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St. Therese and South African Educators Share Wisdom

By Sue Taylor, St. Therese Parent

Three Seattle schools took a giant step toward creating a generation of global learners by sending a delegation of teachers and principals from St. Therese, T. T. Minor, and Summit K-12 to Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Ed Taylor, UW professor in the College of Education, led the delegation with the goal of setting up partnerships with township schools. Now, thanks to a generous grant and ongoing support from the UW, two Port Elizabeth schools have new computer labs that have opened a world of possibility for international communication between students, teachers, and principals.

Since its inception in 1994, the new South Africa has been on a fast track to recover from the horror of apartheid and its legacy of poverty. While they understand that education is the key to a stable and expanding economy, their schools are often materially poor, lacking adequate basic supplies such as paper, textbooks, and current reference materials. Interestingly, many of these impoverished South African schools have extraordinarily high academic attainment, a model that Seattle principals hope to study as they seek to close the achievement gap between children of different ethnic groups. The Seattle delegation is finding a remarkable sense of passion, optimism, and integrity as South Africans claim the rights and responsibilities of their emerging democracy. "The schools in South Africa showed us that money is not the driving force in closing the achievement gap. It's the shared mission—to create leaders in the new South Africa—that is the cornerstone to their success," said St. Therese principal, Eileen Gray.

The trip culminated in a video conference between principals from T. T. Minor, Garfield, Ballard, and Rainier Beach in Seattle, and principals from several Port Elizabeth township schools, including Triomf Primary, Cebeileli, and Bethesdorp High Schools. Americans sought advice on improving motivation and respect while South Africans marveled that our schools have so much paper and such good plumbing. For all the differences, many similarities emerged. Sharon Wilkins, Director of Seattle Public High Schools, stated, "You cannot imagine how much the video conference energized us. The tremendous dedication of the South African principals was inspiring!"

To ensure that these relationships blossom, partner schools, in conjunction with the UW, plan to host a delegation of South African principals in November. Sipho Maytolo of Triomf Primary said, "I have never had such an experience as this in all my life."

MCC President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

By Bill Hanson

The Madrona Community Council (MCC) offers a special thank you to Jennifer Norling and Shelley Huestis for agreeing to co-chair **Mayfair 2003**. This is a wonderful event for the children of Madrona and a real neighborhood tradition. Many more volunteers are still needed to help, so contact Jennifer at jennifernorling@attbi.com or Shelley at shestis@drizzle.com to get involved. Thanks again, Jen and Shelley!

Many of you have noticed the **closure of Richlen convenience store/Exxon station at**

23rd and East Union. Owner Jack Richlen had leased the property to a couple who filed for bankruptcy. Now, Jack is looking for someone to buy or lease this corner. If interested, call Jack at 525-8509.

Kim Herber is planning another **Madrona Neighborhood Garage Sale** for May 3. She says she has already had several inquires on table reservations, so I guess I'd better get my request in ASAP! As usual, Kim will also accept donations to sell in support of the

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Synapse Moves to Madrona

By Christine Thero-Slocumb, Clarity Quest

Synapse Product Development, LLC, is pleased to announce the opening of their new headquarters at 3406 East Union Street. Synapse is a full-spectrum technology and product development consulting firm, employing a diverse team of 16 mechanical and electrical engineers, industrial designers, and software specialists. The facility houses office and laboratory space.

Synapse's clients include early-stage and established companies in the biotechnology, aerospace, and consumer products sectors. The founders formerly worked at Microsoft, Microvision, Cannondale, and Stratos. In addition to product development consulting, the company works on spinning out new technology companies. The first incubated company is WaveSCAN, Inc.—a medical device company focused on the early detection of breast cancer.

After moving from a very noisy south Seattle office, the team is enjoying the quiet and friendly neighborhood atmosphere of Madrona and has become particularly enamored with the local restaurant offerings. The location also fits the company's "environment-friendly" culture by allowing many employees to bike or run to work.

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

MCC. To reserve a table, ask about donations, or help with the sale contact Kim at 325-9923.

John Capps has volunteered to chair a **Madrona Beach Party** in June. This will be a great way to welcome summer, and I'm sure John will have great food and music. There is one SMALL catch... This party will include a clean-up of the Madrona beach, which we renovated a few years back. With a large crowd this work goes quickly and can actually be fun. Call John at 324-6847 for more info.

