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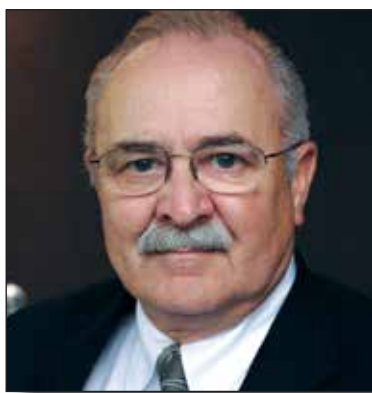
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# Jeff Bezos buys Robinson Newspapers' *Westside Seattle*



## KEN ROBINSON

**Editor's note:** *This is some real "fake news." It is not true, but could be. While the details about the history of the paper are accurate, we made up the part about Amazon.*

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos announced today the purchase of *Westside Seattle*, the newspaper operated by the Robinson Family for residents west of I-5 in Seattle.

"Every community needs a paper," Bezos said in a brief press release. "*Westside Seattle* exemplifies the best in community journalism through its more than 100 year history."

*Westside Seattle* combines the weekly papers of Des Moines, Normandy Park, Burien/Highline, White Center/West Seattle, SeaTac and Ballard.

The *Ballard News-Tribune* dates to 1895 as a regularly issued periodical. *West Seattle Herald* was first published in 1923. Bezos continued, "I am proud to provide continued support for this vital enterprise. Like the *Washington Post*, which covers a larger community, *Westside Seattle* performs the watchdog function on local government that would not exist without it. And it also celebrates the lives of people who live there."

Co-publishers Tim and Ken Robinson said in the press release "We are thrilled to be part of the Amazon fam-

ily. Our mission to keep local journalism alive is underpinned by Amazon's decision to bring us aboard."

An Amazon spokesperson said readers can expect some enhanced initiatives in coverage, use of video on the *Westside Seattle* website and the continuation of writing by veteran journalists. There was also a mention of enhanced use of social media and even a YouTube channel devoted to this area.

"Since the early part of this country's history, the community newspaper has been the lifeblood that keeps people informed, entertained and connected. There is still some life left for the print edition as a medium of news and advertising. I know there are people who prefer to hold the paper in their hands," Bezos said.

Amazon will incorporate the online presence of *Westside Seattle* with their social media team. Where other publishers have been forced to cut trained and experienced journalists, Bezos believes in employing professionals. He also believes in the value of the stored knowledge of journalists that can lead to deeper understanding of the news.

The only staff changes planned are additions, Associate Publisher Tim Robinson said.

### A kick from a reader

My cell phone rang a few minutes after 6 a.m. Monday. The screen showed "Unknown" so I didn't answer. I never do when the caller does not have the guts to identify themselves. Otherwise, I'll talk to anyone.

No message was left. But about ten minutes later, a message presumably from the same caller came in. It was long as messages go, almost three minutes.

It was a rant about the contents of a letter we carried last week, leading toward a charge of the paper becoming more and more liberal.

Here's the problem I have with this: The conclusion that the paper must support views expressed in a letter is just not correct. An opinion sent in letter is the writer's opinion. It may or many not have anything do with what we believe.

The charge that the paper is becoming more and more liberal has no basis in fact. We do what we have always done: we provide a forum for anyone in our community to express themselves whether we agree with them or not.

In this case, the caller said "I knew your dad and he was in the middle" with his politics. I guess he thinks we should be the same (we are). Still, we do consider some points of view that are different from our parents because of information or ideas that came along

## WS CONTRIBUTORS

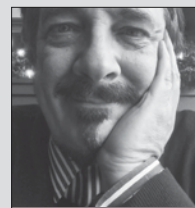


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News Editor

Lindsay is a veteran journalist who came to us from the *Houston Chronicle* where she covered neighborhood news, education, politics, business and the arts. She now lives in West Seattle.

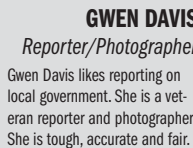
**PATRICK ROBINSON**  
Director of New Media

Patrick grew up in the publishing business and has helped develop our websites. He is a journalist, prize-winning photographer and West Seattle resident. And he is one of the brothers.



