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Earthquake Report from Madrona School

By Rickie Diane Malone

Wow, what a shock! All the children and staff did very well during the earthquake. They knew to duck and cover and then to exit in an orderly fashion. We lined up on the playground, one of the safest places—no wires overhead and far enough from the building to avoid any falling debris. 45 minutes later, when it was reported there wasn't any visible damage, we called the Superintendent's office and received permission to go back in the building. I'm so proud of the way everyone behaved!

The following essays are samples of those written by our 4th grade students in Sarah Speed's class the afternoon of the February 28th earthquake.

"Today at school, while we were working, an earthquake started to shake the whole school. It was scary, so we had to quickly get under the table and when it stopped we had to line up and go out onto the playground to be safe. We had to stay outside for 40 minutes. That is a long time and some people were crying because they were scared. Some people had to go home because their parents were concerned because they love their children and they wanted their kids to be safe and there might be an after-shock. That is a little earthquake."

By Michael Walker

"When the earthquake started, I was at the window. I was scared. I ran to the teacher. She said: Everyone, get to your desks and get under them." Everyone was panicking. I fell over and Marquis helped me to a desk and put me under it. I started to say "Jesus, help me. I am sorry for all the bad things I've done. Please save me." I was crying.

Right now I'm very scared. I have a stomach ache. I don't want the aftershock to happen (I'm still shaking). It was a 7.0 quake. Scary!!"

By Kierron-de Brown

"The earthquake felt like a massage."

By Jasmine West, 7th grade

MCC President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

by Bill Hanson

If you have not been to Madrona Playfield lately, you need to go. It is looking great! It is so wonderful to see the Playfield once again being used by our community. I'm very impressed at the wonderful things that the Friends of Madrona Playfield and Marie Doyle have done. However, your help is still needed for the final phase of the Playfield renovations—read all about it in the detailed story elsewhere in this newsletter. If you can help, please do call Marie Doyle at 323-6128. We are so close to completing this wonderful addition to our neighborhood.

Our next MCC meeting is April 3rd at

7:15 p.m. in the Shelterhouse at 34th and Spring St. It will be a great meeting. The National Wildlife Federation will be there to discuss gardening for wildlife as part of their Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program.

Prior to the meeting, the Mayor will be making a walking tour of Madrona. We will also be have a question and answer period starting with the mayor at 6 p.m. in the Shelterhouse. Here is your chance to tell the mayor what you think.

A new restaurant, Supreme, has joined our

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By The Book

By Maire Thompson, with Mike Bergeson, Adult Services librarian

Even if I am a children's librarian, I also read books without nice illustrations and so this month I'm teaming with Mike to include good reads for the "Adult" in all of us.

London Interiors, by Jane Edwards. If you're tired of that same old "IKEA look", check out this book for some absolutely fabulous, fantastic, and fun new decorating ideas. The large, beautiful color photographs of London's coolest digs in will inspire you and expand your decorating mind.

A Brief History of the Future: From Radio Days to Internet Years in a Lifetime, by John Naughton. One of my recent resolutions is to read more non-fiction—both to retrain my mind and to find escape within (rather than beyond) reality. Thankfully there are books like this that present a very accessible and richly detailed history of the Internet, including how it works, who helped create it, and why.

Heads up **Janet Evanovich** fans.....we have **Seven Up**, her latest featuring the not-very-tough-but-very-entertaining New Jersey bounty hunter, Stephanie Plum, on order. Come on in NOW and place it on Hold before the list gets too long.

If you have a favorite book or book on tape, drop by and tell me about it. I'll include it in next month's column!

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Get Ready for The Madrona Home & garden Tour *By Jill Friederich*

Spring is in the air and we are organizing the 2001 Madrona Home and Garden Tour. After several years on hiatus, we are bringing back this popular event on Saturday, June 16th. Tour tickets will be \$10 and funds raised will benefit the Madrona Community Council.

Madrona is noted for its sweeping views, diverse community, and beautiful homes. If you, or someone you know, have an exceptional home and/or garden, please nominate them for inclusion in the tour. We are interested in new indoor and outdoor decorating themes as well as old favorites. This is a great opportunity to showcase that carefully remodeled or classic Madrona home.

Send your nominations to Jill Friederich via email at jill@conversation.com or snailmail at c/o TEC, 1421 34th Avenue, Seattle 98122. **Deadline for nominations is April 30th.** Please include the address of nominated home or garden, and its owners name and phone. Photos of nominations are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, or need more details, please call Jill at 219-1510.