Students Joni Larned and Jennifer Strande have officially turned our neighborhood website www.madrona.us over to our permanent Webmaster, Esther Ervin. The site looks great and is becoming a real neighborhood resource as more links are added. We're now posting our MCC meeting minutes here.

The FAA continues to reject any noise mitigation made by the SeaTac Part 150 Noise Study. Increased use of the Duwamish/Elliott Bay flight path to reduce aircraft noise is not an option, because the FAA says it would reduce the efficiency of air traffic. They rejected the Fly Quiet Program that would have kept incoming aircraft at a somewhat higher altitude before intercepting the airport glide slope, because they felt that this would also compromise airport efficiency and capacity. Finally, the FAA rejected the phase-out of the noisier stage 2 jets because of insufficient data! It boggles my mind that a federal agency can be so unresponsive to the concerns of the public. But then again, we all know who has FAA in their hip pocket... On a positive note, there has been some reduction in the aircraft noise over Madrona—but only because the airlines have cut the number of flights during this economic downturn.

Our **next community meeting is April 1**, no fooling! We'll meet at 7:15pm in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse at 34th and East Spring Street. Please come and get involved in your community. Also remember the MCC is a non-profit organization, and your tax-deductible donations can be sent to MCC Treasurer Steve Orser at 833 33rd Ave., Seattle 98122.

Help Trillium Cross-pollinate *By Dick Carlson*

If you spot some of the impressive, white, three-petal blossoms of trillium in your yard or neighborhood park in the next 3 or 4 months, consider helping nature by doing some cross-pollination to make more seeds, either for you to plant or for the wind to spread.

The native west-of-the-cascades trillium ovatum generally blooms from April to July. You can cross-pollinate using a Q-tip cotton swab, or even your finger. Dust the yellow, sticky, powdery pollen off the stamens of the blossom (a circle of yellowish branches around the center of the flower) and transfer the pollen to another flower, dusting some of it onto the central pistil (looks like it has three fingers branching at the top). As you move your Q-tip or finger from blossom to blossom, you will be accumulating pollen from all and cross-fertilizing many plants. Return to the first flower at the end of your tour to complete its fertilization.

You can achieve the maximum number of seeds per flower with thorough pollination, thereby greatly increasing the number of seeds produced by each plant as the flower wilts. These seeds can be spread naturally or you can collect them and seed them yourself in planting containers 5 to 8 inches deep.

If you have questions or would like free trillium seeds in June or July, contact Dick Carlson at 610 36th Ave. or 324-3163.

Synapse (cont'd from page 1)

"Everyone in the neighborhood has warmly welcomed us," said Christoph Mack, president of Synapse. "The location, neighborhood, community, and ambience combine to create an atmosphere in which our staff feels both comfortable and creative."

For more information on Synapse, visit www.synapsedev.com.

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Shop On-line for Birthday Party Supplies

By Janet Walsh-Helton, Madrona Moms

My daughter's 6th birthday bash was on Sunday, and three days later I'm still cleaning. I'm cleaning slowly, because there's a lingering afterglow in the air—the party was fun!

When my daughter was younger, themed cake plates and a few balloons were all it took to have a great time. But once kids hit school, they want their parties to be events! We've been to birthday parties at museums, art schools, Gymboree, bowling alleys, etc. Although the at-home party may seem to be a thing of the past, it doesn't have to be.

Each year at birthday time we empty our living and dining rooms and allow the latest kid theme to take over. This year my daughter chose the movie *Spirit, Stallion of the Cimarron* for her party. My plan was to put up a few movie posters, have some art projects, get a cowboy boot pull-string piñata, games and prizes, cowgirl hats, cake & ice cream, and play the soundtracks from *Shrek* and *Spirit* for dancing. Shopping in a store can be miserable if you have a 2-year old like I do. So I started gathering theme party supplies early by shopping on-line, and I'd like to share some tips.

My first stop was www.google.com. Just enter your theme word in Google's search box, and it will show you many on-line party products catalogues. Check out the clearance sections, and you may find some real bargains. Next, add the phrase "coloring page" in front of your theme word, and you will instantly find lots of pictures. Print one for each guest (plus a few extras), provide some crayons, and you have a fun project for the kids to do as they arrive! A "horse" search at www.toysrus.com led to "Paint the Wild Horses" kits. A "spirit" search at www.amazon.com helped me find the soundtrack.

