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## A Father and Daughter Create an Adventure Through the City

By Crystal Ahmadi, 31st Ave.

The Perkins family has been a part of Seattle, and specifically the Madrona community, for 55 years. My grandparents purchased their house on 31st Ave where they raised all



Crystal with her family

four of their children, including my father Von. That same lovely little house on 31st is the home I now share with my husband and our two children. You might have seen us traipsing in and out of Hi Spot for our weekend brunch or munching on ice cream cones as we stroll to the park. We are proud Seattleites and Madronaites, and now we are excited to share this project of love with our fellow neighbors.

When I was pregnant with my son four years ago, my father decided he wanted to write a book about Seattle for his grandchild. So, we set out on our own adventure of creating a story about our beloved city. With my father's background as the owner of a construction company and my background as an attorney, neither of us had ever taken on a project of this nature, which proved to be both challenging and fun. Eventually, weeks turned into years, and our lovely little project had still not been published.

Fast forward four years, and my husband and I now have two children. After my daughter's birth my father came to me and said, "That's it, I really need to get this book finished for my grandchildren." So we spent hours, days, and months refining the story. And now, here we are with our co-authored finished product titled *Crystal in Seattle, A Counting Adventure Through the City* (by Von Perkins and Crystal Ahmadi).

My dad's goal was to create something both educational and relatable. When I was young, my parents mapped out an entire day for my friends and I to spend exploring the city. We decided to take that real experience and spin it into a counting adventure that young children would enjoy. With each Seattle adventure that our protagonist experiences, from the Zoo to the Space Needle, there also is a counting element, from one to 10. *Crystal in Seattle* is a fun and engaging story that we hope families will love as much as we do. The book is available at [www.crystalinseattle.com](http://www.crystalinseattle.com).

### Council Corner by Deirdre McCrary, E. Marion

Trees seem to be the third rail of Madrona politics--everybody wants them but not when they get in the way of progress. As the neighborhood works with Seattle's Dept. of Transportation to develop plans for sidewalks, trees, businesses, and residents to live harmoniously together in our neighborhood, Madrona residents will have two more opportunities, one in April (29th) and one in May (29th)—both at the Madrona K-8 School library, to join the discussion that has been underway for many months at Council meetings, a discussion that promises to influence the look of Madrona's business district in the future. Do you want tree-lined streets? Are smooth, safe sidewalks important to you? Do you care whether trees have their centers pruned out to accommodate power lines? Does it matter to you whether native trees or flowering trees or small trees or large trees or evergreen trees or deciduous trees are chosen? If you care, speak up.

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## Madrona Parklet In the Works

What, you may ask, is a parklet? Well, if things go as planned, Madrona soon could have personal experience of one resulting from an SDOT pilot program and a collaborative effort by Soni Davè-Schock at Bottlehouse, Mike Walker at Hi Spot, and Molly Moon's.

But back to the opening question. Parklets originated in San Francisco in 2009 (where else?) to convert a small segment of the right-of-way from private automobile use to a public space available for all. Parklets are generally one or two parking spaces long, although they can stretch a bit longer to yield a park in parking spaces. Current plans have the parklet taking up one space. According to the SDOT site that provides the history of Seattle's foray into the parklet arena [find it at [www.seattle.gov/transportation/parklets.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parklets.htm)], parklets "are a cost-effective tool for increasing our city's public open space....SDOT is working with local businesses and community organizations to

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Mayfair too is changing; thanks to Stacey Kryman's hard work, our spring event promises to be bigger and better this May 10, as new attractions join the fun. Look for new concessions and a silent auction for Madrona K-8, as well as all the traditional features that make Mayfair such a neighborhood event.

## Madrona Community Council Meeting \*Draft Agenda for May 6th

7:15pm at Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. All Welcome!!

- Presentation on CD Timebank (Joanne Donohoue)
- Update on 23rd Avenue Action Plan (Quanlin Hu of the Department of Planning and Development (DPD))
- Information on the planned parklet on 34th Ave. (Soni Davè-Schock, Bottlehouse)
- Mayfair - final update
- General discussion on future events: neighborhood yard sale, neighborhood BBQ, movie in the park, wine tasting fundraiser, and logistics, etc.
- Other business
- Treasurer's report

## Sidewalks and Trees

At the April MCC meeting Wayne Duncan summarized the March 25 Healthy Trees and Safe Sidewalks meeting that SDOT held at Madrona K-8, which, despite posters and the mailing of 1500 postcards, was attended by about 11-15 residents, or approximately one percent of the community. Attendees learned about the process being used to assess existing trees and were given a chance to express their viewpoints. Wayne believes that despite the small turnout the various Madrona constituencies were represented, and the presented plan seems solid. The March meeting laid the groundwork but is probably not the most important of the scheduled three meetings. Coming up on May 29 at 6:30 in the Madrona K-8 School library is SDOT's recommendations for the 34th Ave. corridor with review of the final corridor plan and next steps.

