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Join the Leschi Community Council for a candidate forum featuring mayoral candidate Bruce Harrell 7–7:30pm. *(Lorena Gonzalez has a conflict and is unable to join us.)*

Council Position 8 candidates Teresa Mosqueda and Kenneth Wilson 7:30–8pm

Council Position 9 candidates Nikkita Oliver and

Sara Nelson 8–8:30pm

City Attorney candidate Nicole Thomas-Kennedy 8:30–9pm. *(Her opponent did not respond.)*

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President's Message

Happy Fall,

As leaves begin to turn color and drop to the ground, it is my hope we have a fall as beautiful as the summer we had this year. Fall happens to be my personal favorite season. The brisk air in the morning and crisp leaves under our feet stir up a desire to be outside engaged in life.

Our October program is highly anticipated. We are doing a candidate forum, as we typically do in election years. We had hoped to be live at the CASC, but with vaccination requirements, we felt the check-in process might be too time consuming and we want our future representatives to have as much time as possible to address issues that concern all of us. Therefore, ZOOM will be our venue again. We have set aside Wednesday, October 6th at 7-9pm. Trevor, our Vice President, will be presiding over the meeting and moderating the questions.

We will have the candidates for mayor, one of the city attorney candidates and both at large Council positions. This should be very exciting. As always, the ZOOM instructions are included on the inside back page of this publication, as well as on our website.

Should you have questions, please submit no later than October 1st, so they can be incorporated into our program. Send email questions to leschinews@comcast.net.

While you are making caramel apples, baking apple pie, and starting your first batch of homemade soup for the fall, be grateful we have the freedom to enjoy those simple pursuits.

May your month be filled with kindness, hope, love and abundance. Until next time...

Warm regards,

*-Janice Merrill Brown
President, LCC*

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-Frank Maguire



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We Live in Perilous Times

2020 U.S. CENSUS: TRUSTING QUESTIONABLE DATA

Redistricting data was released by the Census on August 12, 2021. More data will be released later on statistics re: age, sex, race and ethnicity. Given the flawed and truncated census in 2020, one wonders how much trust we should put in this data, but the fact is that these figures will determine many decisions for the next decade.

This data will determine allocation of the 435 House of Representatives seats among the 50 states. A recent city Zoom program recently presented some demographic information; speakers were demographers from Seattle and King County.

2020 U.S. population: 331,449,281
2010 U.S. population: 308,745,538

The challenges for this census taking were Covid-19, the citizenship question, distrust of data security, late start (early finish!), census bureau organization (or lack thereof) and of course, the unhoused.

Seattle's participation in the Census was 76.3% (one of the highest in the nation).

King County population: 2.27 million (18% increase). Increased diversity in county. 94% of growth was in the cities. Seattle had the most growth: +128,300.

Seattle's population: 737,015 makes it the 18th most populous city; this is a 21% increase since the 2010 census. Seattle grew faster than King County. People of color make up 40.5% with the largest group being Asian (16.9%). Children of color now count for over half of Seattle's children.

The fastest growth was in Seattle's downtown and the neighborhoods closest to downtown.

The homeless population was determined to be 8483 in Seattle and 15,419 in King County. Given the difficulty in counting the unhoused, these numbers are probably not accurate. The data showed that housing stock grew slightly slower, so we still have a dilemma of more people

than shelter. Washington's Office of Financial Management describes the efforts census takers go to in finding the homeless population. (See Washington Data & Research under this office). "The Census Bureau recognizes that people experiencing homelessness live in a variety of situations, such as temporarily staying with family or friends, living at a shelter, living outside, living in a tent or living in a car or recreational vehicle (RV). The Census Bureau also recognizes that some people are living in transitory locations without another usual home elsewhere.

- The effort to count people experiencing homelessness at service locations and pre-identified outdoor locations is referred to as Service-Based Enumeration (SBE). SBE will count people at shelters, soup kitchens, regularly scheduled mobile food vans and target non-sheltered outdoor locations on March 30, March 31 and April 1, 2020.



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- The Bureau’s Enumeration at Transitory Locations Operation (ETL) enumerates people who are living in special locations such as recreational vehicle parks, campgrounds, racetracks, circuses, carnivals, marinas, hotels and motels and who do not have a Usual Home Elsewhere. ETL data collection will be conducted from April 9 to May 4, 2020.”

To understand the importance of getting accurate counts, one must look at the funding that is determined by the count. Each state receives Federal funds to assist with meeting housing needs (among many other needs) and a less than accurate count could result in less funding for this purpose.

“For the next 10 years, the federal government will rely on the collected 2020 census data to help guide distribution of approximately \$1.5 trillion in annual spending across 316 federal programs. These programs include, among many, many others: Medicaid, direct student loans, highway construction grants, low-income tax credits and loans, and even adoption assistance programs.” (POGO. Project on Government Oversight; March 26, 2020)

There is a redistricting commission for Seattle: two members are appointed by the mayor, two are appointed

by the City Council and the 5th member is appointed by those 4 members. This group that presented the initial data plans another program on redistricting on the last Tuesday of October (October 26).

The redistricting report is due November 2022.

What do we take away from all this? Seattle has grown, despite the Mayoral candidate who maintained that residents were fleeing the city. Fortunately, this candidate did not survive the primary. We do want a mayor that has the facts straight. The slower housing growth is a concern; we desperately need more housing, and it looks like it should be higher density housing to meet the need.

