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## Drowned Out

Jet noise campaign needs us NOW!

by Janet Johnston

This is *the* critical phase of the jet noise campaign, as the decisions made between now and June 13<sup>th</sup> will determine jet noise policy for the next 10 years. Our neighborhood gets 227 jets a day, or 60% of all northbound departures out of SeaTac. In five years this number will grow to over 300. We need you – yes, you – to send a clear message to the Port of Seattle Commission that this policy of singling out neighborhoods and pounding them with jet noise is unacceptable. Inaction is not an option.

### Good News

The Port of Seattle's Advisory Committee, the experts that have been studying the issue of flight tracks for two years, voted 20-0 that the status quo is unacceptable. The Committee voted by more than a two-to-one margin for the Split Turn and for increased use of the Duwamish Industrial Corridor. This was a major victory for us (the underdogs) and should have sent a strong message to the Port. However, there's...

### ...Alarming News

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Port staff ignored their own expert committee and recommended maintaining the existing flight paths over our neighborhood and increasing the use of the Duwamish Industrial Corridor (probably by 45 planes a day). This plan may masquerade as a solution but will provide us with little relief in the short term and no relief in the long term.

### What's next

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, the Port Commissioners will have an opportunity to vote for either the committee recommendations (split the turn and do the Duwamish) or the staff recommendations (status quo over our neighborhood plus some Duwamish). Our challenge is to get three of the five Commissioner votes. Some are on record supporting equity.

### What you can do

(1) If you have time to do only one thing between now and June 13<sup>th</sup>, please write or e-mail the Port Commissioners and our

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## President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

by Bill Hanson

Plans to reduce airplane noise over Madrona appeared to be moving forward, but as you just read, they have hit a snag. There are indications that the port commissioners are not in favor of the Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations. Please do what you can to help the commissioners hear our voices and do the right thing. Possible actions include posting a yard sign and sending e-mail to the commissioners. For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact Janet Johnson at 726-6069.

By the time you read this the Madrona School Departure Committee will have

concluded its third meeting. The proposal to increase the lot coverage size of the school and reduce the size of the playground appears to be generating strong feelings. Several people have questioned whether this will adversely impact preschool children's use of Madrona Playfield during the school day. I question the safety of blocking the sidewalk when delivery vehicles are using the loading dock by the school entrance.

Several teachers recently told me that I'm unfairly critical of Madrona School. They

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## By the Book

Library Update

By Maire Thompson

Here's Madrona Library's guide to the 2000 Children's Literature Award Winners:

**Caldecott Medal** (awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children): *Joseph Had A Little Overcoat*, by Simms Taback. Readers follow the various incarnations of Joseph's very old overcoat - into a jacket, then a vest, and then into who knows what! Vibrant illustrations and simple, engaging text make this a wonderful book to read aloud.

**Newbery Medal** (awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children): *Bud, Not Buddy*, by Christopher Paul Curtis. Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Mich., during the Depression, escapes from a foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father - the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway.

**Coretta Scott King Award** (awarded to both an author and illustrator of African descent  
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## Hurry, Hurry!

Due to an overwhelming response and a rather short notice, the deadline for buying bricks for Madrona Playfield's plaza is now June 15. Contact Ann Hollar at 323-5975 or ahollar@drizzle.com. And many thanks to all those who have already purchased bricks!

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congressional delegation. If you've already written the Commission or the Port, please write the Commissioners again. Citizens for Noise Equity (CANE) will send you a sample letter, additional talking points, and the addresses. You can personalize the letter.

(2) Write a Letter to the Editor of the *Times, P.I.*, or *Eastside Journal*. CANE has sample letters that can be personalized.

(3) Volunteer to work at a phone bank or call your friends and neighbors. We need to mobilize supporters quickly. Please call 726-6069 if you can help.

(4) Place a campaign sign in your yard. CANE will deliver it.

We need you now. Tell the commission to support a "fair" plan. Do the Duwamish and split the rest. Hundreds of volunteer hours have gotten us to this point. Let's cross the finish line.

To get more information, sample letters, addresses, information on meetings and phone banks please call the CANE hotline at 726-1600 or email [janetj@nwlink.com](mailto:janetj@nwlink.com).

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

want me to let you know they are working hard to improve the school and serve their community. Inside this issue you'll see Karen Weisman's piece on the new school uniforms. Also, I just learned that Madrona School is one of the four schools in the city selected to receive children from homeless families, a program that provides the kids with some stability. About 36 families currently have children at the school.

