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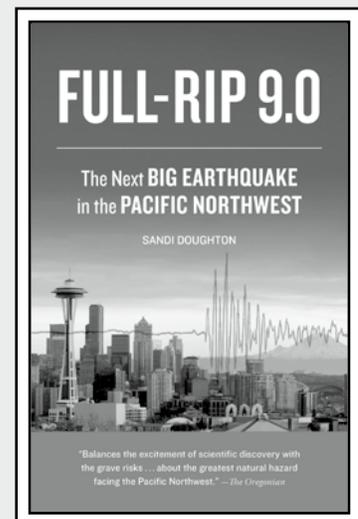
Let's admit it: many of us who live in Seattle know it's only a matter of time before we experience an earthquake. Yet, many of us put off thinking about it and preparing for it.

That's why the Leschi Community Council invites you to an important event: "Get ready for the Big One", featuring two experts, Sandi Doughton, author of *Full-Rip 9.0: The Next Big Earthquake in the Pacific Northwest* and Cindi Barker, Coordinator of Seattle Emergency Communication Hubs.

Join your neighbors for an inspiring evening with refreshments!

Wednesday, April 4, 7pm

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SAVE THE DATE

May 2, 2018—LCC Meeting
A Look at the issues of the Day:
*Racism, Inclusion, and Our
Changing Neighborhoods*

President's Message

Spring is upon us and we are excited to bring three timely programs over the next three months.

April 4th, at 7:00 pm we will have "Get Ready for the Big One," with Sandi Doughton author of *Full-Rip 9.0: The Next Big Earthquake in the Pacific Northwest* and Cindi Barker, coordinator of the Seattle Emergency HUBS (disaster relief gathering places if disaster strikes).



This should be a lively discussion and one that is a passionate issue in the minds of many. Your Board Members, Tracy Bier and Trevor Lalish-Menagh have arranged this program with the idea in mind it is the LCC's duty to provide information to our residents in case of an earthquake. Recently a small 2.7 quake served as a reminder of this.

In May, Shanna Crutchfield who is a Principal Consultant of Visions of Equity, will be heading a panel to discuss racism, inclusion, neighborhoods and how we can all best live in harmony.

Finally, our June program before our summer break will honor those silent heroes who enhance people's lives on a daily basis, but sometimes are so good, we forget to remember to thank them.

Spring is here and it is time to embrace our beautiful neighborhood area. I encourage you to get involved. Make a difference. Join our lively, growing group of neighbors.

I wish you wonderful blue skies, abundant sunshine and friendships that nurture your being.

*-Janice Merrill Brown
President, Leschi Community Council*

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Confessions of an Activist

Editor's note: Last month we learned about a How-to Book for Activists, Eric Liu's You're More Powerful than You Think. This month a dedicated activist looks at the issues and boils them down to a single issue which, if corrected, could eliminate the ills of society. Guest editorial by Georgia McDade.

Of the many posters I have seen at the March on MLK Day, the Women's March, on social media and TV, my favorite is "There are too many issues to put on one poster." I agree. But I think at least equally important is the existence of enough persons to correct all these issues. Really! One of the best truths of the March—actually truths about marches all over the world—is the great number of issues and the numerous similarities.

Dr. Susan Noyes Platt clearly states the situation: "As these two marches (MLK Day and Day after State of the Union) and the Northwest African American Museum exhibition celebrated, we are moving beyond the divisions of the past, embracing the idea that all causes are one cause; we must all work together to realize the world we know we must have." The one cause is justice. The world we must have is a world wherein justice reigns. As long as injustice exists, problems, friction, war will exist.

Imagine what the world would look like if everyone had justice, the ones who now have it and the ones seeking it. If the ones who have it worked to see that the ones wanting, needing it received it, we could have a peaceful world. People all over the world are seeking to solve the many "issues" not named on that poster. I'll confine my problem solving to the U.S. We can make it better, greater than the "Founding Fathers" ever dreamed because we know more than they knew.

I think our biggest problem in the world is lack of justice. For many of us—Americans and those not Americans be

they inside the U.S. borders or outside—the president's "Make America Great Again" (MAGA) means excluding us and/or persons whom we care about. I have never heard the precise period the president has in mind when he says "great." But some of us are convinced that he means "Make America White Again." The President has made many statements to support the belief that he wants the country to be white or, at least, whiter. He has insulted just about every un-white people that you can name: Mexicans, African Americans, Asians and Native Americans, among others. And no one should forget his designation for Haiti and African countries. If there is any doubt about his stance, he makes himself clear when he says he wants folks from Norway to come here.

Is there anyone out there who ever thinks America was "red" before it was "white"? No one listening to the Neo-Nazis would ever think so. Perhaps some Native Americans agree with the African adage the axe soon forgets what the tree always remembers. I do.