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community at 1414 34th Avenue. Supreme is open for dinner starting at 5pm. Entrees range in price from \$15 to \$24 and include items such as roast pork loin, lamb brochette and mixed seafood grill. The restaurant is owned by Tova Cubert and chef Chris Hunter. Drop in and say welcome to the neighborhood.

Finally, contributions to your community council are always welcome. Donations can be sent to Steve Orser, MCC Treasurer, 833 33rd Ave, Seattle, WA 98122.

Kim Richards

Amanda Sargent

Madrona Woods—We're Proud

By Judith Starbuck

We invite you to take a walk in the woods—your very own neighborhood Madrona Woods. See (and smell) skunk cabbage in the wet ravines, Indian plum and snowberries leafing out in bright green and the first trilliums. The trees are alive with flitting and warbling birds. Whether you enter from Lake Washington Boulevard across from the dance studio, from 38th and Marion, from 38th and Columbia or from Grand Avenue where it turns into Spring Street, you'll find lovely vistas and close-up views with good solid footing all year long on the newly completed main trails.

We'll be continuing with our work parties the third Saturday of the month through May. Planting will be finished in March, but we need to mulch heavily around our baby plants to hold in as much moisture as possible as the summer dry spell approaches. (If you're having trees pruned and chipped or see trucks chipping in the neighborhood, please ask them to dump the chips on the pile just south of the 38th Avenue entrance to Madrona Woods. We need lots!) Come out on one of our regular work days or call Judith Starbuck at 322-2640 if you want to put in some time between scheduled sessions.

On May 26 we'll celebrate with a nature walk...and a party! Much of the Woods is unrecognizable from its overgrown state of four years ago, and we're proud that our efforts have made it so much safer and more inviting. Join us for a stroll down the new trail between Devil's Ditch and the dance studio, to hear about how it was constructed, what we've planted along it and what to look for as you take your own walks there. Then we'll have a picnic. Check out the web site for the latest photos and for announcements of upcoming events. That's at www.madronawoods.org.

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Clean Those Closets - it's Garage Sale Time

If you need a reason to finally sort through your bulging closets, drawers, basements, toy boxes and attic, let your inspiration be the Madrona Neighborhood Garage sale Saturday, April 28. Now is the perfect time to start collecting last year's treasures and trash and get it ready to pass on to someone who will be thrilled to have it.

The sale will be held in Madrona Plaza's covered garage and so will be a GO, rain or shine. The sale last November raised nearly \$400 for the MCC, and another \$400 was pocketed by the families and friends who set up their own tables and sold their own items. We hope even more buyers and seller will find each other this time.

As before, you can donate items to be sold to raise money for neighborhood projects, or rent a space, sell you own goodies, and keep the big bucks yourself. For \$20 you get approximately one parking space, and for another \$5 the MCC will provide you a table in that space. Advertising fliers will be posted throughout the neighborhood and an ad will run in the Seattle Times/PI to bring in shoppers from outside the neighborhood.

More details on this event will be shared in the April *Madrona News*. However, if you want more information now, or if you are ready to reserve a table, call Kim Herber at 325-9923 or send a check made out to MCC to Kim at 1522 35th Avenue. Spaces will be reserved on a first-paid, first-served basis.

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I Remember When...

Changing Times & Tires at Madrona Auto

*Thanks to Marge Lutton, Tom Flood, &
Margaret Reische*

Editor's Note: *This is the first in what I'd like to be a monthly column about the fascinating history of Madrona. I hope long-time residents will welcome this opportunity to exchange stories and memories with others who are new to the neighborhood. If you have some everyday history to tell, please share it. Thanks! -Kim-*

Today we know it as that distinctive beige stucco building at 34th & Pike with the blue glass in the parking lot and live music in the summer. And as colorful as that may be, its nothing compared to the long and varied history of the space now known as Madrona Automatic.