-Diane Snell

Letters to the Editor

There were 2 differing responses to Gregory Johnson’s memories of growing up here.

Please pass on my heartfelt thanks to Gregory Johnson. I thought his writing was beautiful!

-Karen Daubert

Reader Cheryl Sandelin said I’ve always been skeptical about “the good ole days.”

“I remember:

- Children dying from complications and diseases that no longer exist
- Insect bites, scrapes, rashes from playing in the woods.
- Falling off playground “jungle-gyms” and swings
- Less advanced dental and doctor procedures—and more painful
- Being forced to sit through incredibly boring Sunday school and church services
- Adults dying at much younger ages
- Little attempt by teachers to make school interesting
- Heavy, rich food and veggies cooked to pulp
- Helping with the “ironing” before polyester. Everything was ironed—tea towels, pillowcases etc.
- Doing countless dishes by hand
- Huge, heavy carpet sweepers
- TV much less interesting than today.”

-Cheryl Sandelin



Neighborhood and Beyond

CRIME PREVENTION

Leschi's September meeting featured Joseph Elenbaas, the East Precinct's crime prevention coordinator. Joseph brought us up to date on crime in the precinct and offered some tips on the catalytic converter thefts that seem to occur regularly.

Joseph can come to your house and assess it for safety. It takes about an hour (depending on size of house). He also helps neighbors set up a block watch. Joseph can be contacted at Joseph.Elenbaas@seattle.gov.

Questions about current crime statistics were discussed. There are some hot spots in parks where gangs come back to old territory; this tends to lessen as the weather gets colder. There were no murders in our precinct, but assaults are up now that night life has reopened (Capitol Hill area, which is also our precinct). He referred the attendees to the East Precinct website, specifically the Dashboard where Leschi and Madrona are listed together, and the incidence of criminal activity is reported.

He left us with a tip sheet on catalytic converter thefts and a list of resources, so you know who to call. This list is printed on the back page of the LeschiNews.

Catalytic Converter Theft Bulletin

Catalytic converter theft has been around for a while and continues to be a problem in our precinct, city and everywhere. Catalytic converters contain rhodium, platinum and palladium and thefts have increased with the surge in price of these metals. Thieves can get anywhere from \$150-\$800 per catalytic converter from illegal scrap yards. Repairs are costly and can run anywhere from \$2,800 to \$5,000.

Targeted vehicles: Toyota Prius Generation II (2003-09); 2000's Honda Accords, Honda Element; Ford F-150 and F-250s

The theft can occur in less than a minute! Experienced thieves frequently use a second vehicle to drive up and park alongside the targeted vehicle, screening the thieves from view and carrying the tools often used in this type of theft: hydraulic floor jack, pipe cutter and wrenches or a cordless reciprocating saw. If the thieves use a pipe cutter, you may not hear a thing but if the thieves chose a quicker method, you might hear the noise of a cordless saw.

Prevention tips:

- Park your car in a driveway or garage if you can. If you park on the street, chose a well-lit, open space

- Keep an eye on your parked car and ask neighbors to do the same. If you see suspicious behavior, please report it by calling 911. If you can safely do so, note a description of suspects or any vehicles involved, including license plate number and direction of travel if they leave before police arrive
- Consider installing a catalytic converter anti-theft device or cage. Contact your trusted auto shop or dealer for options and costs.

Start a Neighborhood (or Block or Business) Watch

A strong community bond, active communication between neighbors and reporting of suspicious occurrences continues to be one of the most effective ways to prevent crime. Learn about how this community-based approach to preventing crime can work in any neighborhood, including business districts with mixed commercial and multi-family properties.

Please email or call if you'd like to start a Neighborhood Watch or to schedule a security assessment of any type of property, including your home, business or multifamily residence: Joseph.Elenbaas@seattle.gov or 206-684-5758.

-Diane Snell

CENTRAL AREA SENIOR CENTER UPDATE

The Central's Annual Seafair Patio Party and our official Grand Re-Opening following a year of uncertainty and change owing to COVID-19 was a success! We were grateful to see 120 persons come out to celebrate with us and to donate while having fun.

There were no Hydro Races this year. Neither were the Blue Angels flying overhead making noise while an audience delighted in their maneuvers like years past. Nonetheless, it was a good time. People gathered and ate great food by those specializing in a variety of dishes. Walter Washington provided smoked brisket with collard greens and smoked



turkey, Rev. Doakes Louisiana BBQ delighted us with smoked chicken and his special vinegar BBQ based sauce. Ezell's prepared macaroni and cheese with hot yeast rolls that were delicious. Chef Anthony of The Central tore up the potato salad, handled the plating of food to pass on to the volunteer servers and Seneeka Colly's Red Velvet cake was moist and oh so good. People didn't know which dessert to select: Red Velvet Cake or Star Sweetz's Peach Cobbler.

By October 18, 2021, we are preparing to reintroduce congregate meals during the lunch hour and phase out meal delivery to those who can come into the building and enjoy congregate dining.

Presently we are creating a new website with some new features that will showcase our work and highlight old and new programs and activities. We are excited to be partnering with the Elite Collective for the new design. The website should be completed by the beginning of October.