Did you hear about the restaurateur stating, on camera, that once upon a time, migrants wanted to be servants? "Now," says he, "they all want to go to college!" Are his children servants? Do they go to college? Yes, when we learn we do not have to pick fruits and vegetables, that our children don't have to chop cotton or pick fruits and vegetables, we do not want them to have these jobs. Why is he so surprised? Why do some persons believe what is good for them is not good for others? A woman told me years ago about the worst flaw of President Lyndon B. Johnson: "He made all of 'those people' believe they could have what I have."

At varying levels are other examples of problems resulting from lack of justice and the power originating from the absence of justice. Do you know how many of the Fortune

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500 companies paid no taxes or received six-figure refunds? What would have happened had Ride the Ducks gotten the axles on twelve vehicles replaced? What body agreed that the parents of foreign students should not be awarded damages in the death of their children? How many persons lost houses because of fraud on the part of banks? How many persons responsible for those housing scams are imprisoned? How many persons have been enrolled in colleges that provided no saleable skill? What's fair about some persons getting pensions larger than the salaries they made and others who may have worked decades long at jobs they detested denied their pensions? Why is the planet—animals and plants, water, land, and air—in danger? Our multinationals damage one part of the world and move to another part. Fines barely touch their profits. Why do so many persons say, "Time's Up" or "#MeToo"? How many lives would not have been negatively altered had someone reported Larry Nassar and Jerry Sandusky? We'll never know how many lives these persons carelessly scarred.

I believe each issue could be solved if we applied justice. Each of us could choose a place we see injustice and begin doing what we can to end the crisis. We haven't time to tell anyone to wait. We must begin immediately to solve the problems ourselves. If family and friends aren't interested in our causes, we must reach out to others who are. Now you may wonder "How do I know what is just?" I have an answer! Ask yourself if you would sanction the incident if it happened to you or someone important to you. You would condone someone's harassing your mom, dad, sister, brother, niece, nephew, husband or wife? The molesting of

a child you love is satisfactory? Having someone trick your loved one out of money has your approval? Perhaps all of us would not always agree, but most of the time, we would. Each of us mentally sound individuals is charged with spreading justice wherever we are whenever we can.

-Georgia McDade

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Editor's note: And from one of our readers commenting on the fake news story in our last issue:

Dear Leschi News,
I can see why the photo of Taylor Swift with Senator Joe McCarthy confused some people. It's actually Senator Ted Cruz, McCarthy's look-alike and act-alike. He is, unfortunately, still very much alive. Just kidding (sort of).

-Roger Lippman, Leschi

Editor's note: We didn't catch this and we still wonder: this guy looks older than Ted Cruz does. What do you think?

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Neighborhood and Beyond

LCC'S APRIL PROGRAM

Seattle Times Science writer, Sandi Doughton, writes about the probability of a 9.0 earthquake in the Pacific Northwest. She imagines what the huge earthquake of 1700 must have been like for the native people living here and it is chilling! Reading this graphic description made me feel ashamed of my pathetic store of gallons of who-knows-how-old-water stored in the storage room with everything from Christmas ornaments to the cache of Leschi CC material that tends to reside at our house. No, I confess I am NOT ready and I need something to light that spark of survival. I probably have a lifetime of dried beans but without water and fuel, they might as well be a collection of seashells.

Thanks to Tracy Bier, our Public Health and Safety Chair, for bringing this overdue program to fruition. With the help of LCC Vice-President, Trevor Menagh, the program will also include Cindi Barker who chairs the program for city communications through neighborhood "hubs." Communication will not be as easy as it is now with massive disruptions to broadcasting facilities, buckled roads and slides.

Even if you are, like me, ashamed of your meager hoard of survival goods, please plan to attend and learn what can happen and what the city has planned for the aftermath.

April 4 at 7pm, in the Solarium at the Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave S.

-Diane Snell

ELECTIONS AGAIN THIS YEAR!

Elections are looming and we need to announce this in the newsletter 3 month ahead. This same information appeared in the March newsletters with the election planned for May. All current officers need to be re-elected to continue serving. Our president, Janice Merrill Brown, was elected in 2017 to serve out the remaining year in a term vacated by Yuki Igarashi. Our Vice-President, Trevor Lalish-Menagh, was elected in 2017 to complete the term held by Yousef Shulman. Our treasurer, Janet Oliver, is filling out the term vacated by Amy Fink. Our secretary, Diane Snell, is completing her first term and is running for a second two-year term.

Even though the current Board is willing to continue if elected, any resident may challenge any of these positions. We request that you contact leschinews@comcast.net with your name, the position you wish to run for and a brief bio.

100 WOMEN WHO CARE THANKS LESCHI NEIGHBORS

Our first donation event of this year was in February where we chose Ladybug House to receive our donation. With Leschi neighbor's participation, we presented them with a check for \$4050.

Ladybug House is building Seattle's first palliative care home for children, adolescents and young adults with life-limiting illnesses. Their mission, "if we cannot add days to the life of a child, we will add life to their days." They are working to fill a much-needed gap in children's palliative care, ladybughouse.org.