## Madrona Parklet.. (cont'd from previous page)

permit pilot parklets in Seattle. Three parklets were designed and permitted in 2013 as part of the first phase of the pilot program, and SDOT has selected 10 (now 13) additional parklet locations to move through the permitting process for construction in mid-2014. City staff will evaluate the success of the pilot parklets throughout the year and make a formal recommendation about a permanent parklet program later this year."

Among the 13 parklets approved for the 2014 trial are three in our general neighborhood: in front of Bottlehouse and the Hi Spot Café in Madrona at 1416 34th Ave. and at both Cortona Café and Chuck's Hop Shop in the Central District. Those who want to see what a local parklet looks like can visit the SDOT website above to see photos of Capitol Hill's Montana Bar parklet or visit in person at 1506 E. Olive Way. Opened in Sept. 2013, the Montana Bar parklet features a standing-height ledge and planter boxes offers two entrances: one at-grade with the sidewalk and another with steps, making the space an easily accessible place to enjoy the neighborhood and interact with the local community. Adjacent to the parklet, Montana Bar also has built a sidewalk café, which is designated for use by restaurant customers and includes fenced seating. And just to the west of the parklet in a space formerly designated as "no parking" is an on-street bicycle corral to encourage bike parking in the area.

Plans for the Madrona parklet are in a preliminary stage. That being the case, Madrona residents and other interested neighbors are invited to attend the May 6 Madrona Community Council meeting (7:15pm at the Madrona Shelterhouse) to hear from Soni Davè-Schock, whose design company Root Culture Lab is designing the project. Residents are encouraged to contribute their thoughts at the meeting. Inasmuch as there are costs associated with development, Madrona parklet applicants also are looking for funding ideas. Annual permits cost \$140, initial application and review costs are about \$1,500, and then there are costs for design, materials, and parklet construction. The City of Seattle is currently exploring grant opportunities to assist sponsors in covering a portion of initial costs, but potential sponsors also will need to contribute cash gathered through contacts or tools such as Kickstarter or contracts for pro bono professional work. Learn more about parklets and join the conversation at the May 6 MCC meeting.

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

<b>9:15AM</b>	<b>Parade line up</b> @ Al Larkins Park (34th & Pike) led by Charles the Clown	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Charles the Clown Show</b> @ the Shelter House
<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Parade begins!</b> Breakdancing Instruction Yo-Yo Contest Pony Rides Face Painting Photo Booth Mayfair Screen Printing (Bring a shirt or tote!)	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>The Reptile Man Show</b> @ the Shelter House
		<b>12:00PM</b>	<b>Recess Monkey Concert</b> @ the Madrona Playfield
		<b>* Don't Miss the 1st Annual Madrona K8 * Silent Auction! 10am-12pm</b>	

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# Neighborhood School News

## Coyote Central

Over 850 10-14 year-olds will *Go Coyote* this summer when all three of Coyote's programs are set to operate in high gear. Studio Coyote has lined up 130 week-long workshops which each will offer 20 hours of action with professionals in hands-on approaches to film making, electronic, welding, glassblowing, cooking, fashion design and scores of other workshops sure to challenge and educate.

*Hit the Streets*, Coyote's summer public art project/work program, will invite Central Area and south end kids to apply to create a public art project on S. Jackson St. Working with three professional artists in Coyote's wood and metal shops, participants will work to meet one of the biggest deadlines of their project – an installation celebration in mid-August.

*CityWorks* artists, kids who have shown a real knack for the creative process, will spend a week in August creating an art installation for EMP to promote a major initiative to be presented this winter. Coyote's project artist, Timothy Siciliano, has agreed to keep the theme under wraps until closer to the Jan. 2015 installation.

For additional information or to sign up for summer classes, visit [www.coyotecentral.org](http://www.coyotecentral.org)

## Garfield High School

Elsewhere in this issue read about the school's production of *Legally Blonde*.

## Madrona K-8

As detailed elsewhere in this issue, K-8's PTSA will hold a silent auction fundraiser at the Madrona Shelterhouse from 10:00am-noon during May 10's Mayfair. On that same day, Madrona K-8 will hold its Second Annual Art Walk, this year in conjunction with Mayfair and BOOM's Art Walk. The school goal is to display at least one piece of art from every student at K-8. The school building will be open, inviting visitors to view student art.

