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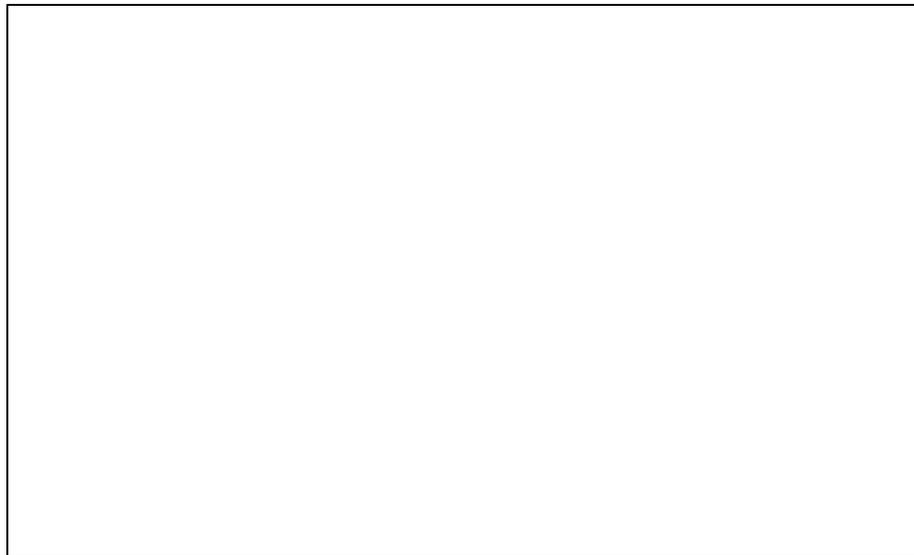
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## Stream Daylighting Rights a Watery Wrong

*Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue*

The Madrona Park Creek daylighting has moved a step closer to its goal of rescuing 325 feet of stream from a series of drains and pipes and returning it to the surface. Friends of Madrona Woods recently received a \$151,000 Aquatic Habitat Matching Grant from Seattle Public Utilities Restore Our Waters program. These funds will go toward construction, plants and maintenance, and brings the total of funds raised for the stream daylighting to almost \$240,000. Once free, the stream will run from the top of the Madrona Ravine, under 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue in a culvert, through the Spring Street Ravine in Madrona Woods, under Lake Washington Boulevard in a 75-foot fish-passable culvert, and finally to a pool at the edge of Lake Washington.

Construction to create a creek channel and a 4,800 square foot wetland cove should begin this summer. Plans also call for a bridge over the creek, native wetland vegetation



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## MCC President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

*by Bill Hansen, 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue*

Thanks to everyone who came to the first Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting of 2006 on January 3. Is 2006 the year that YOU get involved?

On January 4, I attended a design review of the 3-story office building going up at 1120 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and several concerns were raised by the public. The proposed design, with retail on the first floor, would completely fill the 40 by 100 foot lot. It includes a basement garage entrance from

the alley between 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> avenues, with a deck above the first floor garage entrance. Neighbors are concerned about traffic noise in the alley, the south end of which is not paved, and increased parking on 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There are also privacy issues about the deck in back above the garage entrance. It was suggested that the back of building be residential in appearance, perhaps with a sloped roof and

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## Tamara the Trapeze Lady

She's a daredevilicious vixen on her Flying Trapeze! An aerial ecdysiast of the loftiest magnitude! This lady takes classics garter popping, tassel twirling burlesque to new heights (wink wink), swooping up the hearts of adoring audiences from the USA to Canada and Europe, leaving them screaming for more every time.

Who is it, you ask? Why, it's Tamara the Trapeze Lady, Madrona's highest-flying neighbor. And currently you can catch her hanging from the ceiling at the Columbia City Theatre as the host of the Columbia City Cabaret, Fridays through February 3.

Tamara, who lives on 29th Avenue with Nancy Kennedy, her wife of 15 years, has been a Madrona resident since 1992. She is one of Seattle's premiere aerial and burlesque performers, and has entertained all over the USA and Europe. She produced the Fallen Women Follies and Without A Net aerial shows, and for many years was host and performer of the burlesque shows at the Pink Door. Occasionally she also teaches her art to others through her Learn to Fly aerial classes.

In her current show, Tamara takes you on a bawdy, naughty, wild ride with a new cast of Seattle's sexiest aerialists, burlesquers, musicians, comedic artists, drag kings and

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## Trapeze Artist (cont'd from page 1)

queens, and more every Friday night. Audience members and entertainers alike are enamored with the beautifully restored turn of the century Columbia City Theatre. It is just the place to suspend belief and get comfortable and ready to enjoy the show.



Photo of Tamara by Ericka Langley

The Marquee Martini Bar opens at 7:00 with live music and libations, seating for dinner—delectable pizza or pasta from “Tutta Bella” restaurant—begins at 8:00, and the show runs from 9:00 to 11:00.

For a night you won't soon forget, hire a sitter for the kids and head down Rainier to the Columbia City Theatre at 4916 Rainier Avenue. Tickets are \$15 and available for those 21 and over at the door. Support a neighbor and treat yourself to a rollicking, risqué night on the town.