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Our giving circle, 100 Women Who care is growing and to date we have donated \$30,000 to support non-profits in our community. We invite the charities to speak with us and then we vote on who we want to direct our funds to with 100% going to the charity.



Our goal: 100 women times \$100 equals a \$10,000 impact to a charity, and we meet only three times a year.

If you looking for a simple, yet impactful way to give back in to our community, then 100 Women Who Care may be the right group for you. Come join us at our next event on May 9 at Pyramid Ale House, 6–8pm. Check out our website, 100womenseattle.org or visit us on Facebook. As a member, you get to nominate your favorite charities!

Any questions please contact us at 100womenseattle@gmail.com.

Collectively we can make a difference! Thanks Leschi for your support!

-Paula Rothkopf

A VERY SHORT HISTORY OF LESCHI PARK

The Leschi Park area was known as “Changes its Face” by the indigenous residents of our area before contact. It was felt that a powerful spirit available to shamans existed here. After urban expansion, it disappeared.

Yesler Way was known as “little crossing over place” where freshwater Indians could connect with saltwater populations. Later it was called Mill Street by newcomers because it connected to Yesler’s Mill.

Chief Leschi of the Nisqually tribe brought his people to this area for fishing and berry picking. He is buried in the Puyallup Tribal Cemetery in Tacoma.

The Yesler Street cable car connected “Seattle” to the lake ferries, which took passengers to Mercer Island, Bellevue and other lake destinations from the Leschi Dock at the South Marina.

Leschi Park was initially established as a zoo and amusement park to help sell real estate and draw people “out of the city” in the 1900’s.

In 1890, a big casino was built on the SE side of the park. It was a popular spot for vaudeville acts and concerts. Sarah Bernhardt performed here in 1906. The story goes that they rustled a bear for her to shoot!

The circle in the center of the park was once a fishpond. The Park was a gathering place on weekends for ladies to stroll in their long gowns and big hats accompanied by men in suit and tie.

Leschi Park was purchased by the City of Seattle from Seattle Electric Company who owned the Yesler Way cable car line. This established Leschi Park as the second oldest park in the city; Denny Park was the first.

In 1903, the Olmstead Brothers were hired to design boulevards and parks for the residents of Seattle to experience nature on Sundays using their bicycles and Model T’s.

Jacob Umlauff was heard gardener in 1894 and planted the giant sequoia in the center of the park. He became Seattle’s first parks superintendent until he retired in 1940.

-Sally Wagner

THE SHOWERS AND SUN BREAKS OF SPRING

Cumulus clouds and showers over Western Washington on the afternoon of 3/18/2018. These were formed as the surface warmed throughout the day, allowing air to rise and form clouds. Note the clear skies over the Pacific and much of Puget Sound, where surface temperatures are much cooler. Image credit: NASA

April is one of the most erratic, varied, and difficult-to-forecast months in the Pacific Northwest. Major windstorms, while rare, are not unheard of; just last April, the Portland metro area got walloped by a windstorm that brought the most power outages to the city since the Hanukkah Eve Storm of 2006. It’s not uncommon to even see brief spurts of snow in the overnight hours in a Puget Sound Convergence Zone or heavy shower, though this snow rarely sticks at sea level. And on the other side of the coin, our high sun angles open the potential for scorching heat waves if a ridge of high pressure builds over the area. Sea-Tac hit a staggering 89 degrees on April 18, 2016 and just hit 73 on March 12 this year; 20 degrees above average for that date and their earliest 70+ degree day ever.

But if there’s one thing that truly defines springtime weather around the Pacific Northwest, it has to be our months on end of “showers and sun breaks.” As we transition into spring, the surface warms much more dramatically than the upper atmosphere, creating a large temperature decrease with height. The faster an atmosphere cools with height, the more unstable it is and the easier it is for convective showers to form. Some of these showers

can be quite strong: Vancouver, WA, experienced the state's only major tornado on record with a F3 twister in April 1972, and on May 4th last year, portions of the Pacific Northwest experienced a bona-fide severe thunderstorm outbreak, with areas of Thurston County getting particularly hard-hit as a thunderstorm with 70 mph winds and torrential rains toppled trees and power lines.

But more often than not, our showers are much more benign and are associated with the same mechanisms that our wintertime showers are: unstable, post-frontal flow. The primary difference is not the showers themselves, but the sun breaks that follow. With such high sun angles at this time of the year, the sunshine that returns after a shower has passed is far more dramatic than it is near the winter solstice.



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If you like spring, I've got good news for you! Seattle hosts some of the longest "spring like" weather in the nation, with average temperatures not reaching the 70s until late June. This is due to our moderating westerly flow off the -55 degree waters of the Pacific Ocean and Salish Sea. Our dark and dreary winters can sure test our grit, but our long springs and absolutely perfect summers more than make up for it.