It was built in 1930 and for the next 35 years it provided dawn to dusk full service station amenities to the cars and people of Madrona as first a Texaco and then a Gull franchise. While gas was pumped for customers at the drive-through in front, battery installation, tire repairs, and other maintenance was handled in the service building out back. Over the years the service stations was owned and operated by several Madrona & Leschi families, including Richard & Hortense Kriegel (34th Ave), Eugene & Anna Grow (Railroad Ave S), Lewis & Emma Carter (Cherry St), Walter & Florence Thorn (Empire Way), and Pete & Theresa Galando (Lane St) with Pete Jr. as the station attendant. In 1937 it got its address. In 1939 the station's telephone number was Prospect 9877; in 1956 it was EA4-3555.

The last gas was pumped from Walt's Payless Gas Station in 1965 and Gull sold the property to Madrona residents Rudy & Margorie DeVaul. Marge remembers removing 22 junked cars in various stages of decomposition from the lot before she and her husband officially opened their body and fender shop in 1970. Until 1985, Rudy's Auto Repair was a neighborhood hub where car problems, advice, and neighborhood news were exchanged freely.

For the next decade, the lot and the building were used by the DeVaul family for storage and as a place to do odd jobs. In 1995 Marge, who still lives on 34th Ave and owns the site, rented it to Tom & Diane Flood who performed minor auto repair and shared the space with artist Tom Moore. Gradually paint replaced grease as the property's lifeblood. Today, Madrona Auto is the home of a frame shop run by Margaret Reische and Local Hero Tom Flood hosts many art programs, including the go-cart classes from Coyote Jr. High, from the back studio.

Were any of its mid-century owners or customers to visit today, they would easily recognize their former service station, as the building itself is nearly unchanged since its construction. For us in 2001, it appears now as it did then, a distinctive beige stucco building at 34th & Pike, a Madrona landmark and living link to our neighborhood's past and recent history.

Madrona = Hot Properties

According to the Northwest Multiple Listing Service, between June 2000 and January 2001 there were 353 documented home sales in the neighborhoods from Madrona to Madison Park, reaching into Denny Blaine, Washington Park, Broadmoor, and up through Madison Valley, the Arboretum, Montlake, and Capitol Hill.

Madrona had at least 15 sales with final prices between \$10,000 and \$75,000 over the asking price. Two sales were substantially higher than the seller requested, closing more than \$200,000 over list!

Overall statistics for these recent central Seattle sales are:

- Sales Below (within 5%) Asking Price: 185
- Sales At Asking Price: 90
- Sales Above Asking Price: 78

Stop the Alien Ivy Invasion!

by Marilyn Fite

Twenty-four dead, 39 dying or seriously injured—the casualty list of neighborhood madronas, maples and firs. The culprit—Hedera helix, aka English ivy!

Native to Europe—but an invasive and destructive pest in Madrona—English ivy is a vigorous and fast-growing plant. While it may appear attractive and even romantic as it twines around trees and branches, it actually cuts off vital sunlight to the leaves as it covers its host tree. Unable to photosynthesize, the tree gradually smothers to death. Ivy is especially dangerous for vulnerable urban trees already stressed by air pollution, acid rain, and runoff from treated lawns.

Because ivy is such a popular landscape plant, few people realize its destructive powers. It displaces native climbing plants like honeysuckle and clematis, and destroys native ground covers like creeping dogwood and trilliums. Its adaptability in our ivy-loving climate has turned it into a ubiquitous weed that is best controlled by eradication. Removing or killing the vines that climb our trees should be every gardener's first priority. Replacing this European interloper with welcome native plants is the best long-term solution. So grab your shears and do your part to save our previous trees and gardens!

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MCC Treasurer's Annual Report

by Steve Orser

While the Madrona Community Council is not in the business of making money, we added almost \$2,600 to our treasury in 2000, bringing our total assets to \$7,850. Our operating expenses are minimal, and consist mainly of maintaining the Shelterhouse in the Madrona Playfield, and paying for insurance and a business license.

Our biggest expense remains this newsletter, which costs approximately \$650 per issue for printing and postage. Each year we produce 10 issues of 1800 copies, 1,550 of which are sent directly to Madrona households at a monthly mailing cost of \$200. The remaining copies are available for pickup free in businesses throughout Madrona. It is the advertising purchased by these businesses that generally covers about half the cost of each newsletter and we urge everyone in Madrona to support these community-minded business people. The remaining annual newsletter bill of \$3000 is picked up by the MCC, which is supported directly by your contributions and neighborhood fundraisers. Last year we raised just enough — \$3,200 in direct donations—to keep the presses rolling.