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paste-up*

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

half windows instead of the back deck to protect the neighbor privacy; I think this is a great idea! Additional design meetings will be held and an assessment done by the City to sort these issues out.

A couple of weeks ago, I received an email from neighbor Mary Claire Frazier who is concerned that dog owners are just leaving “plastic bags of dog shit” around the neighborhood—or tossing them in neighbors’ trashcans—instead of taking them home and disposing of them in their own trashcans. Apparently this is a real problem on 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Cherry and Columbia streets. While it’s great that dog owners are at least picking up their pets’ droppings, we also need to dispose of them properly. Other people should not have to deal with our dogs’ waste.

At the January MCC meeting, we discussed the plans for our annual Neighborhood Appreciation Day event. Laura Yurdin is leading the charge for this celebration of the people who make Madrona great. The event will be on March 11, in the Madrona K-8 School library at 10:00am. Please send Laura your nominations for the Nora, Local Hero, and Unsung Hero awards, and also let her know if you would like to help with the planning or on the day of the event. You can contact Laura at [lyurdin@pointb.com](mailto:lyurdin@pointb.com) or 320-8693.

Charles Bookman from the City will attend our February MCC meeting to talk about sidewalk repairs. He will give us the low down on who is responsible for sidewalk upkeep and how we can keep our Madrona sidewalks in good repair. I expect he will also discuss other pedestrian safety concerns, such as curb bulbs and crossing islands. Please come to our February 7 MCC meeting in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse at 34<sup>th</sup> and E. Spring Street at 7:15 pm to hear this interesting and lively discussion. Also, as always, the MCC is very interested in getting additional community-building projects started so if you have a favorite idea or pet project, share that with us too on February 7.

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**Thru end of Jan**



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**Barbara Bannon  
paste-up**

## Stream (cont'd from page 1)

to replace portions of the current lawn and the thicket of blackberries along the shoreline, and new pedestrian trails around the cove. The project was approved by the Seattle Parks Board in October. We will work with Friends of Olmsted Parks and fishery experts to find a healthy balance between optimal habitat for salmon and other wildlife, while maintaining views for Madrona homeowners. Fisheries specialists have said the shaded wetland cove and ponds on both sides of Lake Washington Boulevard will provide excellent rearing opportunities for young salmon making their way from Lake Washington to Puget Sound.

This project would be nowhere without the dedication of a core group of volunteers, eager ad hoc helpers, and special friends. School children and adult volunteers have already begun the daylighting restoration process by working along the creek's watershed. St. Therese 6<sup>th</sup> Graders cleared, planted, and mulched below the Spring Street entrance. Madrona K-8 6<sup>th</sup> Graders cleared the bank near 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue and will plant soon. Seattle Girls School middle-school students finished yet another plot, and adult volunteers have been working along Spring Street. After construction, volunteers will put in lots of native plants, and place rocks and woody debris to help guide the new stream toward the lake.

At our January 7 work party, we got a huge boost when 10 young men from the University of Washington Zeta Psi fraternity added their muscle to the daylighting effort. They worked with neighborhood volunteers to remove dozens of laurel trees from the ravine along Spring Street. The Friends of Madrona Woods give many thanks to this energetic group that worked through a downpour with good humor and a willingness to learn.

Our new Madrona Woods website is nearly complete and will soon be available to all at [www.madronawoods.org](http://www.madronawoods.org). To find out more about the daylighting project, email Peg Gaynor at [peggy@gaynorinc.com](mailto:peggy@gaynorinc.com) or our Parks Department contact Cheryl Eastberg at [cheryl.eastberg@seattle.gov](mailto:cheryl.eastberg@seattle.gov). To donate money or get involved, contact Joan Scott at 324-6468 or [jmscott@seanet.com](mailto:jmscott@seanet.com). To be added to our e-mail list, email Deirdre McCrary at [jaymccrary@juno.com](mailto:jaymccrary@juno.com). If you're interested in working with St. Therese students, contact Penny McCormick at [pmccormi@sccd.ctc.edu](mailto:pmccormi@sccd.ctc.edu).

We hope that everyone in Madrona will enjoy the changes this project will bring to our neighborhood. Imagine how exciting it will be to watch young salmon fattening up in our unique wetland cove and pools right here in Madrona!

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## List Your Business on Madrona Web Site

The website sponsored by the Madrona Community Council at [www.madrona.us](http://www.madrona.us) is a jewel in the rough, just waiting to be polished and admired by people in Madrona and beyond. It includes an extensive listing of Madrona-based businesses that, unfortunately, has not been updated in about three years.

Traci Pichette, Madrona neighbor and owner of Festive Flowers, has volunteered to restructure the directory and to update it on a semi-regular basis. The site lists over 80 businesses by name, and also sorts them into 21 different business categories, from Apparel/Accessories/ to Salons/Spas. This is a great way for local small businesses to get noticed via the World Wide Web, and an opportunity for businesses that already have a web page to increase their hits. Currently, when you enter "Madrona" into a Google search, [www.madrona.us](http://www.madrona.us) is one of the first sites listed!

