fish, Flying Fish and Shark.

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MCAW Continues to Protest War

By Kathy Barker, 37th Avenue

Over two years ago, people from neighborhoods all over Seattle met at Garfield High to organize a protest to the threatened war against Iraq. From the parent group, Sound Non-Violent Opponents of War (SNOW) were formed dozens of neighborhood groups, including our local group, Madrona and Leschi Citizens against the War (MCAW).



On Inauguration Day January 20, 2005, MCAW members marched from 34th and E. Union to the anti-war rally at Westlake Center.

Back when the war was just a gleam in George Bush's eye, MCAW members stood in protect on the corner of 34th and E. Union, at what was Pacific Oaks University, every Sunday. We wrote letters, collected petition signatures, distributed information, and sold buttons, bumper stickers, and the ubiquitous "No Iraq War" yard signs. We joined in local marches such as the annual January Martin Luther King, Jr. march, and the world-wide March anti-war protest. When the bombs were dropped on Iraq in March 2003, MCAW members joined in the five days of protests in downtown Seattle.

MCAW has continued to evolve as the world situation has changed. When spirits flagged after the war was begun, we became a book club, reading and discussing books such as George Lakoff's "Moral Politics: How Liberals and Conservatives Think" and Chris Hedge's "War is a Force That Gives Us Meaning." Attention turned to the caucuses and election, and many members were involved in registering voters, election protection, and campaigning through MoveOn.org and other groups. After the election, members continue to be involved in various humanitarian and activist efforts, coming together with a shared worry about the war on Iraq.

We send out a weekly e-newsletter to update people about MCAW meetings, anti-war activities in Seattle, and letter-writing campaigns and other actions. Every Friday morning from 7:30 to 8:30am, we stand at the corner of 23rd and Union to remind passersby that we do not accept the war. Everyone is welcome to stand with us, for the hour or whatever part of the hour you can manage.

Another current project, in conjunction with the Capital Hill Neighbors for Peace, is to bring the Veterans Against the War installation of crosses to a neighborhood in Central or south Seattle in April. We are looking for a lot or field large enough to accommodate 1500 crosses. To suggest a lot, sign up for the newsletter, or for more information about MCAW's activities, contact me at kbarker@systemsbiology.org or Sarah Banks at SarahB@saranjan.com.

Local Gubernatorial Recount Results

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

At last it seems that the considerable dust of the November gubernatorial race has settled. I suspect I am not the only one in Madrona curious about whether votes cast in our neighborhood changed with the manual vote recount that flipped the race from Rossi to Gregoire. Thanks to neighbor Kathy Barker and Linda Sanchez, King County Election Operations Supervisor, for this data from several of our local precincts.

The first number shows the original vote, including absentee ballots, and the second is the manual recount results.

	Gregoire		Rossi		Bennett		Write-ins	
Sea 37-1896	283	283	20	20	13	13	2	3
Sea 37-1905	256	257	36	36	5	5	2	2
Sea 37-1906	299	300	33	33	9	9	2	2
Sea 37-1914	364	365	77	77	3	3	0	0
Sea 37-1915	255	255	87	87	3	3	0	0
Sea 37-1916	246	247	46	46	3	3	0	0
<i>Change</i>		<i>+4</i>		<i>0</i>		<i>0</i>		<i>+1</i>

Urban Cinema Becomes a Star

Things are going so well at the Columbia City Cinema that now even the big studios can't ignore this mighty one-screen, 204-seat theater. A very successful January showing of "Ray" with Jamie Foxx helped convince Universal Pictures that the Columbia City Cinema is not too small to play their first run pictures.

Warner Brothers has also been a tough sell. In December, they wouldn't let the theater show "The Polar Express" on opening day, and instead offered it five weeks later under the condition that it run for two or three weeks. The theatre wisely declined that deal and instead showed "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events," which turned out to be the big holiday family movie.

Despite its growing reputation, this independent theatre still doesn't always have much notice about exactly when the studios will make their new movies available—on any given Monday even the folks in the ticket booth don't know for sure what will be playing the following Friday. At press time, they were showing "The Aviator," with the expectation of running "Hitch," with Will Smith next. Check the newspaper, the theatre message line at 721-3156, or columbiacity@foxinternet.com for current info on what's showing and exact show times, and make a plan to see a film at your favorite cinema this month.