-Charlie Phillips

Charlie Phillips, a Madrona resident, received his B.S. in atmospheric sciences from the University of Washington and works in Portland as a meteorologist forecasting wind energy along the Columbia River Gorge. Check out his weather website at weathertogether.us.

FIND THOSE HIDDEN STARS IN LESCHI!

At our June meeting, we will honor Leschi Stars who have come to the attention of the Board, but we know there are more stars out there and we hope the community will help identify them. To nominate someone for the Leschi Star award, please write to the Leschi News or Janice Merrill Brown (LCC president) at janicemb@comcast.net with the name of the person and a description of why you think they deserve to be recognized as a star. The Board will consider all nominations at the May Board meeting (5/7/18) and make their decisions.

Either email leschinews@comcast.net or write to Leschi News at 140 Lakeside Ave., Ste A, #2, Seattle 98122.

-Diane Snell

JACKSON APARTMENTS UPDATE

We watched the shells of Red Apple and smaller stores to the west turn into rubble this past month. The construction bulletin from Exxel Pacific tells us what to expect next:

Utility work is underway and continues through April; there will be weekend work and the normal work hours are 7am-4pm.

Large trucks will be moving in and out of the property daily. West tower crane installation is scheduled for mid-April. The construction debris is being sorted and recycled. Erosion control measures are being installed.

And the ultimate goals are: two 5- to 7-story apartment buildings, 532 residential apartments for a variety of income levels and 44,000 square feet of retail space for a grocery store and local shops, micro to medium.

MASON BEE UPDATE

One of our Mason Bee households has an early-blooming plum tree that has made their location a known hot spot for Mason Bee production. We have installed cocoons in that shelter block early this year. Otherwise, we are waiting for the Big Leaf Maples and dandelions to run riot before setting more cocoons out.

-Jim Snell

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Black History Month

February was a very busy Black History Month, with a number of events including a “High 5” morning greeting to celebrate positive black role models in our community. The month culminated in our annual Black History Community Night and dinner on March 1; a guest speaker talked about the history of the Black Panthers in Seattle and the overlooked role the Panthers played in promoting social justice for marginalized groups across the country. Students shared powerful poetry and song with the community, along with projects they worked on throughout the month.

Art from the Heart

Valentine’s Day was the perfect day for the next installment of Art from the Heart, a school-wide event that began last year. Art from the Heart builds relationships between students across grade levels and exposes them to a wide variety of visual and performing arts. Students attended workshops of their choosing, each organized by teachers, support staff or volunteers, to work on a group art project or activity.

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K–12 Education Funding Panel Discussion

On February 27, representatives from Seattle Public Schools, the school board, City Council, and the Washington State PTA participated in an in-depth panel discussion (organized by Leschi mom and PTA legislative liaison Sam McKagan) on the status of funding for basic education in the state, current shortfalls, classroom size and capacity, along with equity issues throughout the city and beyond.

Leschi Elementary Website and Newsletters

Keep up to date on upcoming events and news by visiting leschies.seattleschools.org.

-Benson Funk Wilder

ARTWALK UPDATE

The first band has been chosen: a Marimba Band, which should get us all out of our houses and walking swiftly to the ArtWalk. We still need a vendor coordinator and encourage all to come to our next meeting at BluWater Bistro on the second Thursday of April, the 12th at 3:30.

-Diane Snell

REPAVING IN LESCHI PARK

The paths in Leschi Park are being repaved to fix damage done by the extra-wide Parks trucks as they drive on the paths to get to the bathrooms. These extra-wide trucks also park at the Garfield Community Center taking up one and a half parking slots in a lot where parking is already scarce.

-John Barber

THE CENTRAL UPDATE

Dian Ferguson shared the latest in Senior Center news at the third Wednesday member meeting which followed one of the favorite Central Café lunches: Broccoli Cheese Soup with Shrimp Salad in Pita.

Before Dian arrived, Nyla Gray showed us some posters of Tuskegee Airmen celebrating Washington State’s designation of Tuskegee Airmen Day in the state of Washington (March 23). Although all the Washington Airmen are no longer with us, the exercise class at the Center has both a daughter and a widow of Tuskegee Airmen.

Joan Ervin told members about the Mobile Cause, an app where you can purchase tickets for the Green Dolphin using your phone or your computer.

Dian arrived with the big news: the new Bingo Board should be here by the end of the month and big Bingo events are being planned. Although I have not been to

a Bingo event since I was a kid and accompanied the elderly woman I lived with to a church basement bingo party, I remember thinking what fun it was to hear these older folks get excited and shout bingo! Having reached a “certain” age, I will try this out for myself when the events begin.

Dian has hired an administrative manager who will begin on the first Monday in April. This person will be responsible for training, recruiting volunteers, communication through social media and the newsletter, program development and a sharing of the rentals with Dian. This person will start on a 9am–3pm schedule and work up to an eight-hour day.