To make our community web site a more useful resource for newcomers, visitors, Web surfers, and long-time residents, Traci needs all Madrona businesses to review their current listing on the site, and provide any corrections and additional information in a simple standardized format. She plans to update the business directory again in late February and so needs all information no later than **February 15**. Please email business listing information to Traci at [festiveflowers@gmail.com](mailto:festiveflowers@gmail.com). In the near future, this form will be available at [www.madrona.us](http://www.madrona.us).

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## Thanks for Holiday Giving

By Eric Hoff, Amara Parenting and Adoption Services

Amara Parenting and Adoption Services would like to thank Madrona residents and Cupcake Royale for your generous donations during our December "Adopt" a Family for the Holidays program.

Together with Seattle/King County Department of Public Health, Seattle Public Schools, social workers, nurses, and community volunteers, Amara's Teenage Parenting & Pregnancy (TAPP) program helps teen mothers build strong families for their children, and to break the cycle of abuse and neglect that often leads to teen pregnancy. Thanks to you, this year 120 remarkable young women were provided with gift cards, baby toys, blankets, clothes, and yummy sweet cupcake treats during the holiday season. Amara supports TAPP families year round so if you're able to provide financial support for these young women, or are interested in becoming a teen mentor, contact me at 260-1700.

While we work to create happy families and supportive homes, we are settling into our own new home at 34<sup>th</sup> and Union quite nicely. So nicely, in fact, that we want to invite some of our Madrona neighbors to join us! Do you need an office close to home? Amara is subleasing fully serviced office spaces for \$400 to \$500 per month. In our secure, newly remodeled building, we have several freshly painted, carpeted offices available. Utilities, janitorial services, and one parking spot are included, and some offices have skylights. Secretarial services, DSL, and use of phones, office machines, conference and large meeting rooms, are all negotiable options. These spaces are perfect for therapists or counselors, or anyone expanding a home business. For more information or to arrange to come in a take a look, contact Tami Bernstein at 260-1700, or [tami@amaraparenting.org](mailto:tami@amaraparenting.org).

*Rath Law  
paste-up*

## Make Time for Love on February 14

On the evening of February 14, Garfield Community Center (GCC) at 23th and Cherry invites you to be part of Expressions of Love: A Valentine's Day Entertainment Celebration. From 7:00pm to 10:00pm, you will enjoy an evening of the very best in poetry, song, and dance from an assortment of very talented performers. There will also be delicious hors d'oeuvres, a fabulous raffle prize, and an opportunity for you to dedicate songs to special people in the audience.

The Valentine's Day Entertainment Celebration will be held in the GCC multi-purpose room. Seating is limited and so tickets are required. We encourage you to purchase your tickets (\$5 in advance and \$7 at the door) early either by mail or in person. The GCC is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1:00pm to 9:00pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am to 9:00pm, Saturdays from 10:00am to 5:00pm, and Sundays from noon to 5:00pm. You may also send payment by check (no cash, please) to the GCC, 2323 E. Cherry Street, Seattle, WA 98122. Please make the check payable to the City of Seattle, and include a self-addressed stamped envelope, and a note indicating that your payment is for Valentine's Day Celebration ticket(s).

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, call Sonya Thompson at 354-5052.

## Welcome Babies!

Happy New Year to these Madrona families who are ringing in 2006 with their sweet little bundles of joy.

**Vivian Adeline Smith** was born to Paige and Brad Smith on November 11, 2005. She weighed 7lbs., 11oz, and was 20 inches long.

**Winona Page Cyr** was born to Christina Cyr & Alan Page on December 12, 2005. She weighed 8lbs., 1.7oz, and was 19 inches long, and joins Big Brother Cole Cyr Page who was born on April 17, 2004.

**Maya Ashley Brown** was born December 14 weighing 7lbs., 7oz. She is the third daughter for Kim & Garland Brown of 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and is welcomed by Big Sisters Parker, two years old, and Zoe, one year old.

**Griffin Brice Lines** arrived 10 days early on December 30, 2005 to the surprise of parents Eric and Andrea, and the delight of his grandmother Sharon Hogle of 35th Avenue. He weighed 5lbs., 8oz., and is Sharon's third grandson. Although Griffin doesn't live in Madrona, he'll spend plenty of time here at Grandma's House.

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## Citizen Group Studies Madison Park Bike/Ped Link to New 520 Bridge

By Mark Melroy, 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

As you may know, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is studying replacement options for the ailing 520 Bridge, and is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. You may not be aware that regional planning agencies and bicycle/pedestrian advocacy groups have requested better non-motorized connections to Madison Park and surrounding areas, and want them considered in the 520 EIS. Without such a connection, bicycle and pedestrian access to the new bridge will continue to be via the Arboretum, as it is today.

This summer, the city Department of Transportation (DOT) assembled a Community Advisory Group (CAG) to gauge the interest in bike/pedestrian connections. The CAG included business owners and residents from Madison Park, Montlake, and Madrona, representatives of the environmental community, the Arboretum, and bicycle and pedestrian advocacy groups. I was a member of the CAG, which met four times to hear and discuss project background information, ideas, and likely impacts.