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For themed tableware, invitations, stickers, and balloons www.birthdayexpress.com is great. They also offer piñatas, as well as kits to convert traditional piñatas to pull-string piñatas—a much better choice for little ones, or any indoor house party! I got a helium balloon canister at Costco and inflated the balloons myself on party day.

The best source for prizes and party favors is www.orientaltradingcompany.com. You can search by theme and find items such as a dozen beaded bracelets for \$4. Their cowgirl hats cost about \$1.50 each, versus \$5 in a traditional store.

The www.dreamworks.com website led me to other helpful sites such as local stores like Target and K-Mart that carry *Spirit* accessories. I was lucky to find *Spirit* T-shirts on the clearance racks of several Fred Meyer stores and used them as art smocks as the kids colored and painted. I followed another link to www.cakes.com, provider of themed cakes for any occasion. You select your cake, print out the baking and decorating information, take it to the U Village QFC, and they'll make it! (You do have to place your order two weeks ahead of time, so they can be sure to have the kit ready.)

My kids were sick the whole week before the party, and I was so grateful that I was well prepared! My daughter had a wonderful birthday, her guests left with smiles on their faces, and I was proud to have hosted another successful at-home party!

And speaking of special birthdays, congratulations from all of us *Madrona Moms* to:

- **Frances Gale Lenz**, born on February 7 to Brian, Grace and big brother Peter Lenz. She weighed 7 lbs 12 oz, was 21 inches long, and very cute!
- **Graham Morrow Hay**, who surprised his folks, Pam and Dan, and big sister Claire with his arrival on February 20. He weighed 7 lbs 14 oz, measured 19 inches in length, and is one mellow fellow.

The Madrona Moms group now has 120 members. For more information, contact me at 324-7832 or planet58@qwest.net.

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ART Cookin' in the Kitchen

By Kim Herber, Madrona News Editor

From the outside it's another traditional old Madrona house. Venture inside and you find a space that is anything but ordinary. Rather than the expected cozy living room or old-fashioned entryway, you find a roomful of colorful graphics, intriguing trading cards, and fascinating figures. This is not your grandma's parlor—it's the Intuition Kitchen of artist Michael Leavitt.

"I just make what I like," says Mike about his assortment of creations. These days he's busy massaging FIMO clay into detailed one-of-a-kind art figures and packaging each as if it were an action figure mass-produced for sale in a toy store. The people immortalized in clay range from singer Björk to Spiderman to Vincent van Gogh. Under the title Trademark, the colorful figures, which sell from \$200-\$400, were recently displayed at Area 51 on Capitol Hill and will soon open as a show in the bar of the Showbox theatre downtown.

Another of Mike's signature products is his art cards, a spin on trading cards that he began creating as part of his thesis at Evergreen College in 2001. Original images are sized and reproduced using a color



copier to create vivid cards that are sold individually or in sets. In a style that is part Andy Warhol and part Sunday comics, most of the cards feature artists—in a very broad sense of the word. Emulating the statistics on the back of sports cards, the b-sides of the cards include Mike's Power Rating—his assessment of the subject's Craft, Ingenuity, Sensuality, and "Emotaphor." Mike says, "It's a way I created to compare people and what they do across all kinds of different areas. It's just my own ideas."

The more recent cards in Mike's portfolio were produced using a \$1400 Grants for Artists Project award that he received last spring from the Artists Trust. On the East Coast, an artist, who refurbishes old cigarette machines to dispense art instead of Marlboros, includes Mike's cards as one of his offerings. Card packs, some that even include bubble gum, are also available in his gallery and will soon be marketed through an Intuition Kitchen website that is currently in development at www.artcardmike.com.

Mike is a Seattle native who grew up in Mt. Baker and Capitol Hill. He has been creating portraits, art cards, interactive toys, and multimedia sculptures in Madrona at 1132 34th Avenue since 1998. His kitchen is open not for food for the body but food for the soul. Stop in for a treat.

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Help Wanted—PageMaker!

By Kim Herber, Madrona News Editor

Are you a PageMaker wiz—or at least an apprentice? If so, I really need your help! *The Madrona News* is built each month in PageMaker by our trusty production editor Christine Bender. However, for the April issue, and perhaps the May issue too, Christine will be unavailable, and I am in serious need of a temporary substitute.

