

# NEWS&CLUES

*“All the news that doesn’t break”*

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**Please Note:** The next issue of *News&Clues* will appear on April 14.

## **Ted Mahle**

It is about ten days since Ted Mahle suffered a serious stroke in his home in Carmichael. Ted is still in Kaiser Morse hospital. He has lost mobility on the right side of his body and most of his capacity for speech. Ted has had scores of concerned visitors, many of whom have left drawings and words of greeting in a sketchbook kept in the room. Ted's children, Mark and Jeanine, are in almost constant attendance. Mark reports that very soon Ted will be transferred to a rehabilitation facility in Carmichael or Fair Oaks, where various therapies will be used to help restore functioning. Our thoughts and prayers on Ted's behalf can make a difference.

## **Late Breaking News**

The editor has just heard from students that Ted was able to move his right hand on Sunday. One of our dear students from China massaged Ted's hand and thereafter he could move it—a good sign.

## **Campus Renovation Updates**

The renovation of Emerson Hall is complete. In its pre-College days, the building was a bow-and-arrow factory and then in the early College years, before the construction of Philadelphia Hall, it was the main classroom and gathering place on campus. New elements include siding, stucco skirts, electrical wiring, ceiling lights, and air conditioning.

Philadelphia Hall is back in action with a new wooden floor. Presumably the hall will resume its role as the main classroom for the year-one students, and Brian's amazing overlay drawings of the planetary seals will again grace the blackboards. Those who dream big see multiuse possibilities—an anthroposophically oriented bowling alley in which the pins fall down but immediately pop up again (a metaphor for reincarnation) or a temperament-themed nightclub with special nights for melancholics (sad music only), phlegmatics (free food), and others.

The remodeling of the Library continues, but no date for completion has been announced. A remarkable sight directly in front of the Library is the immense pickup truck owned by a good-natured young man working on the remodeling. The vehicle has tires about four feet high and is roughly about the size of a three-bedroom house. Made by Chevrolet and known as the "Chevy Colossus," the truck features an Olympic-size swimming pool and a full-sized replica of the White House. While it looks as if it gets minus two miles to the gallon, it actually gets a respectable sixteen, using diesel fuel.

## **THINGS HAPPENING AND THINGS NOT HAPPENING**

### **College Sheep Fail to Deliver**

Much has been said in recent weeks about the imminent festival of maternity in the sheep meadow. There has been expectant talk about the four resident ewes possibly all being pregnant and a crop of newborn lambs frolicking and gamboling about. Unfortunately, the ewes are not cooperating. None has given birth yet. Is "Grandma" too old? Is "Yuki" too young? No one knows. It seems that what the world needs is a reliable ovine pregnancy test.

### **Clara's Counter Closed**

The café and lunch room in Barton House will be closed from Wednesday, March 25 and will reopen Monday, April 13.

### **RSC Bookstore Hours**

Tuesday - Saturday 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Monday - Closed

### **"The Meaning of Holy Week and the Coming 33-Year Rhythm"**

With Brian Gray

Wednesday, March 25                      7:30 - 9:00 p.m.                      Teacher Ed Room  
Students/Supporting Members - Free    Seniors - \$5.00    Non-Members - \$8.00  
This is the weekly meeting of the Faust Branch, and Brian's talk is in lieu of Ted Mahle's scheduled presentation.

**Closing Assembly / Spring Break**

Thursday, March 26                      11:15 a.m.                      Stegmann Hall  
A gathering to mark the beginning of the Easter/Spring break. There will be community singing, several artistic offerings, a talk on the theme of Easter by Brian Gray, and a verse from Cynthia Hoven. There are unconfirmed rumors of a post-assembly dessert. All members of the College and larger community are welcome.

Classes will resume on Monday, April 13. The year-two Teacher Education students will be returning at that time from their practicums in local schools with stories about life "in the pedagogical trenches" with those diminutive, energetic miracles generally referred to as to "children."