During these meetings, the CAG learned of a “lakeside trail study” done several years ago to analyze the possibility of a trail along the shore of Lake Washington between the Arboretum and Madison Park. This idea, which is NOT part of the current study, was very divisive within the Madison Park community, and was strongly resisted by the residents of Broadmoor.

The CAG did discuss two potential links that actually ARE currently being considered—a bridge from the new 520 to the end of either 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, or 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East in Madison Park. The Madison Park community remains somewhat divided in its support of any such connection to the new bridge. The CAG is sensitive to this, and hopes that further study and mitigation of potential impacts of building—or not building—such a structure will ensure an informed decision.

The CAG’s final recommendation was that the 520 EIS include, “an analysis of a connection for bicyclists and pedestrians between the future SR 520 bridge and the Madison Park neighborhood.” We also generated a list of specific impacts to be considered, such as parking, disturbance of wetlands, and possible conflicts between bicycles and cars. The DOT Director Grace Crunican formally submitted the request to the WSDOT in December and has been informed that the bike/ped study will be part of the EIS. A draft of the EIS is scheduled to be completed and available for public comment in May, 2006. Status on this project is available at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR530Bridgel](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR530Bridgel)

On a personal note, being involved in the CAG brought up memories of a construction project I was involved in as an eight-year-old boy in Iowa. Back then, I watched as heavy equipment showed up unannounced and began building a 21-mile system of trails virtually in our backyard. My family received no advance notice of the project, although construction came within 30 feet of our house. The kind of oversight and community involvement surrounding the development of the new 520 bridge today in Seattle is a strikingly different process.

## Dancing with Karen Brown

By Leone Hechler, Wellington Avenue

Waitressing is a time-honored way for actors, singers and dancers to make ends meet. For performers who aren’t fully alive until the 7:30 or 8:00 curtain, and need to be able to dash off to auditions during the day, it’s the most flexible job available. Sometimes the artist does a three-way juggle of art, work, and school. Such an artist is Karen Brown, who attends Cornish School of the Arts and waits tables at St. Clouds in Madrona during summer months. Karen thinks St. Clouds is great, and her regulars adore her, but to really know Karen, one needs to see her dance!

I got that opportunity in December when Cornish School of the Arts students presented an evening of choreography that was stylistically varied and sometimes sumptuous. “My Last 3 Pictures,” choreographed by Pilar Villanueva with music by Marta Almagano, was in three distinct parts.

The first featured Karen and another danseuse in restoration costume and full wig. The stately movement was defined by the costume, and the visual was often one of silhouette in dim lighting. Karen’s upper body and neck were clearly visible, and were balletic. Even ensconced in the fullness of a skirt, it was possible to discern turn-out in the leg and clean position of the feet. The second segment contained faster movement and featured an angel. The third dance was the highlight of the evening (in spite of Karen’s absence) because of its insistence that we watch and wait while the two performers prepared to make their acrobatic moves—the moments of preparation were full of drama. One dancer communicated solely through the muscles in his neck and back.

Other dances presented were: Bee Cuz EyeYam Sew FabYou Less! By Nicholas Strasburg (featuring Karen Brown); Las Muchachas Bonitas, a lyrical piece by Geoff Johnson; Patunia by Sara Adamski; That’s Hot, with great 60’s costumes and hair, by Rochelle Rapszky; Dr. Death and the Physicians of Mercy, a gothic piece by Jessica Finn; Lune de Mer, a pas de deux by Annie Kohn and Rebecca Morris; Samsara by Victor Reyes; and Blown Away by Tonya Goodwillie.

The dancing at Cornish has a “contemporary” look technically and the choreography reflected this, but the scope of the evening’s pace and theme was astonishing. Cornish student productions are highly recommended and this Spring, when Karen Brown presents her own choreography, I, for one, plan to be there!



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## MMEM YMCA Appoints New Director

By Gretchen Ostrick, MMEM YMCA

Please join us in welcoming Paula Houston as the new branch executive of the Meredith Mathews East Madison (MMEM) YMCA. Paula brings a strong background in health and fitness and human services to her new role, and most recently served as the Clinic Manager of Carolyn Downs Family Medical Center. She also spent six years with Public Health Seattle & King County as a division manager and district administrator, and owned a fitness and wellness center in south Snohomish County. A long-time volunteer with Special Olympics, her other accomplishments include earning a Master of Health Administration and competing as a national and world champion power-lifter.



Paula Houston

A twenty-year resident of the Seattle area, Paula is particularly committed to serving youth through volunteering with community partners providing fitness programs and life skills. At the MMEM YMCA, Paula looks forward to helping individuals, families, and communities improve their spiritual, mental, and physical health.

The MMEM YMCA on 23rd Avenue serves members of the Madrona community, as well as families from Columbia City, Central District, Capitol Hill, Beacon Hill, Leschi, Montlake, and Madison Valley. We offer programs for all ages, interests, and abilities. For more information, call 322-6969.

*YMCA paste-up*

## Meet the New Neighbors:

### Turning a "Terrible" House into a Home

By Deidre Silva, 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue

It's no secret that Madrona has its share of fixer-uppers from almost every decade of the 1900s. Our architecturally eclectic neighborhood offers early-century charmers, "mid-century" moderns, and split-level boxes tossed up during the 1970s.

