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NEWS

Total Experience Celebrates 28 Soulful Years

A Seattle treasure based in Madrona, the Total Experience Gospel Choir is pleased to invite its friends and neighbors to its 28th Anniversary Celebration on October 28 at 3 p.m. at the King Cat Theater, 6th and Blanchard. The group, which began as a gospel music class at Franklin High in 1973, has grown to be known nationally and internationally as one of the Pacific Northwest's finest soulful ensembles.

This incredible collection of voices bursts with love, joy and enthusiasm - humanity! In 1976, the choir was an official representative of Seattle at the U. S. Bicentennial Celebration and was seen on national and international television. In 1989, they were the first African-American oriented choir to sing in the Mormon Tabernacle with the famed Mormon Tabernacle Choir in Salt Lake City. In 1996 they entertained Bill Clinton during his Seattle tour and in 2001 they sang at Gary Locke's Inauguration.

Their show on October 28 is the choir's annual fundraiser. Special guests are: Nhoj Trebor Steede, a 12-year old singer from Bermuda along with members of Evangel Tabernacle of Bermuda; Alana Lea of Bellingham, WA; Total Experience Alumni; Youth For Christ Shabach Choir and Mime Team; Shades of Soul of Vancouver, B. C. and other surprises. There is no cost for this fabulous evening, however a donation (if you have it) of 28 quarters (\$7) would be most appreciated.

Please plan to make this the biggest and best anniversary celebration ever! Total Experience Choir supports the Greater Puget Sound Area—please come and support them! For more information, call Pat Wright at 322-7904.

MCC President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

by Bill Hanson

The Madrona Community Council (MCC) recommends you mark your calendar for two great neighborhood events—**Dine Out for the Park** on October 24 to raise money for the Madrona Playfield renovation, and our annual **Halloween Party** for community kids at the Shelterhouse in Madrona Playfield from 5 to 8pm on October 31.

Unless more nominees step forward, the MCC will not hold formal election for officers. Instead, we will welcome **Nathan Goderstad** as our new Secretary and **Suzanne Melillo** as our new VP for community issues. Thank you so much for being willing to be involved in your community. John Capps, Steve Orser, and I will remain in our current positions.

Looks like the **trees along 33rd Avenue** at Madrona School will NOT be removed. What would Madrona be if we lost all our greenery?

We're getting lots of compliments on our larger, newsier newsletter. However, publishing eight pages is much more costly so to keep the presses rolling, we will be **increasing our advertising rates** slightly after the first of the year.

Remember to vote on November 6th. **Two Madrona residents are on the ballot.** Mary Bass would like to be on the Seattle School Board and Richard Conlin is up for reelection to the City Council. Regarding the Mayor's race, the candidates would like us to believe it's all about whether or not you want Light Rail—Greg is for and Mark is against. But, I'm afraid that whoever is elected, the project will go ahead and divert money from other transit projects such as buses and the monorail. Originally, I thought Light Rail was a great idea, but it has failed miserably in the execution. Now

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Goblins to Gather at the Shelterhouse

All Madrona mini ghosts and little goblins are invited to the annual Halloween party at the Shelterhouse, brought to you by the Friends of Madrona Playfield. The hauntingly wonderful event will be Halloween evening from 5:00 to 8:00. Everyone is welcome to drop in for some FREE goodies and fun. The Polaroid camera will be up and running so you can capture yourself in your most terrific costume ever in instant, (un)-living color!

If you can bring refreshments, help decorate, or want to provide some other kind of help to make this event extra special for everyone, call Marie Doyle at 323-6128.

September 11 Vigil

We want to publicly thank the wonderful person who organized, painted and posted signs, and provided extra candles for the lovely vigil held the evening of September 15 at Madrona Playfield:

Megan Shethars

We all appreciate the initiative you took to help our community come together to remember and to get ready to move on, to make it better than it was before. Thanks, Megan, from the whole neighborhood. You did a good and beautiful thing.

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Neighborhood Winery Makes Good

The crush is on at Madrona's own Wilridge Winery. If you've been out and about recently, you have probably noticed the stacks of orange and yellow crates filled with freshly picked grapes being eagerly unloaded and tucked inside the building behind the big oak cask on 34th. 'Tis the season for winemaking and the folks at Wilridge are busier than ever.

In the basement of their winery/home, Paul Beverage and Lysle Wilhelmi have made room for quite an assortment of stainless steel tanks, hoses, and vats. Along one wall rest French oak barrels, stacked three and four high, each filled with 25 cases of ripening red wine. Once they bring their crates of grapes in from eastern Washington, they run them through the stemmer/crusher. After the juice is separated from the skins and pressed, it begins its 2-year transformation into merlot, cabernet, nebbiolo, and syrah wine.

