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Happy Holidays Everyone!

There is no meeting in January 2021. By long tradition, we do not meet but give you the chance to recover from holiday stress which may be greater this year than in other years!

This charming sculpture by Marita Dingus is located by the Jackson Apartments at 23rd & Jackson. The picture was taken by Janice Brown after the fascinating lecture at our December meeting by Art Critic Susan Platt.



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February 3, 7pm

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President's Message

Happy Holidays to all our Leschi Residents,

As we move into a brand-new year, my hope is your lives improve with each passing day. We are just ending a year worth forgetting. Vaccines are on their way.

It is my wish for you that you have time to enjoy the little things in life that we have and be filled with gratitude that we do live in a country with free elections. Regardless of political affiliations, it will be wonderful to embrace a kinder incoming government.



This past year has allowed people to slow down, spend time with families, cook more and be outdoors much more frequently. Fortunately, we have generally had weather that is pleasant. May your dreams that perhaps rested a bit this year, be fulfilled in 2021.

Last month we had a great art presentation for our monthly meeting. I had a chance to photograph and visit the sculpture that Marita created at the Jackson Apartments. There is a picture in this issue. It is amazing. (See cover.)

The Leschi Community Council is looking forward to the time when we can meet again in person at the Central Area Senior Center. In the meantime, we will continue to do Zoom meetings monthly. As a note, the month of January we will not hold a monthly meeting.

Please take this holiday season to plan next year. Reflect on what kind of contribution you may want to make...perhaps writing a poem, taking part in the street-end work, calling your neighbors to check on them or perhaps read to someone—even over the phone—whose eyesight might not be the best.

I sincerely wish you a magnificent holiday. If any of us can help in any way—rides to appointments, a listening ear or just simply a friendly hello—please reach out.

*-Warm regards,
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The "Year" in Review

This has been a dreadful year! So many people unemployed through no fault of their own; so many of our favorite businesses going under and now at the end of an already bad year, many folks facing eviction. Where will they go? The ranks of those who have found themselves homeless have grown and grown this year, spilling over into our parks.

And then there's the United State Senate. These are duly elected people who have to be aware of what is happening outside their offices. Why has it taken so long to get some relief and pathetically little relief at the last minute? These are people who SHOULD be aware but let's remember that many in the Senate are millionaires; have these people ever been homeless? Have they ever been hungry other than the occasional hunger pang as they make their way to the Senate dining room? Then there is the House of Representatives, which is a little more representative of the population at large. There are teachers and at least one waiter! (Having been a waiter during the trying to attend-and-pay-for-school days, I think the skills one learns as a waiter are well matched to the House.) This group sent bill after bill to the Senate in an attempt to get relief for those who needed it. But these bills were never presented to the Senate!

We learn in school that this country is a democracy, but then we grow up and find out the truth! The Senate is incredibly Undemocratic. Each state is entitled to two senators. That means a state like California with a population of 39.8 million people would have only 2 senators representing 19.8 million people each. And then there is Montana with a population of 1 million; each senator in Montana represents 500,00 people. This is democracy? There are probably more horses in Montana than people; perhaps they should have one senator and a horse to send to Washington!

I understand why our founding fathers did this as the little states like Rhode Island had a disadvantage when it came to larger states like NY, but it has become ridiculous. I have little hope of ever changing the constitution but perhaps states that become as populous as California should break into two states: Northern and Southern California with 2 Senators each. But that doesn't rectify the goofy rules where the Senate Majority Leader has complete control of what bills reach the Senate for a vote; can this be changed? It should be able to be changed; it doesn't have the sanctity of the Original Constitution, but it serves one party very well. It just doesn't serve the people.

I watched the appalling proceedings prior to an agreement and marveled at the hypocrisy. How can we go home to Christmas when so many are suffering? Didn't you notice they have been suffering for many months now and you continued to take breaks and ignore the reality of the world outside. This is a job (I would call it a privilege as it is like no other job I have ever known) that pays \$174,000 per year

and if we were able to see how much time they actually spend at work and I mean work for the people, not dialing for dollars, we would all be appalled. Any reporter could subtract the days they are away from Washington (on one of their many breaks), but that just scratches the surface. I remember being in Washington for a convention and getting tickets from Senator Murray's office to visit the Senate Chambers. My husband and grandson had come with me on this trip and saw the sights while I was in many meetings, but we all went to the Senate which was rather empty. Our grandson spotted Senator Kerry who seemed to be giving a speech to an almost empty chamber; the few who were there were paying absolutely NO attention to what he was saying. Apparently, this is reading a bill into the record but who then reads it? Maybe it's for the folks back home whose idea of the Senate is shaped by the movies where every seat is filled, and each person is listening attentively and actively engaging in dialogue! And then Gregory Peck takes the floor and with his eloquent speech, he sweeps aside all objection and the bill is passed in favor of the people!

Here is a list of some of the times which will belatedly help out some:

- ◆ \$600 stimulus checks for adults & children
- ◆ \$300/week in unemployment assistance
- ◆ \$284 billion to support small businesses
- ◆ \$82 billion to help reopen schools
- ◆ \$25 billion in rental assistance (and longer eviction moratoriums)
- ◆ \$13 billion in additional nutritional support

Thanks to Suzan DelBene for this list. She had hoped for much more.

-Diane Snell

NOTICE TO READERS: If you have asked a question on our website and have never received an answer; we apologize. We're not accessing that inbox right now and this is an area we need to work on. Please direct your questions to Leschinews@comcast.net and we will get the appropriate person to give you an answer.



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Neighborhood & Beyond

THE GIVING GARLAND

The Giving Garland at Leschi Elementary warmed hearts & homes! Thank you for your generosity during this challenging year! The Leschi Elementary Giving Garland, a charitable program, is in its 11th year of supporting families in need of extra help during the winter holidays, which was especially necessary this year with the economic impact of COVID-19. On behalf of the families who received help, we extend a tremendous THANK YOU to everyone who gave so generously and willingly!

This year we helped nearly 100 families, with more than 280 children, celebrate the holidays with toys, bikes, books, games, clothing, bedding, diapers, car seats, groceries and more. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school and greater Leschi, Beacon Hill, Capitol Hill, Mt. Baker, Madison Park and Madrona neighborhood communities, we were able to distribute over \$16,000 in gift cards for groceries, clothing and specific gifts and approximately 1,000 gifts! WOW!!!! THANK YOU!!!!

Your generosity made a huge difference in so many lives...
"I send you one million thank you's! I love my new bed!"
"Thank you. You can't imagine how much this has helped my family—we are out of work because of Covid and our holiday planning was looking bleak."

"I cannot believe this is all for my kids. Thank you SO much! We appreciate you and everyone who helped us more than I can say. God bless you."

A special thank you for making it all come together to Katie Busby, Jennifer Marquardt, the Hotes Foundation, the Broadmoor Golf Club (Charles Burdell, Dan Hill & Susann O'Neill), the Leschi Community Council, all of the GG bike building, shopping elves and gift distribution elves.

Keep up to date on upcoming events and news by visiting [leschies.seattleschools.org](https://www.leschies.seattleschools.org) or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/leschischool>.