Christine says it takes her about six hours spread over three days to finalize the layout and incorporate final edits. She uses the previous month's newsletter as a template and inserts the new stories she gets from me, and the ads provided by our advertising manager, Steve Orser. Together Christine and I juggle and edit content to fit in as much as possible. It's a good system, but we couldn't do it without Christine and her PageMaker expertise. However, since we have to fill Christine's shoes for a couple issues, I'm hoping someone in Madrona can step in. We'll build the April issue April 14-16, and the May issue May 12-14. If you want to help, call me at 325-9923.

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We believe that our campus is not for ourselves alone but for generations yet to come. Our church buildings, therefore, are not a monument to one or many, but are instead something that honors God's grace and way in the world.



As a congregation, we say that what we most deeply value is our connection with each other. Our church is a "home" and not an institution.

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Community Bulletin Board

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

- MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 7-8:45pm ADULT OPEN VOLLEYBALL**—Garfield Community Center 684-4788
- TUESDAYS 11:30-2:00 PICKLEBALL FOR SENIORS**—Garfield Community Center 684-4788
- TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 10:30-11:30 TODDLER (5 YEARS AND UNDER) PLAY GROUP**—YWCA Garfield Family Center 461-4486
- 10:30-11:00 **PRESCHOOL STORY/SONG TIME**—Madrona Library, Lynn Lorenz 684-4705
- 3:30-5:30 **MADRONA MOM’S PLAYGROUPE**—Indoors in Madrona homes, Janet Walsh-Helton 324-7832
- 5:30-7:30 **TOTS (5 YEARS AND UNDER) PLAY GROUP**— YWCA Garfield Family Center 461-4486
- THURSDAYS 9:15-10:15 MADRONA K-8 TOURS**—Madrona K-8 main hallway, Andhra Lutz 252-3100
- 7:30pm **AA/ALANON MEETING**—Epiphany Parish Great Hall 38th & Denny 324-2573
- SATURDAYS 10-1:00pm COMMUNITY QUILTING CLASS**—Garfield Community Center Senior Adult Programs 233-7255
- 10:30-11:30 & 3:00-4:00 **FAMILY FLOAT SWIM**—Medgar Evers Pool 684-4550
- SUNDAYS 11-12:30pm PEACE VIGIL**—34th & Union and MLKing Way & Union, Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War Jonis6@cs.com
- 1-3:00 **ADULT OPEN BASKETBALL**—Garfield Community Center 684-4788
- Mar. 3-28, TESTING: IOWA TEST OF BASIC SKILLS (ITBS)**—Grades 3, 5, 6 and 8, Seattle Public Schools
- Mar. 10-22, MEDGAR EVERS POOL CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE**—684-4766
- March 15, MADRONA K-8 TRACK TEAM CAR WASH**—Union Street Red Apple (Rain delay date: **March 22**)
- Mar. 18-21, SPRING BREAK**—Seattle Public Schools
- March 18, 7-8:00pm MADRONA K-8 MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**— Madrona K-8, 33RD & East Union, Rickie Malone 252-3100
- March 20, 7-9:00pm FREE CLASS: FILLING IN YOUR FAMILY TREE**—Neighborhood Academy 23rd & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
- March 21-22, 7:00pm-8:00am PARENTS NIGHT OUT/KIDS SLEEP OVER**—East Madison YMCA 322-6969
- March 22, 10:30-1:30 37TH DISTRICT TOWN HALL MEETING**—with representatives Eric Pettigrew & Sharon Tomiko Santos, Garfield Community Center (800) 562-6000
- March 23, 2-5:00pm FOR THE LOVE OF JAZZ**—Rainier Community Center 4600 38th Ave S, African American Dollars for Scholars Foundation, Clayton Pitre 324-3071
- 7:00pm **POTLUCK & LIVE MUSIC FOR PEACE**—Lelavision gallery 701 34th Ave at Cherry St., includes a community labyrinth walk/peace reflection, reservations required 329-3724 or lela@lelavision.com
- March 25, 7-9:00pm OPEN BOOK DISCUSSION: *We are the Mulvaney*** by Joyce Carol Oates— Neighborhood Academy 23rd & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
- March 26, 9-1:00pm HOMELESS COOKING**—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522
- March 28, 8-10:00pm TEEN DIVE-IN MOVIE**—Medgar Evers pool, 684-4550 or 684-4766
- April 1, 7:15pm MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**—Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 322-3450
- April 3, GRANDPARENT/GRANDFRIEND DAY**—St. Therese School, Janice Davis-Niles 720-7277
- April 5, 9-3:00pm LESCHI NATURAL AREA**—36th & East Terrace, Fran and Bunny Wood 323-2296
- 2-4:00pm **FREE: CENTRAL AREA HISTORY EXHIBIT OPENING RECEPTION**—History House 790 N 34th in Fremont, Ron Richardson 675-8875 (Display continues through May 31)
- April 6, 1:30pm MULTI-FAITH AIDS SUPPORT GROUP**—Epiphany Parish Library 38th & Denny, 324-2573
- April 8, 7:00pm MADRONA VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**—1426 27th Avenue, George Martinez 329-8851
- April 9, 8:30-9:30 ST. THERESE SCHOOL TOURS**—Parish Center, 3416 Marion 720-7277
- April 16, 9-1:00pm HOMELESS COOKING**—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522
- April 12, 11:00am GARFIELD SPLASH & DASH BIATHLON**—Garfield Community Center & Medgar Evers pool, 684-4550 or 684-4766
- April 17, CLASSROOM SEDER MEALS**—St. Therese School (Everyone welcome!) Janice Davis-Niles 720-7277
- 12:30 **SENIOR TRIP: MARINER’S GAME**—Garfield Community Center, Sr. Adult Programs Cheryl Brown 233-7255 (Registration begins March 17)
- April 18, 10:00am STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—Madrona Presbyterian 32nd & E Marion, Chuck Middendorf 720-7283
- 8-10:00pm **TEEN DIVE-IN MOVIE**—Medgar Evers pool, 684-4550 or 684-4766
- April 19, 10:00am MADRONA WOODS HARD WORK CELEBRATION PARTY**— Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse, Judith Starbuck 322-2640