Paul and Lysle recently released the fruits of their 1999 labors, which you can enjoy with fine neighborhood cuisine at St. Clouds, Dulce, or Supreme. And if you develop a taste for this delicious crop, Wilridge wines are available for purchase by the bottle at the winery and at the Madrona Deli. Learn more about Wilridge and wine making in general at their virtual winery tour at

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La Louisiana Restaurant To Open

By Truman Buffett

Madrona residents looking for a nice restaurant within walking distance will soon have another great option. Lester Green and Terry Assefaw have been hard at work the last several months to turn an abandoned beauty parlor at 25th and Cherry into La Louisiana. When it opens later this year, La Louisiana will specialize in Cajun and Creole food, plus a few Ethiopian dishes. Pending the decision of the WA State Liquor Control Board, beer, wine and spirits will also be featured on the menu.

A number of residents have expressed concern over the application for a liquor license. Citing the high amount of crime that occurs just outside the adjacent Jordan's Grocery, some question the wisdom of throwing hard liquor into the mix. Misgivings have also been expressed the proximity of Garfield High, NOVA, and the Islamic Primary School. Currently, the Seattle Police Department is recommending that the license NOT be granted. However, Mr. Green, who is a resident of the neighborhood, points out that they are building a restaurant, not a nightclub. They expect La Louisiana to add a touch of formality to the block and discourage loitering. Mr. Assefaw, who also owns Jordan's Grocery, plans renovations there too, beginning with the removal of the window bars.

Sara Elward (selward@seafound.org) is working to gather opinions of neighbors regarding the future of the block. Mr. Green and Mr. Assefaw plan to attend an open meeting with neighbors at Garfield Community Center for 10:30 on October 20th. Afterwards, they will offer a tour of the remodeled building.

Plans for La Louisiana include banquet facilities where Mr. Green hopes to pay tribute to community heroes, starting with the Jordan family, who for so many years worked hard work to keep their business going. “We feel confident we can have a very positive effect in terms of eliminating a lot of what currently goes on here, and carrying this neighborhood to the next level.”

DaddyTime Play Group Due

The DaddyTime play group is looking for dads and kids interested in getting together to play, talk, or just hang out. This is your chance to get out of the house and to see other dads in action. We will meet a couple times a month at places that are conducive to running around, talking loudly, being silly, changing diapers, and other ways for creatively releasing stress and having fun. All interested dads and/or kids should contact Christopher MacArthur via email at starfish@home.com or call 206-320-0773. Look forward to playing with you!

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Back to Work in Madrona Woods

by Judith Starbuck

Most of our new seedlings survived the dry summer and we're ready to clear areas for this year's planting. The process began in September as new St. Therese 6th and Epiphany 5th graders started coming to the woods for their bi-weekly sessions. The plots cleared and planted by the school children over the last three years have added tremendously to the appearance and health of the Woods. It's fascinating and rewarding to work with the young people as they learn about the ecology of the urban forest, the restoration process, and how to work together as a team. We're looking for more volunteers to learn with, and help supervise, the two classes. If you would like to study our Woods and its restoration, if you enjoy and are challenged by the energy and curiosity of 10, 11, and 12-year olds, and if you're available on Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00 or 1:30-2:45, do consider joining us. Please contact Judith Starbuck at 322-2640 or judithstarbuck@qwest.net.

We have restarted our monthly work parties on the third Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00. The next date is October 20 and if you'd like to help, meet us at the 38th and Marion entrance. Also, if you or your family would like to adopt an area in the Woods to work over the year, we're happy to set you up. For an enthusiastic guided tour of the Woods, contact any of our board members—Mary Casey 328-5508; Mary Holm 329-9739; Joan Scott 324-6468; Ann Bucher 323-8325 or Judith Starbuck at 322-2640. To learn more about this project, check out our web site at www.madronawoods.org

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

the line will only go from downtown through the bus tunnel 154th Street South because of cost overruns. Unfortunately, C has had the misfortunes to be actively involved with the cost overruns that plague the project.

The day after the elections, the Madrona School Friends is hosting a meeting with **Madrona School principal, Rickie Malone**, and her staff at Epiphany School to learn the latest school updates. For anyone considering sending their kids to Madrona School, this is a must attend meeting.