Guess what, another meeting! Loudeye, formerly Encoding.com, has appealed the city's denial of their variances request to provide no parking and occupy more space than allowed by code at 3406 E. Union. There will be an Appeal Hearing on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am. The hearing is at the Alaska Building, rm 1320, 618 Second Ave, Seattle, 98104, ph. 684-0521. You won't be allowed to speak unless you send a letter to the Hearing Examiner at the above address prior to the hearing. In the letter you need to request to participate as an "intervenor" who has a substantial interest in the outcome, i.e. if you are adversely affected by the lack of parking. I'm sure glad the city makes everything so easy for us and holds the hearing at a convenient time.

The best for last, John Capps has volunteered to head up our Holiday Arts Festival Committee this year. It will be held November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. To help out on this great event, please contact John at 324-6847. Thank you John!

### *By the Book (cont'd from page 1)*

whose books best promote an understanding and appreciation of the "American Dream"): Author Award Winner – *Bud, Not Buddy*, by Christopher Paul Curtis (see above). Illustration Award Winner – *In The Time of the Drums*, illustrated by Brian Pinkney, written by Kim Siegelson. Mentu, an American-born slave boy, watches his beloved grandmother, Twi, lead the insurrection at Teakettle Creek. Based on the Gullah legend of a slave rebellion at Ibo's Landing in the Sea Islands, off the coast of Georgia.

The Pura Belpre Award (awarded to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose works best portray and celebrate the Latino cultural experience in a work of literature for children and youth): Author Award Winner – *Under the Royal Palms: A Childhood in Cuba*, by Alma Flor Ada. The author recounts her childhood in the small town of Camagey, Cuba. Her stories are full of the emotions of a young girl and gently underscore the importance of family and friends. Illustration Award Winner – *Magic Windows/Ventanas magicas* by Carmen Lomas Garza. Garza takes readers on a fascinating journey that explores her family, community, and the legends of her Aztec heritage through the traditional Mexican folk art form of *papel picado*, in which small pieces of colored paper connect to form a complete image. Text is in Spanish and English.



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# Madrona Outdoors

## Landscaping & Gardening Tips

By Sally St. Adele

Spring is upon us, and with it, gardening galore. First and foremost—that sloppy tulip and daffodil foliage. Resist yanking it out! Don't cut it, braid it, or mulch over it. Next year's bloom requires energy before going into dormancy—and foliage provides it. Like all living things, the leaves that feed these bulbs appreciate air, water, and sun. My bulb book by Ortho recommends allowing daffodils and tulips to completely mature for about 10-12 weeks after flowering. By then, the foliage should be discolored, and can be pulled away easily.

We too benefit from periods of restoration. While the springing of spring signals lots of yard and garden maintenance, it is also the chance to take advantage of the season's sweet enchanted earth. Steal a minute; ignore the compost pile, the squirrels, those pony-packs of annuals waiting like eager dogs. Walk your plot, stop. See the mystery of the up and coming peony, the rosemary, the strawberry clover. There is wonder not only beneath, but above, the ground.

*Sally St. Adele, a Madrona resident, is fanatical about her garden. Most days she arrives home from work and changes immediately into overalls.*

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## Uniform-ity

By Karen Weisman

Madrona School will be in uniform next year. The school has been exploring this issue with parents, students and staff. The goals of adopting a uniform policy for our school are to increase students' identification with the school, create an atmosphere that focuses on learning (not clothing) and extend our school spirit.

The response to the parent and staff survey regarding a mandatory uniform policy has been overwhelmingly positive! The uniform colors will be a dark green/blue plaid and navy blue. The middle school students will be allowed to wear the color Khaki as well.

Thanks to Danielle Ramistad, who recently volunteered to wear a sample of next year's uniform.

### Auditorium for Rent

The Community Center of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard, at 22nd and East Union, has a new auditorium with adjoining kitchen, and a library/resource center available for a modest donation. Please call 325-2733 for information and an application form.

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## Domestic Furniture *by Michael Jacobs*

Set in a 1930s Safeway at 1422 34<sup>th</sup> Ave, the Arbutus Building offers a glimpse into the world of Domestic Furniture. Looking in from the sidewalk, pedestrians may see an enigmatic collection of furniture, art, and decorative objects.

Once inside, however, the sense is that of a village, with each space having a dedicated purpose. After a recent remodel, the building houses a street-level showroom for Domestic Furniture, extensive studio space, and light-filled offices where architecture, design, and production activities are coordinated. Like Domestic Furniture's product, the Arbutus represents history put to renewed use.