To support our school, classrooms, and community programs for the remainder of the school year please see: https://leschies.seattleschools.org/school_involvement/fundraising.

-Benson Wilder

CRIME BUT NO PUNISHMENT?

It has been a year or more since I attended an EastPAC Meeting but with the meetings on Zoom, there was no excuse. EastPAC is a group that links the community with its police presence through monthly meetings with the East Precinct captain and often his lieutenant. One gets an overview of what type of crimes are prevalent in the East Precinct. If you read NextDoor Leschi, you would guess that the top crimes are package theft and car prowls. They are prevalent and our crime prevention officer, Joe Elenbaas, gave tips on avoiding being a victim of these crimes. He has tip sheets you can request to keep your property safe. Joe also does an assessment of your property and how you might make it more secure. He can be reached at joseph.elenbaas@seattle.gov.

One thing I learned was that is against the law to warm up your car in the driveway(!) although they do not enforce it; he does recommend that you don't do that as you run back inside to grab a forgotten item and some passerby steals your car. I suspect every neighborhood has someone who believes one must warm up the engine before you take off; we spent many hours listening to the car guys in this family and they said newer cars don't really need to be warmed up. And since it's decades since the car guys were broadcasting, the term "newer" probably means 30-year-old cars do not need warming up.

East Precinct Captain Sano gave the statistics on crimes in comparison to last year and some were shocking. He said homicide was up 140% and aggravated assault up 20%. He did not give the actual numbers, but one wonders if the Covid-19 quarantining isn't creating stress. Domestic violence is up as is auto theft. Rape is down. There were the usual complaints of underreporting by residents and the Captain noted that reports like car prowls can be made online. NextDoor Leschi paints a different picture: when folks do report these incidents, the police who respond have been saying that due to "defunding," they don't have the personnel to follow up. This would discourage reports although the only defunding for this year was cutting out the excessive overtime. Next year's budget will see some changes and Capt. Sano spoke to that. Both the 911 dispatch and parking enforcement will leave the police dept. and go to a new department: Public Safety Communication Center.

The Mayor wants Cal Anderson Park reopened to public (tents there now) and she wants the East Precinct reopened. There are nightly incidents on Capitol Hill and Starbucks is a target with frequent broken windows. Police recently arrested two young men who broke one of the large windows; they turned out to be from Alaska! But arrest doesn't



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mean punishment. The representative from the City Attorney's office said that current operations are suspended; court proceedings are suspended due to Covid-19 and the jails will only take those accused of a crime against a person (this also due to Covid-19.)

If you want to be put on the mailing list for the EastPAC meetings contact the coordinator: Stephanie Tschida: EastPACseattle2018@gmail.com.

-Diane Snell

FRIENDS OF STREET ENDS

FRRIENDS OF STREET ENDS IS PROUD TO SUMMARIZE FOUR 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS! NEVER, IN OUR 25-YEAR HISTORY HAVE WE HAD THREE NEW SHORELINE STREET END PROJECTS UNDERWAY AT THE SAME TIME—ALL VOLUNTEER-DRIVEN!

East Pine Street is located in the Denny Blaine Neighborhood on the shore of Lake Washington. It was blanketed by blackberries and laurel trees which hid a lovely Lake Washington beach and view of Mt. Rainier. Volunteer Evan Boyd completed a creative design to remove the invasive plants and open the area for public access. Then he and volunteers, with the support of Green Seattle Partnerships, worked on implementation. Most of the work is done but final touches will be completed in 2021.

West Sheridan Street is located in the Magnolia neighborhood, on Puget Sound just west of the Locks. It was covered by weeds and invasive plants. Kira Baum has been leading the project and Karen Kiest completed the design with Marty Oppenheimer helping with permitting. Then neighbors, Groundswell Northwest and Friends of Street Ends contributed financial support. The first implementation phase was completed this fall with plantings to be installed in 2021.

South Massachusetts Street is located in the Mt. Baker neighborhood on the shore of Lake Washington. It had been used as a private garden by adjacent property owners with the beach and shoreline covered in thick blackberries and wisteria. Daniel Collins completed the design and handled all permitting with the help of SDOT's Omar Akkari. Volunteers worked throughout the Fall to remove the invasive plants and cover the ground with fabric in preparation for a Spring 2021 planting.

In addition, we worked with the City on several large projects.

98th Avenue SW in the South Fauntleroy neighborhood includes a Seattle Public Utility facility which is being rebuilt; we are working with the City to ensure the street end is designed to enhance public access.

24th Avenue NW in the Ballard neighborhood includes a very large Seattle Public Utility facility which is being rebuilt; we are working with the Ballard community and City staff to ensure the street end is designed to enhance public access.

Brooklyn Ave NE aka Sakuma Viewpoint in the University District was renovated thanks to the University of Washington and is now compatible with the adjacent new Portage Bay Park.

E Newton Street aka Terry Pettus Park in the Eastlake Community is being redesigned by Seattle Parks Department. We are working with the Eastlake Community to design this exciting new project.

Two Seattle Public Utility projects located at shoreline street ends are currently under construction and will be completed shortly: 7th Avenue S in South Park and W Cramer St in Magnolia.

And Friends of Street Ends members continued to steward several projects:

East Prospect Street, located in the Madison Park neighborhood, is one of the largest in the City. The project was completed last year but phase 3, which included planting of over 200 additional plants, was completed in 2020. Gene Brandzel continues to lead this project with the help of dozens of volunteers!

S Willow Street in the Seward Park neighborhood continues to be stewarded by Marty Oppenheimer and friends.

S Judkins Street in the Leschi neighborhood received major maintenance thanks to local volunteers.

And we improved our website thanks to volunteers Laura Perry, Zach Stednick and John Feit.

Finally, we worked closely with Seattle Department of Transportation's Shoreline Street End Manager, Omar Akkari, who throughout this challenging year continued to support community efforts, oversee maintenance work and juggle dozens of projects throughout the City—all with a positive attitude which is greatly appreciated!

It was a very productive year! We are grateful for the support of dozens of volunteers and supporters. Thank you! This next year, we will need funds more than ever to continue to improve Seattle's unique 142 shoreline street ends!

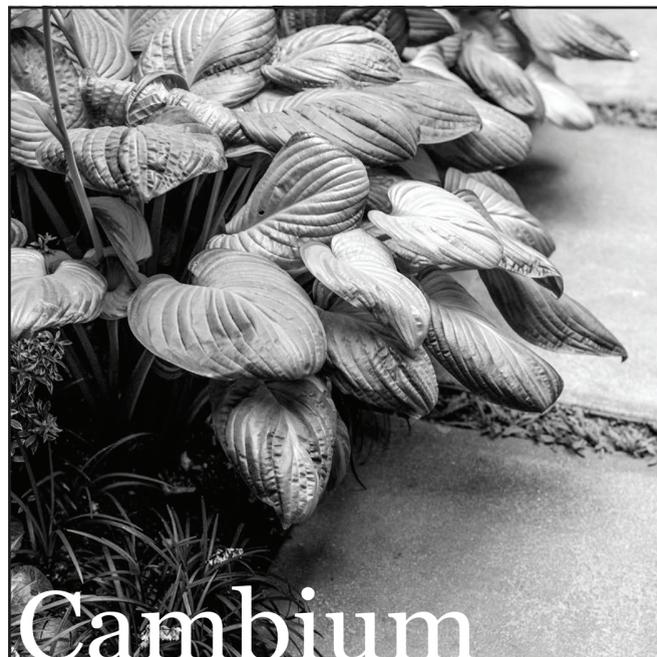
You can support this effort by sending your donations to Friends of Street Ends, c/o Leschi Community Council, 140 Lakeside Avenue, Suite A #2, Seattle, 98122.