Tickets are \$7.50 general admission and \$5.00 for children 12 and under and seniors 62 and older. Matinee prices are \$5.00 for everyone before 6:00 pm. New parents seem to love the "Crybaby Tuesdays" show, a special first showing for parents with babes in arms. See you again soon at the Columbia City Cinema, 4816 Rainier Avenue South.

Neighborhood School News

Arts Abound at Madrona K-8!

By Corkey Bohan, 30th Avenue

January ushered in some exciting new arts programs for students at Madrona K-8. Through the generous donations of school parents, friends, neighbors and businesses, the PTSA at Madrona K-8 raised over \$60,000 last spring to support Spanish and arts programs at the school.

With a leadership change this past fall, the new school administration did not want to alter the existing daily school schedule. Instead, Principal Kaaren Andrews gave a green light for a great selection of after-school arts classes. The classes are being offered at Madrona at no charge to students with instruction from non-profit ArtsCorps, and Seattle Children's Theatre.

The youngest students (K-2nd grade) have the choice between Creative Movement and Creative Drama classes. (In fact, there was so much demand for drama, that the PTSA added a third afternoon of drama to meet demand!) The older children (3rd-5th) are able to choose between Choir, African Dance and Illustration. The middle school students also have access to after-school ArtsCorps classes such as Sculpture, Dance, and Spoken Word (funded through the Families In Education Levy.)

As we happily discovered last month, there is tremendous interest in the arts among Madrona K-8 students and parents. All the classes offered filled in ONE DAY with wait lists for each class. The PTSA thanks all of the donors who helped make these programs possible, and look forward to your support again next year!

Bingo Night A Huge Success

by Mary Myslewicz

On Friday, January 28th, the Madrona K-8 School Community took a break from their serious academics and enjoyed a relaxing evening of playing bingo. The cafeteria was packed with Madrona family members of all ages taking part in the games. Many thanks to all the local Madrona businesses that donated the prizes won throughout the evening. Those businesses include the Hi-Spot, Studio 206, décor on 34th, Kismet Spa and Salon, Café Verite, the Madrona Deli, Scottish Tea Shop, Two Sisters, Madison Market, Madison Park Books, Dulces, Izilla's Toys, the Style Lounge, Madrona Moose and St. Cloud's restaurant. We appreciate all the support that the Madrona community offers to our school and we look forward to many more fun family events.



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Help Bring Montessori to MLK

By Barry Dorsey, MLK Principal

Martin Luther King School at 31st Avenue & Republican wants to add new programs and course offerings to attract more neighborhood families to our program. For the past several months, the school and interested neighborhood parents have worked on a proposal to bring the Montessori education method to our school. The effort continues and through February 18 we are surveying the community to have data to show the Seattle School District that the Central Area community has an interest in Montessori at MLK. The more families who express an interest, the more willing the district will be to fund this proposal

We know we have strong community support for a public school Montessori model in the central area, and believe that it is our responsibility to respond to this support by proposing this program. Both Graham Hill to the south and Bagley to the north offer Montessori programs that have attracted new families and increased enrollment in their schools. MLK would like be the first central cluster school to offer families this alternative. However, the district is concerned that there are not 50 Kindergarten students and 50 first grade students ready to attend a Montessori program at MLK in the fall of 2005 if one is made available.

The educational community at MLK would like our program to be a Community Center, supporting students and families to become lifelong learners. To keep our Montessori plan on track we must show the school district that they have strong community support. If you would like to help, please fill out this on-line survey at www.seattleschools.org/schools/mlking/. Please send it, and any questions you have about the MLK Montessori program, to me at bdorsey@seattleschools.org.

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Students Raise Thousands for Others

'Caring for each child' is a principle that teachers at The Valley School have long held dear. So it came as no surprise to Director Barry Wright when the staff and students leaped at a chance for Valley to help the children and families affected by the Southeast Asian tsunami.

A school-sponsored walk-a-thon, brainchild of third grade teacher Erica Moen, was embraced with unflagging enthusiasm by the entire community. On January 21 children from pre-k through 5th grade voluntarily gave up recess and class time to walk laps around the school's Madison Valley block. Parents and friends pledged donations based on the number of circuits completed. The kids' collective efforts totaled 997 laps!

