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January Neighborhood Crime Blotter

By Karen Covington, E. Columbia Street

This month's Madrona crime report includes several incidents that were not reported directly to me. I ask that you email me at karencovington@earthlink.net with a description of any crime committed against you or your property. I take this information from the neighborhood to the monthly East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition meeting and share it with police so they are more aware of the issues we face in Madrona. The more they hear from us, the more likely we are to receive the increased attention Madrona deserves to keep crime in check. Here's what I have heard this month:

There were several home break-ins, two at houses on 29th Avenue. Both occurred during the day when no one was around. A renter in a house on Grand Avenue was actually at home, upstairs, when a thief apparently came into her house through an unlocked door and stole her purse and a laptop computer.

There have been multiple car break-ins, including several on E. Union between 27th and MLK, one at 50th and Brandon, and another on 32nd. The homeowner on 32nd has had his car broken into a number of times over the past year or so. This time a friend's car was parked in front of his house while they were away on a trip, and it was broken into and the stereo was stolen.

In the Montlake area, 90 or so CDs were stolen from a home during the day. The homeowners reported that a young guy (5'8", med/slim build, 20-years old with multi-racial features) came to their door a few evenings before the break-in. When the homeowner answered, the man said he was "delivering Indian food" and claimed he had "the wrong address." On the morning of the robbery a neighbor became suspicious when she saw a young man answering the same description wearing an orange vest going house to house like an electricity meter reader. Although the neighborhood has had automated meter reading for the past three years, the neighbor took no action regarding the suspicious "meter reader."

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President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

by Bill Hansen, 32nd Avenue

It is so nice to be pain-free after my total hip replacement surgery on December 2. I'm pretty much recovered from the surgery. Modern medicine is great! We really do need it, as we get older. Many thanks to all those who helped out while I was gone.

Many thanks to Karen Covington for arranging a stimulating discussion on crime in Madrona at the January Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting. Unfortunately, smash and grab home burglaries and car prowls are still

occurring. Mary Williams, East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition Coordinator, also attended the meeting and handed out two excellent guides on vehicle security and neighborhood safety prepared by the Seattle Police Department; I have extra copies so let me know if you would like one.

Securing your windows and doors, establishing a block watch, and not leaving valuables in view are key steps you can take to protect your home. Also, you need to be wary of strangers who come to your

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Total Experience Founder Goes Solo

By Pastor Pat Wright, E. Marion Street

Hello to all of my Madrona friends, supporters and acquaintances. It has taken ALL of the years of my life to finally have a solo project available to the public and I am glad to let my Madrona neighbors be among the first to know!

The title of my first solo CD is: "I'm So Glad! A Spiritual Reunion of Drums & Voice." The most amazing part of the CD project is that it involves only the voice and drums with a mixture of various African hand instruments. You cannot imagine the joy I felt when the finished product arrived. It is my hope that you will sing it, teach it, and enjoy it—for years to come. Let me know what you think! Presently, the CD is available from me at a donation of \$15 per CD which will cover everything including mailing. Just mail that check off to: Pastor Pat Wright, P. O. Box 22776, Seattle, WA 98122.

The CD Release Party is scheduled for February 6 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. at the Century Ballroom, 915 E. Pine, in conjunction with the Sunday Gospel Brunch. Everyone is welcome but reservations are required so please call 324-7263.

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Crime Blotter (cont'd from page 1)

Mary Williams from the East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition spoke at the Madrona Community Council meeting this month. She gave several tips for preventing auto theft, including:

- Turn off the ignition and lock all doors
- Completely close all windows
- Park in a well-lit area
- If you have a garage, use it, and keep all doors leading into it locked
- Use an anti-theft device

These and more tips can be found in Seattle Police Department's publication [Your Guide to Vehicle Security](#).

We can't eliminate crime in our neighborhood but we can control it. Contact me if you are interested in setting up a Block Watch program and I'll help. Kudos to Farida & Tony Dowler, Sharron Peterson, and their neighbors for coming together to form the East Union Street Block Watch. If you live around 27th and Union and want to get involved, contact Tony at 329-3991 or tony@dowler.com. That's all for this month.

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

door; they could be looking for a home to rob. Car prowls are hard to stop. One Madrona resident has had his and visitors' cars that were parked in front of his home broken into four times this past year. Again, do not leave valuables in the car and consider getting a good car alarm that you can hear from inside your house. Some people at the meeting suggested leaving the doors of older cars unlocked to minimize damage, but it seems our thieves often break the windows or door locks anyway—guess they don't even check the doors first. Go figure.