-Karen Daubert

A DIFFERENT FOOD BANK

Mention 'Food Bank' and thoughts go to those pictures of long lines of cars or people lining up for their share of donated food, at a time of high unemployment, great uncertainty and anxiety. But even food banks are being forced to operate in unique ways in this time of COVID, masks and social distancing. Normally the YWCA food bank on Cherry & 28th serves the Central District by having folks stop by and with an escort, visit the shelves and 'shop' for what they need. COVID has forced the food bank to change their tactics. Now, about 22 masked volunteers, under Divisional Resource Coordinator, Nichelle Hilton, are engaged in unloading delivery trucks, inventory tracking, food prep work, packing boxes of food, loading boxes into trunks, back seats and even front seats of delivery cars (not so easy to do in the Mini Coopers), delivery of boxes to families all over the central district and clean up. Non-perishable food comes in on Mondays, but much of the work is done in just one day: Wednesday from early morning to afternoon.

The YWCA Central District is serving approximately 230 families. Each family gets at least one box of perishable and one box of non-perishable food items. The food is donated by various local sources



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such as local food drives, food Lifeline, and Northwest Harvest. We've even had local gardeners drop by crops from their gardens. Everyone wants to help their neighbors. Interested in volunteering? E-mail Nichelle at: nhilton@ywcaworks.org.

-Steve Hirsch

(Steve is a Leschi neighbor who is volunteering at this food bank while the schools are closed)

PEA PATCH PLENTY GIVEN TO FOOD BANKS

Joyce Moty of Bradner Gardens reported on NextDoor Leschi that 58 P-Patches donated 42,866 pounds of fresh, organically grown produce to area food banks in 2020. Thank you, Pea-Patchers!

LIFE AND TIMES IN LESCHI

The answer to last month's quiz: President Benjamin Harrison visited Leschi in 1891. He rode the Yesler cable car to Lake Washington and took a ride on the steamer Kirkland. Theodore Roosevelt was here in 1903, honored at the Leschi end of the cable car line. In about 1911, President Taft came here on the cable car and was so impressed by the view from the trestle of Mt. Rainier and the lake that he mentioned it in the speech he gave at the Leschi pavilion. FDR, the outlier in this story, visited Seattle in 1937. He is not known to have come to Leschi, but according to historian Wade Vaughn, FDR was given a cake baked by a Mrs. Esther Meyer, of 3009 Yesler Way.

In November I wrote about a long-ago encounter with a woman at 3404 E. Yesler, who told me a story about Woody Guthrie having stayed at her family's house there in May-June 1941. She said her parents were communists and they had hosted Guthrie in their basement while he wrote songs for the Bonneville Power Administration.

My memory of that conversation is quite clear, but it turns out that everything the woman said to me, including "and" and "the," was a lie, to paraphrase the novelist Mary McCarthy (who, incidentally, was born in Seattle and grew up in Madrona).

Guthrie, of course, was an anti-fascist poet of his time, a prolific singer and songwriter, and an inspiration to Bob Dylan, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, and others. And, for those who came along later, he was the father of Arlo Guthrie.

The myth that I carried with me for 30 or 40 years was punctured, but I had to find out why. I readily established four facts: Josephine (Jo) Patrick, who was a communist, moved into that house in about 1959. She had no daughter, and she had no basement. And Woody Guthrie did not come to Seattle when working for BPA. Thanks to alert readers for pointing out some of this.

My investigation followed two tracks: find out what Guthrie actually did in those years; and find people who knew Jo Patrick and could tell me about her life and family. I also checked city and county records to establish when Jo actually lived in that house.

Looking into Guthrie's time in the Northwest took me on a fascinating trail. I started with the book "26 Songs in 30 Days: Woody Guthrie's Columbia River Songs and the Planned Promised Land in the Pacific Northwest," which I highly recommend—it's at the library. The Seattle author credits Bill Murlin, who had been an audiovisual specialist at Bonneville in the 1980s, with delving into the story of Guthrie's BPA adventure. Murlin, himself a folksinger, had worked at BPA for some years and was astounded when he first learned that Guthrie had been employed there. He conducted numerous interviews with people at BPA who had been there with Guthrie. In the course of his investigation, he pieced the whole story together, found recordings of Guthrie's BPA songs, and even saved irreplaceable documents, songs, and video from government shredders.

What I was looking for, and found, was an account of how Guthrie spent his 30 days. The book presents a detailed itinerary of his travels around the Columbia Basin, and plenty of information about his time in the Portland office. It's clear that he didn't spend a month in Seattle, and apparent that he wasn't here at all in his BPA period.

Guthrie did come to Seattle later in 1941, for a concert in the University District with Pete Seeger on September 14. But the two performers didn't stay with the Patrick family. According to Seeger, they stayed with Ivar Haglund and taught him the song "Acres of Clams," which soon became the name of his new restaurant. If Guthrie made it to Leschi, probably no one knows.

Meanwhile, I talked to people who had been neighbors when Jo lived there, including some who still live nearby. More than one source told me that the woman I had talked with had been trying to take advantage of Jo. Finally, I struck paydirt, tracking down Jo's son Tim, who lives in Eastern Washington. He knew the whole story. Jo had looked for someone to move in with her to help out, and she found a woman, probably in her 30s, to be her housemate. After a while, it became clear to neighbors that the young woman was trying to scam Jo out of her house. They contacted Tim, who kicked her out and took steps to keep her away. Apparently, she had quite a record of fabricating stories and defrauding elderly people, just as she was trying to do to Jo. Tim told me he even found books among the woman's possessions describing how to accomplish that kind of theft.

So, in the end, I got to the bottom of the story and met some interesting people along the way. Here's a quirky tie-in between the answer to the quiz and the Jo Patrick story. Above I referred to the house at 3009 East Yesler Way. Next to that address, uphill, was the coffee house called the Conscious Exchange. That business was opened in 1979 by Bob Patrick (who was by then Jo's ex-husband), along with Betty Hoddersen.

-Roger Lippman



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LIFE AND TIMES IN LESCHI 100 YEARS AGO!

I've been wondering how Leschi experienced the 1918 Spanish flu epidemic, now that we're deep into the 100-year follow-on.

In September 1918, a trainload of draftees left Philadelphia, where the flu was raging, and arrived at the naval training station on the University of Washington campus. By the beginning of October there were two fatalities there, and a week later there were over a thousand cases in the city.

Seattle had a mandatory face-mask law. History.com reports a Red Cross promo that described those who would not wear masks as "dangerous slackers." In San Francisco, a health-board officer shot a man who refused to wear a mask, along with two bystanders. (I wonder if they've considered that in the White House.) But in Los Angeles, famous people shunned masks, lest they go about unrecognized.