We look forward to introducing Live Music once again on the 3rd Fridays of each month at our Green Dolphin Lounge, 6-9pm. We have already booked some great entertainment. I anticipate that reservations will fill up quickly. Featured entertainment already booked include:

*Mercedes Nicole doing a Tribute to Shirley Horn,
November 19th, and*

*Eugenie Jones and her Trio performs at the Holiday Gala on
December 11th.*

We are proud to bring these delightful performers to The Central. Make your reservation by calling us at 206-726-4926.

-Dian Ferguson

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

When the Leschi Community Council last featured a program on emergency preparedness, the primary focus was on earthquakes. Since then, we have learned that climate change can bring us other emergencies: floods, forest fires, drought and heat domes, a term we were unaware of before this summer. Leschi CC Board members Tracy Bier and Lawrence Pitre will present a program on November 3rd to make us all aware of the resources which are available when an emergency does occur. Being aware and prepared

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can help us get through emergencies with a minimum of injuries. Be sure to Zoom in next month so you know what to do! More details next month.

NEWS FROM LESCHI'S SHORELINE STREET ENDS

South Judkins Street will be hosting a work party on October 16, Saturday from 9 to noon. We will be trimming and weeding and generally doing annual maintenance at this beautiful and heavily used shoreline. As always, we appreciate new and enthusiastic stewards of these special places. Contact John Barber at 206-324-1548.

News from Leschi's extended neighborhood: Mt. Baker Ridge: The Leschi community helped lead the planning, design, fundraising and construction of the Mt. Baker Viewpoint Park which is celebrating its twelfth birthday this year. There is no better place in the city at which to celebrate the Solstice and Fall Equinox! Factor in time to read about the movement of the sun throughout the year and to marvel at the different ways this is depicted within the park!

-Karen Daubert

MASSACHUSETTS STREET-END WORK PARTY

Friends of Street Ends FOSE is organizing a work party with volunteers at the Massachusetts street-end which is immediately below Lakeside Drive, 1 block north of Atlantic Street. We will be planting native shrubs and trees on grounds we've prepared last winter. We have tools, so all you need to do is wear appropriate clothes, boots and masking apparatus of your choice. There is plenty of room to socially distance.

We appreciate all of the volunteer effort to open this street end up from the Leschi, Mount Baker and Beacon Hill neighborhoods. Please join us at 10am Saturday October 30th, Daniel Collins project lead; you can text Daniel at 360-531-0447.

-Daniel Collins

NOT ALL NON-NATIVE TREES ARE INVASIVE

There is an important distinction between non-native trees and invasive trees: non-native trees are all trees not naturally found within a certain area (i.e. Seattle). Invasive species cause harm to the surrounding environment and usually spread quickly. Invasive trees include English holly, cherry laurel and black locust. Some trees are invasive in certain areas—like a forested park—but might not cause damage in a maintained yard. This means not all non-native trees are harmful!

Some non-native trees we enjoy in Seattle are ginkgos that are naturally found in China, Deodar cedars from the Himalayas and Northern red oak from the Eastern United States. We plant non-native trees in Seattle yards and along streets because they are often better suited for urban conditions like compact soil, more sun and less water. Smaller, non-native trees are also great for planting under

powerlines to avoid constant pruning of larger native trees. People plant trees where they live for many reasons: food, flowers, to connect their yard to their culture, for fall color, shade and more. Planting carefully selected non-native trees helps make Seattle's environment unique, beautiful and diverse. For more information about invasive species, you can visit King County's list of invasive plant and animal species.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

In King County alone, there are over 100 noxious weeds that have been identified by the King County Noxious Weed Control Board. Many of these species are so widespread that control and eradication is virtually impossible. One such species is Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*), an aquatic plant found in lakes, ponds, reservoirs, rivers and streams. If you have been swimming along the shores of Lake Washington, you may have wrangled with this plant. Water milfoil dramatically alters the ecology of a water body because it rapidly reproduces and forms dense mats that choke out native plants and animals (and swimmers).

Many noxious weeds are so widespread in King County that eradicating them is nearly impossible—these weeds include yellow-flag iris, reed canary grass, Scot's broom, Himalayan and evergreen blackberry, English and Irish ivy and purple loosestrife. Many of these species create monocultures, meaning they completely carpet an area, and in so doing decrease native biodiversity. When an area is covered with one single species, there is no structural diversity and no food diversity, for example. And guess what, most of those plants are legal and available to purchase at a nursery and plant in your yard. Here are some examples of plants that are invasive yet remain available for purchase in nurseries:

- English ivy: can take over hillsides and forests and kill mature trees. Best to eliminate it from your yard if you have it.
- Fragrant water lily: can completely choke out ponds and wetlands. Bad for biodiversity (and not so good for kayakers either).
- Butterfly bush: it is pretty and attracts butterflies, yes? Well, two big problems there: (1) butterflies won't lay their eggs on it because it offers no nutritional value for the new caterpillars, and (2) because it provides a nectar source for insects, they often go to it instead of native plants and therefore do not end up pollinating our native plants.

-Submitted by Anne Depue from Trees for Seattle, September 2021 newsletter and the King County website

A BRIT LOOKS AT NORMAL IN THE STATES

Normal:
Ever since we got a new, normal President, nothing much seems to be happening.
Seattle is going to get a new Mayor. Whoever it is, they will be pretty normal.

Capitol Hill will continue to have a normal radical leftie council member.

Houses in Leschi and everywhere else the rich techies want to live will continue to start at the new normal \$1 million and up. I asked my neighbor how it felt to have a \$3 million house: "Pretty much like it felt when it was a \$250,000 house."