City Council member and Madrona neighbor Richard Conlin also attended the MCC get-together and briefed us on his plans to study what can be done to reduce traffic congestion on East Madison Street between 19th and 23rd avenues. The study would also consider closing the 520 Arboretum on and off ramps when the Montlake area improvements to 520 are done. Richard believes that many eastside commuters use the Arboretum and Madison Street route as a shortcut downtown to avoid the I-5 mess.

This month the MCC received another very generous gift from Coldwell Banker Bain real estate agent Judy Honican. As with all donations, Judy's will be used to fund other neighborhood improvements and events, such as Neighbor Appreciation Day. Thank You!

And speaking of that important annual event, Madrona Neighborhood and School Appreciation Day will be held in March this year. Laura and Yuridin and Jon Hughes are busy planning this event and are seeking volunteers. So see Laura's story on page 3 for details. If you know someone special who deserves thanks and recognition, this is one way to honor them. The award categories are:

Mark your calendars and plan to attend your next MCC meeting February 1 at 7:15 pm in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse in. Hope to see you there.

Madrona Election Results—Part 2

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

I'd like to thank Kathy Barker who wrote the December *Madrona News* story about the Bush/Kerry vote results in Madrona. I knew we are a liberal lot but I had no idea just how lop-sided the vote was in our neighborhood.

I appreciate hearing from people who have questions about *Madrona News* stories or, despite my best efforts, find errors in the newsletter. Kathy's story generated questions from several readers, and I'd like to address them as best I can.

Q: How did candidates other than Bush and Kerry fair in Madrona?

A: After the polls closed and the results were tabulated, poll workers posted all the results outside the door, as required, on long paper tapes. The tapes were difficult to read and everyone was tired and wanting to go home. Kathy, who was at the polling place as a volunteer to ensure the voting went off smoothly and fairly, only recorded the results of the two major candidates.

Q: Were the results of precincts that voted at Martin Luther King School included in the statistics reported?

A: No, the story only addressed the results of votes cast at Madrona K-8 School. The results from other precincts that voted at MLK, including 37-1910, were not included in Kathy's story because she had no first-hand knowledge of them.

Q: How can we see the results of all votes cast for all candidates in all Madrona precincts?

A: The results should be public record, but Web searches and Kathy's inquiries have yet to locate them. If anyone knows how to access that information, let me know and I'll pass it along to the rest of the neighborhood.

Gospel CD (cont'd from page 1)

2005 is still new and already the Total Experience Gospel Choir has a treasure trove of performances scheduled. We would love to see you there so visit www.totalexperience.org/home.html to find out the details. I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a safe, sane and prosperous God-filled New Year. God bless you all.

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Suzanne Sheppard's name was misspelled last time.

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Honor Thy Neighbors

By Laura Yurdin, 32nd Avenue

Every year, the city of Seattle acknowledges the contributions of people who improve their neighborhoods. This year the official celebration will be held on February 12 but in Madrona, Neighborhood Appreciation Day will take place in March so that we have time to put together something really special.

We have a wonderful neighborhood and this annual celebration is a time to honor the Madrona citizens that make it great.

- **Volunteers.** We are seeking volunteers to help out with the event! This includes getting food/snack donations, setting up the event, and reviewing award nominations. If you are interested, contact me at lyurdin@pointb.com.
- **Entertainment.** If you are a part of an entertainment group (the Madrona K-8 Brownies performed last year) and would like to perform at Madrona Neighbor Appreciation Day, contact me at lyurdin@pointb.com.
- **Awards.** A great part of this event is honoring the heroes of our neighborhood. Three different awards are presented to members of our community each year. This is an excellent way to call attention to people and their contributions to our neighborhood. If you know someone who deserves recognition, send their name and a brief explanation as to why you think they qualify to me at lyurdin@pointb.com, or call me at 320-8693. The award categories are:

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.

Stay tuned for more information about the exact date and location of Madrona Neighbor Appreciation Day. We will be talking more about this event at the next MCC meeting on February 1, as well as publishing information in upcoming newsletters. We hope you will all be able to join us.

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Batter Up! It's Little League Time

By Jon Hughes, 24th Avenue

Registration for Seattle Central Little League (SCLL) 2005 is now open to girls and boys ages 5 to 12 who want to play ball. Leagues include T-ball, Coach Pitch, Minors, and Majors. The season begins in April and SCLL home games are played at Garfield Playfield. Registration forms are available on-line at www.eteamz.com/SeattleLL and registration closes March 1. For more information contact the SCLL at 706-2648 or seattlelittleleague@yahoo.com.

Geographic boundaries apply to all little league participants. SCLL boundaries are north of I-90 to Ship Canal, and downtown to Lake Washington. This includes the Central District, Madison Valley, Madison Park, Madrona, Montlake, Capitol Hill, Leschi, First Hill, Yesler Terrace, and downtown. Children who live south of I-90 should contact the Rainier District Little League.

Welcome Babies!