**College Offices Schedule**

All College offices will be closed on Friday, April 3, and Monday, April 6. Otherwise, the College will observe normal office hours during the break.

***Riding the Wind: Story Plays From Old China***

Thursday, March 26, and Friday, March 27                      7:30 p.m.                      Stegmann Hall  
This is an offering by the year-one students in the Teacher Education program under the direction of Jim Anderson, Molly McIntyre-Libby, and Cynthia Hoven. Amid the bustle of an ancient Chinese marketplace, a group of villagers tell four tales featuring strong women. The two performances are open to the general public, donations accepted to defray costs of the production.

**"The Alchemy of Holy Week"**

With Dennis Klocek  
This is a Coros Institute retreat, cosponsored and hosted by Rudolf Steiner College over Palm Sunday weekend.  
Friday, March 27: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 28: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, March 29: 9:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.  
Fee: Sliding scale \$145.00 - 195.00

Register: [www.corosinstitute.org](http://www.corosinstitute.org)

Housing: [housing@steinercollege.edu](mailto:housing@steinercollege.edu) or 916-864-4816

For more information, including regarding scholarship assistance: 916-342-5718

**"Mysteries in Leonardo's Painting of The Last Supper, and the Christ Events from Good Friday through Easter Sunday"**

With Brian Gray

Thursday, April 2            7:30 p.m.            Teacher Education room

Free admission / Donations to RSC gratefully accepted

**Holy Week Services at The Christian Community of Sacramento**

Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday 10:30 a.m. - Act of Consecration of Man

11:45 a.m. - "The Mirror of Holy Week—Contemplation-Conversation"

Monday, March 30, daily through Saturday, April 4, 9:00 a.m.

The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. Silent supper of bread, soup, and grape juice

Friday, April 3, 3:00 p.m. Good Friday Celebration

Sunday, April 5, 7:30 a.m. - First celebration of The Act of Consecration of Man

9:15 a.m. - Children's Easter Festival

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Service for Children

10:30 a.m. - Second celebration of The Act of Consecration of Man

All services are at the chapel of The Christian Community, located at Saint Francis Episcopal Church, 11430 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks 916-548-4224

**Helen Lubin's Travels**

As always when the College's teacher education students are away on practicum, speech arts teacher Helen Lubin will be traveling to Waldorf schools and other venues. After attending the SteinerBooks Research Seminar in New York City, she will head north to the Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs (stopping on the way to work with a teacher at the Mt. Laurel WS in New Paltz, NY). From there the route goes back down to Spring Valley/Chestnut Ridge, NY to work with the faculty of the Otto Specht School (for children with developmental delays), meet with speech colleagues, travel to the Foundation Studies Program at the Waldorf School of Princeton. Helen will then continue her work with the Brooklyn Waldorf School for a week. The trip will wrap up with a few days of breathing time at Grace Brook Farm near Brattleboro, VT, home of the 'Inner Fire' initiative, where Helen is a contributing therapist. This new initiative, currently offering a day program, is carried by Hauschka art therapist Beatrice Birch, and is to become a residential

healing community "offering a choice for people to recover from debilitating and traumatic life challenges without the use of psychotropic medications."  
([www.innerfire.us](http://www.innerfire.us))

Helen continues to appreciate her dual and interfacing pathways of working with teacher trainees while also teaching throughout the year in Waldorf classrooms—the situation for which teachers are being prepared. She looks forward to continuing with RSC's fourth semester students after spring break.

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**Rudolf Steiner's *Calendar of the Soul***  
**Week No. 51    March 23 - 29**

*Ins Innere des Menschenwesens  
Ergiesst der Sinne Reichtum sich.  
Es findet sich der Weltengeist  
Im Spiegelbild des Menschauges,  
Das seine Kraft aus ihm  
Sich neu erschaffen muss.*

Into the inmost essence of the human being  
Flow the riches of the senses.  
The World Spirit finds itself  
In the mirror image of the human eye,  
Which, out of Spirit,  
Must always create its strength anew.

trans. R.E.K.