However, surprises were in store for all, as their achievement exceeded all expectations, generating a phenomenal \$10,000 for the Red Cross Tsunami Fund. It's a figure made even more impressive when one considers the number of students at Valley is limited to 100 to ensure individual attention and close community.

Madrona resident and Valley School parent Lorraine Ketch commented, "The children are so proud of what they were able to achieve for the cause." Fourth grader Josie Parks (13 laps) said, "I felt good because I knew I was helping people by giving money so they could have homes and food." Guiliana Sheldon, fifth grade, (14 laps) added, "Everybody was so enthusiastic to help, and that made it really fun." Fourth grader Cal Hoffman (14 running laps) agreed entirely but added, "The part I didn't like about it was I was really sore the next day."

Gail Mensher, Director of Admissions and French specialist remarked that Valley children and families have a history of responding to needs, both local and global. From collecting food for Northwest Harvest to selling baked goods in support of abandoned pot-bellied pigs to hand-stitching blankets for Mexican earthquake victims, the student community has eagerly embraced the opportunity to help others over its 20 year history.

St. Therese School Now On-line

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about this little gem of a school in Madrona? Now you can take them on a virtual tour at the new St. Therese School web site at www.stthereseatl.org. Check it out!

*St. Therese paste-up
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Learning from Tragedy

By Jessi Christiansen & Vanessa Wilson

Epiphany School is committed to serving its urban community. Every year, the students explore how they can have a true impact on their immediate surroundings by donating over 800 hours of community service and participating in community fundraising activities through organizations such as Common Cents and Northwest Harvest. When the tsunami hit in late December, many of our students wanted to roll up their sleeves and get involved in aiding those impacted by this distant, yet very real tragedy.

As a school, we left it to the discretion of individual teachers to assess how best to involve their students. The level of understanding varies greatly among our Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade student body, according to the age of the students. However, we believe that even young kids can be involved. Our teachers helped their younger students understand the basic idea of what a tsunami is. Our 5th graders diverged from their planned curriculum to cover a unit on tsunamis and other natural phenomenon. They are investigating both the scientific basis for the event, and the repercussions for the people affected.

Several of our students have acted on their feelings of compassion and become involved in the relief effort by organizing their own fundraisers. They contributed in a variety of ways, from donating their tooth fairy money, to erecting a lemonade stand, to organizing their own bake sale. No matter the method, kids were encouraged to participate in a way that was meaningful to them. Our teachers are using this world event as a teachable moment, and nurturing the philanthropic feelings of Epiphany School students to play an active role in the disaster relief.

Mind and Body Paste -Up

Joe Gast

Check Out the Indian Plum

Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

Take a walk in Madrona Woods to let the Indian Plum and other harbingers of spring lift your spirits. While you're there, walk along the secondary trail that goes into the Woods at the north end of the grassy area along 38th to see the new plants the St. Therese sixth graders have been putting in. If you want to spend time with three students as they learn about restoration every other Tuesday from 11:00 to 12:30, contact Penny McCormick, pmccormi@sccd.ctc.edu.

It's not too late to contribute to the Spring Street creek daylighting project as it moves forward. A contract just signed with our landscape architect, Gaynor Inc, will allow us to start drawing money from our \$60,000 Water Works grant by next month. You can send checks made out to Madrona Community Council, earmarked Madrona Woods Creek Daylighting, to Joan Scott, 3700 E Marion, 98122. Contact Joan at 324-6468, if you're interested in getting involved in this exciting project in other ways.

We'll continue to have work parties every third Saturday of the month from 10:00 to 1:00. Meet at the 38th Street entrance, and plan to stick around for a delicious lunch afterward. Please let Deirdre McCrary know if you'd like to be on our e-mail list for notification of work parties and other events, jaymccrary@gbronline.com. Watch the kiosks for announcements and more information on any of our activities, or contact me at 322-2640, judithstarbuck@msn.com or Ann Bucher at 323-8325.

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We Grow Girls Strong!

By Janet Walsh-Helton, E Schubert Pl

Warning: the following is a shameless endorsement of Girl Scout Cookies. Reading it may induce hunger pangs. Sorry.