Dave White and Joe Murphy moved to Seattle from the east coast in 1988 and lived first on Capital Hill and then moved to a bungalow in Greenlake. After adopting their son, Isaiah, who just turned one, they started looking for a larger home to accommodate their growing family. After six months trolling for the perfect home, they finally found their own corner of fixer-up heaven on 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Madrona and moved in this summer.

"The house was in terrible condition," Dave said of their circa 1960s rambler. Their agent implored them to buy the place and coaxed them by assuring them that, at worst, they could fix up the house and its mother-in-law apartment, and sell the property again in two years for a tidy profit. But now, after a few months in Madrona, Dave, Joe and Isaiah now plan to stay in the neighborhood where they have made friends and enjoy the diversity. Avid gardeners, they look upon their spacious yard as a "blank slate" to plant this coming Spring.

After working 12-hour shifts as a RN at Harborview, Dave enjoys playing the piano for Isaiah, whom he watches during the day. Joe is a high school Spanish teacher at the Center School, located in Seattle Center. The family recently returned from a trip to Orcas Island that convinced Dave that he'd like to take the family to Europe or possibly Hawaii in a few years. Who wouldn't!

*Are you a New Neighbor? If so, contact me at Dandm11@msn.com and you could be featured in the next Meet the New Neighbors column!*

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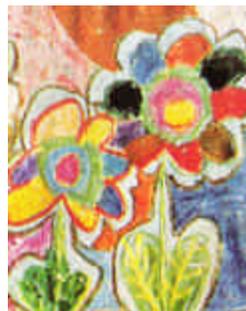
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# Neighborhood School News

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## Winter/Spring Arts Activities at Madrona K-8

*By Angela Castañeda,  
Panther Partners Arts Committee Chair*

The Madrona K-8 Panther Partner arts committee wants to thank the Madrona community for supporting and cheerleading our efforts to expand our in- and after-school arts environment!

Panther Partners Arts Committee is celebrating new partnerships with several community arts organizations. This spring, through a Dance-in-Residence Program hosted by Spectrum Dance Theater, dance instructors will facilitate a one-week intensive dance experience in African Dance, Jazz, and Hip Hop across all grades. Also, in partnership with the Pratt Fine Arts Center, and co-sponsored by the Washington State Arts Commission and the Windermere Foundation, teaching artist Nancy Worden will incorporate visual arts into the middle grades' Language Arts, Math, and Science curriculum. This program will focus on the culture of the Asante people of West Africa and the history of gold mining in their region. Students will take field trips to Pratt to learn the lost wax-casting process, and create and cast small sculptures in bronze.

The Afterschool Activities program begins the week of January 23 and runs through June 8. Seattle Peace Chorus director Fred West will help form an intergenerational, multicultural choir, and Cornish music grads will tutor instrumental music students. Class options also include Brazilian Dance, Ceramics, and Spoken Word. We send a special THANK YOU to members of the community—Averil Rothrock & Ed Budge, Berta Gibbs (Warren Gibbs's mom), Arti Chandra & Paul Gast, Audrey Seale, and Alix Lorange—whose donations of cash and instruments will help build the collection of instruments available for Madrona K-8 Fourth and Fifth grade students to borrow.

In the near future you can expect to see results from some of these student projects as we are hoping to more actively exhibit student art both in-school and *in-community venues!* If you have a Madrona business or public space that can use a little brightening and creativity contact Kari Connor, [kari.connor@wongdoody.com](mailto:kari.connor@wongdoody.com). Also, keep your eyes open for upcoming announcements of Madrona K-8 Arts events and performances open to Madrona community members!

If you'd like to explore ways to participate in these projects or simply want to be included on Arts Committee e-list, contact me at 459-1430 or [ppartscommitee@mac.com](mailto:ppartscommitee@mac.com). The Madrona Arts Consortium is always open to your suggestions and comments!

Bush School Paste-up

## Bush Showcases Summer Camps

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Bush School Summer Opportunity Showcase will take place February 9 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Representatives from more than 90 different camps and other organizations with summer programs will be on hand to answer questions and to provide registration materials so you can sign up while you're there.

This huge camp fair features programs geared toward kids ages 9 to 19. Opportunities include local, national and international day and overnight camps, educational programs, wilderness experiences, community service, and adventure travel. Programs include such things as: language immersion, robotics, tropical ecology, drama, art, cooking, sailing, rock climbing, rowing, video game design, music, scuba diving, and international educational and adventure travel. Many exhibitors offer family and adult experiences, and most also have summer jobs available.

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](http://www.bush.edu/sos). For more information call 322-7978.

## Viva Madrona K-8 Volunteers!

*By Shelley Huestis, 31st Avenue*

Our school is off to another great year and we are excited to introduce Michelle Manion, our fantastic new volunteer coordinator. Michelle, who also has a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grader at Madrona K-8, would love to hear from any of our Madrona neighbors who are interested in volunteering at our school. You can reach Michelle at 252-3108, or [mmmanion@seattleschools.org](mailto:mmmanion@seattleschools.org). Thanks for your continued support of Madrona K-8.