Normal!

We'll all continue to be concerned about what to call the unfortunate folks who can't afford Seattle rents: Homeless? Experiencing homelessness? Unhoused? In need of "Tiny Houses" which don't meet pretty much any of the Seattle housing code?

Living in the wrong city, maybe?—but **we can't say what we really think.**

Normal!!

But deep—really deep—down:

Don't you miss the chaos?

-Malcolm Harker,

Just your normal Brit—who can say stuff that no self-respecting local liberal could.

LESCHI RESIDENT MOVES BUT LIFE REMAINS THE SAME

Or you can take the girl out of the 'hood, but she still has a sign in her hands!

We received this message from long-time Leschi resident, Joan Singler.

Our home in Leschi was the planning place for many of the demonstrations and picket lines we organized to address discrimination in employment, housing, education and treatment by police in the civil rights movement of the 60s.

We only moved 3 miles from 32nd and Yesler and have found another home of people willing to protest discrimination and racism in this country. Horizon House residents have been holding a Friday demonstration in support of Black Lives Matter, every Friday from noon to 1pm since Juneteenth of 2020. We have never missed a Friday for any reason. WE are there with walkers, canes and wheelchairs and our signs. In addition, Horizon House is the only retirement community that displays a very large Black Lives Matter banner on the front of our building.

Yes, I miss the neighbors and the neighborhood and so I invite the activists in the Leschi neighborhood to join us any Friday at noon at the intersection of 9th and Seneca. We have extra signs.

-Joan Singler

LIFE AND TIMES IN LESCHI

Old-timers here grew up hearing about the Seattle General Strike of 1919, the powerful labor movement and Communist Party of the 1930s, and the reference to "the 47 states and the Soviet of Washington" by James A. Farley, FDR's political operative and postmaster general.

In the 1990s, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, our Congressman Mike Lowry said that “the socialist model of economic development has pretty much fallen out of favor around the world, with the exception of Cuba and certain parts of my district.” I think he was referring to my census tract.

When I moved to my current home on Lake Washington Boulevard South, in 1987, I became neighbors with the Corr family, who my parents had known since my 1950s childhood in Madrona. The Corrs had bought their house, which abuts Frink Park, around 1960, from the Chotzen family, whose second and third generations are now a significant force in real estate in our part of the city. The mother, Carla Chotzen, was a child photographer and a friend of my mother. Some of Carla’s portraits of my younger brothers and me are still on display in my house.

Before I lived nearby, I would drop by the Corr household to visit from time to time. I was always invited to stay for a meal. The dining room was full of husky, hungry young construction workers. If I didn’t keep up to their pace, I had to guard whatever was left on my plate when theirs were emptied.

The Corrs were political and community activists. Bill Sr., the father, of my parents’ generation, was a home-remodeling contractor who renovated kitchens in two houses for my parents. During one of those projects, plaster kept falling in the cat food dish, leading our cat to find a new home somewhere else.

Bill Sr. was of the Old Left, the generation that included the many Communist Party members that Farley was referring to. Bill had been involved in Group Health Co-op and Puget Consumers Co-op (PCC). I’m not sure what his involvement was with REI, originally known as Recreational Equipment Co-op before it began to highlight the “Incorporated” aspect. But he characterized it as a company where “the board and the management collaborate to screw the workers and the members.” “Co-op” was, over the years, de-emphasized by each of these organizations, and not only in their names.

Bill adapted to the political currents of the younger generation as they evolved in the post-’60s era. He was supportive of groups in the Cooperating Community, a loose alliance of the many worker collectives and membership cooperatives in Seattle, including Black Duck Motors, where I worked.

Bill played a role in the founding of the Capitol Hill Food Co-op at 12th and Denny in the early 1970s. I was a member and volunteer cashier. In 1977, the co-op collapsed from a lack of organizational structure. I remember long lines at the cash register when another cashier would stop working for a while to play the violin, right there at the counter. After the store’s downfall, Bill took the lead in organizing a board to resurrect the food co-op on a firmer foundation, and he asked me to join. Within a year we had re-opened the store as Central Co-op, which was financially successful from the first month. It continues to operate, at 16th and Madison.

Bill and his wife, Cecelia, a long-time peace activist, had four sons. The youngest was my age; when Bill was working on remodels for my family, sometimes the young one would be brought along, and we became playmates. He grew up to be a builder and a communist, like his father. He eventually built himself a house next door to the family home by Frink Park. But we had a previous political falling out. In the mid-1970s I had wanted to go to Cuba with the Venceremos Brigade, which organized trips for North Americans to join sugar cane harvesting brigades in solidarity with the Cuban revolutionary government. But the local brigade chapter, including the young Corr, rejected my application because of my past involvement with anti-Vietnam War groups that were much more militant than what was by then the tired old Communist Party.

The Corr parents, as well as their youngest son, have died, and both houses have been sold. Does the Leftie character of the neighborhood live on as the Mike Lowry version of Little Havana? Perhaps not. In 2019, the city council candidate backed by Amazon got 56% of the vote in my precinct, compared to 42% for the socialist candidate, who won the district as a whole.

—Roger Lippman

The author writes monthly about Leschi history and his experiences over his 45 years in the neighborhood.

WHY DO TREES SHED THEIR LEAVES IN THE FALL?