Congratulations to these growing families.

Klara Ellen Fritsch

Born September 13, 2004 to Kristen & Holger Fritsch and 3-year-old Big Brother Max of Dewey Place in Madison Valley. Klara weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19 inches long.

William Robert Blue Cast & Carter Ramsey Gray Cast

Twin boys were born to Jennifer Cast & Liffy Franklin on October 20, 2004. Will weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and Carter weighed 5 lbs. 8 oz. They join their family in Mt. Baker on Cascadia Avenue South.

Hannah Sonia Saraf

Born November 4, 2004 to first-time parents Irene Basloe Saraf & Tal Saraf of 36th Avenue. Upon arrival Hannah weighed 6 lbs. 8 ozs., and was 19 inches long.

Audra Anjali Miyung Kim

Born December 13, 2004 to Carrie & Ben Kim of 26th Avenue South. Audra was 20.5 inches long and 8 lbs. 12 ozs. when she came into the world at 7:15am.

Julien Ryan Christensen

Born December 17, 2004 to Angela & Yann Christensen and lucky sister Chloe Rose Christensen, who is already 2 years old.

Dylan Michael Cohen

Born January 5, 2005 to Big Brother Tyson and parents Bill & Jennifer Cohen of 33rd Avenue. He weighed 7 lbs. 8oz and was 20 inches long.

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Three Strikes Law on Trial

By Flora Cole, Leschi Community Council
Diversity Committee

We all want safe communities. But what should we do to get them? How do we respond to our social problems? Three strikes works for baseball, but does it work to solve problems caused by people committing non-violent crimes?

At their February 2 meeting, the Leschi Community Council (LCC) will discuss those questions and host a performance by Justice Works!, a grassroots organization that helps incarcerated and previously incarcerated people. The group will perform the play "Three Strikes on Trial" and let you be the jury and decide.

Have you ever made a decision that you thought was a good one but only to find out later that you didn't have all the information you needed at the time that you made that decision? And then, did you regret that decision? That has happened to many Washington State voters who decided in 1993 that they wanted the tough-on-crime "3 Strike You're Out" law. Did our state make a wise choice by enacting this law?

Come to the Central Area Senior Center at King St. & 30th on February 2 at 7:30pm. The LCC will meet for 30 minutes and the play begins at 8:00 pm, followed by a discussion and light refreshments. For more information on Justice Works visit www.justiceworks.info or call 303-7559. For questions about this event or the LCC, contact me at 322-5869, r.j.cole@juno.com.

Preschool Lecture Series

By Megan Atkinson and Kim Armstrong, Madrona Moms

The Madison Park Cooperative Preschool (MPCP) is pleased to announce a new pilot community lecture series. This year we feature two events, both open to the public. The first lecture, "Getting Kindergarten Ready" will be presented by Childcare Resources on February 9. The second, "Why Won't My Child Listen to Me...and Other Common Dilemmas in Discipline" by Barbara Swenson, will be held May 4. Both lectures will be held at Epiphany Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. Admission is free so mark your calendars, schedule a sitter, and tell your friends!

MPCP is a successful co-op that draws its support and resources from the surrounding neighborhoods. We view these events as one way we can give back to the greater community. Our target audience is parents and educators in Madison Park, Madrona, and Capitol Hill, but everyone is welcome.

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Congratulations to two local groups on their recent awards!

Madrona Playfield Tennis Court Renovation. The Friends of Madrona Playfield recently received great news from two grant providers—we were named recipients of grants to help resurface the badly worn Madrona Playfield tennis courts. These funds from the King County Youth Sports Grant program and the US Tennis Association are just what we have been waiting for. Now the final piece of the extremely successful renovation of our wonderful neighborhood park can begin. After four years of changes, the courts were the last unimproved playfield area.

That was the Good News—now for the plea. Despite the grants, we are currently about **\$5,000 short** of what we need to complete the project this year. If you enjoy tennis—or if you have used the courts to give your child a first biking lessons—please help. Just think how great it will be to have new courts nearby in the neighborhood. If we raise this money now and get onto the Parks Department schedule, the work will be done this summer.

The Friends of Madrona Playfield is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to Friends of Madrona Playfield MCC, and send them to Treasurer, 1614 33rd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122. Questions? Contact Steve Orser at 423-1412. We thank you for your support!

Powell Barnett Legacy Project. In December 2, Maisha Barnett accepted a Small and Simple Grant of \$12,000 for design development for improvements at the Powell Barnett Park on Martin Luther King Way between Jefferson and Alder streets. The group also received its first corporate gift of \$500 from local business, Pugh Capital Management, Inc. These funds join an unsolicited gift of \$2,000 from Madrona's Ann Lennartz, President of the Starflower Foundation, and \$58 raised at the Leschi Community Council's Annual Wine Tasting. Every little bit helps.