Madrona K-8 Panther Partners PTSA is up to so many exciting things that we would like everyone to know about! On our web site at [www.gomadronak8.org](http://www.gomadronak8.org) you can read our monthly school newsletter and our weekly school flyer; see our PTSA budget and general meeting minutes, and review Madrona's Academic Achievement Plan and 2005 Annual Report. If you're more the verbal type and want to talk—not read—about Madrona PTSA activities, stop by the Panthers Partners office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2:45 pm to 3:30pm. You can also call us at 252-3108. We are always happy to tell you all about our great school!

St. Therese Paste-Up

# Neighborhood School News

## Check Out Your Neighborhood Schools

In Seattle, parents have a lot of choice when it comes to finding the right schools for their children. However, to make that choice, parents need to get out and visit different schools to see how they “feel” and how their kids might—or might not—fit in there. Madrona neighborhood schools are currently offering tours for prospective students. What could be better than finding the right school for your family right in your own Madrona backyard? Details for all Seattle Public Schools tours can be found on the enrollment page at [www.seattleschools.org](http://www.seattleschools.org).

**Epiphany, 3710 E. Howell St**—Tours concluded; applications for admissions due January 19.

**Madrona K-8 School, 1121 33rd Ave.**—Prospective parents and students will meet in school entry way for all tours; no reservations required. Elementary tours will be held on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30am from January 24 through February 14. Middle School tours are on Thursdays, from 9:30 to 10:30am, on January 26 and February 9. For tour information, call the school office at 252-3100. For information about Madrona Panther Partners PTSA, call 252-3108, or visit [pta@gomadronak8.org](mailto:pta@gomadronak8.org)

**St. Therese Catholic School, 900 35<sup>th</sup> Ave**—Catholic Schools Week kicks-off with a school-wide Open House on January 29 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to partake in the festivities. School tours (pre-K through grade 8) are held on all Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and other days by appointment. To request a tour, call the school at 324-0460.

**The Valley School, 310 30th Ave. E.**—Valley faculty invites all interested adults to the annual Open House on January 18 at 7:00pm. The evening will begin with an introduction and refreshments in the Meeting Room, and continue as teachers present their programs in their classrooms in two separate sessions. The Valley School was founded in 1985 by Patricia Overy and serves children from pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. For more details about this event and to schedule a tour of the campus during school hours, call 328-4475 or visit our website at [www.thevalleyschool.org](http://www.thevalleyschool.org).



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## Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

*By Lisa Hanses, St. Therese Communications Committee*

St. Therese will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 29 through February 4. This is an annual national celebration of the important role Catholic elementary and secondary schools play in providing a values-added education. Catholic schools are proud of our educational network that emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical, and social values in our students.

The Archdiocese of Seattle Catholic Schools will also kick off its 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee that same week. Our school will recognize the theme *Character, Compassion, Values*, and the national appreciation days in our activities, and also dedicate our celebration to the 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. There will be a different celebration each day:

- January 29: The Legacy of our Parish
- January 30: The Legacy of our Community
- January 31: The Legacy of our Students
- February 1: The Legacy of our Nation (National Appreciation Day)
- February 2: The Legacy of our Devotions (National Devotions Day)
- February 3: The Legacy of our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers (National Teacher Appreciation Day and Celebration of Light).

Celebrations at St. Therese School will begin after Mass receptions January 28 and 29, and a school-wide Open House will take place on Sunday, January 29, from 10:00am to 1:00pm. We invite our Madrona neighbors to come, and look forward to this chance to show our school to parents interested in sending their children to St. Therese. All are welcome and encouraged to partake in the festivities.

## Michael Cuccina's pasteup



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## Downtown Madrona Update

By Kim Herber, 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Sad to say but it looks like a couple of our local businesses have called it quits—but it's not all bad news!

Andrew Gipson, owner of Sapphire Restaurant, decided to leave Seattle and return with this family to his wife's native New Zealand. The owners of the Triangle Tavern in Fremont will take over ownership of both the Madrona and Queen Anne restaurants. It's not clear exactly what the Madrona Sapphire will be like, but the Triangle offers upscale bar fare, including many vegetarian dishes. The sign in the window says they'll be open in February so we shall see.

Down the block, I was sorry to see that Alaya Thomas cleared out all the goodies from her shop, Flava. But she assured me that it was a good thing. She loved her little business but got a job offer she couldn't refuse and so is off to bigger and better things. Good luck, Alaya.



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## Play Madrona Mutt Match-up

By Kelsey Roy, 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue

To play Mutt Match-up, pick which dog lives with which owner by drawing a leash to connect them. The answers are on page 11.



**Sherlock**

Favorite treat: Squash  
Age: 6 months



**Gillian**

Favorite color: Light Blue  
Lived in Madrona: 9 1/4 years



**Bailey**

Favorite thing: Balls  
Age: 2 years



**Dan**

Favorite color: Blue  
Lived in Madrona: 15 years



**Bear**

Favorite thing: Stuffed animals  
Age: 3 years



**Todd**

Favorite color: Blue  
Lived in Madrona: 5 years

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## FREE Tax Return Help: Get What's Your\$

By Sandra Fried

If you or someone you know is low-income or has limited English skills and would like some free help with their taxes, read on!