What little I've learned about the flu's impact in Leschi itself is a story from Bill Schaefer's book, "Living It Up in Leschi," which is perhaps the only published neighborhood memoir besides Wade Vaughn's "Leschi Diary." Schaefer, born in 1901, lived in Leschi most of the time from 1915 until his death in 1963. Just over a hundred copies of the book were printed by the Leschi Community Council in 1996-97. The Seattle Public Library has one.

Schaefer was working on the Yesler cable car line at the time of the Spanish flu. He relates that the line's inspector got orders for all train crews and passengers to wear flu masks when riding on any of the cable cars in the city. The Seattle Times reported, at the end of October 1918, that Seattle streetcar conductors citywide refused to turn away unmasked passengers because they were legally prohibited from discriminating in taking on passengers. But the mayor then announced that the city would take full responsibility for the order and its results, and that masks had to be worn without exception.

The inspector gave Schaefer a copy of the order and told him to write it on the big blackboard at the Leschi terminal's station house. He wrote that anyone without a mask would not be allowed to ride. The masks, issued free of charge by the city, got dirty from continuous use, and some people even punched a hole in their mask so they could smoke.

The sign Schaefer put up was still there a year later, after the epidemic was over. It remained there in 1921, after his family came back from a time in Oregon; in 1928, after the family spent some time in California; and in 1934, when he got laid off from Seattle's fire department during the Depression. In fact, it was there for 24 years, until the old cable car barn was torn down, after cable car service had ended.

-Roger Lippman

VOLUNTEERS YOUNG AND OLD SPOTTED AT LESCHI'S STRING OF PEARLS

After three years of effort at cutting back the blackberries that were blocking view at S Dearborn, Mark Schergen, Sharon Miller, and John Barber gained serious control of the blackberries. Mark and John also had another go with the blackberries at S Charles, and a great improvement was made due to the initiative and funds from volunteer Jayn Foy to have an arborist prune the Asian pears. Now, the trees are suitable for harvest by City Fruits, whose volunteers contribute fruits to local food banks. Darrell Howe and John planted some new conifers at S King Street and Darrell cleared out a view at the north side of the lake shore.

The Fowler family father-daughter team has been stewarding S Norman Street throughout this past year. They demonstrate the joys of giving back and learning the rewards of volunteerism! If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact Karendaubert@msn.com.

Not to be dissuaded by inclement weather!

NEW SHORELINE STREET END UNFOLDS AT SOUTH MASSACHUSETTS STREET



Throughout November and December, intrepid volunteers led by Daniel Collins and Roger Lippman, have weathered storms and blackberries, and have transformed a neglected street end into a unique public space! Although this project is still in its beginning stages, you can suddenly not only see Lake Washington, but you can dip your toes into the water. The challenging work has included pulling blackberries and aggressive wisteria that had completely covered around 1/4 of the site and all of the shoreline so that the water was completely hidden. The current plan is to continue to remove the invasive materials, cover the area with a tarp for the winter, then apply mulch and eventually plant new native plantings. Thanksgiving morning turned into a joyous work party with hot cider and New Year's Eve is also an opportunity to get outside and get some great work done. Contact Daniel dmcollins1962@gmail.com for more information. The new sign was constructed by volunteer Dan Byrne.

Join us: New Year's Eve, 9am-Noon at South Massachusetts Street!

-Karen Daubert

TREES, WIND & RAIN

You have probably realized by now that the rainy days are here again in Seattle, and with rain often comes windstorms. This year, there is a high possibility that we would experience a wetter than normal winter due to the La Niña effect. These windstorms can impact our urban trees. Broken or cracked branches near powerlines could pose a safety risk if they come in contact with power infrastructure.

To reduce the risk, Seattle City Light employees and contractor crews regularly prune trees near powerlines through their Tree Trimming Program. You can help by looking for potential cracked or broken branches near powerlines. If you see something that may become a problem, contact Seattle City Light. Find an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture to inspect and prune your trees if you suspect they may fail in a storm. To learn more about vegetation management, visit the Seattle City Light website.

-Submitted by Anne Depue from "Trees of Seattle" newsletter

TINY HOUSE CONSTRUCTION AT SODO WAREHOUSE FOR NEW SEATTLE VILLAGES

The Seattle City Council recently included 3 new tiny house villages in the 2021 budget, including a village proposed for the University District in early 2021. This new Port of Seattle leased warehouse has allowed LIHI to host volunteer-led tiny house construction operations with adherence to Covid-19 safety protocols. Currently over 10 tiny houses for these new Seattle villages are being constructed right now at the warehouse, and 10 are fully built by volunteers and onsite waiting for placement once the new villages open. Many more will be built in this large space over the next few months and placed at new villages in Seattle.

Our vision with this space is to allow volunteers, neighbors, students, and people interested in the trades an opportunity to give back to their community and make a difference for the 11,000 homeless neighbors in the Seattle area. This has allowed LIHI to scale up tiny house construction significantly and quickly in time for winter and the new villages being planned for Seattle and other cities. Tiny houses cost about \$2,700 to build, are 8 x 12, insulated, and include heat, electricity, and a locking door, allowing residents to be warm, safe, and secure their possessions as they work with LIHI case managers on a path to housing. Tiny houses have captured the interest of cities across the nation in addressing the crisis of homelessness and providing safe, high quality non-congregate shelter during the pandemic. More information about our new warehouse tiny house operations: Our many volunteers and community partners from Sound Foundations NW, Walsh Construction, and other organizations, have used the warehouse to prepare tiny homes and infrastructure for upcoming villages. Sound Foundations NW utilizes a jig system that dramatically reduces the time and cost of tiny house construction and allows volunteers without carpentry experience to fully assemble a house in just days. Walsh Construction has generously donated the time and expertise of their skilled superintendents to oversee a volunteer crew in tiny house construction. The storage lot at the warehouse shows their work and craftsmanship with more than 10 tiny houses already prepared for deployment in the area.

We also hosted Lowe's employees on-site through the Heroes Project. Lowe's has generously provided materials and tools for the volunteer event. They spent the day building tiny houses and porches and constructing planter boxes that will go to a new tiny house village in Skyway for individuals, couples, and families with children experiencing homelessness. LIHI has developed a partnership with Lowe's in procuring tiny house materials for volunteer tiny house builders, helping to meet a demand for tiny houses that has only grown through the Covid-19 crisis. LIHI is grateful to the many tiny house builders including pre-apprenticeship students, faith communities, schools, and hundreds of volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort to the tiny house program at such a critical time. For more information about how to volunteer, donate, or for general questions about the program email tinyhouses@lihi.org or visit <https://lihi.org/tiny-houses/>.

-Selected from a press release from the Low Income Housing Institute

WHY DO THE LATEST SUNRISSES OCCUR AFTER THE WINTER SOLSTICE?

We all know that the winter solstice is the shortest day of the year. But you might be surprised to learn that this solstice has neither the earliest sunset, nor the latest sunrise, of any day throughout the year. This past year, Seattle's earliest sunset occurred on December 10, while Seattle's latest sunrise occurred on January 1, 2021. How can this be?