The Central needs to get its paperwork into the City of Seattle by April 15 (for buying the building). This is a draft and the City will respond with any need for clarification or additional paperwork. The final needs to be in by April 30.

There was discussion about the Green Dolphin and evaluating acts as to “income”. Dian F said that she had never considered Green Dolphin as a fundraiser; when she came on board, it often lost money. She has revised the program so that it breaks even at least, but there are a few performers who do bring in extra.

However, it will be kept as is considering that the neighborhood often supports performers that the members don’t. There were many compliments for Rachel Foxx who appeared in March; the members liked her and especially liked the fact that her band members did not drown out her voice! Rachel had been one of the Supersonic Soul Sistahs and is now on her own.

The Taproot Theater will be holding improv classes again and the first class starts on March 26 (sorry!) But there are three more classes: April 2, 16 and 23. Classes are \$2 each. Unleash your inner actor!

There will be CPR class and a workshop on property tax and how to apply for an exemption but check with the desk on the dates, as Dian did not have them, 206-726-4926.

-Diane Snell



PARKS UPDATE: OUR THIRD SATURDAY WORK PARTY

Neighborhood volunteers put their skills and grit together on St. Paddy’s Day (March 17) to wipe out some blackberries that were beginning a takeover of Lake Washington Boulevard by East Huron Street.

A truck-and-a-half of weeds were extracted or cut back, opening up a new area to plant with native vegetation later in the year and staving off blackberry dominance along the Boulevard.

The hearty volunteers included Diane Morris, Jan Solsa, Sally Wagner, Carlos Arriola, Tracy Bier and John Barber. Later, Myra and Larry Faust came along to help with the wind-up. All-and-all it was a time to enjoy working together on a beautiful early spring day.

Culture Corner

RADICAL WOMEN

In honor of Women's History Month, I am celebrating Radical Women, a socialist feminist group based in Columbia City, but with branches all over the US and even internationally.

I have been a supporter and friend of RW (as they refer to themselves) for about twenty years. They constantly amaze me with how effectively they get results. They choose an issue, they organize around it, they create attention to it and garner press coverage and next we see mainstream politicians actually responding and even passing new laws or dismissing old ones.

Their current campaign "The Silence Breakers," was extensively covered in the Seattle Times. The #Me Too movement encouraged individual workers at Seattle City Light to begin speaking up about sexual harassment and bullying. RW reached out to them and gave support to those brave individuals, helping them to organize an effective campaign.

RW has a long history with Seattle City Light. More than a few Radical Women worked for Seattle City Light in pioneering apprenticeship programs in the early 1970s. They were breaking a barrier for the traditionally male trades. One of the founders of Radical Women, Clara Frazier, sued City Light for sexism, racism and discrimination way back in 1980, and won the case after seven long years.

Radical Women's primary goal is to build working class women's leadership, training women to speak up and lead on issues. A few years ago they organized "Sisters Organize for Survival" sought to keep Basic Health Plan for low income workers, before the Affordable Care Act came in. They were successful. They also support the farmworkers in the Skagit Valley in their effort to realize better working conditions. I still remember an extraordinary meeting in which the farmworkers, some of them only teenagers, spoke of the grueling work they did in order to realize huge quotas.

All their riveting monthly meetings, accompanied by a delicious meal, educate us about issues barely covered in other sources. And they always pair culture with politics. Visual art, poetry, music and writing are a central part of



their work as a direct result of their roots in Trotskyism. Trotsky believed "the opposition of writers and artists is one of the forces which can usefully contribute to the discrediting and overthrow of regimes which are destroying every sentiment of nobility and even human dignity." ("Towards A Free Revolutionary Art," 1939)

They even have their own press, The Red Letter Press and a great bookstore "Clara's Books" based in their headquarters, New Freeway Hall on Rainier Avenue. They also run Study Groups, such as the one that began on March 26 about "The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State" by Frederick Engels. Over the years, I have learned a lot from these study groups.

They work in partnership with their sister organization, the Freedom Socialist Party, which includes both men and women, publishing an excellent newspaper, The Freedom Socialist, which has news you cannot find anywhere else. The Freedom Socialists (known as FSP) are even running Steve Hoffman against Maria Cantwell for US Senate! They will get the Socialist perspective into the conversation.

Recently Radical Women celebrated International Women's Day (the only celebration in Seattle, which is huge all over the world except in the US). The program called "Working Women Rise Up: Many Fronts, One Struggle," included Anna Bean from the Puyallup Tribe who described tribal resistance to the Liquid Natural Gas Plant in Tacoma, and Anita Brito of the Firs Homeowners Association who spoke eloquently of resisting the landlord trying to evict them from their mobile home park in order to build a high dollar development. Ramona Bennett,

Puyallup Tribal elder described how she led a walk out as a teenager against AT and T. And the event concluded with inspiring Kurdish poetry and the famous labor song “Bread and Roses.”