From January 17 to April 15 United Way of King County and the King County EITC Campaign will provide quality tax preparation services free at sites across King County. The sites most convenient for Madrona residents are Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 19<sup>th</sup> & Madison, Wednesdays and Saturdays; the Yesler Community Center at 917 E. Yesler, Tuesdays and Saturdays; and at the downtown Seattle Library most days.

Tax returns will be prepared by IRS-trained and certified Americorps volunteers and electronically filed for a rapid refund. Multilingual tax preparers will be available at several sites to serve customers who do not speak English. As part of this free service, tax customers will also be able to sign up for certain public benefits, and learn how they can make the most of their tax returns by opening or expanding savings accounts, repairing credit, and improving financial and budgeting skills.

While the service is open to all taxpayers filing basic individual tax returns, it is especially focused on serving people who are or may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC is a tax refund for low-income working families and individuals. Families making under \$35,263 (\$37,263 married filing jointly) may be eligible for a refund of up to \$4,400.

For information about learn about all the sites and their hours of operation, call 315-8722 or visit [www.unitedwayofkingcounty.org/eitc](http://www.unitedwayofkingcounty.org/eitc).

## Sip Into The New Year

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

How are you doing with your 2006 resolutions? Here's my list:

1. Less Internet, more cabernet
2. Add more color
3. Make out like you were in high school
4. Think before you \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Dine with strangers as often as possible**

If Resolution #5 is on your list too, I'd like to suggest you keep that promise to yourself and come to this month's Madrona Dining & Sipping Society! You may walk in ready to dine with strangers but before you leave you will have become friends with several of your wonderful Madrona neighbors. Come join us and be amazed at the connections you will discover—home towns, professions, vacation destinations, pets—with the awesome folks who live in our neighborhood.

As usual, we will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month. For January, that's the 26<sup>th</sup>, and we will again be dining and sipping at Dulces, 34<sup>th</sup> & Pike, starting at 6:30pm. Owner Carlos and Chef Julie will feature a three-course prix fixe menu, with three choices for each course for \$25, or \$35 if you would like your dinner paired with wines. This month the cuisine is Italian.

It's fun, it's funky, it's casual. Please RSVP to me at 329-9775 or [audreyseale@quest.net](mailto:audreyseale@quest.net) by January 24 so we know how many places to set at the table.

I hope to see you there and thanks in advance for helping me keep Resolution #5. Happy New Year!



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## It's Neighbor Appreciation Day Time!

By *Laura Yurdin, 32nd Avenue*

It's that time again! The time when we get to honor the local heroes of our great Madrona neighborhood! The 2006 Neighborhood Appreciation Day will be on March 11. We are excited to be partnering with the school again, so 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 18. 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, Dr. Samuel B. McKinney, and Suzanne Sheppard.
- **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, Anthony Matlock, and Junius Rochester.
- **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

**Mutt Match-up answers:** Gillian & Sherlock, Dan & Bear, Todd & Bailey



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Melanson, Julia Berry, and Martha Ortiz-Williams 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. Last year's winner was Ernestine Rutledge.
- **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. Heather Dow won this award in 2005.
- **Go Panthers Award:** Recognizes an individual who has made extra and extraordinary efforts for the education and growth of Madrona K-8. In 2005 this honor went to Mary Myslewicz.

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](mailto:lyurdin@pointb.com).

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## Epiphany Dedicates Controversial Hall

Epiphany School is in the midst of an \$11 million capital campaign, the first phase of which raised more than \$7 million in gifts and pledges. On January 19 at 8:30am, the school will celebrate the culmination of this phase with the Dedication of Reed Hall, at 3625 East Howell Street. Reed Hall was a private home acquired by the school two years ago and completely refurbished to contain two large classrooms. The project spawned The Neighbors of Epiphany School, a group that challenged the legality of this expansion, but lost the lawsuit.

Reed Hall was named for William and Eleanor Reed, many of whose descendants have attended Epiphany School, and whose daughter, Susan Moseley, gave the "seed" gift to make the property's acquisition possible. Mr. and Mrs. Reed were long-time residents of Madrona and Madison Park, and in 1948 gave Epiphany Church the largest gift it had ever received, which the parish used to purchase two houses and the adjoining lots. The Church still stands on that land.

In the next phase of expansion, the school will take ownership and occupancy of the four houses at the corner of Denny and 36<sup>th</sup>, which will also be converted to classrooms. The school and its neighbors continue to meet to ensure that traffic, parking, and safety issues are addressed.

Madrona Computer pasteup

*Leslie Lucas*  
*paste-up*

## Jazz Legend Has Deep Roots in Madrona

*By Deidre Silva, 31st Avenue*

Billed by local jazz enthusiasts as a legend, pianist Overton Berry has been a fixture in Seattle's jazz scene for more than five decades. For some of that time, he lived in Madrona and fine-tuned his musical chops in Central District clubs. Currently, he is set to release his latest CD, "Live at Admiral," this month.