Daylight is decreasing, rain has returned and deciduous trees are beginning to shed their leaves. Football is ramping up, baseball is winding down and the Cascades have seen their first high-elevation snow of the season. There was even an early-season windstorm on September 17 that knocked out power to approximately 100,000 customers throughout Western Washington. We officially transitioned to autumn on September 22, and you can feel it in the air.

I love autumn because of how rapidly the weather changes. From first grade all the way through high school, I played soccer during the autumn and I remember how hot our first games of the year in September were and how rainy and chilly our playoff games in December were. I also played baseball during the spring from April through June, but even though there was a dramatic change in the flora,

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We love the history, the strong sense of community and the multi-generational families who’ve lived here for decades.

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there was relatively little change in the weather. Autumn also tends to have our strongest windstorms, with the Columbus Day Storm of October 12, 1962 being the most well-known example. And if you look at record crests for rivers across Western Washington, you'll find that a substantial portion of them occur in November. It's an exciting season for a weather geek!

I also love how our deciduous trees drop their leaves and seeds in the autumn. I lived immediately north of a Bigleaf Maple tree in the Madrona neighborhood growing up and loved to watch the maple seeds "helicopter" their way down to the ground on windy November afternoons after school. Anybody who has lived next to a Bigleaf Maple is very familiar with these "helicopter" seeds, which are so called because they rotate on their way down to the ground.

Bigleaf maples and other deciduous trees shed their leaves in the autumn to help conserve water and energy for the winter. During the spring and summer, deciduous trees undergo photosynthesis and convert sunlight, carbon dioxide and water into glucose (a very simple carbohydrate) and oxygen. This results in a lot of new growth for the tree during the warm seasons but exhausts it of water, so these deciduous trees "refill" their trunks and branches with water during the winter and shed their leaves to conserve water usage. Then, in spring and summer, the process begins anew, with particularly voracious growth often occurring in the spring when trees, grasses and other shrubs are full of water.

Leaves turn colors in the autumn due to the green chlorophyll in the leaves breaking down and revealing the "carotenoids" in the leaves, which typically have a yellow or orange pigment. Some plants also see the buildup of "anthocyanins" during the autumn, which give the leaves a red or purple hue. I've found Madrona Park to have a wonderful assortment of colors in the autumn due to the maples, cherry trees, black cottonwoods and other deciduous trees there, and I definitely suggest a walk through the park before the ground gets too muddy!

-Charlie Phillips

Charlie Phillips is a Madrona native and lifelong weather geek who now works at Puget Sound Energy as an energy trader, making sure there is enough energy to keep the lights on! Check out his weather blog at www.weatheritogether.net.

ALL AMERICANS NEED THE VOTE

Hooraay for the passage of the law making Juneteenth a federal holiday! Remembering the day enslaved individuals in Galveston, Texas, received the news of being free is worth celebrating despite being almost 156 years after the occasion. These people had worked from January 1, 1863–June 19, 1865, after slavery had been outlawed in the Confederate states. Slavery officially ended everywhere in the United States December 18, 1865.

All the persons voting to make Juneteenth a holiday should vote to make H. R. 1 a reality. All Americans need the vote. I want to celebrate the passage of H. R. 1., the For the People Act. This law can drastically change the USA for

the better. Briefly, rights stipulated in the 15th Amendment, ratified in 1870, and the 19th Amendment, ratified in 1920, would be enforced and gerrymandering ended; Citizens United would be invalidated with the passage of new rules for campaign financing; federal officials would follow codified rules of ethics. Please see details at H. R. 1 online or at the library.

All of us should do anything necessary to get H. R. 1, the American Jobs Plan passed. Period. There is nothing to debate. If you think these bills are expensive, see the results of their not passing. Far too many Americans are losing rather than gaining while an exceptionally small number of persons are making millions and billions of dollars. Most of us did/do not dream of millions, but we believed with hard work we could live comfortably, support a family if we chose to have one, send children to college. This is not happening; the money is rushing up rather than trickling down. Everyday workers are making less; the middle class is getting smaller as their income fails to keep up with inflation. Many people need a little help for a short time. Too often they cannot get it. Each of us—regardless of race, creed, color, class, background, wealth, education, gender, religion, sexual orientation and/or whatever else you use to classify people—should do what we can to get this bill passed. The infrastructure is depending on it. Ordinarily, it refers to the bridges, roads, electric grid, sewer system, water, for example. Add transportation—railroads, trains, train stations, airports. Inattention to fracking and climate change hurt all of us. We need to repair, replace and update the infrastructure.

H. R. 1 will do this in a way that perhaps nothing has helped the country—entire county, not the wealthy only. The best gift we can give the country is H. R. 1.