Gina Petry, the organizer of Radical Women introduced the program with some history: “International Women’s day all started with women militants. Women textile workers in New York City organized a massive demonstration on March 8, 1908 against workplace exploitation and for union representation. Then in 1910, Clara Zetkin, a German socialist was inspired by this struggle & proposed an international day of solidarity, March 8, be designated to honor struggles by

and for women worldwide. On March 8, 1917, Russian women took to the streets and demanded bread, land & peace. Their leadership was critical to the fall of capitalism in Russia.”

Perhaps that is why IWD is so little celebrated in the US!

Radical Women just celebrated their 50th Anniversary last summer! Hats off to these dedicated women who work every single day to confront the evils of the world, all rooted, as they are quick to tell us, in capitalism. Stop by sometime and be inspired to change the world also.

~Susan Noyes Platt

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BOOK REVIEW

Curious Kids Nature Guide: Explore the Amazing Outdoors of the Pacific Northwest

By Fiona Cohen, illustrated by Marni Fylling, published by Little Bigfoot, 2017

As the first daffodils and crocuses begin to evade winter’s grasp, thoughts turn to the outdoors and the bounty of adventures to be had in our local environs. It is time for the Bufflehead on the lake to head north to their breeding grounds in Alaska and Canada, and for the Osprey to return from their warm holiday in Mexico and South America. Little Bigfoot (an imprint of regional publisher Sasquatch Books) indulges our yearning for getting outside, with a charming book published last spring. This hardcover nature book for ages 6–10, is graced with accurate color illustrations and appealing monochromatic artwork.

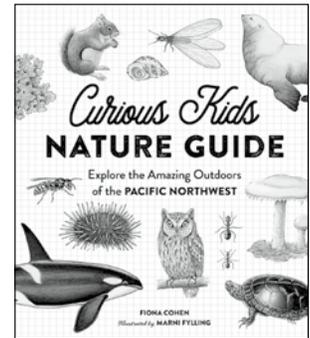
The book is divided into 4 sections: Forest, Beach, Freshwater, and Backyards and Urban Parks with short introductions to common flora and fauna. Some of my favorite facts after perusing:

- A wild honeybee visits up to 50 flowers per trip from the hive and on a good day, she can forage at more than 2000 blossoms.
- Male earwigs have curved pincers while the female pincers are straighter.
- The common white butterflies we see thrive on plants from the mustard family.
- Feathers over the nostrils of a woodpecker keep it from breathing in splinters as it hammers into hard wood. Extra eyelids keep its eyeballs from popping out from the force of frequent and intense hammering. And, best of all, “When woodpeckers aren’t feeding, their tongues coil back into their heads, around their brains.” I put that one in quotes so you wouldn’t think I made it up!

Of course, one fact leads to other questions: If ospreys go to South America for the winter, when do they come back? Where do they stay along the way? Then again, curious kids nowadays have the resources to quickly find the answers to the questions any book does not answer.

I was hoping there might be some information on maple trees here, being as top portions of three tall ones landed on our roof last week. But alas, the book focuses on conifers of which, I understand from the tree service and the open space officials, there aren’t enough of on our hillsides these days. They have not grown in after the maples as was once the natural cycle. And many of the maples are now “over mature” and the conifers aren’t there to keep the hillsides protected in the winter so heavy rains can compromise the maples’ roots.

~Anne Depue



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APRIL SHOWERS LESCHI WITH WINE

SAVE THE DATE ALERT! The end of April brings our annual wine tasting event in partnership with the Lakewood Seward Park Community Club. Join friends and neighbors Saturday, April 28 from 7–9pm, and enjoy tasting wine while nibbling on appetizers and desserts. Only \$25 gets you in the door to this annual can't miss event. More info here: spcc.org/wine-tasting. Leschi Market hopes to see you there.

Spring has officially arrived! Gone are the dark, gray, cold days. Spring brings cherry blossoms, baseball season, fresh cut grass, longer days, and of course, new wine. Featured here are some of Leschi Market's favorite new arrivals.

RED

2015 Domaine Jean Royer

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tradition (\$32.69)

"Far and away Royer's best wine this year seems to finally pull together all of the ideas he's been playing with (or maybe it discards them?). The blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Mourvèdre spent time in demi-muids and stainless steel and found harmony, developing lots of

wonderfully silky, supple tannins that linger easily on the fruit-and-spice-laden finish. Terrific. Drink now through 2030." -Wine Advocate, 95-points.

2015 Les Trouvés Red Columbia Valley (\$19.99)

"Mourvèdre and Syrah each make up 40% of this blend, with the balance Grenache. The aromas draw you into the glass, with notes of garrigue, black pepper and blackberry. The palate is dense and ripe, pulling no punches but delivering a whole lot of hedonistic appeal. The value can't be beat. Editors' Choice." -Sean P. Sullivan, 92-points.