The park is named in honor of Powell S. Barnett, who was born in Indiana in 1883 and came to Seattle in 1906. He was a firm believer in the betterment of his community, and he worked diligently to that end. For his outstanding civic contributions, he received awards from the King County Council, the Seattle Urban League, the Mayor, the City Council, and many other organizations. The Powell Barnett Legacy Project is a volunteer community group whose goal is to increase the use and enjoyment of Powell Barnett Park. Our vision is to restore this historical gem with a focus on design, safety, maintenance and programming. Donations may be sent to: Powell Barnett Legacy Project, C/O Leschi Community Council, P.O. Box 22391, Seattle, WA 98122. For more information, contact: Maisha Barnett at 721-6312 or powellbarnettpark@yahoo.com

New Programs at the Neighborhood Y

By Mary Bristow, MMEM YMCA

The Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA may be Madrona's best kept secret! In 2005 we hope to change that and are proud to announce several new programs for school-aged children.

Kid's Night Out—Kids 6 to 12 can join their friends for a fun-filled, well-supervised night of swimming, food, creative projects, and all their favorite games! From 7:00pm to midnight the kids have the YMCA to themselves so parents can enjoy an evening out alone! Join us on January 21, February 18, or March 18. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for community members; financial assistance is available.

No School Days—Check out our fun, full-day activities when Seattle Public Schools are closed. From 8:00am to 6:00pm, parents work while kids enjoy the fun of swimming, art projects, board games, foosball, ping-pong, and gym activities. Plan now for January 31, mid-winter break February 22 through 25, and March 18. The cost is \$30 per day.

After School Fitness Classes—Are you concerned about the level of physical activity for your 8- to 11-year-old? Are they feeling too "grown up" for child care? Check out our six-week sessions of fitness classes from 3:30 to 5:30 every weekday. Students are invited to arrive at 3:30 to relax, unwind, and eat a healthy snack. Classes start at 4:30 and activity choices include karate, yoga, sports, or aerobic exercise. The next six-week session begins February 28 so call the YMCA at 322-6969 regarding registration.

YMCA paste-up

New P-Patch Takes Root

By Sofia Olson, Cultivating Communities

If you've been paying attention over the past couple of years you've probably noticed some activities in the empty plot of land on the east side of MLK Way between Cherry and Jefferson, south of the *Facts Newspaper* office. A graded walkway has been built, and installation of a water meter caused a few days of construction on MLK. Recently a sign went up announcing a new neighborhood P-Patch!

The development started slowly but is picking up speed. In November, community members met to talk about how the garden can best be a community resource. There was a lively discussion about having the garden reflect the history of the neighborhood and possibly having plots for communal gardening of corn and flowers. Some people expressed concerns, such as the issue of drainage off the side of the hill. A steering committee of neighbors, members of neighborhood churches, and a representative of the Community Coalition for Environmental Justice, was formed to take these ideas and develop a design for the garden. Once the Steering Committee proposal is ready we will hold another community meeting so everyone can look at the designs, share comments, and make a final selection.

We plan to have the garden built by spring so gardeners can get in a good gardening season in 2005. If you want a plot, you'll be doing yourself a favor to get involved now. Throughout the spring, we will have work parties to dig trenches for irrigation and take out the weeds while they're small. The Steering Committee will also meet with neighbors whose properties adjoin the P-Patch site to discuss the type of fencing that will separate the garden from their land, and hear expert recommendations for dealing with drainage.

The plots will be given first to the people who have done the work to make the garden happen! To get involved, contact me at 684-3028 or sofia.olson@seattle.gov.

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Mind and Body Paste -Up

Peppermint ToothPick: Tips for Keeping Kids' Teeth Healthy

Hello, I'm Loren A. Tarr, DDS, owner of Madrona Family Dental at 3306 East Spring Street in the Bowling Green building. I'm very happy to have my practice here in Madrona, and I'd like to share with the neighborhood some advice I have to ensure better oral health for you and your family. If you have specific questions, please contact me at 324-5400 or drtarr@w-link.net.

Q: I think my child is going to need braces. At what age should she see an orthodontist?

A: Orthodontic treatment should typically begin when the primary teeth are lost, usually around age 12. However, when there is severe crowding of the teeth or with certain types of crossbites (when lower teeth are farther "out" than their partners on the top) it is advantageous to begin treatment sooner, often at age 7 or 8. This "interceptive" treatment helps steer growth and guide permanent teeth into a more favorable position. Most dentists should be able to advise you as to whether your daughter would benefit from seeing an orthodontist at a younger age.

Q: I have heard that having a root canal is extremely painful. What is a root canal and why does it hurt so much?