In order to understand this "offset" in timing between sunrises and sunsets around the solstice, we first need to understand the concept of a "solar day" and how it differs from the standard 24-hour day we use in everyday life. A solar day is defined as the time between successive "solar noons," or the exact time at which the sun is at its highest point in the sky. The solar day varies from approximately 24 hours and 30 seconds near Christmas Day to 23 hours, 59 minutes, and 38 seconds in mid-September. These differences in the length of the solar day can cause the solar noon to vary from its average value by as much as 15 minutes over the course of the year.

There are two reasons why the length of the solar day varies throughout the year. The first is that the Earth's orbit around the sun is not a perfect circle but is instead an ellipse, with the Earth being three million miles closer to the sun in January than July. When the Earth is closer to the sun, it orbits at a slightly faster rate, and this makes the solar day slightly longer, as the Earth must make an additional fraction of a rotation to reach solar noon. During July, when the Earth is farther away, it orbits at a slower rate, and this makes the solar day slightly shorter. Note that the Earth spins on its axis once every 23 hours and 56 minutes, not once every 24 hours - the extra 4 minutes in our day

are needed to complete a solar day because the Earth is orbiting the sun and thus has to make slightly more than one full rotation each day to reach solar noon.

The second reason why the length of the solar day varies throughout the year is due to the Earth's axial tilt. This effect is a bit harder to illustrate - we are familiar with how the Earth's axial tilt causes our seasons, but it might not be immediately apparent how it can make our actual days longer or shorter. To understand how the axial tilt and length of day are related, it's useful to think about how the position of the sun in the sky varies throughout the year. Near the spring equinox for example, the sun is rising rapidly in the sky and the length of daylight is increasing at the highest rate of the year, but to compensate for this, the sun appears to be orbiting the Earth at a slower rate, and the solar day is shortened. Near the winter and summer solstices, the reverse is true; the length of daylight isn't changing much, but the sun appears to orbit the earth more quickly, and the solar day is lengthened.

Putting all this together, the reason why our earliest sunsets and latest sunrises are nearly a month apart is because solar noon becomes progressively later over the month of December. Thankfully, our sunrises and sunsets are trending earlier and later now, respectively, and in just a few weeks we should start to see the first winter crocuses emerge—a sign that spring is not as far away as it may seem.

-Charlie Phillips

Charlie Phillips is a Madrona resident who received his B.S. in atmospheric sciences from the University of Washington. He works in Portland as a meteorologist. Check out his weather website at charlie.weather.together.net.

POSITIVES FROM PROTEST

For countless individuals, the Black Lives Matter (BLM) protests produced some great presents for the year. The number and diversity of participants in the protests, the length and span of the protests caught many persons off guard. Millions of persons are pleasantly surprised and more hopeful because of the changes the protests wrought. Where you stand determines what you see and how you see it. For some of us, results are definitely small, medium, and large; some are promises fulfilled; others are promises we expect to be fulfilled. Certainly, all of us won't draw the same conclusions; you may see more or fewer, possibly no substantive gains.

I refer to the changes cited here as positives, regardless of size. Some of the changes are symbolic; others are drastic. Some took effect immediately; others are soon to be realized (we hope.) In July I received a list of some of these changes and immediately began making additions. With the many negatives we have dealt with this year—being told that 1000s are suffering and 1000s more will suffer long-term effects of COVID and many more will die—I thought this would be a good time to present some of the positives from the protests.

- Numerous cities approved—and are approving—measures to change police departments: Oakland, Columbus (civilian review board inspectors general), San Diego (commission with subpoena power), Philadelphia, New York, and other cities (end stop-&-frisk and/or set up oversight commissions). Minneapolis failed to dismantle its police department but succeeded in cutting the budget.
- Some police departments have been reimagined; some had their budgets reduced. Albuquerque, New Mexico, for instance, has a public safety department to handle problems some citizens believe the police should never have been expected to solve.
- A number of cities have banned the chokehold.
- Charges were upgraded against Officer Derek Chauvin, and his accomplices were arrested and charged with the murder of George Floyd.
- A number of cases in which police officers killed unarmed people of color are being brought to the public's attention and sometimes reopened.

- Dallas adopted a “duty to intervene” rule that requires officers to stop other officers who are engaging in inappropriate use of force.
- New Jersey’s attorney general said the state will update its use-of-force guidelines for the first time in two decades.
- North Carolina’s Supreme Court will allow more than 100 persons on death row to appeal their cases.
- Georgia passed a hate crime bill.
- In Maryland, a bipartisan work group of state lawmakers announced a police reform work group.
- Los Angeles City Council introduced a motion to reduce LAPD’s \$1.8 billion operating budget.
- Police brutality captured on cameras led to near-immediate suspensions and firings of officers in several cities (i.e., Buffalo, Ft. Lauderdale).
- Millions of dollars have been donated by persons and companies to fund fights against racial injustice--Nike, Adidas, Estée Lauder, Sephora, PayPal, Apple, YouTube, (the last three a total of \$730 million), Seahawks \$500,000.00.
- Netflix donated \$120,000,000 to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).
- MacKenzie Scott, ex-wife of Jeff Bezos, contributed \$20,000,000 to HBCUs.
- More than fifty Washington State companies have committed \$2,000,000 to Washington Employers for Racial Equity.
- Professional sports athletes/teams use their celebrity and money to support the cause of BLM: T-shirts, cleats. Many donated and/or pledged large sums of money, made statements calling for the end of racism, shared incidents they had endured. Some, a la Colin Kaepernick, took a knee.
- Some apologized to Colin Kaepernick, now say they understand what he was protesting. (still no job)
- Some companies allow employees to wear BLM on T-shirts and caps.
- Millions heard of Juneteenth for the first time. Thousands, maybe millions, marched to celebrate Juneteenth. Some states have made Juneteenth a holiday.
- Nike and other US companies made Juneteenth an official paid holiday.
- Merriam-Webster revised its definition of “racism” by including “can be systemic.”
- Asheville, North Carolina’s City Council voted unanimously for reparations. “Reparations,” “systemic racism” and “privilege” have become the subject of conversations.
- More persons have become aware that racism kills psychically, too.
- Both the Chicago Manual of Style and AP Style Guide sanction capitalizing “Black,” “Indigenous,” and other terms of identity. (BIPOC = Black, Indigenous, People of Color)
- The Mississippi state flag no longer bears the stars and bars, no more Washington Redskins nor Cleveland Indians; some high schools no longer have Native Americans as mascots. The Oregon vs Oregon State football game is not a “civil war.”
- Hasbro has removed cards “Invoke Prejudice,” “Jihad,” and “Pradesh Gypsies” from the game Magic: The Gathering.
- GitHub software is removing coding terms that refer to slavery.
- Quaker Oats is retiring Aunt Jemima; a new name is forthcoming. Mars is retiring Uncle Ben.
- Confederate monuments in many places have been removed.
- “The Bachelor” is a black man for the first time.
- NASCAR banned Confederate flags.
- Hordes supported Bubba Wallace when a noose was found in his NASCAR garage (Fans have no access to the garage.) A few days later it was revealed that the noose could have been in the garage for years, yet the initial response was heartening.
- Some cities, notably New York, D. C., and Seattle, have “Black Lives Matter” streets and plazas.
- Commercials in newspapers, magazines, and on television present public service announcements geared toward eliminating racism.
- Many incidents of bias in academia, the arts, business, trades, etc. are being related to the public whereas once victims were afraid to speak for fear of retaliation.
- Both the Chicago Manual of Style and AP Style Guide sanction capitalizing “Black,” “Indigenous,” and other terms of identity, BIPOC = Black, Indigenous, People of Color.
- Best-seller lists are led by books about race, many written by African Americans; sales are up 500% because of anti-racist books. Almost all of the top ten nonfiction books on the New York Times list are about race and racism.
- The PUBLIC MARKET bolded the “B,” “L” and “M” in it’s name.
- Many, many apologies have been made.