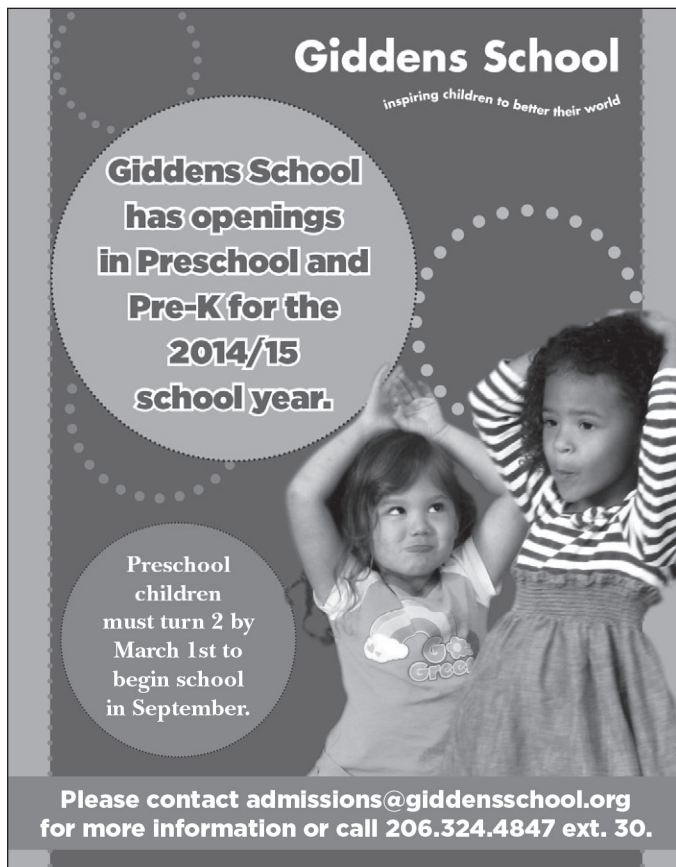
As part of Madrona Awareness Week April 7-11, the Madrona Student Council encouraged all students to wear a color showing support and spirit to bring awareness to medical challenges. Students wore pink: cancer; blue: diabetes; orange: multiple sclerosis; blue and yellow: Down Syndrome; red: HIV/AIDS. Daily announcements included information on challenges represented. The middle school concluded the week with their Prevention Convention sponsored by the Panthers In Charge group.

The Madrona K-8 Middle School Band broadened connections during a wonderful visit from the Isfeld 9th grade band from Courtenay, BC. The advanced band played several pieces for them and the BC students then reciprocated. Madrona's final performance was a new piece that none of the 70 students had ever played, so they set up together and sight-read a piece entitled "Mojo." As always, the students were respectful, gracious, musically excellent, and followed the Panther Path.

## St. Therese Catholic Academy

Students at St. Therese Catholic Academy are gearing up for the

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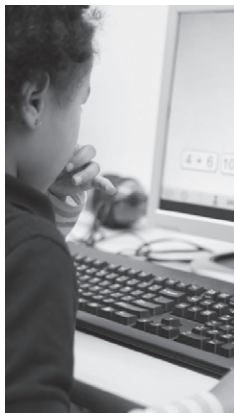
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## Show Your Support and Attend the First Madrona K-8 Silent Auction

Each spring, Mayfair brings families together for a community-building tradition. This year at Mayfair on May 10, Madrona K-8 will hold its First Annual Silent Auction from 10:00am-noon in the Madrona Shelterhouse. The Madrona community has been incredibly generous by donating fantastic experiences, tickets, goods, and services. Come ready to bid on fantastic packages like a Madrona Date Night that includes gift cards to Bottlehouse, Ethan Stowell's newest restaurant Red Cow, plus five hours of Annie's Nannies babysitting. Or, how about movie tickets to Central Cinema, lift tickets to Stevens Pass, or a family breakfast at Hi Spot? We'll also auction: handmade ceramics, homemade pies, wellness coaching, personal styling, cooking classes, and personal trainer sessions along with great raffle prizes drawn throughout the morning including a trip for two to Palm Springs and a Nintendo wii.

All funds raised through the auction will benefit Madrona K-8 students' learning by providing classroom technology and supplies, supporting arts and music enrichment programming, and covering field trip expenses.

If you can't make it to Madrona Mayfair, the Madrona K-8 PTSA hopes you'll consider supporting the school with a financial donation. A \$25 donation could provide one student with art supplies for the entire school year; \$125 could send one student on the annual Island Wood field trip; \$300 could supplement the school's technology grant and allow purchase of an additional iPad tablet.

Visit [www.madronapantherpartners.org](http://www.madronapantherpartners.org) to make a PayPal donation or mail your check to: Madrona Panther Partners PTSA, Madrona K-8 School Attn: Auction, 1121 33rd Avenue Seattle WA, 98122.



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## School News.. (cont'd from page 4)

last six weeks of school. With the sunny weather coming we are trying to stay focused and finish the year strong in academics, faith, and service. Students collected money for the Oso Landslide victims and prayed daily for healing in the community of Oso. During Holy Week students had the opportunity to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation, participated in classroom Seder Meals, and on Good Friday prayed the Stations of the Cross. Our final round of NWEA testing will take place in May. This test will give us a great picture of the academic progress students made during the 2013-2014 school year.