A: There is a hollow space inside each tooth that contains living cells, nerves, and blood vessels. This living tissue, called pulp, is very sensitive and can result in severe pain if bacteria reach it or if the tooth is injured via trauma. Pulp needs to be removed if it becomes infected by bacteria, or if the injury to the tooth causes significant pulp inflammation. Provided enough tooth structure remains to build a restoration on, removing the pulp allows a dentist to get rid of the source of the pain without removing the whole tooth. A root canal is simply the procedure by which the pulp is removed and the hollow space within the tooth cleaned out, sterilized, and sealed off so that bacteria cannot get back in. Most of the horror stories about painful root canals stem from cases where the infection around the tooth is so acute that the effectiveness of the local anesthetic (numbing medicine) is diminished. This can be avoided by seeing a dentist when symptoms first appear and using of antibiotics, if necessary

PS. On February 4 we are holding a free dental clinic for children in need and donating our services and time. Everyone is welcome. Just call and make a reservation.

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Paste-up*

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 10.



Millie

Favorite treat: Food from the floor
Age: 8 years



Cory

Favorite color: Blue
Lived in Madrona: 20 years



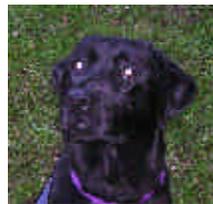
Buddy

Favorite treat: Bacon
Age: 6 years



Claire

Favorite color: Blue
Lived in Madrona: 9 years



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Age: 15 months



Walter

Favorite color: Green
Lived in Madrona: 13 years

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Plan Now for Summer Camp

By Brian Hata, Madrona Dr. & Kate Phillips, 35th Ave.

The 10th annual Bush School Summer Opportunity Showcase is February 10 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Representatives from more than 90 camps and summer programs will be on hand to answer questions and provide registration materials so you can sign right up.

This huge camp fair features programs for kids ages 9 to 19. Opportunities include local, national, and international day and overnight camps, educational programs, and wilderness experiences. Programs include such things as language immersion, SAT tutoring, robotics, ecology, drama, art, cooking, sailing, rock climbing, rowing, video game design, music, scuba diving, and educational and adventure travel to nearly every country in the world. Over 20 community service opportunities are represented including several that offer stipends. Many exhibitors offer family and adult experiences, and most also have summer jobs available for teens.

Summer is NOT that far off so plan now to attend the Summer Opportunity Showcase to learn more about unique and varied summer programs. The Bush School is located at 3400 E. Harrison St near Martin Luther King Elementary. For directions, to preview the event, or see a list of exhibitors from last year, visit www.bush.edu/sos. For more information call 322-7978.

Baker Language pasteup

Madrona Computer pasteup

Ben Chotsen pasteup

New Mixed- Use Building Project Begins

A new mixed-use building project has begun in the Madrona business district at 1423 34th Avenue. It is being developed and designed and by Roy McMakin and Domestic Architecture of 1422 34th. The overall design aesthetic will fit in with existing Madrona buildings such as the Hi-Spot and Conrow Ceramics. It will have a commercial storefront facing the street that adjoins a restored older residential structure in the back. The final structures will look as if they have long been here, but they will also have a contemporary style to tie together elements of the old Craftsman house to the bustling energy of today's 34th Avenue.

The original house will be raised up and set on a reinforced foundation, and then a new storefront added at the sidewalk level. The retail storefront will be approximately 1,000-square feet with a 500-square foot space above it overlooking 34th. The restored house will have two separate rental spaces, one on the ground and one on the second floor, similar to the existing house. A new structure will be built adjacent to the north wall of Madrona Plaza, and the driveway re-graded and widened.

Excavation for the driveway and lifting the old house will commence in the middle of this month and continue through late summer, according to the contractor, Ainslie-Davis Construction of Madison Park. We intend to minimize the impact to the neighborhood as much as possible as we go along.

We're looking forward to seeing this interesting addition to the Madrona business district! If you have questions about the project, or would like to find out more leasing information, contact Roy McMakin at 323-6992 or roy@domesticfurniture.com.

Trombold Law Office
paste-up

I Remember When...

Chief Leschi Exonerated at Last

By Wade Vaughn, Leschi News

An historic event has occurred in December 2004 with the Washington Supreme Court taking the unusual step of exonerating a person convicted of murder more than 150 years ago. That person was Leschi, chief of the Nisqually tribe and namesake of Madrona's neighboring community.

In 1855, as the government of Washington Territory battled the Native American residents, a group of US Army volunteers heading to Olympia from eastern Washington were ambushed by Indians on a wagon road between present day Enumclaw and Puyallup. Two militia members were shot and killed in one confrontation and, farther down the road, a third militia member

was also killed. Rabbeson, one of the militia survivors implicated Leschi in at least one of the killings.