Domestic Furniture's founder and president, Roy McMakin, started the company in Los Angeles in 1987 as a way to create useful residential objects. His distinctive pieces were displayed throughout Southern California. In 1992, Roy moved his business to the Northwest. Initially drawn to wood resources in the area, he soon discovered another local resource: a cadre of skilled woodworkers able to build with a fine sense of craft.

A new venture, Big Leaf Manufacturing, took shape and benefited from the arrival of production manager Eric Aasen, a longtime Madrona resident who responded to a national search. Currently, Big Leaf employs 20 woodworkers at its Georgetown location, and produces all of the Domestic Furniture pieces. Combining clean aesthetics, historical perspective, and a good-natured sense of irony, these pieces elicit familiarity as well as surprise.

Clients' lifestyles, locations, and tastes contribute to a considered process in which McMakin creates furniture suites individually, often in combination with architectural elements. His designs frame the relationships between people, objects and spaces. This delightful vision can be seen in projects which run the spectrum of interior design, remodel, restoration and new buildings.

Roy's work is expanding throughout the United States, and includes residential, commercial and institutional clients such as the Getty Center in Los Angeles. McMakin's designs are also displayed at The Cooper-Hewitt Museum design triennial in New York and the Philadelphia Museum of Modern Art.

Locally, Roy mounted an installation at the Seattle Art Museum last year, and he currently has pieces in the Tacoma Art Museum.

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## Tree Cheers

### Madrona Playfield Update

By Marie Doyle



On Saturday, May 13, neighborhood volunteers, led by "foremen" Mike Kenny and Peter Bladin, planted some 13 new trees to add some life to the otherwise desolate landscape of Madrona's "playfield-in-progress." Parks Department gardener Kathy Blanchard showed us proper planting techniques, and the Madrona Woods folks generously loaned us their wheelbarrows for the day. Thanks to everyone who helped.

If you missed this work party, others are just around the corner. They are June 17-18 and 24-25 for building play equipment; June 24-25 for spreading bark chips; and July 8-9 for planting and mulching. If you can help, please contact Marie Doyle at 323-6128 or maried@home.com.

Finally, we're still raising funds for Phase I and hope to build a public art fund to pay for the work of local artists to enhance the park. If you're interested in donating, please contact Marie Doyle.

### Madrona Woods Update *By Judith Starbuck*

We have more work parties coming up, which means more fun, discovery and satisfaction. They are June 17 and July 15, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We'll meet at the 38th Avenue entrance, with gloves and protective clothes, to remove blackberries and ivy from the route for the new trail up from the Lake. Bring water and food. Work parties may involve some trail construction. For more information call 322-2640 or email maryholm@uswest.net

## Dollars for Scholars

### College Support for Local Students

by Kim Herber

We in Madrona can be proud to have a neighbor who helps send local African-American students to college, providing opportunities to succeed in the working world. Clayton Pitre, retired Madrona businessman and real estate entrepreneur, is president of the African-American Dollars for Scholars Foundation. He began this chapter of the national non-profit organization in 1994, and each year it gives deserving local high school seniors between \$100 to \$500 toward college expenses. This year, the Foundation plans to distribute some \$12,000 in scholarships on June 4.

Although the modest awards may not seem like much given the costs of college tuition and books these days, the idea is to motivate and recognize students' ability to achieve rather than to pay all their bills. "Our mission is to encourage them to go beyond high school and come back to the community as productive citizens," says Pitre. The scholarships target students from Garfield, Franklin, Roosevelt, Rainier Beach, and Ballard high schools, and are based on need and potential, not grades.

While it's obvious Pitre's heart is in the right place, his organization depends on the hearts of others to keep it afloat with donations and support. The Foundation recently held its main annual fundraiser, the "For the Love of Jazz" concert, which featured Michael Powers and the Johnnie Lewis Quartet. Another key income source this year is a matching grant pledged by 46<sup>th</sup> District State Senator Ken Jacobsen in coordination with the State of Washington Higher Education board. This endowment matching grant, expected to be a one-time opportunity, will match any contribution raised by the community up to \$2,000.

But each year there are more deserving kids than there is money and, despite all its sources of support, Pitre's Foundation is always in need of more funds. And, today more than ever, high school students are in need of more education and experience to face a world of rapid change and high-tech challenges. The experiences, skills, and confidence they gain by going to college can help them meet these challenges. Please support your neighbors and your neighborhood by getting involved with the African-American Dollars for Scholars Program. Contact Clayton Pitre at 324-3071 to share your contributions.

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## Announcements

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