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to buy presale Girl Scout cookies from the young Brownies and Girl Scouts who knocked on your door in January. You have participated in a tradition which began in the 1920s, as scout members sought a way to raise money for group activities. The cookie program teaches girls valuable life skills, such as how to set and work towards goals, meet and greet people, and the importance of following through on a promise to deliver a product. If you missed the chance to order cookies through the presale, Brownies and Girl Scouts will be waving cookie boxes in front of grocery stores through March 22.

Every troop keeps 55 cents from each \$4.00 box of cookies sold. The remaining proceeds go to the Seattle Totem Council and National program, to cover costs, and to underwrite programs for girls in need. Monies raised through our cookie program give the girls the materials to work on more outreach projects, and to have a good time together!

My second grader is a Brownie, and she just loves being part of such a positive girl force! Our troops are lead by Madrona Mom member Darcy LaBelle, and she is a fabulous leader. She has organized a number of outreach projects for our troop, teaching the girls to challenge themselves. Last spring our Brownie Troop took turns learning to use a sewing machine. Each girl worked on a small patch, which Darcy assembled into two baby quilts. The troop then went on a field trip to Children's Hospital, where the girls donated their blankets.

The Girl Scout Motto is, "We Grow Girls Strong!" With the efforts of many volunteers, and your support, it is possible. Thank you!

Janet Walsh-Helton is the moderator of the Madrona Moms email group. Contact her at planet58@qwest.net.

Sweet Madrona Fundraiser

What could be better than eating chocolate for a good cause? A "Mochasweet" design reception for Powell Barnett Park's new landscape design will be held February 26, from 12:00 to 4:00pm. at Madrona's "Pure Manifestations", 1135 - 34th Avenue.

YOU are invited to join us for a tasting of coffee, chocolates, and pastries. This fun reception will give friends and neighbors an opportunity to view specific design elements in detail and to speak with Rachel Watland of S B & Associates landscape architects. Enjoy treats from Sweet and Savory or enter a raffle for a chance to win a gift basket or a facial from Dahlia Spa.

Powell Barnett Legacy Project (PBLP) is inching toward its goal of raising \$450,000. In January the group received \$1,625 from community members and applied to the Hugh and Jane Ferguson Foundation for a \$4,000 grant. In addition, PBLP submitted its final application to Seattle Parks and Recreation for the Pro Parks Opportunity Fund.

The friends of Powell Barnett Park are committed to ensuring that our children have a safe, healthy and beautiful environment to play and have fun. For more information contact: Maisha Barnett at powellbarnettpark@yahoo.com

Madison Valley Community Traffic Woes

By Catherine Nunneley, *Madison Valley News*

Madrona's own city councilman Richard Conlin visited the Greater Madison Valley Community Council's February meeting. He came to hear our concerns about increasing density in the neighborhood and resulting traffic and parking. The problems discussed were:

- Parking
- Speeding and congestion during commute hours
- Scarcity of crosswalks along Madison

A number of suggestions were made but as you all know, the City has little money to address our problems. However, as chairman of the council's Transportation Committee, Conlin left us with some hope.

Parking. He promised to look into Metro's allocation of buses to determine if an increase in frequency of service for the #11 bus was possible. This step would allow more people to commute via bus instead of by car. Specifically, the employees of local businesses may be encouraged to bus to work, easing parking congestion. It may be possible to extend the limited parking times all the way along Madison to Lake Washington Blvd. This move would allow for more visitors to the area instead of the all day parking of employees and others. We also discussed obtaining neighborhood parking stickers like Montake does to ensure residents parking near their homes. Parking on side streets has been a concern of Madison's nearby neighbors.

Congestion. Conlin let us know that the 520 ramps at Montake will be revised and that closure of the Arboretum onramp to the 520 bridge is being considered. This idea was greeted with enthusiasm because it would diminish the traffic considerably and reduce congestion in the Arboretum. We understand the Madison Park Council is also in favor of this idea.

Cross walks. The City does not wish to add crosswalks at this time, despite the death of neighbor Alton Brand in the crosswalk at 41st & Madison the morning of December 31. Conlin suggested we place flags at crosswalk intersections to assist pedestrians crossing Madison. He said that other desperate neighborhoods have used this method successfully.