A wanted man, Leschi fled to eastern Washington. In June of 1856, after three months with the Yakimas, Leschi and other leaders surrendered to the U. S. Army. The war ended shortly

thereafter on that side of the Cascades and the Indians were released. In November, even though he was sought by the Governor for murder, a homesick Leschi secretly returned to the Olympia area. Not long after a visit from his nephew Sluggia, Leschi was suspiciously apprehended by the Governor's militia.

At the first murder trial in Steilacoom, despite the testimony of Rabbeson, the jury could not reach a verdict. Instead of being released, Leschi was imprisoned by the U. S. Army at Fort Steilacoom, handcuffs on his wrists and chains on his ankles 24-four hours a day. The second trial was held in Olympia in March of 1857. With new lawyers, and against the same slate of white witnesses, Leschi testified that he was not at the site of the militia killings. His attorneys argued that a state of war had existed between the whites and the Indians at the time of the killing and the Judge instructed the jury that Leschi could not be held if indeed a state of war existed at the time the confrontation.



Despite these circumstances the jury found Leschi guilty as charged and the prisoner was sentenced to hang on June 10.

His lawyers appealed the case, which delayed the execution. A survey map of the area where the killing occurred that bolstered Leschi's claim that he could not have been at the site of the murder became available after the second trial. An application for a new trial based on this new evidence was overruled. The next day the Judge rendered a 7000 word political and legal opinion denying any errors had been committed during the trial and sentenced Leschi to hang on January 22, 1858. His lengthy opinion appeared to have been written prior to the hearing.

Leschi's supporters appealed to newly elected Governor Stevens, praising his character and citing the survey map as proof of his innocence. They expected the Governor to grant a pardon, however the next day, the Governor was presented a petition signed by 700 people who threatened to hang him in effigy if he did. Not wishing to commit political suicide for an Indian, Stevens did not act and Leschi's hanging was scheduled for the following Friday.

Friday morning the Pierce County sheriff and his deputy went to Fort Steilacoom to fetch Leschi. Shortly after they arrived, the U. S. Commissioner appeared with a pre-arranged trumped up warrant for the sheriff's arrest for selling liquor to the Indians and escorted the willing sheriff, his deputy, and Leschi back to the local Steilacoom jail. Not long afterwards Governor Stevens arrived from Olympia to obtain the death warrant from the insubordinate sheriff, but he was not able to get it before the 2:00pm deadline for the hanging passed.

That evening in Steilacoom, indignant citizens met to vilify the sheriff not upholding the law. A similar meeting was held in Olympia chaired by H. Maxon, who himself had participated in the murder of Indian women and children from Leschi's winter village. In the face of this public outcry, Leschi was again brought before the court to hear his sentence pronounced for February 19. The Nisqually tribe and the leaders of other tribes on Puget Sound protested but to no avail. A request for a reprieve from President Buchanan was considered but found impossible because of the time required to exchange information across the continent.

On that fateful February day, protesting that the execution was nothing but murder, the commander of Fort Steilacoom reluctantly surrendered Leschi to the Thurston County sheriff and executioner. The commander refused to allow the execution take place on army territory as he considered it a total miscarriage of justice so the sheriff and a posse of twelve men took Leschi to a gallows that had been erected about a mile east of the fort near the north end of Lake Steilacoom.

At thirty five minutes before 11:00am on February 19, 1858 the trap was pulled and Leschi died without a struggle.

Wade Vaughn is a long-time Leschi resident and photographer. His latest book of photographs, "Leschi Snaps" is available at the Leschi Mart and the entire \$12 purchase price goes to support the Leschi School music program.

Neighborhood School News

Mt. Baker Preschool Open House

On Saturday, February 5 from 10:00am to noon we invite everyone with young children to come and experience our school and our program. The Mount Baker Preschool is located at 2800 S. Massachusetts, in the Leschi neighborhood. This Waldorf-inspired program is 9:00am to 1:00pm, three or four days per week for kids ages 3 to 6. Enrollment is open for the 2005 school year and preschool and coop options are available.

If you'd prefer a more informal introduction to our school families and our culture, join us for our annual Family Contra Dance on January 30, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. The dance is aimed for children aged 3 to 7 and will be held at the Mount Baker Clubhouse. It will be called by Sherry Nevins with live music by Laurie Andres on accordion and W. B. Reid on banjo, guitar, and fiddle. This is a school fund-raiser and admission is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Home-baked goods will also be for sale.

If you have questions about either of these events, call 325-6711 for more info and then come and find out what lots of other Madrona families already know about this wonderful school!

St Therese School Open House

Catholic Schools week is January 29 through February 4. At St. Therese we'll start the celebration with receptions after the 5:00 pm Saturday, 9:00 am Sunday, and 11:00 am Sunday masses on January 29 and 30. Visitors are welcome to join us for a snack before exploring the school's open house.