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Madrona Real Estate Update

By Judy Honican, Coldwell Banker

The Madrona real estate market is currently very active! According to the Northwest Multiple Listing Service, 14 properties sold in the last quarter of 2002, with an average sales price of \$408,500. The high was \$800,000 and the low \$255,000. Average marketing time was 84 days, with the high being 416 and the low 2. The average sales price as compared to list price was 98.26%.

Five properties sold in January 2003 with an average sale price of \$645,750, a high of \$825,000 and a low of \$465,000. Average market time was 117 days, and the average sale price as compared to list price was 94.74%

Currently, there are 26 homes listed for sale in Madrona, including six new-construction town homes. The average list price is \$473,312 with a high of \$895,000 and a low of \$175,000. Two properties have offers subject to inspection. Their average list price is \$685,000 and average days on market thus far is 43. Five properties are pending, which means they have a signed purchase agreement that is not subject to inspection, nor contingent on the sale of another property. The average list price is \$584,580 with a high of \$875,000 and low of \$319,950. The average marketing time thus far is 76 days.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 551-2959.

Community Safety—The Future is NOW!

By Ollivette Wade, COPC

Are you interested in the future of central Seattle? Can you commit to one meeting a month? If so, Seattle Central Community College—Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) and the Central Area Neighborhood District Council would like to invite you to help oversee the implementation of the Central Area Neighborhood Plan. This plan is an outgrowth of a meeting held at Garfield Community Center on March 13 where neighborhood safety issues such as open drug dealing, shootings, burglaries, and prostitution were discussed. Volunteers of all ages, experience, and skill levels—including youth—are welcome to help make this plan against crime a reality. A copy of the Central Area Neighborhood Plan can be found at www.cityofseattle.net/neighborhoods.

Neighborhood residents have an opportunity to participate in the revitalization efforts outlined in their Neighborhood Plan. The Stewardship Committee, a part of the Central Area Neighborhood District Council, provides the vehicle for your participation in those efforts. For more information or to volunteer, contact Adrienne Bailey at Seattle Central Community College-COPC 860-1200, or Ted Divina at the Department of Neighborhoods 233-7257.