As stated earlier, everyone may not see these changes or see them as positive. That millions around the world joined in the protests, confronted racism, and called for inclusion, diversity and equity is a wonderful gift for anyone who celebrates any holiday of the season. Some changes give hope, renew hope. What better way to make peace on earth and good will to all people everywhere a reality than respecting and supporting the tenets of the mission of Black Lives Matter, especially if we believe all lives matter?

-Georgia McDade

Georgia S. McDade, a charter member of the African American Writers’ Alliance, began reading her stories in public in 1991 and credits the group with making her write poetry. Many poems are inspired by artists. Georgia writes for South Seattle Emerald and Leschinese. She also does interviews for KVRU (105.7) and KBCS (107.3). Outside the Cave is the name of four volumes of poetry; Observation and Revelations: Stories, Sketches, and Essays is the name of her volume of prose.



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Culture Corner

CRUISIN' THE FOSSIL COASTLINE" AT THE BURKE MUSEUM, UNTIL MAY 21

Ray Troll has been drawing fossils since he was four years old, based on a plastic dinosaur set his parents gave him. We know that most children go through a "dinosaur phase," but Ray never came out of it! He says, "My mantra in this whole thing — in fact, we've even written songs about it — is that paleo-nerds should be proud of the fact that they are grown men who still love dinosaurs." So, by the way, he is also a musician.

During COVID 19, Troll started a podcast with David Strassman, a professional ventriloquist and fellow fossil nerd. called Paleo Nerds <https://www.paleonerds.com/> This podcast is fascinating and funny, scientific, and speculative, full of curiosity- how did whales go from land animals to the sea, how did that first microorganism of life lead to all the rest. They interview a lot of scientists! I recommend listening while we wait for the exhibition to open.

Troll's detailed paintings and drawings are both scientific and fanciful, they have been called scientific surrealism. They have titles like Down at the Sockeye Hole One Million Years Ago and Cult of the Crab Concretions. He has worked for years with paleontologist Kirk Johnson, now director of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. They drove thousands of miles searching for fossils along the coast of North America. They previously documented the adjacent fourteen states in Cruisin' the Fossil Freeway.

The exhibition includes many of Ray's detailed paintings, as well as life- size models of dinosaurs, and a light and audio installation. There are mammoth teeth found near Seattle. and a cast of the lower jaw of the Blue Lake Rhino, an Ice Age rhino found in Coulee City Washington. Fossils of flowers, plants, and whales come from the Burke's own collection and finally we will see "Suciasaurus rex"—Washington's first and only dinosaur fossil.

Troll never seems to take himself too seriously, his podcast is full of playful asides, but he in partnership with Kirk Johnson, he achieves something impressive: interesting everyone in science and art at the same

At the end of the PaleoNerd podcast no. 2 with Kirk Johnson, he is asked why people don't believe in facts and science. His answer it is partly just science's failure to communicate in a way people can understand, but also tribalism, people belonging to a group that believe in alternative views and that is much harder to penetrate. He made a movie called Polar Extremes to move the conversation forward.



Cruisin' the Fossil Coastline II, 2016, Linocut print on paper (state proof), 19 x 40 inches, collection of the artist

Surprisingly, he himself has his roots in a fundamentalist religion, Seventh Day Adventism! How could he become a world-famous paleontologist, Ray asked him? The answer was fascinating: his church didn't believe in evolution, but they talked about it all the time! So as a child the word and concept became more familiar to him than his friends, none of whom had any contact with the idea since it wasn't taught in schools.

Paleo Nerds, the podcast talks a lot about geologic time, infinite amounts of time, they stretch our brains and make us realize what an incredibly short time we humans have been here.

Once you start thinking in geologic time, your day-to-day life changes to a tiny, irrelevant blip. I find that idea particularly helpful right now. I think we are all living in a moment of existential change on the planet, so looking at geologic time can remind us that everything changes all the time.

Roger Shimomura "100 Little White Lies" Greg Kucera Gallery OPEN Tuesday to Saturday 10-30- 5:30 212 Third Avenue South January 7-31

Finally, I just learned that the unequalled Pop/Modernist Roger Shimomura opens a new show in early January. He is even discounting work that includes the ex-President!

-Susan Platt, Ph.D.

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INEQUALITY

The wealth of the top 1% of Americans exceeds the wealth of the bottom 90%.

During the current political melt-down I have been thinking of a book listened to a few months ago. That book (The Spirit Level, by Richard G. Wilkinson) presented, to my mind, an effective pathway to the solution of many of our current world's, and especially our own social and political problems. History shows that the existence of a large and stable middle class is the key element in long-lived, stable republican forms of government. The essential requirement for this is a certain moderation in the distribution of property and power throughout the society. Extremes in inequality of well-being across social classes can be seen to inevitably lead to political disturbances. With this understanding, our early 20th Century sociologists, observing the noticeable breakdown of conditions fostering social stability (viz. Lester Ward and Emile Durkheim) espoused efforts to find new means of reducing conflict and alienation. They sought science-based solutions to the troubling disturbances they observed rather than complacently accepting the emerging work-place violence. They disagreed with the sociologists of the "survival of the fittest" school, following Herbert Spencer, who tended to believe that violence was inevitable or even productive of human progress. The changing nature of work and the lessening need for various types of work is still causing us social disturbance as automation and new modes of agricultural production are applied more extensively throughout the world. The sociologists who collected the information presented in this book are clearly in the scientific, statistically based tradition of the above-mentioned early path-makers. It is extremely persuasive in its review of all the various measures of greater and lesser well-being across the world's cultures and their surprisingly close correlation with measures of inequality of wealth and social status. It is also interesting that the data seems to show that people of high status seem to suffer from their society's inequality, in their own way, as do the low.

I took this from the material provided with the Seattle Library's 40-minute Kanopy streaming video "Dysfunctional Societies", which is based on this book: "Richard Wilkinson explores the correlation between wealth distribution, health, and overall happiness within modern societies. Mobilizing decades of sociological research, Wilkinson details the devastating toll economic inequality is taking on people in the U.S. and around the world and shows how societies with the smallest gaps between rich and poor enjoy the highest levels of health and happiness across all social and economic classes. The result is a powerful and eye-opening look at one of the most widely discussed issues of our current political moment." And from the book jacket: "Why does the United States, despite being one of the richest nations in the world, lag behind so many other rich Western societies in a number of crucial statistical measures -- including life expectancy, violence, health, community, teen pregnancy, mental illness, and incarceration? According to a growing body of research, it's because the U.S. has far more income inequality than these other wealthy societies."