Join us next month on **November 6** when the MCC meets at 7:15 in the Shelterhouse at Madrona Playfield to find out what's happening in Madrona. Seattle firefighters will be there to tell us about Medic One and other the Seattle Fire Department issues.

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Trash to Cash & Treasures

by Kim Herber

Thanks to Beth Green, Michael Chait, Kate Harkins, Richard Conlin, Olga & Art Stewart and everyone else who made donations to the late summer Madrona Garage sale. It brought the Madrona Community Council \$230 to support neighborhood events.

The folks who brought their own items to sell moved a lot of merchandise and pocketed their fair share of cash, too. Kim Richards, Tema Nesoff, Suzanne Melillo, Sam Ditty, Hannah Ditty, and Elisabeth Sanders and Melinda Morce and crew cleared out their basements and toy boxes to bring the rest of us a tempting display of treasures to peruse and purchase. One shopper was so overwhelmed by the assortment of lampshades for sale, she went home and came back with her lamp to be sure she got the right one. Another harried shopper on foot bought a few great baby bargains but never came back to pick them up—call me, I have them for you.

We hope this event becomes an annual tradition so plan now for the next big sale in early summer 2002.

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Neighborhood School News

Madrona Book Drive

by *Alix Hughes*

Wondering what to do with those gently used children's books? Share them with kids excited about reading! As Madrona School kicks into high gear, the Fall Book Drive begins its efforts to replenish the school's extra-curricular reading materials. Drop-off locations have been established all around the Madrona, including the Madrona Ale House, St. Cloud's, Garfield Community Center, Madrona-Sally Goldmark Public Library, and Pacific Oaks.

Books targeting reading levels from 1st-8th grade will be well used. Many students really enjoy non-fiction reading, including science and biographies, particularly of African American figures. Popular fiction includes any Newberry award-winning book and series such as "Goosebumps." Multiple copies of books are greatly appreciated for group reading. These books will be available to students during and after school through the school's family resource center. For questions or comments, contact Alix Hughes at 323-2238 or alixh@msn.com.

Epiphany in Madrona Woods

Once again Epiphany School's fifth graders are participating in restoration projects and this year that project is Madrona Woods, a 9-acre wooded section of Madrona Park, an easy walk from the school. Every other week the students work with Friends of Madrona Woods and the Starflower Foundation to clean up and restore this quiet haven in the city. Teacher Deirdre McCrary began taking her classes there in 1999 and each year they work to restore the Woods with natural vegetation. Groups of four or five students work together to clear 15 by 15 foot sections of invasive, non-native ivy and holly and replant native flora such as

Academics is #1 at Madrona

By *Karen Weisman*

Academics are the main focus at Madrona School as we work to improve our students' skills while still providing a well-rounded experience. Interviews are underway and a new parent/volunteer coordinator should be on board within the next couple of weeks. The volunteer coordinator is an essential connection between the school and the community.

Team Read is an after-school reading program that pairs 2nd and 3rd graders with high school tutors twice a week. Our middle school students participate in the Gear Up program to support students and parents in the college preparation process.

We also have a partnership with Inner City Outings, which is part of the Sierra Club, to take 3-5th graders on an outing one Saturday a month. In September we made it to the top of Tiger Mountain! The kids were impressed with themselves and enjoyed being surrounded by nature. Support from the community people and organizations make a difference to our students and everyone benefits. Thank you.

By *Maryanne Howard*

huckleberry, hazelnut trees, Oregon grape and snowberry. The Starflower Foundation donates native plants and also provides environmental training and planning supervision.

The mission of the Friends of Madrona Woods is to restore the Woods to its healthy, natural state, make trails in the glen safe and accessible, and involve local schools in its projects. Epiphany fifth graders enthusiastically embrace these ideals and eagerly describe their efforts and successes to younger students so everyone comes away with a greater appreciation for our local environment.

Madrona School Gears Up

by *Jon Hughes*

"The mission of GEAR UP is to significantly increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education"

This month, 50 Madrona School students will volunteer for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP), after-school program. This national program focuses on preparing children for their future and for college. Two days a week, the children spend an hour in classes such as Building a Business/Entrepreneurship/Computer Lab, Law and Political Science, Theatre, etc. Every Thursday they hear from successful people in the community — many thanks to all the Madrona and Central District volunteers who have already committed to discuss their careers with the students. If you would like to speak, contact Shelley Huestis at 323-3450.