Amanda Sargent
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Neighborhood Good Friday Celebration

*By Chuck Middendorf,
St. Therese Church Pastoral Assistant*

Plan now to pray the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m. The Madrona Area Churches will assemble for this annual ecumenical celebration and public display that shows faith is alive and active in the Madrona community.

The Stations of the Cross is a processional form of prayer. Together we will walk through the streets of Madrona, pausing 14 times to remember the Passion and Death of Jesus. This form of prayer developed in Jerusalem in the Middle Ages. The Stations are meant to inspire us to follow Jesus through suffering towards peace.

The Stations of the Cross begin at Madrona Presbyterian Church (32nd Ave. E & Marion) at 10:00 a.m. They will then process to St. Therese Catholic Church (35th Ave. E & Marion), before processing to the final destination of Epiphany Episcopal Church (38th Ave. E & Denny Way). A bus will be available for those who find walking the entire route difficult. The Madrona churches and Madison Park's Park Shore Retirement Community are organizing this event and everyone is welcome to join us. If you have any questions, contact me at 720-7283.

Spring Community Plant Exchange

By Lynda Finch, Plant Exchange Coordinator

The sun is shining! Have you got spring gardening fever yet? Would you like to get some new plants for free?

Come to the Spring Community Plant Exchange April 5 at the Casey Family Program parking lot, 1123 23rd Ave., from 11:00 to 3:00 rain or shine! Bring your plants, bulbs or seeds to share. Please label plants with name and type of plant (annual, perennial, biannual), and growing conditions (sun, shade, partial shade). Houseplants are also welcome. No plants to trade? Then bring your enthusiasm and get some free plants to help you get started on your own garden. A master gardener and other expert gardeners will be on hand to help you select appropriate plants for your garden and learn how to care for them. In preparation for this event, volunteers are needed to distribute Plant Exchange posters and to help put address labels on 800 postcards for a neighborhood mailing. Please call me at 328-5627 if you are available to help.

If you are already an experienced gardener with a beautiful garden to prove it, would you like to have your garden featured on the 2003 Central Area Garden Tour? If so, contact Liz Ruskin at liz@liondogmusic.com or Nancy Peel at npeel@mindspring.com for more information.

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By Michael Cruz, *Mind & Body*

To celebrate its third year, Mind & Body is offering a weekend of free classes on March 15 & 16, 2003, starting at 8:00 a.m. Come by the studio at 2022 East Union (21st & E. Union) and bring a friend and a willingness to try something new and exciting. Attend an energizing Pilates mat class in the morning, have lunch in the newly opened 21 Union Café, and then watch a Tai Chi demonstration. For a complete schedule of events, regular class times, class descriptions, instructor biographies, and additional information about Mind and Body, check out www.seattlepilates.com or call 325-3328.

Lysistrata in Madrona By John Platt, *St. Clouds*

As former educators, and particularly as former English teachers, Paul and I were captivated by talk of a world-wide reading of the 2000 year-old Aristophanes comedy *Lysistrata* on March 3. Apparently we weren't the only ones, because when we offered up the bar at St. Clouds for a reading of this "anti-war" play, 25 people joined us. The play tells the story of a group of women from opposing warring city-states who unite to end the war—by refusing to have sex with their husbands until the men agree to talk instead of fight to resolve their conflict. It's an interesting twist on an age-old problem and one written to make the audience think...

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- *Gumbo: An Anthology of African American Writing* edited by Marita Golden
- Reader's Digest *New Complete Guide to Sewing: Step-by-Step Techniques for Making Clothes & Home Accessories*
- *Gardening in the Northwest by Sunset*
- *Motifs for Crazy Quilting: Techniques for Embroidering and Embellishing Crazy Quilts* by J. Marsha Michler
- *Adele: Jane Eyre's Hidden Story* by Emma Tennant
- *Shadow Boxer: A Billy Nichols Novel* by Eddie Muller
- *Jolie Blon's Bounce* by James Lee Burke
- *From a Buick 8* by Stephen King
- *A Short Life on a Sunny Isle: An Alphonse Dantan Mystery* by Hannah Blank
- *Reaching Back* by Nea Anna Simone
- *Acid Row* by Minette Walters

Gospel Jazz Vespers at St. Therese

By Mary Elayne Dunphy, *Parish Secretary*

Beginning March 2, there will be Gospel Jazz Vespers at St. Therese Church from 7:00 to 8:15 pm the first Sunday of each month. The Vespers will follow the social hour after the 5:00 mass. This new music series, coordinated by Kent Stevenson, will feature a lively program of jazz, gospel, spirituals, spoken word and dance, presented by community and guest musicians. The free-will offering will support St. Therese Church music programs. If you have questions, contact the parish at 325-2711.