If you are interested in taking a tour of STCA please contact Melissa Tarabochia at 324-0460. We are still accepting applications in all of our grades, Preschool through Eighth Grade. Come see how St. Therese is igniting the minds, dreams, and faith of our students.

## Legally Blonde Performance Slated for Garfield

Cheerleaders, sorority girls, and Harvard alum who are the subject of *Legally Blonde* are just as likely to fall in love with Garfield High School's production of this musical as is the general public. Those who attend will fall into the romantic, fantastical, and of course dramatic world of Elle Woods as she conquers the Ivy League and finds herself along the way in life.

Limitless hard work and dedication by all members of the cast combine to create exciting and dynamic performances featuring

original choreography, with popular and catchy songs including "What You Want," "Omigod," and "Whipped into Shape." Join in on the adventure May 21-31 at 7:00pm in Garfield High School's Quincy Jones Performance Center at 400 23rd Avenue. Tickets can be purchased at the door before the show or online at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com). Come support talented students from the Seattle area - including Madrona's own Tanner Kamila, Khail Kamila, Carolyne Sandoval, Isabelle Evans, and Skye French starring as Elle Woods - and enjoy the accomplishments of the Garfield High School Drama Department. Bring your friends and join the fun!

## Madrona Garage Sale Set for June 28

Back by popular demand, the Madrona Neighborhood Garage Sale date is set for June 28. As in years past, Madrona neighbors are encouraged to host a sale on that day. The Madrona Community Council (MCC) will again coordinate by producing a map of June 28 Madrona sales to be promoted online and available in print form for distribution at home/garage sale locations. Last year the sale attracted over 20 participants, bringing many shoppers into the neighborhood.

If you'd like to host a garage sale at your place and have it listed on the neighborhood map, please contact [garagesalemadrona@gmail.com](mailto:garagesalemadrona@gmail.com) no later than noon on June 18. Include your name, address, time you will be hosting your sale (it's up to you), and a short, one sentence description of the things you plan to sell.

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## Garage Sale.. (cont'd from previous page)

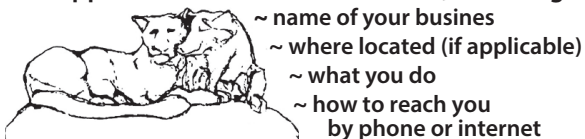
These might include children's gear, books, household items, small or large furniture, toys, women's clothes, sports equipment, records, etc. Participants who want their sale listed on the community map are asked to provide a \$20 donation to the MCC via Paypal found on the MCC website at [www.madrona.us](http://www.madrona.us). It is really important to send your contact information to [garagesalemadrona@gmail.com](mailto:garagesalemadrona@gmail.com) when you pay. Otherwise, we will not know to list you since emails about participation go to one person and the Paypal money to another. Since we're all volunteers, we need your help to keep this organized. All money raised supports Madrona neighborhood activities, such as the Halloween Party, the Mayfair Block Party, and the *Madrona News*.

The MCC is looking for volunteers to help with the event. This would include putting up signs, creating or distributing the print map, or being available the day of the sale. Please send an email to [garagesalemadrona@gmail.com](mailto:garagesalemadrona@gmail.com) if you are able to volunteer.

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## Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

*By Andrea Matus-Magee, Randolph Place*

Who says people always look like their pets??? Match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 15.



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# Neighborhood Appreciation Day 2014

The Madrona Community Council began Neighborhood Appreciation Awards in 1995, and each year since has stopped to ask: who are our neighbors? How have they helped the community? In 2004, Madrona K-8 School decided to join us by giving awards that similarly honor school members. Then--as we did on March 22 this year--we gather at the Madrona K-8 School to honor friends, neighbors, school employees, and student winners. Many thanks to Madrona K-8 school for hosting, and for the many people who contributed to the morning's activities.

*The 2014 winners are:*

## The Nora Award

Named in honor of Madrona activist Nora Wood, this award is given to a Madrona resident who, over time and in ways large or small, has left a personal mark on the community.

**Pastor Patrinnell (Pat Wright)**, founder and director of the Total Experience Gospel Choir, ensures that TEGC sings each week at St. Therese Church. The Choir also performs city wide to honor many events throughout the year and cheerfully raises funds for others. A local example is a fund raiser for Madrona Grace Presbyterian that contributed to their new furnace. On a national scale, Pat and the Choir have raised funds to rebuild homes devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Internationally, they raised funds to assist Ishinomaki, Japan after the 2011 tsunami.



Pat with the Woods family.



## The Local Hero Award

This award is given for an act of heroism, singular kindness, or generosity.

**Karl Bischoff** is chairman of Phinney Bischoff, but once a month for the past 12 years he has donned an apron to be the chief dishwasher for the Homeless Cooking project that feeds 450 people each month.

## The Tyrone Love Unsung Hero Award

This award is named in honor of youth activist Tyrone Love and goes to a Madrona resident for service to others in the larger community.