Recently, Overton visited Madrona, where he and his wife raised four sons in a brick colonial at the southern edge of 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue that overlooked Lake Washington and Mt. Rainier. Over Thai food, Overton reminisced about his teenage years in the Central District, traipsing through the woods to swim by Madrona Beach, and about his Madrona neighbors on 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, one whom had a pet lion. From what this reporter could tell, the only real complaint was that the lion wreaked havoc on gardens.



As a youngster in Houston, Overton was raised by his aunt and began studying classical piano at the age of five. He quit for a year as a contrary teenager and says now that his aunt "tricked" him into taking lessons again by focusing him on pop music. When he came to Seattle, he lived at 21st & James and attended Garfield, where he started forming bands.

His music helped pay his tuition at Linfield College in Oregon and the University of Washington. Later, Overton moved his young family to a house on Spring Street, near Empire Way, which was renamed Martin Luther King Way 1983. In 1969, his Overton Berry Trio landed a regular job at the Doubletree Inn, a hotbed of jazz. They played there many years, which enabled his family to move into the house on 35th Avenue. In the years he lived in Madrona, the group traveled often, playing abroad.

Now living in Lake City, Overton keeps very busy with trio rehearsals (with Rick Spano on drums and Mike Eytcheson on bass), teaching piano and voice, and working on a documentary about Seattle's jazz history. In the past year, he has ramped-up his Seattle gigs with performances at Jazz Alley, the Triple Door, and Bumbershoot. In addition to his long-standing monthly engagement at the Sorrento Hotel, he is also scheduled to play at Arts West and the New Orleans restaurant in Pioneer Square.

If you're fan of jazz, look for the Overton Berry Trio and catch one of their shows. You can buy Overton's CD at his website: [www.OvertonBerry.com](http://www.OvertonBerry.com). I'm happy to recommend it; after all, he is my friend and piano teacher.

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Calendar of Events

It's calendar time again! Check below and online for events in your neighborhood. If you have events to add, email Erika Shaffer at [Erika@sutberlandgold.com](mailto:Erika@sutberlandgold.com)

**HOMEWORK HELP CENTER - Madrona-Sally Goldmark Branch – Weekly** - Monday 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**TUESDAYS (January 24<sup>th</sup> – Feb 14<sup>th</sup>) 9:30am**, Madrona K-8 Elementary Tours, Office 252-3100

**TUESDAYS – THURSDAYS 7-9pm, LIVE MUSIC** – Dulces Latin Bistro, 322-5453

**WEDNESDAYS 10:30am PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES**—Madrona Sally Goldmark Library, Lynn Lorenz 684-4705

**WEDNESDAYS 9:30am, MADRONA MOMS RUNNING GROUP** - meet at 36<sup>th</sup> and Pine, [Nikki.lundin@comcast.net](mailto:Nikki.lundin@comcast.net)

**WEDNESDAYS 8-10:00pm, PICK-UP BASKETBALL FOR ADULTS**—Madrona K-8, \$3 to benefit the school, [SteveOrser@yahoo.com](mailto:SteveOrser@yahoo.com)

**THURSDAYS (January 26<sup>th</sup> – Feb 9<sup>th</sup>) 10:30am** - Madrona K-8 Middle School Tours, Office 252-3100

**THURSDAYS 9-11, Valley School Tours** – Call the office 328-4475

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

**THURSDAYS — MONDAYS 8:30pm LIVE MUSIC**—St. Clouds 726-1522, calendar of performers at [www.stclouds.com/NewFiles/music.html](http://www.stclouds.com/NewFiles/music.html)

**FRIDAYS 7:30am, MADRONA/LESCHI CITIZENS AGAINST THE WAR**—Demonstration, corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> and Union

**SATURDAYS 9:30am, MADRONA MOMS RUNNING GROUP**—meet at Madrona Beach Parking Lot, [Nikki.lundin@comcast.net](mailto:Nikki.lundin@comcast.net)

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

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Jan 21 Madrona Woods Work Party, 10-2:00 PM, Meet at 38th and Marion, Deirdre McCrary, [jaymccrary@gbronline.com](mailto:jaymccrary@gbronline.com) Come join us to have some fun and help keep up

Jan 22 Sponge Language School Open House, 9 – 10AM, 11-Noon, 3107 S. Day Street

Jan 26 East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition, 6:30 PM, 2120 S. Jackson, Seattle Vocational Institute, Mary Williams, 587-4950

Jan 26 Madrona Dining and Sipping Society, 6:30 PM, Dulce's, RSVP to Audrey Seale; 206 329-9775 or [audreyseale@qwest.net](mailto:audreyseale@qwest.net)

Jan 28 Friends of Madrona Ravine Work party, 9:00 – Noon, Meet at the bus stop on Madrona Drive next to the Pine Street Pedestrian Bridge, Linda Hanson, 322-5554

Jan 29 St Therese School Open House, 10-Noon, 900 35th Ave

Feb 2 Open Studio, 3-6PM, 2912 E cherry, Victoria Mackenzie Shelby 323-3630

Feb 7 Madrona Community Council Meeting, 7:15 PM, Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Bill Hanson, 322-3450

Feb 9 Summer Opportunity Showcase, Bush School, 5 – 8PM, Showcase of over 90 summer programs serving ages 9-19

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