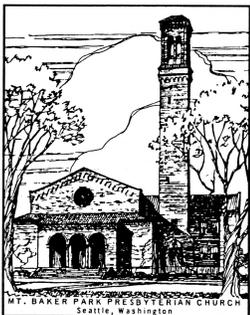
Rosie Taylor, Gear Up coordinator at Madrona, is passionate about children and preparing them for college. She believes that NOW is the time to get the students to prepare for college. Kick off for the year is October 16th at 3:15 at the Lincoln Site. If you have questions, give Rosie at call at 252-5961.

Madrona School Community Meeting

by *Jon Hughes*

On November 7, the Madrona School administration and teachers invite all Madrona School reference area neighbors to come and hear all the exciting things happening at the school. The meeting will be held in the St. Therese gymnasium at 6:30 pm. For the many parents interested in having their children attend a neighborhood school, this is an excellent opportunity to meet Madrona

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St. Therese Activity Report

By Janice E. Davis-Niles

Our Kindergarten class is busy with their Dekod-if-u-kan reading program. In keeping with the Fall season and Halloween they are studying spiders and pumpkins, and are very excited about their upcoming trip to the Pumpkin Farm! Grade 1 is studying food, nutrition, and the five senses throughout their curriculum. Grade 2 is going to Woodland Park Zoo as part of their participation in the King County Forest Explorers program. They are currently learning about temperate and tropical forests and, as an introduction, they enjoyed a PowerPoint presentation using one of our new InFocus machines—Thanks parents, parishioners, and friends for your generosity!

As part of our school-wide Unity Through Baseball curriculum, Grade 3 took an insider's tour of Safeco Field. They visited the dugouts, the owner's box, and the press box, they watched CNN conduct broadcast tests. Grade 4 has just finished a unit on geometry and will also take a field trip to Safeco Field where they will look for geometric shapes. They are utilizing our computer lab to research the Iditarod, and to learn Inspiration, a writing software program.

As part of their cross-curriculum aviation program, Grade 5 is learning to land Mig 29 aircraft via a computer simulator. They will culminate their yearlong study of aviation with a trip to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in May. Grade 6 welcomes a long-term substitute Kristen Moss, while Starlette Landry is out ill. They are involved in an ancestral roots project and will interview relatives to gain a deeper understanding of their ancestry.

We are doing our part for the environment by not issuing paper reports and our Middle School parents are enjoying new on-line progress reports through EdLine. These reports will be expanded to grades 4 and 5 in the near future.

Grade 7 is busy writing their memoirs and studying physics, with an emphasis in Newton's Laws. In collaboration with librarian Barbara Henderson, they hosted poet and Guggenheim Fellow, Rigoberto Gonzalez. Their writing unit on poetry is focusing on personification. Grade 8 recently hosted both Leslie James, Young Adult Librarian from Madrona-Sally Goldmark, for a discussion on banned books, and actors from the Shakespeare Theatre Company who gave a workshop. Students will attend a performance of Macbeth on October 24.

As part of their preparation for high school, 8th graders will visit a variety of Seattle high schools, and plans are already underway for their week-long trip to the Olympic National Forest in the spring.

Our Chapter I Reading & Math Program welcomes back tutors from the neighborhood. If you would like to volunteer, contact Suzanne Hunter (ext. 140) or Stephanie Dickie at 324-0460.

School Community Meeting (cont'd from page 4)

School Principal Rickie Malone, Asst. Principal Andhra Lutz, and many of the excellent staff. Parents and neighbors will learn about the programs and efforts being made to improve the school.

If you can't make this meeting, you are invited to visit Madrona School in Wallingford. Principal Malone encourages Madrona neighbors to come into the school, meet the teachers and the students. For those considering Madrona School for your child, site visits are great way to see the school and meet these hard-working educators. While you're there, don't miss the kindergarten classrooms—very impressive! You are welcome any day but please call ahead to 726-6690.

Coyote Howls with Creativity

By Marybeth Satterlee

Right now kids from around the city are making one-of-a-kind soapbox derby cars, hand built chairs and tables or welding grinding rails and garden art at Madrona Auto. On Monday evenings, the lights inside Madrona Auto shine for the adults who found out about Coyote and requested their own welding course. Other teams of aspiring young artists are creating ceramics projects in the Madrona studio of Lana Sundberg while hatmakers design and make their own hats with Madrona artist Jean Hicks. Coyote kids also spend many Saturday afternoons break-dancing and deejaying at Madrona Playfield.

Founded in 1986, Coyote Jr. High is a citywide out of school enrichment program that offers a variety of courses to 5th-9th graders. Based on the belief that kids learn best when they are actively engaged, Coyote sets up workshops with working professionals in their own professional workspaces. The Central Area and Madrona have hosted many courses such as custom lamp making, rocket design and construction, science experimenting, cartooning, and treehouse construction.