There are several neighborhood committees that work hard to raise funds with the MCC's support, although little direct financial assistance. Last year, the Madrona Woods committee raised close to \$100,000 that was used for improvements for that project! The Friends of Madrona Playfield has enjoyed similar success.

Fundraisers sponsored by the MCC, with money raised going directly toward MCC-sponsored work, such as the newsletter, include the Holiday Arts Festival, Mayfair, and the rummage/garage sale. This summer the MCC is hosting a new fundraiser that we hope will become an annual one, the Madrona Home & Garden Tour chaired by Jill Friederich. With your support and involvement in these neighborhood events, we can have fun, get to know each other, and ensure continued financial and community success.

Final Playfield Phase in Limbo

by Marie Doyle

The designs for the final phase of the Madrona Playfield renovation are finished and ready to be implemented. Funders have been identified; they need only to be approached and asked for donations. Concrete, plants, trees and construction materials have been priced and are just waiting to be ordered. What's the hold-up? Simple! The Friends of Madrona Playfield is looking for a few special and committed people to join their core team to help lead the final push to complete this neighborhood effort. They need fresh faces and fresh talent and cannot go forward without them.

Many of the core team players, who raised and spent \$460,000 for the Phase I improvements we are all enjoying, are still in place and ready to coach new team members. Several key project roles remain open:

- Chair person/people—2 would be good—to oversee the project
- Volunteer coordinator to run planting and work parties
- Treasurer's assistant to write thank-yous, etc.
- Public-art representative—or small team—to work with local artists, raise funds, and coordinate public art for the park
- Grant writer, no experience necessary!
- Publicity person to organize neighbor communications such as flyers, posters, and newsletter articles

This Final Phase will cost a little under \$300,000 and—if it gets started NOW— be completed by Spring 2002. It includes:

- fixing up the tennis courts
- adding French doors and a patio to the front of the Shelterhouse to make it more welcoming and usable for community events
- building the graded "grand entry" at 34th & Spring
- planting the native Peace Garden

Everything is ready to go—all that's missing is a few more folks. If you have some time and enthusiasm to give to this VERY rewarding project, please contact Marie Doyle at 324-0000. **NO CHURCH OFFERS REFUSED!**

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- March 5-30 ITBS TESTING FOR 3RD, 5TH, 6TH, & 8TH GRADERS — Madrona Elementary, Antoinette Sabarots 726-8890
- March 23, 7:30pm POET MARK DOTY — Museum of History and Industry 386-4184
- April 3, 7pm MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING — Shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 323-3450
- April 3, 7pm, MADRONA VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION — George Martinez 329-8851
- April 3, 6pm Q&A WITH MAYOR PAUL SCHELL — Shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 323-3450
- April 6, DEADLINE FOR APRIL MADRONA NEWS — Kim Herber 32509923 or christine@conversation.com
- April 9-13, SPRING BREAK — Seattle Public Schools
- April 12, 7:00 pm MADRONA SCHOOL PTSA MEETING — Madrona School library, Merrily Wolf 324-6773
- April 16-May 11, DRA TESTING FOR K— 2ND GRADERS — Madrona Elementary, Antoinette Sabarots 726-8890
- April 21, 10:00 am MADRONA WOODS WORK PARTY— Madrona Woods, Judith Starbuck 322-2640
- April 21, 11:00 am ACT!VATED POETRY—Madrona-Sally Goldmark library Mike Bergeson, 684-4705
- April 23-May 11, WASL TESTING FOR 4TH AND 7TH GRADERS — Madrona Elementary, Antoinette Sabarots 726-8890
- April 25, 6:30-8:30pm TECHNOLOGICAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT AWAIT YOU — Seattle Vocational Institute, 2120 S Jackson, 903-3264
- April 28, 8:00am-3:00pm MADRONA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE — Madrona Plaza, Kim Herber 325-9923
- April 30, DEADLINE FOR HOME & GARDEN TOUR NOMINATIONS — Jill Friederich, 219-1510.
- May 19, MAYFAIR PET PARADE — register at Fetch, 1411 34th Avenue, email fetch@aol.com
- May 23, 6:30-8:30pm LOCATING TECHNOLOGY & FINANCIAL RESOURCES — Seattle Vocational Institute, 2120 S Jackson, 903-3264
- May 26, 10:00 am MADRONA WOODS WALK & PARTY — Madrona Woods, Judith Starbuck -322-2640