**Everett Lawrence (Laury) Minard Jr.** has served Madrona for 15 years driving the No. 2 bus. He may be known best for his love of people and is recognized by his cap, his ready smile, and helpful demeanor at whatever time of day or night he opens the trolley door in greeting.



## Madrona Resident for Life Award

Bestowed on a long-time active resident who has left Madrona and is dearly missed.



**Marge Anderson** moved to Madrona in the 1970s and only recently moved away. She contributed greatly to the community, always interacting with those around her. She purchased the empty corner lot next to her home, a complicated combination of public and private land, and turned it into a pea patch for all. Many neighbors worked that land for years, and young ones in the neighborhood grew up with an awareness of gardening and organics long before it was trendy thanks to Marge and her pea patch. The garden space also taught much about community through interactions in the garden space.

## The Good Neighbor Award

Last awarded in 1999, this year the award went to **Molly Moon's** for its impact on Madrona's local business district. Neighbors line up at Molly Moon's window every night, rain or shine. In an online post, one neighbor said, "It's like, suddenly, at 8:00pm everyone in Madrona has this irresistible need for ice cream and we all get to come gather at the window of Molly Moon's to enjoy the night air and some small talk with our neighbors."



Sky Minkoff and Molly Moon

## Madrona K-8 Student and Staff Awards

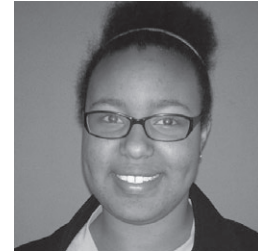
Student achievement awards went to:



**K-2: Marion Cook**



**3-5: Victoria Moreno**



**6-8: Nizala Mwamba-Smith**

## Madrona K-8 Doris Baptist Hickman Staff Award

This award is for a Madrona K-8 School staff person who has made a significant contribution to the school. In her introduction of **Julie Hansen**, this year's winner, Madrona K-8 Principal Mary McDaniel credited Julie's many professional skills and her can- and will-do attitude as reasons for her to receive the award.



## The Go Panthers Award

recognizes an individual who has made extra and extraordinary efforts for the education and growth of Madrona K-8.

This award went to **Sue Cary**, who in her short tenure with Madrona K-8 is credited with organizing the school's very successful 2013 book fair, which raised money for the library, brought the community to the school, and provided a book for every child at the school.

## The Kaaren Andrews & Mary Bass Award

goes to the person who went above and beyond the call of duty in linking the community and the school. **Barney Mansavage**, co-president of the PTSA, won this award for his role in linking the MCC and the school and particularly for his successful efforts to extend the school's boundaries to realize full enrollment.



*Seattle celebrates Neighborhood Appreciation Day annually on the Saturday prior to Valentine's Day. In keeping with that date, next year the MCC will celebrate Neighborhood Appreciation Day on Feb. 7.*

## A Special Award

Awards associated with Neighborhood Appreciation Day are reported elsewhere in this issue, but this is a rather special story



*Pictured left to right: Laury Minard, B. Parker, J. Arbes, Rose D., A. Knight, S. Driver, S. Roberts*

about neighbors. Anne Knight and Jerry Arbes nominated Ervin Lawrence (Laury) Minard, Jr. for a Madrona award because he has been a beacon of welcome onto the evening No. 2 bus for over 15 years. When the two learned that Laury was to receive the award, they devised a clever way to inform him. First, they called Laury's Metro supervisor Tim Mills who agreed to meet Arbes, Knight, and other Madrona residents at the Lake Washington turnaround for the No. 2 bus. At the appointed time, the group boarded the bus and without explanation rode to the base of the hill where Mills stepped aboard. By means of a special invitation to the March 22 Neighborhood Awards ceremony Laury learned he was to be awarded the Unsung Hero Award. Anne Knight present Laury with an orchid. Photo opportunities consumed the time Laury normally would have had to himself at the Lake Washington turnaround, but he cheerfully began the return journey. The delegation disembarked at 34th and Union, waving farewell as Laury maneuvered the bus around the corner to head the No. 2 downtown.

## Changes in Madrona Woods

*By Judith Starbuck, Grand Ave.*

We have a new, rustic fence at the Grand/Spring entrance to Madrona Woods. Installed by the Seattle Parks Department's Natural Areas Crew, it is intended to support restoration of an area where a large amount of native vegetation has been removed by a person or persons unknown. The Parks Crew built the fence, planted new native vegetation, and mulched the area. Thanks to Lisa Ciecko and Mark Mead at Parks/Green Seattle Partnership for taking this affirmative step to support the Madrona Woods restoration.

If you walk by this entrance, please check out the fence, and please keep an eye out for persons removing vegetation anywhere in the Woods. Any Madrona Woods volunteer (even if working solo) will always be happy to talk with you and explain what they are doing. Reports of native plant removal and feedback about the fence can be sent to [petermason065@gmail.com](mailto:petermason065@gmail.com).