WHITE

2017 Ostatu Blanco Alavesa Rioja (\$13.99)

Bodegas Ostatu is a family winery in the heart of the Rioja, protected by the Sierra Cantabria mountain range. Ostatu dedicates a single parcel to Viura, planted in chalk and clay soil, which gives this great Chablis-like minerality. The vines are approximately 60- to 70-years-old, and aging in neutral barrels adds weight and complexity. -Technical notes.

2014 Giocato Sauvignon Blanc Goriska Brda Slovenia (\$10.29)

"Giocato Sauvignon is a softly aromatic quality wine. Its soft fragrance is reminiscent of elder blossoms, dried grass and kiwi, which is complemented by the soft aroma of melon and ripe pear. In the mouth, it gives a smooth, fresh taste; it is medium bodied with a nicely pronounced acidity. Its after-taste is accompanied with the aroma of grapefruit." -Winemaker notes.

PINK

2017 SuLei Pinot Gris Rosé Crawford Vineyard Yakima Valley (\$16.99)

"Crisp and bone dry. It highlights some delicate fruit flavors of white peach, honeydew melon and Alpine strawberry." -Winemaker notes.

2017 Tranche Pink Pape Rosé Blackrock Estate Vineyard Yakima Valley (\$14.99)

"The 2017 Rosé is a blend of three traditional Châteauneuf-du-Pape varieties: Grenache, Cunoise and Cinsault. Delicate aromas of lemongrass and honeydew. The wine falls effortlessly onto the palate as light alpine berry flavors combine with stone fruit qualities and crushed shale minerality. Driving acidity provides excellent focus and direction, lingering, mouthwatering finish." -Winemaker notes. A Leschi favorite!

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2017 Erath Rosé of Pinot Noir Oregon (\$11.99)

“The epitome of freshness, this peppy rosé titillates the senses with aromas of nectarine, rose petal and ripe, juicy Casaba melon. Buoyant acidity provides long-lasting flavors of apricot, tangelo and Fuji apple.”
-Winemaker notes.

Kenneth Benner, a Seattle area native, is a trained chef and has worked in such restaurants as Barbacoa, B.O.K.A. Kitchen + Bar, and Dahlia Lounge. Ken is the wine buyer at Leschi Market. He has a passion for learning, a meticulous palate, and a tenacity for searching out the best for his customers while offering some of the most highly coveted wines in the area. His wine column is intended to inspire and explore new choices in wine, learn about wine with his readers, and share his knowledge and experiences in the wine world. Check out the latest at www.LeschiMarket.com or request to be added to email updates or send questions, comments, or suggestions to ken@leschimarket.com and follow the wine department directly on twitter at twitter.com/leschimarket.



Ambiance: bustling that morning. Décor seems dated but then we’ve been going there since it was Leschi Lake Café and so it feels like home where one should never change the furniture (at least in this house).

BLUWATER BISTRO

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-Diane Snell

BREAKFAST AT BLUWATER

I must confess that I am probably the last person who should write a breakfast review; breakfast to me is drinking a cup of black coffee and eating a slice of toast while listening to Amy Goodman. However, I was with family and we had just completed a difficult piece of family business and obviously felt we deserved a treat.

We turned up at a bustling BluWater and were lucky to get a last empty booth. A large birthday party was breaking up and it made the whole atmosphere festive. I was hoping for lunch, but they were in the midst of their Saturday brunch and lunch options were minimal So I tried something I would not be making at home: a Belgian waffle. The waffle was good as was the whipped cream, but the strawberries were the California variety—pretty but bland. Of course, it was March and I could hardly expect those delicious smaller but tastier Washington berries.

Other brunch items tried: House Pancakes (\$9); Bistro Eggs with Roasted Red Potatoes and choice of Smoked Bacon or Pork Apple Sausage (\$10.50) and a Goat Cheese ‘n Spinach omelet (\$11.50) which also had artichoke hearts in it.

Everyone enjoyed their selection and the omelet looked especially tempting but the amount of egg involved would keep me going for a month. A hearty eater is definitely needed for this option! The servings are large and one does feel as though it’s a good deal for the price.

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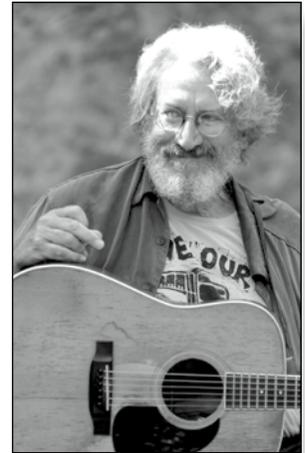
We attended the Reggie Garrett performance at the Ernestine Anderson Place this Saturday. His is the first in a year long series of free monthly concerts at 2010 S. Jackson funded by the city's Department of Neighborhoods. The several buildings in this countywide project are part of a government-funded effort to provide permanent housing for formerly homeless persons.