This is a great opportunity for potential St. Therese families to spend some time in the classrooms, as the teachers will all be available. Please come and spread the word to your friends who might be interested in St. Therese School!

Log On, Fund a Project, Change a Life

By Madrona K-8 PTSA

With just a few clicks, you can log on to your computer and change the life of a Madrona K-8 student—or any Seattle Public School student.

You know how important it is to provide students with what they need. Starting January 18 an exciting new web-based donor opportunity will be available at www.schoolkidscomefirst.com. The goal for www.schoolkidscomefirst.com is to give donors, parents, alumni, and local businesses a quick and easy way to directly fund projects and needs at our schools. It provides instant information about specific projects at specific schools that are in need of financial support. The site puts the power of helping financially underserved schools right on your desktop, whenever and wherever you get the inspiration to help.

The www.schoolkidscomefirst.com web site is focused on raising money for experiences and enhancements for students at financially underserved Seattle Public Schools. The dollars raised through the site are not for basic supplies, but rather for things our schools are currently doing – or want to do – to help supplement students' work in the classroom.

The local www.schoolkidscomefirst.com is modeled after a very successful New York City site that raised well over two million dollars for New York public schools in just three years. Check out www.schoolkidscomefirst.com. Log on, change a life!

The SchoolKidsComeFirst organization is incorporated under the provisions of the non-profit incorporation statutes in Washington. For more information, or if you have questions, contact Dick Lee at 391-5555, or Jon Hughes at 219-1441.

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Madison Park Bathhouse

Seeking YOUR Ideas & Opinions

Here are two great opportunities to make a difference in Seattle's future. If you have passion around the future of Seattle Public Schools or Utilities, your chance to get involved is now.

School Consolidation—The Seattle Public Schools currently operates about 30% excess school capacity. School consolidation is being considered as one way to reduce overhead costs and redirect resources to the classroom. The proposal will be studied with any resulting school closures happening in the fall of 2006.

The first step is to develop a list of criteria that could be used in a potential school consolidation process. Community members are encouraged to provide input as the criteria are developed. Input may be given at a series of community meetings being held during January, via mail sent to School Board Office, MS 11-010, Box 34165, Seattle WA 98124-1165, or electronically to schoolboard@seattleschools.org. The entire list of meeting dates and locations is viewable at www.seattleschools.org. Mary Bass, district V representative, will host a forum and community discussion on January 20 at 6:30 at Meany Middle School. Once a preliminary recommendation on school consolidation is made, the public will be notified of any additional meetings.

Seattle Public Utilities Citizen Advisory Candidates—The Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is looking for a diverse representation of committed volunteers from the residential and business communities to serve on Citizen Advisory Committees. These committees help keep the Utility Director in touch with the community's viewpoints on key issues about the city's policies regarding solid waste, the water system, and creeks and drainage.

Advisory committee meetings are held monthly downtown between 4:30 and 7:00pm, and chaired by elected volunteer members with assistance from SPU staff. Committee members can anticipate spending between five to seven hours per month on issues. To learn more about the SPU Citizen Advisory Committees, call Carlton Stinson at 684-7624.

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Of Ferns and Flowing Water

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

Deer fern, Goat's beard, Hairy honeysuckle, Inside-out flower—soon you'll find all of these native plants with funny names growing in Madrona Woods. The St. Therese 6th Graders will be putting them—along with the more familiar fir and hemlock, salal, huckleberry and Oregon grape—into their plots this month. We could still use adult volunteers who want to learn with three students every other Tuesday from 11:00 to 12:30. If you're interested, contact Penny McCormick at pmccormi@scsd.ctc.edu.

We are extremely grateful for the response to our December mailing asking for contributions to be used for the creek daylighting. Once again Madrona residents have shown their support for this project with contributions of more than \$5,000. Those we'll be approaching to fund the more costly second phase can hardly doubt the commitment of the community. If you missed your letter and want to contribute, send checks made out to Madrona Community Council, earmarked Madrona Woods Creek Daylighting, to Joan Scott, 3700 E Marion, Seattle, WA 98122.

Though winter would seem like the least likely time to have exciting work parties, the November and December ones proved especially gratifying. In November we were clearing where we'd worked several years ago and uncovered several small firs and hemlocks that will now have a chance to grow. In December, working near the student plots on the lip of the Spring Street Ravine, we uncovered thimbleberry, salmonberry, and wood sorrel we had no idea were there. It's especially heartening to liberate these valiant little plants that have been holding out under the ivy and blackberries. We can't promise such discoveries every time, but we'll promise good company and a good lunch if you join us for our third Saturday of the month work parties from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We meet at 38th and Marion.