In 1992 Coyote created its Hit the Streets program to bring public art to the Central Area along 23rd Avenue. Each summer 25 Central Area and southend kids ages 11 to 15 join professional public artists to create landmarks such as the façade of Dilettante Chocolates, the Millennium Tree outside of Garfield Community Center, the wall mosaics at Medgar Evers Pool, and the Isaiah Edwards Art Garden on Jackson St. Participants receive a savings account stipend as they learn job skills at the heart of their community building experiences.

Coyote welcomes all Seattle area youth and its generous scholarship program ensures no one is turned away because of finances. This fall term, the Seattle Arts Commission gifted Coyote \$10,000 so that forty low-income families can participate in our courses for the first time. Support for Coyote also comes from our annual auction, scheduled this year for November 16 at the Fairview Club. For more information, call Coyote at 323 7276.

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- October 13, 9:00 PRANAWORKS OPEN HOUSE & SAMPLE YOGA CLASSES—PranaWorks Studio, Shelley Grant 325-0112
- October 16, 3:15 GEAR UP KICK OFF—Madrona School @Lincoln, Rosie Taylor 252-5961
- October 17, 3-7pm LAST DAY OF MARKET! MUSIC BY ROUGE—Columbia City Farmers Market, Karen Kinney 632-5234
- October 19, 4-6pm MADRONA MOM'S PLAY GROUP—Shelley Huestis 322-8004
- October 20, 10:00 MADRONA WOODS WORK PARTY—38th Ave Entrance, Judith Starbuck 322-2640
- October 20, 10:30 LA LOUISIANA COMMUNITY MEETING—Garfield Community Center, Lester Green cherry_and_26th@hotmail.com
- October 20, 1:00 MEDITATE & MANIFEST: MEDITATION THE KUNDALINI YOGA WAY—PranaWorks Studio, Shelley Grant 325-0112
- October 24, 9:00 ST. THERESE 6TH GRADERS IN MADRONA WOODS—Kristen Moss, 324-0460
- October 24, DINE OUT FOR MADRONA PLAYFIELD—Madrona Restaurants, Katrina Davis 860-7134, Childcare reservations Susan 328-3236
- October 25, 6:30 FREE CPR CLASS—Prevention Solutions 1421 34th Ave, 219-1400
- October 28, 3:00 TOTAL EXPERIENCE GOSPEL CHOIR 28TH ANNIVERSARY—King Cat Theater, Pat Wright 322-7904
- October 31, 5-8pm FREE MADRONA HALLOWEEN PARTY—Playfield Shelterhouse, Marie Doyle 323-6128
- October 31, DEADLINE FOR MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICER NOMINATIONS—MCC, Bill Hanson 323-3450
- November 1-3, PONCHO NORTHWEST CHOREOGRAPHY INVITATIONAL—Kirkland Spectrum Dance Theater 325-4161
- November 1, 9:15 FEAST OF ALL SAINTS—St. Therese Church, Janice Davis-Niles 324-0460
- November 2, 4-6pm MADRONA MOM'S PLAY GROUP—Shelley Huestis 322-8004
- November 2, 9:15 DIA DE LOS MUERTOS—St. Therese Church, Janice Davis-Niles 324-0460
- November 6, 7:15 MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING—Playfield Shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 323-3450
- November 7, ELECTION DAY—DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!!
- November 7, 9:00 ST. THERESE 6TH GRADERS IN MADRONA WOODS—Kristen Moss, 324-0460
- November 7, 6:30 MADRONA SCHOOL FRIENDS MEETING— St. Therese Gym, Jon Hughes 325-7900
- November 9, DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER MADRONA NEWSSTORIES—Kim Herber 325-9923 or christine@conversation.com
- November 16, 5:00 MADRONA NEWS LABEL PARTY: VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!— Madrona Ale House, Kim Herber 325-9923
- November 16, 6:30 COYOTE JR. HIGH AUCTION—Fairview Club, Mary Beth Satterlee 323-7276
- November 15 & 16, PARENT'S NIGHT OUT—East Madison YMCA 322-6969
- November 17, PLATFORM FROST EXHIBIT ENDS—Visual Abstractions Gallery, Weldon Butler 975-2244
- November 25, 8:30-4:00, 32ND ANNUAL SEATTLE MARATHON—Seattle Marathon Association 729-3660