-Georgia S. 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 Leschinews. 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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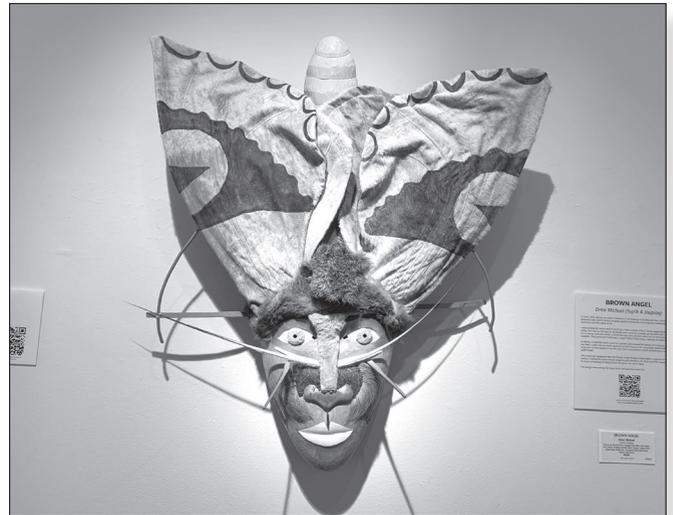
Culture Corner

AN AFTERNOON ON PIONEER SQUARE

Seattle's art museums are pricey for the average budget, but you can have a rich art experience exploring some of our intrepid art galleries. Here I focus on Pioneer Square. Several of these galleries have such a range of art that it is almost better than visiting a museum because it is more intimate. But even the small galleries with a single artist are fun to pop in and visit. You no longer need to plan ahead or make an appointment. Friday and Saturday are the best days to go, between 11am and 5pm (but check for small variations).

So I started in the Toshio Kaplan building to see what had survived the pandemic. I started at the revitalized Center on Contemporary Art, although they wouldn't let me in because they were having an event! But the exhibition is Tunisian American Rajaa Gharbi. A powerhouse personality and longtime friend of mine, Gharbi says "My art is a search for medicine laughter." The exhibition is up to the end of October and there will be a celebration on October 7 from 5–8pm and a conversation with Rajaa on October 14 at 6pm .

There are several artist-run cooperative galleries in the Toshio Kaplan Building each with a different personality. I recommend stopping in at SOIL, Gallery 110 and SHIFT.



*Drew Michael, Yup'ik and Inupiaq
Brown Angel, 2021*

*Basswood, Myrtle Wood, Vintage Pony Hide, Poly Fabric, Wire, Beads, Feathers,
Caribou Hair, Acrylic, Copper Wire, Metal Tacks, Rabbit Fur, Air System Ball
Joints, Nails, 29 x 25 x 9"*

SHIFT was featuring "Karey Kessler/ Imagined Topographies of a Vanishing Wilderness" lyrical black and white ink drawings based on topography maps and her own "wandering lines" as she calls them. They connect to her concern about how little wilderness is left on the planet.

In an enticing conversation with Kessler's drawing is "Sung I Chun/Liminal Space." The artist demonstrated how one of the pieces that appears to be a puddle of water creates subtle and changing reflections on the ceiling. I found her work delightfully subtle. She explores the boundaries of dark and light. You can meet both of these artists (in person!) at the closing on October 2 from 2–4pm.

The METHOD Gallery focuses on installation, often a single large piece, as was the case with Fumi Amano's "Where are you from?" The bright red woven sculpture that filled the gallery was intense. I was invited to climb inside of it. Although I declined, I could imagine balancing on the network of red string. Furthermore, the piece was actually a giant representation of ovaries and a uterus, so in climbing inside we are reverse birthing.

On to the long-established commercial galleries after coffee at the Caffe Umbria. The Davidson Gallery on Occidental Square always features contemporary artists as well as historical work and has an extensive antique print collection. I particularly loved Seoul Kim's hand-colored etchings speaking to the absurdity of consumerism. But as you move to the back of Davidson's you will find stacks of prints to enjoy in bins.



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The Greg Kucera Gallery is also a mini museum experience. Aside from the featured exhibitions, one of which currently is Richard Gilkey, that haunting second generation Northwest artist, if you keep going into the back, you will discover treasures including the always tantalizing Humaira Abid, as well as world famous artists like James Washington Jr, Jacob Lawrence, Michael Spafford, Roger Shimomura. Another favorite is Gregory Blakelock an obsessive recorder of, for example, “Lilies, Piranhas, Saws, Wild Cats, German Shepherds, Beets, Pumpkins, Flags and Airplanes.”!

Way in the back, if you keep going, you will discover another large gallery space. It features what is called the garage sale, or resale room: just a few examples there are Kiki Smith, Gaylen Hansen and Alden Mason.

The fun of the gallery is you can go on discovering and exploring. The ladies’ room is filled with work by Roger Shimomura and there is an outside deck with sculpture by Deborah Butterfield, John Buck and others.

And finally, the Stonington Gallery is another museum experience. The featured exhibition up front included Drew Michael, with amazing masks such as the “Brown Angel-Owlet” illustrated here. He explained that four moths appeared in various places in his studio while he was experiencing extreme anxiety during isolation. This mask was designed after the Brown Angel Shades-Owlet Moth. “I named the piece Brown Angel to pay tribute to the BLM and POC movements and to share some of the beauty that has given me some relief”

Go into the back rooms (one after another, don’t stop too soon!!) and you will find works by Preston Singletary, Lillian Pitt, Rick Bartow, Robert Davidson and much more. You can have a thrilling up close view of these outstanding artists.

I loved the informality and serendipity of these experiences, not to mention that they are all free. Since exhibitions change over in October, there will be different artists to see, but I encourage everyone to take a Friday or Saturday afternoon and explore our valiant Pioneer Square galleries. They survived the pandemic. Let’s show our appreciation for what they contribute to the art life of Seattle.

-Susan Platt, PhD
www.artandpoliticsnow.com

THE FOG LADIES: IN THE SOUP

A San Francisco Cozy Murder Mystery, Book 3

Susan McCormick is back with the third installment in her endearing Fog Ladies cozy murder mystery series. Stressed young doctor-in-training Sarah James and the spunky, elderly Fog Ladies stumble into another murder when they volunteer at a San Francisco soup kitchen. They envision washing and chopping and serving. Then a celebrity chef ends up dead in the soup, the director is arrested and the soup kitchen is doomed.