Our next monthly work party is scheduled for Sat., May 24, from 10:00am-1:00pm. Meet at the kiosk at 38th and Marion to get gloves and tools. To sign up ahead, go to [cedar.greencitypartnerships.org](http://cedar.greencitypartnerships.org) and click on CEDAR. Put in Green Seattle Partnership and select Madrona Park. Indicate you'll be attending.

That same day some of our volunteers will be participating in the World Fish Migration Day with an information table and possible activities at the natural area on the lakefront. This international day of education will highlight the importance of fish passage and habitat availability for migratory fish species. A stop

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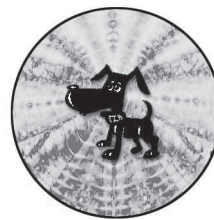
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on a self-guided tour of the Cedar River Watershed at Madrona Park will highlight our work and the importance of healthy shallow lake habitat for migrating juvenile Chinook salmon.

You can find announcements of work parties and all kinds of interesting information and photos on our website: [www.madronawoods.org](http://www.madronawoods.org). And we have a Facebook page too.

## Neighborhood News and Notes

Sadly, the *Central District News* shut down March 7, leaving a big hole in the neighborhood for daily news reporting. The editor wrote that although revenue could sustain the site, there was insufficient income to grow. Further, people who worked on it every day — Tom and Megan — were giving much more than they were getting in terms of dollars and cents. Archival material still can be found at [centraldistrictnews.com](http://centraldistrictnews.com).

The May meeting of the Leschi Community Council is their annual meeting with elections, awards, a look at the past year's projects, and a look forward at plans for the coming year. Leschi also will partner with Coyote Central, the SPD East Precinct, and Seattle Girls' School on Flo Ware Day May 10 from 11:00am-2:00pm. Celebrate the Children is the theme for this 10 year anniversary celebration of the renovated Flo Ware Park at 28th Ave. and Jackson. There will be music, games, food,

and anniversary cake to share. May 10, 11-2 pm.

Singin' In the Rain's spring session will begin on May 1, running from 6:00-7:00pm on Thursdays with a concert to follow on June 12. Participants can expect to learn easy, catchy, and intensely fun songs, and possibly some choreography. Those wishing to join should meet at Epiphany Parish's Great Hall, 1805 38th Ave.

## Who But the Oracle Could Have Predicted It?


People who live in Madrona know it's a "small town." But the four Madrona residents pictured recently discovered that our "small town" actually reaches half way across the world! Mother and daughter travelers Kim Herber and Hannah Ditty



of 35th Avenue were on a mid-winter

vacation in Athens, Greece. One of the places they wanted to explore was Delphi, the spot Zeus declared the navel of Gaia.

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Even before Zeus, Delphi was known throughout the world as the home of the Pythia, the priestess of Apollo, a seer who foretold the future through cryptic mystical predictions. The archeological site is four hours north of Athens. When the bus stopped for snacks halfway through the trip and riders began to mingle, Kim and Han quickly discovered that there were four other American travelers. Two were college students from the East coast and two were—from Seattle! Actually, not just Seattle—Madrona. Turns out they were Peter Byers and Virginia Sybert of Grand Avenue, in Athens for a conference and then headed to France for vacation. The Madrona Four asked one of the American college kids to snap a photo to prove it. But what else besides the truth would you discover in Delphi?

## Madrona Real Estate Changes Over the Years

*By Ben Chotzen, 30th Ave.*

In the early 1980's my brother Loren founded The Landmark Group, encouraging me to earn a real estate license to join his company when I graduated from The Evergreen State College in 1986. I followed his advice and worked with him until 2009 when I joined GBK Realtors. It was slow going at first—who wants to entrust a 22-year-old with not much experience—when investing in something as expensive as a home? While focusing on Madrona and its surrounding neighborhoods, my business steadily improved along with the Seattle housing market. Let me share a few of the many changes we've witnessed.

First of all, the one-story bungalows that sold for \$100,00-

200,000 then now start at \$400,000, and larger two-story craftsman style homes that once sold for \$200,000-400,000 now sell for at least \$800,000 depending on condition, location, and view. Also, new homes were virtually non-existent, but today new homes are being built throughout our neighborhood.

Managing home sales inventories also has changed quite a lot. Once information was printed and bound in thick books delivered weekly; included was each home's description and a small black and white photo. But in the mid-1990s the internet allowed us to step away from books and share information electronically, including lots of color photos for each home. In the 1980s we used pagers to stay in contact because very few people had cellular phones or used email. If we needed information when showing a property, we had to stop at pay phones to call other agents. Often they were not in their offices, so communication was much slower.

Fax machines were so exciting when they came to our offices, saving us multiple drives to get signatures on any negotiated change. Try to imagine going back and forth across town—often until nearly midnight, while Buyers and Sellers made counter offers to one another. Now, our fax machines are barely used; Buyers and Sellers can sign documents electronically that are then scanned and sent back and forth.