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Neighborhood School News

African Educators Visit *By Madrona K-8 PTSA*

Educators from Tanzania were in Seattle earlier in the month, and on March 6 the Madrona K-8 PTA hosted a lunch for them at the school. Special thanks to Martha Ortiz-Williams, Tannon Bird, and all the parents and staff who brought in the wonderful food!

The visitors, teachers and headmasters from various Tanzanian schools, exchanged many questions and answers with Madrona K-8 staff and students. Entertainment was provided by the preschoolers from Madrona CDSA who performed wonderful Brazilian songs and dances—thank you to Ms. Dora; Ms. Adam's kindergarten class performed their hit version of "We Are Academic Achievers," and several middle school students read their original poetry. It was an enriching experience for all, and, as a remembrance, the PTA presented pictures of the group with Principal Rickie Malone in frames hand-painted by Madrona K-8 students.

St. Therese Tidbits

By Janice Davis-Niles, Director of Development

Grades 1,2,3 and 4 participated in the annual St. Jude's Children's Hospital Math-A-Thon. Students secured pledges from sponsors based on the number of problems they completed in the Math Fun Book. A total of \$2,108.33 was raised for St. Jude's. Mrs. Theresa Morgan's 4th grade class took honors as "top class" with over \$800 in pledges. Fourth grader Mitchell Edwards won "top individual" with \$286 in pledges. The top three "math-a-thoners" in each class were rewarded with free dress passes. Winners are: grade 4— Mitchell Edwards, Anya Asuncion, Austin Coby; grade 3— Emily Johnson, Dylan Thomas, Laura Brown; grade 2— Daniel Gehlke, Hailey Jenkins, Cameron Dunston; grade 1— Michelle Thomas, Christopher Adams, Sera Barbieri and Gabriele Hiestand-Salgado (tied).

At *Math Counts*, its second competition of the year, the middle school Math Team placed 8th out of some 20 teams. They also won the trophy for "Best New School." Team members include: grade 8— Jaron Colas and Michael Gehlke; grade 7— Claire Penhale and Bruny Adams; and 6th grader Maggie Boze. The team is coached by math teacher Kathi Petrotta and parent volunteer Tim Hicks.

The 2nd Annual St. Therese Mardi Gras celebration was a resounding success, and great food, great music, and a bon temps was had by all! Gumbo Cook-off winners were Carmen Español (1st), Lois Morago (2nd), and Chris Lewis (3rd). The Peoples Choice award went to Ellen Larkins. Everyone is looking forward to next year.

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March is Middle School Enrollment

By Madrona K-8 PTSA

March is the month for middle school and high school enrollment. Madrona K-8 is fortunate to have a solid core of middle school teachers and a great new facility. To help neighborhood families experience what Madrona K-8 offers, the school will host a middle school informational open house on March 18 at 7:00pm.

At Madrona K-8, students have blocked classes with longer sessions of language arts and social studies, math, and science. Computer lab, art, and physical education are among the electives for students. Reading assessments at the beginning of the year determine student placement in skill- and level-based classes.

Gear-Up, the national program that focuses on high school and college preparation for middle school students, is also alive and well at Madrona K-8. Gear-Up students participate in a variety of academic activities, including morning homework club with tutors. On March 19 Madrona K-8 Gear-Up students and Anthony Kane, their super-motivated Gear-Up coordinator, will visit the University of Washington.

Madrona K-8 middle school had active boys and girls basketball teams this year. Now that their season is finished, the school is very excited about its newly formed track team. To get the season off to a great start, team members and other students are holding a car wash on March 15 at the Union Street Red Apple to raise money for uniforms. Thank you to Lenny Rose and Jeff Kinlow of Red Apple for their support. If it rains on March 15, the car wash will be held March 22, and every dollar raised by the track team will be matched by the Madrona K-8 PTA! Everyone can support the track team by sending a check to Madrona PTA earmarked for the track team. We expect this team to have a great season this year and into the future as more students discover how much fun it is.