Reggie is well known in the area and has four albums available. His group, the Snake Oil Peddlers, have accompanied him on his albums and were with him Saturday, giving rousing performances on several of his songs. One was irresistible enough to bring a listener to his feet to dance. I felt that urge too. I believe all his songs are his own and reflect on his experiences. He introduced one song by relating some of his family's history. He has a great voice and is a fine guitarist, too. I enjoyed the concert a lot and urge others to come for the next one in the series. It will be by Jim Page, another well-known local songster with a distinctive style and point of view. That will be on April 21.

-Jim Snell

JIM PAGE

I really enjoy Jim's lyrics and hope the sound is good that evening. Here is a review of his songs from the web: "If there's something to say about Jim Page's music it's the vital relevance of the man's lyrics. This is raw and visceral Americana folk with bite. Taking a sometimes-acerbic view of politics, looking perceptively at relationships, observing what's going on, speaking out against mediocrity or simply telling stories that make you sit up and listen. This is music with social awareness. Unafraid to employ sarcasm, mockery and sharpness of wit to make the point. The scope is wide, the subjects varied but teach is treated to the Page world-view and they are the better for it." From Tom Franks, Folkwords.com.



-Diane Snell

LESCHI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

LCC EXEC. BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2018—Attending: Trevor Lalish-Menagh, Janet Oliver and Diane Snell. (NOT a quorum)

TREASURY

Janet will publish the February report in the next newsletter. (It will always be behind as the deadline for the newspaper comes before the end of the month.)

APRIL PROGRAM

Tracy and Trevor had worked on a flyer to publicize the program. Diane will send an article to the Madrona News. Tracy will post on NextDoor Leschi. Tracy is getting refreshments for the event.

PARKS

No Parks news in John's absence.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It will be held at the Senior Center until May when Dian F. is on vacation and building will not be open.

Meeting adjourned early.

POST MEETING BUSINESS

The Board approved by email sending a check for \$300 to Leschi Elementary School for their annual Give fund drive. Vote was unanimous.

Restricted Funds

This month we'll talk about the Leschi Natural Area. This is one of the more active funds as donations from residents and grants flow in and out.

There is a dedicated group of volunteers who have been restoring and maintaining this area for more than a decade.

Funds are used for native plants and also for hiring Earthcorps to work on the slope where Parks does not allow volunteers. The view from this Park is fantastic!

Support your community by joining the Leschi Community Council!

We create awareness of neighborhood issues so residents may make informed and effective decisions.

LCC joins with the Leschi Business Association on ArtWalk and Halloween Spooktacular

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General Fund			\$10,871.32
Ad Revenue	\$840.00		
Dues	\$445.00		
Donations	\$340.00		
Postage		(\$599.90)	
Printing		(\$1,322.68)	
Totals	\$1,625.00	(\$2,676.58)	\$10,109.98
Restricted Funds			
ArtWalk			\$647.64
Friends of Powell Barnett			\$1,068.06
Cherry Street Corridor			\$635.76
Flo Ware Park			\$1482.67
Friends of Street Ends	\$300.00		\$727.38
Frink Park	\$5,398.10		\$7,721.68
King Street			\$1270.00
Leschi Gateway Project			\$347.39
Leschi Natural Area	\$75.00		\$5,754.87
Officer Brenton Fund			\$3,633.85
String of Pearls	\$250.00		\$1,930.38
SW Frink Park			\$1233.08
W. Vaughn Memorial Fund	\$200.00		\$1200.00
Wading Pool			\$3006.13
Whitebear DreamCatcher			\$201.64
Totals	\$7,848.10	(\$2,676.58)	\$40,970.51
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APR 4 7pm. *Are You Ready for the Really Big One?* an LCC special event at The Central Area Senior Center (AKA: The Central) 500 S 30th Ave S.

APR 7 9am–3pm. Leschi Natural Area work party, lunch & tools provided. 36th & Terrace.

APR 9 7pm. Leschi CC Executive Board Meeting at The Central, technology room.

APR 12 3:30pm. BluWater Bistro for ArtWalk planning. All welcome!

APR 12 6–7:30pm. Central Area Neighborhood District Council at The Central.

APR 14 9am–12pm. SNC Breakfast \$14 at The Central. Program: King Co. Tax Assessor

APR 20 6–9pm. Green Dolphin Street Lounge, at The Central. C.T. Thompson will perform; he is a Green Dolphin favorite! Admission is \$20 for non-members and \$15 for lifetime members if reserved in advance. \$25 at door. Refreshments. No Host bar.

APR 21 9:30am–12pm. Join your fellow LCC members to tackle the public stairs on King St. from 30th Ave. S to 31st Ave. The Senior exercise class uses these stairs when taking their 20 minute walk and we need to keep them safe. Bring brooms, rakes, clippers!

APR 21 7pm. Free concert at Ernestine Anderson House, 2010 S. Jackson St., Jim Page and Kat Eggleston

APR 26 6:30—8:30. EastPAC meeting. Meet at Chardin Hall; parking lot off Jefferson just past 12th on the right.

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