This all begs the question; what is to be done? I believe that for the change to be possible that would benefit us all we must first remove the anti-democratic influence of big money. Then we might effectively discuss and employ the many necessary reforms in industrial policy, taxation, job training, education, monopoly, global warming...the list goes on.

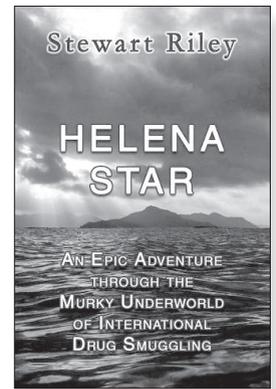
-Jim Snell

BOOK REVIEW

On April 17, 1978, the U.S. Coast Guard seized the aging freighter 140 miles off Washington State's coast with its hold loaded with 37 tons of marijuana—the west coast's largest pot bust—worth an estimated street value of \$74 million. Drug agents later seized the sleek Joli, a 61-foot sailboat, for its suspected role in the case. A past winner of the prestigious Victoria to Maui sailboat race, the Joli had

been purchased from William Niemi, Jr., former president of Eddie Bauer, by champion freestyle skier Mike Lund.

Author Stewart Riley, the attorney for the captain of the Helena Star, provides an insider's unvarnished account of the case from the trenches. The freighter and the conspirators involved were in the news from its seizure in 1978 to its death by sinking in 2013. This drug bust and the ensuing events comprise a true saga about the inner workings of a Colombian-American drug cartel, smuggling on a massive scale, money laundering, the capture of fugitives in Bolivia, suspicious deaths, the lives of high-profile individuals, and courtroom battles in Seattle and San Francisco.



HELENA STAR, AN EPIC ADVENTURE THROUGH THE MURKY UNDERWORLD OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG SMUGGLING

by Stewart Riley

Robert D. Reed Publishers (September 15, 2020)

Seattle author Stewart Riley graduated from the University of Washington Law School in 1969. He practiced law in Seattle as a Senior Deputy Prosecutor in the King County Prosecutor's Office for three years before embarking on a lifetime career as a criminal defense attorney, specializing in cases having international aspects and implications. During his career, he has represented a variety of individuals from forty countries. Mr. Riley has been admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court as well as three international criminal tribunals. He is well-known for his successful defense of a Blackwater security contractor investigated for the killing of a bodyguard for the Vice President of Iraq in 2006. He is an avid outdoorsman and tennis player.

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Seeking Sustenance...

Hello and welcome to 2021 everyone! We hope everyone had a safe and sane holiday season. The Market thanks everyone for the outpouring of community support over the last year. We remain committed to providing everyone a safe and reliable shopping experience. We couldn't do it without all of you, so a truly big thank you! One quick announcement before diving into the good stuff!

Leschi Market's virtual "Zoom Wine Wednesday" began last May as a "let's throw this at the wall and see if it sticks" kind of thing- and OH BOY, did it ever! Each week picked up more and more steam. The hosts figured out the intricacies of ZOOM, and got better and better each week. Guest speakers and winemakers began showing up as guests. The Zoom Happy Hour, as it came to be known, flourished. We took a quick break for holidays as many wait in eager anticipation for the return. So, without further delay--- Zoom Wine Wednesdays are back!

The plan moving forward is Wine Wednesdays will be the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month beginning at 5:30pm, PST.

How's it work? Begin by following Leschi Market on Facebook OR by joining our mailing list: wine@leschimarket.com. This way, you will know when we announce the wines and their availability at the store. Once you purchase the wines to be tasted, (usually 3 or 4), you'll receive the Zoom Meeting code and password. Finally, grab a glass, join us at 5:30pm, and kick back and relax and let us do the rest! Join us, they are a lot of fun- 5:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month!

In addition to the holidays, the Wine Spectator also dropped their "Top-100 Wines of 2020" last month. Personally, I have mixed emotions about such lists. The bottom line is, despite many of the wines being long since sold-out or widely allocated, (thus rendering the wines unavailable), the list does celebrate great wine! It also inspires me to revisit the Leschi Wine Awards that we've done a few times. Hmmmm. Anyway- back to the Top-100 from Wine Spectator: Leschi Market has 8 of the exact wines making the list, including #1, #9, #13, #20 and #24! Also worth noting, the Leschi

Market features 25 vintners that had something make the Top-100. While we might not have the exact wine that made the list- we have something from the same winemaker. That's pretty good!

Here are three of the Top-100 that are in stock and available at the time of the Leschi News deadline. All of the reviews are from Wine Spectator.

#1 2010 Bodegas Marques de Murrieta Rioja Castillo Ygay Gran Reserva Especial \$150

"Maturing well, this round red is a lovely example of the traditional style. Orange peel, dried cherry, forest floor, vanilla and black tea flavors mingle harmoniously over round tannins and citrusy acidity. Generous but gentle, lively, balanced and harmonious. Tempranillo and Mazuelo. Drink now through 2030." 96-points

#9 2018 Beaux Freres Pinot Noir Ribbon Ridge Beaux Freres Vineyard Oregon \$90

"A wine of presence and expression, impeccably structured yet elegantly layered, with evocative raspberry, rose petal and brown baking spice notes that pick up richness and tension toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2029." 95-points

#13 2016 Tolaini Legit Cabernet Sauvignon Toscana Italy \$35.99

"An impressive red of breadth and depth, featuring black cherry, plum, leather, earth, iron and cedar aromas and flavors. This is solidly built and well-balanced, with finely honed tannins and lively acidity providing backbone. Best from 2021 through 2040." 95-points

Cheers! Enjoy!

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 monthly column is intended to inspire and explore new choices in wine, learn about wine with his readers, and share his knowledge and experience in the wine world. Check out the latest at www.LeschiMart.com or to request to be added to email updates at wine@leschimarket.com.



...in the Wilds of Seattle

COMMUNION RESTAURANT

I was excited to read about Kristi Brown's new dining spot in the Liberty Bank Building. I have long admired what she does with everyday food; who would have thought that black-eyed peas could be fashioned into an enticing hummus? Communion is open for takeout only given all the restrictions in our pandemic climate. I ordered a Po' Mi, which pretty much described my mood. This is Kristi's creation that marries The Southern Po' Boy with the Asian Banh Mi. I love Banh Mi, but my husband always says he's still hungry after eating one: too many vegetables. This one would not disappoint! It was fried catfish (and a lot of it) with a generous dose of slivered veggies: cucumbers, daikon & carrots, grilled jalapeños, house made pate with a tangy remoulade.



My husband ordered the roasted rib tips & bone broth which Brown calls An Ode to Pho. It was filling and spicy; it seemed like he had two meals from this creation with grilled rib tips, rice noodles, broccoli, eggplant and oyster mushrooms.

This was the first time I have taken communion since I left the Lutheran Church in 1958, but I will be back for more.

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-Diane Snell

COMMENTARY REVIEW

Our restaurant reviewer struggles to find some place to review; he even considered "Costco Patio Canopies: The New Chic?"