This year, Madrona K-8 had very small middle school classes. While we don't want to grow too much, we do hope to boost middle school enrollment for the fall of 2003. Madrona K-8 is particularly interested in recruiting 5th graders from the central cluster schools— Gatzert, M.L. King, Leschi, Thurgood Marshall, McGilvra, T. T. Minor, Montlake, and Stevens—so spread the good word! School tours continue Thursdays at 9:15am—no RSVP required.

Foreign Language/Music/Art/\$cience

By Madrona K-8 PTA

The PTA is focused on fundraising for those VERY important subjects no longer fully supported by school district budgets. While all our events have been successful at raising money, the truth is that the type of money needed to fund everything a school should have—like foreign language, music, art, and science classes—takes a lot more effort. If you would like to get involved with the Madrona K-8 PTA or wish to simply make a contribution to help expand programs for the children, contact PTA Development Committee Chair Jon Hughes at 219-1441 or jon@hugheslaw.net.

Police Drop-in Center

By Ron Rubin, Cherry Street Association

As you may know, the Cherry Street Association, in cooperation with many other community groups, is working to create a more visible and positive police presence in the community. Toward this end, we are proposing a Seattle Police Department drop-in center be opened, with retail "kiosks" that sell take out food, at the corner of 24th & Cherry. This center would improve public safety while encouraging economic development and creating jobs. If we work together we can make our neighborhood a safer place to live and work.

I understand that there are three routes we can take to get the Department of Construction and Land Use (DCLU) to approve this development. We are still researching all three options to determine which one is the quickest, and has the highest probability of success. Our three options are:

- 1) Attend a hearing with the City Council subcommittee that governs public safety and economic development. Jim Compton and/or Judy Nicastro seem to be the people to talk to, so if anyone has a relationship with either of these council members please contact me. This route could be the fastest and least costly.
- 2) Prove that businesses existed on this site prior to 1957. If we can show the existence of previous businesses, we can then replace them with this new venture without much hassle from the city. If anyone can provide such evidence it would make the process go much faster.
- 3) Apply for a variance. This would require complicated architectural drawings that can cost several thousand dollars and take months to complete. Although this route is the least desirable, we would be very interested in talking with anyone who has experience dealing with the land use code.

Please help spread the word about this project. I would like to personally thank all of you who have already written letters of support. I welcome any ideas or suggestions on how to improve and/or accomplish this project. I can be reached at 669-6993.

CoRRRECCIONS

The name of Sayre Coombs, who was awarded the Local Hero award for her efforts to create and organize our Madrona BBQ, was misspelled.

Contact information for Martino Hoss, the Madrona artist whose work is currently on display at the governor's mansion in Olympia, is 720-4949 or info@hossfineart.com.

Madrona Presbyterian Church paste-up

Mayfair Lives—May 31!

By Jen Norling, Mayfair 2003 Co-Chair

Save May 31—the date for this year's Mayfair celebration! Festivities will begin at 10:00am with a parade from Al Larkins Park to the Madrona Playfield. The parade will include a Seattle fire truck, Deano the Clown, Madrona's own Dee Dee Rainbow, and an adorable assortment of Madrona's cutest pets and kids. At the park, everyone will enjoy lots of children's games, face painting, live music, and delicious goodies.

While Shelley and I are co-chairing this event, to make the celebration a success we will need lots of volunteers to help. If you are interested, contact me at jennifernorling@attbi.com or Shelley at shuestis@drizzle.com.

More details to come! See you May 31 for a fun community event!

Neighborhood Congrats!

More special Madrona people doing special things! Kudos to...

- Madrona resident **Kathy Barker** for sharing her views on the possibility of war and our American right to stand up for what we believe with the *Seattle Times*.
- **Catfish Corner** for glowing reviews from both *The South Seattle Star* and the *Colors NW* magazine.
- **Principal Rickie Malone and the Madrona K-8 staff** for the story in the UW faculty publication *University Week* about the partnership between UW tutors and Madrona K-8 students to prepare the younger students for the important WASL test in April.
- **John Platt, Paul Butler, the gang at St. Clouds**, and everyone from the neighborhood who participates in the monthly homeless cooking for winning an Honorable Mention from KCTS and the 2003 Pacific Northwest Good Works Awards.

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