The suspect list is long, including the soup kitchen director with a ruined life, the frumpy ex-wife jilted for a beautiful model, a land developer with an acrimonious

past with the chef and a disrespected soup kitchen guest who bit off a man’s ear. The Fog Ladies have troubles themselves. Frances Noonan has vision problems and must give up driving. Alma Gordon’s seventy-six-year-old beau is calling her by his dead wife’s name. Sarah has problems with her sweetheart and must confront ghosts of the past, including her first love and her widowed, now dead, father, to understand her ambivalence today.

Navigating a near gas explosion, large dog digestive issues, a blackmailer and a scorned woman with a chicken cleaver, the Fog Ladies push on to find the killer. Each Fog Ladies grows and changes, with Alma Gordon stating, “Her couch was no longer soft and squishy, and neither was she.” This third book is joyful and poignant and will leave readers smiling and wanting more of these feisty Fog Ladies.

Susan McCormick is an award-winning writer and a doctor who lives in Seattle (Madrona) with her husband and two sons. She graduated from Smith College and George Washington University School of Medicine, with additional medical training in Washington, D.C. and San Francisco, where she lived in an elegant apartment building much like the one in the book. Susan served as a doctor in the U.S. Army for nine years before moving to the Pacific Northwest and civilian practice. In addition to the Fog Ladies series, she also wrote Granny Can’t Remember Me, a lighthearted picture book about Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, and The Antidote, a timely middle grade and up medical/STEM fantasy. She loves giant dogs, the bigger and slobbery the better. Visit Susan McCormick online at www.susanmccormickbooks.com.

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WINE TRICK OR TREAT

Hello Leschi—welcome to October! In my head, this is best said in the legendary voice of Lou Gellermann, the longtime iconic welcoming voice of Husky Stadium at the University of Washington: “Hello Dawg fans, welcome to Husky Stadium!” That voice (and accompanying siren) was planted in my head from the time I was little and stayed with me through my time as a student and now decades long (yes, plural) alum. Hearing the roar of the crowd on Saturday afternoons while playing at my grandparent’s house is also something I’ll never forget. Funny how a phrase, or statement can just take you back like that in an instant.

Well, time to get back on track—Fall is in the air, October is here and there is a spooky holiday at the of the month. The last few Octobers we’ve explored “*Trick or Treat?*” in terms of wine, and I thought it would be fun and appropriate to explore this topic again, albeit in a formal, organized fashion as you would expect.

One ground rule clarification: there actually aren’t any tricks, only treats!

So, let’s dive into the goodies:

ROSÉ

If you have yet to experience the pure joy of Domaine Ott... well, I’m not sure what you are waiting for. These pinks set the bar extremely high for all its kind. Spoil yourself—you deserve it and you can thank us later. I realize these are not every day priced rosé, but they are both well worth it. Pairs well with Thanksgiving, if you need the excuse, or also, depending on availability, there might be some by Ott still hanging around for \$25, just ask. You really oughta!

2020 Domaine Ott Chateau de Selle Rosé \$47.99

Pale and coppery, boasts restrained aromas of peach, melon and citrus underscored by hints of crushed stone. In the mouth, it’s medium-bodied and concentrated, with ample intensity, a slightly creamy texture and a long, mouthwatering finish. ~Robert Parker, 93-points

2020 Domaine Ott Chateau Romassan Bandol Rosé \$47.99

Mourvèdre, with smaller proportions of Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah. Scents of crushed stone accent notes of peach, strawberry and lime on the nose, while the medium-bodied palate is silky in texture, streamlined in shape and extremely long on the finish. ~Robert Parker, 93-points

SWISS WINE

Remember, no tricks—only treats! Have you ever tried a wine from Switzerland? I teased these last month, and really want to get the word out about this more obscure/not commonly thought of wine producing region. Open your mind and your treat bag and make room for these—one red and one white wine.

2019 Avalanche Fendant Valais, Switzerland \$19.99

Fendant is a Chasselas wine from Valais in Switzerland. Boasts delightful aromas of lemon blossom, fresh zest and wet river rock lifted by a whiff of peppermint. It has a strong backbone of minerality, with flavors of apple, pear and lemon curd. Well balanced, crisp, and refreshing. ~Jeff Jensen, *Wine Enthusiast*, 92-points



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2018 Avalanche Pinot Noir Valais, Switzerland \$22.99

This wine offers enticing aromas of red cherries and just-picked raspberries. The palate shows flavors of black cherry and raspberry, with a subtle touch of Christmas baking spices. It is well structured and well balanced, with silky tannins and a smooth finish. -Jeff Jensen, *Wine Enthusiast*, 91-points

WHITE WINE

Two white wines that don't get enough credit for being absolute treats. Bracing acidity, food friendly and not the sweet treat you are expecting. An Albariño from our own backyard and a German Riesling worth your attention.