Drop Deirdre McCrary a note at jmccrary@gbronline.com if you'd like to be on our e-mail list for notification of work parties and other events. Contact Joan Scott at 324-6468 if you're interested in getting involved in the Spring St. Creek Daylighting project. For information on any of our activities, watch the kiosks for announcements, call Ann Bucher at 323-8325, or contact me at 322-2640, judithstarbuck@msn.com

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Neighborhood events are listed for FREE! Send your info to Kim & Christine (see back page).

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 & WEDNESDAYS 9-2:30pm **EPIPHANY TOURS**—call school office to arrange a tour 720-7663 (through January)

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**—All skill levels are 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.jacquibeck.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

SATURDAYS 10-11am & 3-4pm **FAMILY SWIM**—Medgar Evers Pool 684-4766

Jan 17 **MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY**

9:30am **MLK CELEBRATION**—free workshops including several geared toward youths, rally with speakers, poetry and music and march, Garfield High School, 812-4940

Jan 18 9:00am **SCHOOL TOURS**—Meany Middle School, PTA President Christine Hoffer 328-9419, or school office 252-2536

Jan 19 9-1:00pm **HOMELESS COOKING**—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522

Jan 20 **BEGINNING: SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN ENROLLMENT**—Apply before February 28, www.seattleschools.org

6:30-8:30pm **SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION COMMUNITY FORUM DISCUSSION**—with District V Director Mary Bass, Meany Middle School Library 301 21st Avenue E., 252-0040

Jan 21 7pm-midnight **KID'S NIGHT OUT**—fun-filled night of swimming, food, creative projects and games for kids 6 to 12, : \$20 for members \$25 for community members, Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA 322-6969

Jan 27 3:00pm **ADMISSIONS DEADLINE**—for grades Kindergarten through 6th, Epiphany School 720-7663

6:30-8:30pm **EAST PRECINCT CRIME PREVENTION COALITION**—Seattle Vocational Institute, Madrona rep: Karen Covington karencovington@earthlink.net

Jan 29 6:00 **OPEN HOUSE: ST. THERESE SCHOOL**—meet the teachers and share some snacks, 324-0460

Jan 30 10:00 & Noon **OPEN HOUSE: ST. THERESE SCHOOL**—meet the teachers and share some snacks, 324-0460

3-5:00pm **FAMILY CONTRA DANCE**—with a live caller and live fiddle, banjo, and accordion music, hosted by Mt. Baker Preschool at the Mt. Baker Clubhouse, \$5/person, \$15/family, Info: 325-6711

Feb 1 7:15pm **MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**—Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 322-3450

Feb 2 8:00pm **FREE PLAY: "Three Strikes on Trial"**—hosted by the Leschi Community Council and performed by Justice Works!, Central Area Senior Center (King St. & 30th), LCC meeting at 7:30, Flora Cole 322-5869 or r.j.cole@juno.com

Feb 3 3-600pm **FIRST THURSDAY: OPEN STUDIO**—unique watercolor portraits in a working studio/living room gallery, 2912 East Cherry, Victoria Mackenzie Shelby 323-3630

Feb 4 8am-4pm **FREE DENTAL CLINIC**—Give a Kid a Smile Program co-sponsored by the ADA and Crest, Madrona Family Dental, 3306 E. Spring Street or madronadental@w-link.net, Dr. Loren Tarr 324-5400. All welcome; please call for a reservation.

Feb 5 10am-noon **OPEN HOUSE**—Mt. Baker Preschool, 2800 S. Massachusetts, 325-6711.

Feb 6 1:30-4:30 **CD RELEASE PARTY**—For Pastor Pat Wright's first solo CD, Century Ballroom 915 E. Pine, Reservation required 324-7263

Feb 8 7:00pm **MADRONA VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**—1426 27th Avenue, George Martinez 329-8851

Feb 9 6:30pm **MADRONA K-8 PTSA MEETING**—Madrona K-8 library, school office 252-3100

7:00pm **FREE LECTURE: "Getting Kindergarten Ready"**—hosted by the Madison Park Cooperative Preschool Epiphany Parish Hall, Megan Atkinson 328-0155

Feb 10 5-8pm **SUMMER OPPORTUNITY SHOWCASE**—summer camp fair, The Bush School 3400 E. Harrison St, 322-7978

Feb 14 7:30pm 37TH **DISTRICT DEMOCRATS**—membership meeting, Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Avenue S, 722-4268

Feb 16 9-1:00pm **HOMELESS COOKING**—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522:00pm

7:00pm **OPEN HOUSE: —** Madison Park Cooperative Preschool Madison Park Bathhouse, Megan Atkinson 328-0155

Feb 22-25 **SEATTLE SCHOOLS MID-WINTER BREAK**

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