Obviously, the true solution lies in the hands of the people who drive in our neighborhood. SLOW DOWN, please! Let pedestrians cross the street. Use public transportation whenever possible, and be respectful of homeowners' curb space. Sharing is an ongoing challenge in our increasingly dense city and we all need to make the effort.

Barbara Bannon
paste-up

Dr. Bridges Teaches Acceptance

By Sara Levant, *37th Avenue*

Dr. Flora Wilson Bridges, pastor of Madrona Presbyterian Church, was one of six religious leaders of color on a panel discussion featured in the January issue of *Colors* magazine. The discussion, and the story, centered on their views of faith, Dr. Martin Luther King, the future of civil rights, and, particularly, "moral values" and gay rights.

In addition to her work at Madrona Presbyterian, Dr. Bridges is also an assistant professor of pastoral theology at Seattle University. When the discussion turned to tolerance, she cited the experience of her church and its largely African-American membership that has suffered institutional racism for 50 years: "Because this small [Madrona Presbyterian] community has been so oppressed, they have moved beyond tolerance to acceptance. I think this is how things are going to change: the church will be a place where heterosexuals are outspokenly saying that it is a place where everyone is welcomed and respected."

And in that same spirit, a group of area ministers has begun meeting weekly to discuss pastoral leadership. With the goal of fostering harmony among churches, the ecumenical group would like to become interfaith so all clergy and religious caregivers are invited. The group meets Mondays at 7:00pm at Madrona Presbyterian, 32nd and Marion. For information call the church at 328-2704.

Ravine Revival Phase IV

By Linda Hanson, *Madrona Drive*

At the February Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting, the Friends of the Ravine in Madrona (FORM) requested support from the MCC for their grant application to the City of Seattle. The FORM recently submitted a grant application to the City of Seattle Neighborhood Matching Fund Program and will learn in February whether it will be funded. The group is seeking funds for their Phase IV work to restore the ravine adjacent to Madrona Drive and 40th Avenue, with its historic wooden foot bridge at E. Pine Street.

Great progress has been made in earlier work phases to control the invasive non-native plants, including ivy, clematis, knotweed, and blackberries, and reduce the threat to the larger trees. If funded, ravine revival phase four will complete the removal of major invasive plant areas within the ravine and integrate the open space views with wildlife habitat, especially for birds, bats, and butterflies. The MCC was pleased to support this important neighborhood project.

The FORM is seeking both contributions and volunteers to help remove invasive weeds and plant native species. For more information, watch the *Madrona News* Community Bulletin Board or contact me at 324-5554.