Then she landed on the kitchen counter. Sarah said, "it's a Ladybug."

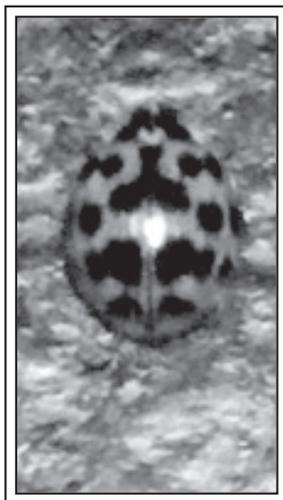
Where I come from, they're called Ladybirds. But the question remains: Where are all the Guy Bugs/Birds?

Another existential question came to mind: How is it that no matter what, there's always the same amount of news?

The PBS Newshour is always 60 minutes. So is CBS's 60 Minutes—though closer to 40 minutes after the ads.

The NYT is always at least twice as long as necessary. Even old people like me have better things to do than read less than half of it on a really wet day.

The Leschi news however remains a concise 16 pages.



-Malcolm Harker,
Madrona critic and curmudgeon

"ALTERNATIVE FACTS"

Ethan Stowell (ETHAN STOWELL!) recently opened a second chapter of How to Cook a Wolf in Madison Park, the original wolf cookery being in Queen Anne.

It is rumored that in pursuit of his plan to cook an entire pack, Ethan Stowell (ETHAN STOWELL!) is considering a further den in Leschi.

Sources not authorized to speak in public also believe that in light of the re-imposition of outside dining restrictions during the winter months, Ethan Stowell (ETHAN STOWELL!) is considering re-branding his lupine franchise.

Names under consideration allegedly include How to Build A Shed, featuring locally sourced ingredients from Amazon, Costco and Lowes, among others.

(Neither Facebook nor Twitter are able to attest to the veracity of this information—apparently, they've had a run on fact-checkers following recent national events).

-Malcolm Harker



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LCC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 12/7/2020

JANET: Treasury report; Liberty Mutual resolution. Janet had contacted the insurance company about our bill which seemed high and was told it was due to the number of meetings we have per year and other events. Janet explained that we were unable to hold more than one meeting in person this year due to the virus and no events were scheduled. The company has agreed to return more than \$400.

JANICE: January meeting? Diane suggested that we not have a meeting. Now that a vaccine is available for Covid-19, the focus is changing from Covid discussion to the process of vaccinating and one company's procedure would not be helpful to others.

As for February, it had been decided to have someone talk about what changes were being made to police procedure. Agreed that we should invite our district representative, Kshama Sawant, to talk about the Council's actions. We agreed to ask questions supplied ahead and Trevor agreed to be moderator.

DIANE: Newsletter deadline: Dec. 21 (EARLIER IF POSSIBLE)

STAR AWARDS (this item a placeholder until we can gather again)

WEBSITE ISSUES Concern re: calendar enhancements and messages that are not being answered; Janet is the only one who has visibility of the messages and she said they had dwindled but it is certainly not a plus for the Council to be seen as ignoring messages.

SEATTLE MUSIC PARTNERS: Diane explained that the Leschi CC was instrumental in helping this group get started by paying for an extra after school bus to take participants home after practice. We continued our support by giving the program the proceeds from our annual Big Book Sale which was finally discontinued when sales dwindled off to make it not profitable given the labor involved. It is important to continue supporting the program as it gives students a better chance of getting into the Middle and High School bands. Agreed that we give them \$300. Janice brought up the Leschi School Giving Garland; we have donated in the past and should continue

as it supports the needy families at the school. Agreed to donate \$400.

GOALS??? Diane expressed concern that the virus had taken energy out of the Board and we were reacting, but not being proactive. She felt it might be helpful to look at SOME goals for 2021 and gave some examples. Make a list of the organizations we wished to support financially and donate more regularly and not just when someone thinks of it. List the ideas for a memorial to Steve Shulman and discuss with Yousef. Identify groups we wish to promote and try to program accordingly...for instance FOSE, Friends of Street Ends. Identify some short term goals such as John's wish for a tree survey. Further discussion about this at our January meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Snell

	Income	Expenses	Balance 11/30/20
General Fund			
Ad Revenue	\$7,587.00		
Dues	\$1,920.00		
Donations	\$1,515.00		
Insurance		(\$903.00)	
Printing and postage		(\$4,867.98)	
Totals	\$11,139.50	(\$7,576.58)	\$13,928.31
Restricted Funds			
ArtWalk			\$2,447.32
Cherry Street Corridor			\$635.76
Flo Ware Park			\$686.53
Friends of Powell Barnett			\$1,068.06
Friends of Street Ends	\$3,150.00		\$4,035.59
Frink Park			\$2,067.60
King Street			\$1270.00
Leschi Gateway Project	\$100.00	(\$396.36)	\$51.03
Leschi Natural Area	\$1,500.00		\$6,345.39
Officer Brenton Fund			\$3,287.85
Steve Shulman Memorial	\$65.00		\$65.00
String of Pearls			\$2,130.38
SW Frink Park			\$1233.08
W. Vaughn Memorial Fund			\$1200.00
Wading Pool			\$3006.13
Whitebear DreamCatcher			\$201.64
Totals	\$15,954.50	(\$7,972.94)	\$43,659.67
Certificate of Deposit			\$11,255.10

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NEW YEAR'S RULIN'S

It's not easy having a birthday that falls near Christmas. It's not easy having a birthday party during a pandemic. But these challenges must be overcome when your spouse turns 70, so it was on December 20, 2020, we met as a small group at the Leschi Elementary playground for an outside, socially distanced, mask-on, samba workout followed by a plunge in Lake Washington. The dance steps were a terrific mental-to-physical execution puzzle aided by Latin rhythms and led by a delightful dance coach (our niece). The second exercise, the plunge, was a momentarily painful jolt to the nervous system and, we hoped, a wake-up call to the immune system.

After we had warmed up, it was time for that lovely moment when one gets to read the birthday cards. One of them contained advice which we thought should be shared as it is guaranteed to light up the dark days of January and remind us of simple truths to live by.

-Anne Depue

Here are the resolutions Woody Guthrie jotted down in his Greenwich Village room in December 1942:

1. Work more and better
2. Work by a schedule
3. Wash teeth if any
4. Shave
5. Take bath
6. Eat good
7. Drink very scant if any
8. Write a song a day
9. Wear clean clothes—look good
10. Shine shoes
11. Change socks
12. Change bed clothes often
13. Read lots good books
14. Listen to radio a lot
15. Learn people better
16. Keep Rancho clean
17. Don't get lonesome
18. Stay glad
19. Keep hoping machine running
20. Dream good
21. Bank all extra money
22. Save dough
23. Have company but don't waste time
24. Send Mary and kids money
25. Play and sing good
26. Dance better
27. Help win war—beat fascism
28. Love Mama
29. Love Papa
30. Love Pete
31. Love everybody
32. Make up your mind
33. Wake up and fight

Woodrow Wilson "Woody" Guthrie [1912–1967] was a great American song writer who graced us with "This Land is Your Land," "Roll on Columbia," and folk music that continues to inspire musical artists today.

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