As you can imagine, these technological changes have enabled us to accomplish so much more in a work day, and instantly provide much more information to Buyers and Sellers. Additionally, Buyers and Sellers now use the internet to research real estate on their own, so often Buyer clients will have a particular home in mind when we meet to begin their search and our Sell-  
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er clients will have a price in mind when they consider selling. All of these changes make me eager to see how our industry changes in the next 25 years.

## Walking for Water: From Ethiopia to Seattle

*Rachel Norling Anderson, 6th grade, 37th Ave.*

In Feb. I had the opportunity to go on the Water1st International Ethiopia Water Tour with my parents and 16 other people. We got to see what life is like in rural Ethiopia in visits to villages that have clean water as well as communities that do not.

One day, in the village of Dawo Kara, I experienced what women and children do every day. I went to a spring, filled up a jerry can (water container) with the brown, murky water, strapped it on my back with a cloth, and walked about a mile to a mud hut.... uphill. It may not seem like a lot but when you're carrying up to 40 pounds of water on your back, you think differently. By the end of that walk, I was exhausted. I am honestly shocked that millions of girls like Shiyetu (the girl that I carried water with) have to make that trip three or four times a day, carrying every drop of water that their families live on.

When we got to Shiyetu's hut, our translator explained to her family that we were there because Water1st is funding a water project in Dawo Kara. They were so grateful. They told us that they had been promised clean water so many times but others

had not kept their promises. On my last night in Ethiopia, I told my parents, "The kids here have so little. I really don't need anything, I want to raise money for a water project."

To realize that wish, I am participating in the Seventh Annual Carry 5 Walk for Water on May 4 at Seattle Center. For the second time this year I will walk five kilometers with water strapped to my back with a cloth.

Only this time I will be in Seattle, carrying water to raise money for Water1st water projects in Ethiopia, as well as Bangladesh, and Honduras. Over 600 people will be participating in Carry 5. It's a great way for kids and their parents to learn about the cause and support people who need clean water. I hope you will walk with us on May 4. To register and learn more, go to: [www.water1st.org](http://www.water1st.org) or [www.carry5.org](http://www.carry5.org).



*Rachel Norling*

## Supporting a Living Wage

*By Rhett Alden, Madrona Dr.*

The April *Madrona News* included an article by Burke Shethar (owner of the Madrona Eatery and Ale House) presenting his perspective on paying employees a living wage of \$15 an hour. He wrote that low-wage workers help achieve business goals at the Ale House. While I find it inspiring for small businesses to succeed, I am appalled by the blatant exploitation of Madrona

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Ale House's workforce by their owner, which constitutes a de facto condemnation of workers to government payouts, such as food stamps, and poverty as defined by the US government. To quote Burke Shethar, employee Carlos is "a ferocious worker," and Shethar further states that he "won the lottery as a business owner to have him and many other good staffers." How are we to judge this statement? Is Madrona Ale House exploiting workers to benefit their own bottom line and profits? Is Madrona Ale House providing workers an opportunity merely to live in poverty? We, as a society, need to move collectively to a model that respects the well being of the workers.

One in seven workers in this country, most employed full time by businesses, receives food stamp subsidies of about \$130 per worker per month. Given the statistics attributed to poverty levels in this country, it is likely that many of the workers of Madrona Ale House, including Carlos, augment their salaries with food stamps and other programs designed to assist the working poor. I support Burke Shethar as a business owner but not with virtually indentured low-wage workers that put the workforce into an intentional cycle of poverty. Madrona Ale House isn't the only institution to exploit workers and pass the burden on to tax-payers. It is endemic in many small and large companies including Subway, Walmart, and Starbucks. Should we, as consumers, pay a premium to businesses that support a fair working wage to give workers a living wage? Consumers need to recognize gross inequality and support institutions that actively support wage equity and fairness. Hopefully, Madrona Ale House will support fairness. When they do, I will assuredly support the Ale House – with a fifty cent premium!