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- SUNDAYS** Dinner SUPREME DEALS—Save on bottles of wine and donate 5% of bill to Madrona K-8, Supreme 322-1974
- TUESDAYS** first two shows CRY BABY MOVIES— Columbia City Cinema, 721-3156 or columbiacity@foxinternet.com
- TUESDAYS — THURSDAYS** 9-2:30pm ST. THERESE SCHOOL TOURS—call school office to arrange a time 324-0460
- WEDNESDAYS** 10:30am PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES—Madrona Sally Goldmark Library, Lynn Lorenz 684-4705
- 5-10:00pm WINE SPECIAL—Save 25% on all bottles of wine, Dulces Latin Bistro 322-5453
- 7-9:00pm PICKUP BASKETBALL—For all skill levels! invited! Madrona K-8 gym, \$2 cover charge supports Madrona K-8 PTSA, Steve Orser 423-1412
- THURSDAYS** 12:00-2:30 ART & CREATIVITY CLASS FOR ADULTS—join anytime! Garfield Community Center with Jacqui Beck 325-7267; jbeck@blarg.net; www.jacquirebeck.com (on-going through June)
- 7:30pm AA/ALANON MEETING—Epiphany Parish Great Hall 38th & Denny, 625-0000 or www.seattle-al-anon.org
- THURSDAYS — MONDAYS** Evenings LIVE MUSIC—St. Clouds 726-1522, calendar of performers at www.stclouds.com/NewFiles/music.html
- FIRDAYS** 7:30 to 8:30am MCAW Protest Against the War in Iraq—corner of 23rd and Union, Kathy Barker kbarker@systemsbiology.org
- SATURDAYS** 10-11am & 3-4pm FAMILY SWIM—Medgar Evers Pool 684-4766
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- Feb 16 9-1:00pm HOMELESS COOKING—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522
- Feb 17 6:30 MADRONA DINING & SIPPING SOCIETY DINNER—Everyone in Madrona is invited to join us at Dulces, RSVP to Audrey Seale 329-8775 or audreyseale@quest.net
- Feb 18 5-8:30pm COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR—free health screenings, water exercise, and fun for all, Medgar Evers Pool, 684-4788
- 8-9:00pm YOGA SPECIAL EVENT: PAJAMA—for kids 8 and up, (\$14, pre-registration required) Bizzy Bodies Yoga, Wendy Cunningham 322-7921
- Feb 20 3-4:00pm YOGA SPECIAL EVENT: SPORTS—for kids 8 and up, (\$14, pre-registration required) Bizzy Bodies Yoga, Wendy Cunningham 322-7921
- ENDING: MADRONA NEIGHBORHOOD APPRECIATION DAY NOMINATIONS—send in your choices for the people who make Madrona special, Laura Yurdin 320-8693 or lyurdin@pointb.com
- Feb 22-25 SEATTLE SCHOOLS MID-WINTER BREAK
- Feb 24 6:30-8:30pm EAST PRECINCT CRIME PREVENTION COALITION—Seattle Vocational Institute, Madrona rep: Karen Covington karencovington@earthlink.net
- 7-9:00pm FREE LECTURE: FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR COLLEGE—SafeCo's Jackson Street Center 23rd & Jackson, Barbara Banon 545-6111
- Feb 26 noon to 4:00pm MOCHASWEET PBLP FUNDRAISER—enjoy coffee, pastries, and chocolate, Pure Manifestations 1135 34th Ave., Maisha Barnett powellbarnettpark@yahoo.com
- Feb 28 ENDING: SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN ENROLLMENT—Deadline for applications for the 2004-05 school year, www.seattleschools.org
- Mar 1 7:15pm MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING—Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 322-3450
- ENDING— Seattle Central Little League registration for boys & girls ages 5-12, www.eteamz.com/seattlell or 706-2648
- Mar 3 3-6:00pm FIRST THURSDAY: OPEN STUDIO— unique watercolor portraits in a working studio/living room gallery, 2912 East Cherry, Victoria Mackenzie Shelby 323-3630
- 3-7:00pm CALLIGRAPHY STUDIO OPEN HOUSE —in-home calligraphy studio, 1104 Grand Avenue, Gina Jonas 329-6865
- Mar 5 10:00am MADRONA NEIGHBORHOOD APPRECIATION DAY—celebrate the people who make Madrona special, Madrona K-8, Laura Yurdin 320-8693 or lyurdin@pointb.com.
- 10am-noon OPEN HOUSE—Mt. Baker Preschool, 2800 S. Massachusetts, 325-6711
- 4:30-5:15 YOGA SPECIAL EVENT: FREE KIDS CONCERT —POBBA comes to Madrona!, Bizzy Bodies Yoga, Wendy Cunningham 322-7921
- 6-11:00pm AFRICAN-AMERICAN FOODS & ARTS GALA—presented by Central District Forum for Arts & Ideas, Stephanie Ellis-Smith 323-4032
- Mar 6 3-4:00pm YOGA SPECIAL EVENT: ART & YOGA—for kids 3-5 years, (\$15, pre-registration required) Bizzy Bodies Yoga, Wendy Cunningham 322-7921
- Mar 8 7:00pm MADRONA VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. 1426 27th Avenue, George Martinez 329-8851
- Mar 9 6:30pm MADRONA K-8 PTSA MEETING— Madrona K-8 library, school office 252-3100
- Mar 14 7:30pm 37TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS—membership meeting, Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Avenue S, 722-4268
- Mar 16 9-1:00pm HOMELESS COOKING—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522
- Mar 17 6:30 MADRONA DINING & SIPPING SOCIETY DINNER— Everyone in Madrona is invited to join us at Dulces, RSVP to Audrey Seale 329-8775 or audreyseale@quest.net
- Mar 22 ENDING—2005 GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES

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