2020 Thurston Wolfe Albariño Yakima Valley \$16.99

High but not overwhelming acidity, vibrant peach/nectarine, and a dry taste create the perfect marriage in this high-quality wine. Albariño is a fantastic choice for pairing with exquisite dishes like ceviche, fish tacos, seafood pasta, and shrimp. -Winemaker notes

2019 Dr. Loosen Blue Slate Riesling Kabinett Mosel Germany \$18.99

It is a fully ripe vintage, with vibrant aromatics and a pronounced acidity that gives brilliant structural precision to the wines. -Winemaker notes

RED WINE

Interesting fun red wines to close out the month with. Bardolino is best described as the Gamay of Italy. A fresh, fruity, easy drinking, everyday red. The Rossojbleo, pronounced: Rosso-ee-blai-oh, is a slight step up in complexity and a fascinating red from Sicily. Rounding out the wines are two can't misses—an earthy Oregon Pinot and a powerful Gigondas that need no introduction. Cheers and enjoy everyone!

2019 Le Fraghe Bardolino Veneto \$14.99

Fruity hints of black cherry and blueberries and the spicy hints of cinnamon and black pepper. Soft tannic structure with a perfect balance between the not too pronounced acidity and its flavor. Blend of Corvina and Rondinella. -Winemaker notes

2018 Gulfi Rossojbleo Terre Siciliane Rosso \$17.99

Very deep ruby. Perfumed violet, black cherry, citrus fruit and minerals on the enticing nose. Then fresh juicy and very lively, with youthfully chewy tannins and fruit forward elements of plum and dark cherry. Finishes flinty and long. -Vinous, 91-points

2016 St. Innocent Momtazi Pinot Noir Willamette Valley \$39.99

Opens with tar, damp soil and decaying leaves scents, with a core of blackberries and black cherries. In the mouth, it's medium-bodied, concentrated and earthy with a grainy frame and long, fresh finish. This will benefit from a decant. -Robert Parker, 90-points; 91-points James Suckling

2018 Saint Cosme Gigondas \$39.99

Provençal bouquet of red and black currants, peppery herbs, leather, and loamy soil, the 2018 is medium to full-bodied, has a forward, sexy style, no hard edges, and a great finish. It's terrific today yet still has enough tannins to evolve for 10–15 years if you're so inclined. -Jeb Dunnuck, 93-points

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 Dablia 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.

MAVEN MEALS

www.mavenmeals.com

Tired of take-out and the menus that always stays the same? Try ordering from Maven Meals for a change. You order the week before; deliveries in this area seem to be on Tuesday between 12 and 6pm. Their menu is interesting and changes every week with many ethnic choices. It has been good for me as I can order veggie entrees for me and meat entrees for the carnivore I live

with. You can order all the trimmings as well, but I tend to make a large salad every night, especially with garden produce abundant this time of year.

Some recent entrée examples: Italian Sausage White Bean Stew, Grilled Tandoori Chicken, Sweet & Spicy Prawns (big plump ones!), and Spinach Artichoke Quiche. The quiche was on the breakfast menu, but I prefer it for dinner. There is a butternut-kale lasagna which is so good I could eat it once a week. (And I will tell my doctor that I have upped my kale intake!) They don't offer desserts as such, but they have a bakery with cookies. I ordered a Harvest cookie as I wanted to review it; I can make myself believe that anything with oatmeal is good for me. These cookies go beyond oatmeal and raisins: apricots, cherries, pumpkin and sunflower seeds are added. Delicious and filling!

Maven Meals are in Burien. In addition to delicious food, they are sensitive to environmental issues. If you put out the ice packs when your next delivery is coming, they will take them away! There is a \$4.95 delivery fee, but pick-up is also available. I usually order 3 meals for the week, so the delivery fee seems reasonable.

-Diane Snell

MT. BAKER EATERIES

Mina's Coffee Shop is run by Mina and her family who hail from Oaxaca. You can find not only excellent croissants, breads, and cookies, but also Oaxacan arts and crafts and superb tamales!

Heyday is now back open for their famous Sunday brunches (including Johnny cakes!) and their long-time chef continues to make daily taco specials as well as seasonal salads and burgers (my favorite is their codwich).

QED Coffee Shop serves their delicious home-roasted coffee as well as pastries by Macrina and is open for takeout sandwiches as well as wine and beer!

Iconiq is rated one of the best restaurants in the city and a place to treasure for a special occasion and for everyday treats! We celebrated a special occasion recently by ordering their Kobe beef and it was absolutely mouth-wateringly delicious. And the view is spectacular.

That's Amore is a longtime neighborhood favorite and the owners took advantage of this past year to completely redo the interior so that it feels extra safe during this trying time. No better place to enjoy fresh lasagna, homemade breads and pastas and their specials of the day.

-Karen Daubert,
who lives and eats on the Mt. Baker Ridge

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The September Board minutes will appear in the November issue. One item of note is that LCC voted to donate \$500 to the Low Income Housing Institute.

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Dues	\$900.00		
Donations	\$1,255.00		
Reimbursement	\$120.00		
Insurance		(\$581.00)	
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Other Expenses		(\$829.40)	
Totals	\$6,036.00	(\$5,612.77)	
Restricted Funds			
ArtWalk			\$2,447.32
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Flo Ware Park			\$686.53
Friends of Powell Barnett			\$1,068.06
Friends of Street Ends		(\$500.00)	\$2,985.59
Frink Park	\$50.00		\$2,117.60
King Street			\$1,270.00
Leschi Gateway Project			\$51.03
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String of Pearls			\$2,130.38
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Wading Pool			\$3,006.13
West Sheridan Street End	\$200.00	(1,400.08)	\$649.92
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