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- MONDAYS** **Tom Bennett and the Rolling Blackouts**—Playing every Monday evening at St. Clouds. [www.tombennettmusic.com](http://www.tombennettmusic.com)
- MON & WED** 6:00pm – 8:00pm **Help with homework for Elementary/Middle School Age Children**—MLK Community Center, 3201 E. Republican Street. Does not meet when Seattle schools are closed
- MON & THURS** 6:00am – 7:00am **Bootcamp Class**—Get up early and get fit! Madison Park Physical Therapy. For details contact Nikki Lundin [www.nikkfitt.com](http://www.nikkfitt.com)
- TUES & THURS** 9:30am – 10:30am **Work out with us!**—Madrona Playfield, Garfield Track and other neighborhood locations. Contact Rachel@UnstillLife.com
- WEDNESDAYS** 1:00pm – 3:00pm **Open/Free New Moms Circle**—at NOOK: Pilates and Movement Studio. Leatha McKenzie on [NookPilates@gmail.com](mailto:NookPilates@gmail.com) or 557-8881  
6:30pm – 7:45pm **Rachel x Two**—Fun/social track workouts for all levels of runners. Garfield High School Track, group runs. [RachelD@RachelxTwo.com](mailto:RachelD@RachelxTwo.com)
- WED & FRI** 8:30am – 9:00am **Meditation**—Guided silent meditation led by Pieter Drummond. Epiphany Chapel, [pieter@stonegroundmeditation.com](mailto:pieter@stonegroundmeditation.com)
- THURSDAYS** 10:00am – 12:00pm **All Threads Together**—Conversation, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint. Epiphany Library, Trish Stone, [twallstone@yahoo.com](mailto:twallstone@yahoo.com)  
11:00am **Family Story Time**—Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs. Madrona Library, 684-4705  
6:00pm – 8:00pm **Wine Maker Reception & Free Tasting**—Support our local winemakers at Bottlehouse, 1416 34th Ave [www.bottlehouseseattle.com](http://www.bottlehouseseattle.com)  
7:30pm **ALANON Meeting**—Great Hall, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573
- FRIDAYS** 7:30am – 8:30am **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker [kbarker715@comcast.net](mailto:kbarker715@comcast.net)
- SATURDAYS** 10:00am **Free Yoga Class**—Conscious Body Pilates, 3317 East Union St. [consciousbodypilates.com](http://consciousbodypilates.com)  
2:00pm – 4:00pm **Free Wine Tasting at Madrona Wine Merchants**—1127 34th Avenue. For more information consult [www.MadronaWineMerchants.com](http://www.MadronaWineMerchants.com)
- WEEKENDS** 9:00am – 5:00pm **Donate Used Goods**—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet parking lot. [www.bigbluetruck.org](http://www.bigbluetruck.org)  
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- May 3 9:00am–3:00pm **Neighborhood Work Party for the Leschi Natural Area**—Rain or shine we meet at the Park entrance at 36th Ave. and E.Terrace. Gloves and lunch provided for participants. Contact Bunny and Fran Wood 323-2296 or Diane Morris 322-7648
- May 3 2:00pm–4:00pm **Prographica – Colors of Gray Opening Reception**—Exhibit continues through May 31. 3417 E. Denny Way (gallery is open Wed – Sat, 11am-5pm). 322-3851 [www.prographicadrawings.com](http://www.prographicadrawings.com)
- May 5 9:30am–10:15am **First Mondays with Mary**—Join Madrona K-8 principal Mary McDaniel for an informal conversation about the school. <http://madronak8.seattleschools.org>
- May 6 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—All Welcome! Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. Contact Holly Smith, [ho2lye@yahoo.com](mailto:ho2lye@yahoo.com)
- May 7 7:30pm **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Central Area Senior Center, 500 30TH Ave. S. Diane Snell at [Jdsnell1@comcast.net](mailto:Jdsnell1@comcast.net)
- May 10 **Madrona Mayfair!**—Get out and celebrate with your neighbors at Madrona Playfield; see more complete schedules on pp. 3 and 5
- May 10 2:00pm–5:00pm **Madrona Art Walk**—Art and live music at Madrona businesses. Contact BOOM Madrona: [madronabusinesses@gmail.com](mailto:madronabusinesses@gmail.com)
- May 10 11:00am–2:00pm **Celebrate the Children**—Theme for Leschi CC's Flo Ware Day. Flo Ware Park at 28th Ave. and Jackson. With music, games, food. and anniversary cake
- May 15-23 **Central Library 10th Anniversary Celebration**—Authors, live music, and activities. Consult possibilities at: [www.spl.org/locations/central-library/central-library-10th-anniversary](http://www.spl.org/locations/central-library/central-library-10th-anniversary)
- May 21 9:00am–1:00pm **Homeless Cooking Wednesday**—Bring a knife and a cutting board. Donations of fresh food (no protein) and money always welcome. St. Clouds Restaurant. Contact John Platt, [john@stclouds.com](mailto:john@stclouds.com)
- May 21-31 7:00pm **Legally Blond**—Student production at Garfield High School's Quincy Jones Performance Center, 400 23rd Avenue. Tickets can be purchased at the door before the show or online at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com)
- May 22 6:30pm–8:00pm **EastPac Meeting**—Discuss activities and issues within Seattle's East Precinct. Seattle University's Chardin Hall, Room 142, 1020 E Jefferson. Contact Stephanie Tschida [cheeda11@gmail.com](mailto:cheeda11@gmail.com)
- May 24 10:00am–1:00pm **Friends of Madrona Woods work party**—Meet at 38th and Marion, or contact Peter Mason [petermason065@gmail.com](mailto:petermason065@gmail.com)
- May 29 6:30–8:30pm **SDOT Recommendations for 34th Ave. Corridor**—Review of Final Corridor Plan & Next Step. Madrona K-8 School Library

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