**TIM CLINTON**  
Sports Editor

Tim Clinton has been to more baseball, football, track, golf, tennis, swimming and basketball games than all the players he has reported on in his 35 years as Sports Editor. Tim knows sports.



**GWEN DAVIS**  
Reporter/Photographer

Gwen Davis likes reporting on local government. She is a veteran reporter and photographer. She is tough, accurate and fair.



**JEAN GODDEN**  
Columnist

Jean Godden is a veteran Seattle PI and Seattle Times newspaperwoman and city councilwoman. Her column will give us an insider's view of city politics.



after they chose their world view.

That is good. It shows we are thinking about issues rather than taking on someone else's opinion.

We love hearing from readers. I just wish they would wait until the coffee kicks in.

### Standing for the anthem

The weirdness involving pro athletes refusing to stand for the National Anthem has generated more nastygrams than just about any other news lately and now Trump has weighed in. No doubt he will attract followers with this view.

It sounds like Trump believes that if a man is going to take a paycheck from you, you should abide by his rules.

We understand why some athletes have chosen to kneel at the start of a football game. They would be hard pressed to find a bigger stage to express their anger at the way blacks are treated in this country.

Still, this behavior begs the question: what does their personal view have to do with football. For that matter, what does the National Anthem have to do with football?

A simple solution to the issue is to drop the National Anthem from the opening ceremony of professional sports.

It is only a tradition and not obligatory. Let the pro athletes kneel elsewhere.



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## Candidate forum for Burien City Council seats is Oct. 10

This newspaper, the Southwest Seattle Chamber of Commerce, The League of Women Voters and the Burien Library are hosting a candidate forum Oct. 10 at Burien City Hall.

The event begins at 7 p.m.

All candidates for Burien City Council have been invited. The event is open to the public.



# WESTSEATTLEHERALD

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## Junction members discuss HALA, preserving parking and new open space at quarterly JuNO meeting

By Gwen Davis

Tuesday night's JuNO meeting was full of information and energy.

Rich Koehler of the JuNO land use committee, gave an update on HALA/MHA, the city's affordable housing plans. Among other activities, the group met with King County Executive Dow Constantine, he said, who is sympathetic to the concerns of West Seattle and agrees the plans should be neighborhood-directed, as opposed to the city calling the shots.

"The other major activity is the amendments," he said. "Our [neighborhood-oriented] amendment has passed through the first stage of the review. But the city's amendments also simultaneously passed," which would give Seattle power to determine the fate of the Junction, instead of the neighborhood itself.

On Tues., Oct. 17, the Department of Neighborhoods will hold an open house about the amendments.

### Parking progress

Jonathan Williams and Ruth Harper of SDOT told attendees about the West Seattle junction parking study, which is currently underway for commercial and residential areas.

Williams gave an update on studies he was conducting.

"We asked for an RPZ (residential parking zone)," he said. "We want to take a comprehensive look at parking trends."

An RPZ was requested by the neighborhood as a way to ensure that residents will be able to park in front of their homes, even as the area becomes more dense due to business and housing increases.

"We are going to do three different types of parking studies: ground parking, commercial streets, and all-street lots," Williams said.

SDOT will also put out surveys to get a sense of people's parking habits.

"We're collecting that data from those parking studies through the end of the year, and will have findings next year," Williams told the group.

But even with the traffic studies and RPZ request, attendees were concerned about residents not being able to park in front of their own homes.

"Our goal was to make sure that when folks come home from work, they can park in front of their house," an attendee said, obviously frustrated.

However, others tried to project optimism about SDOT's parking studies.

"The data [from the studies] is going to be fantastic," an attendee said. "They will help SDOT see where the [parking issues] take place. Regarding next steps after the study... we'll deal with it."

### New park

Karimah Edwards and Susanne Rockwell presented a timeline for a new park on 40th Ave. S.W. between Edmunds and Alaska Ave. S.W.

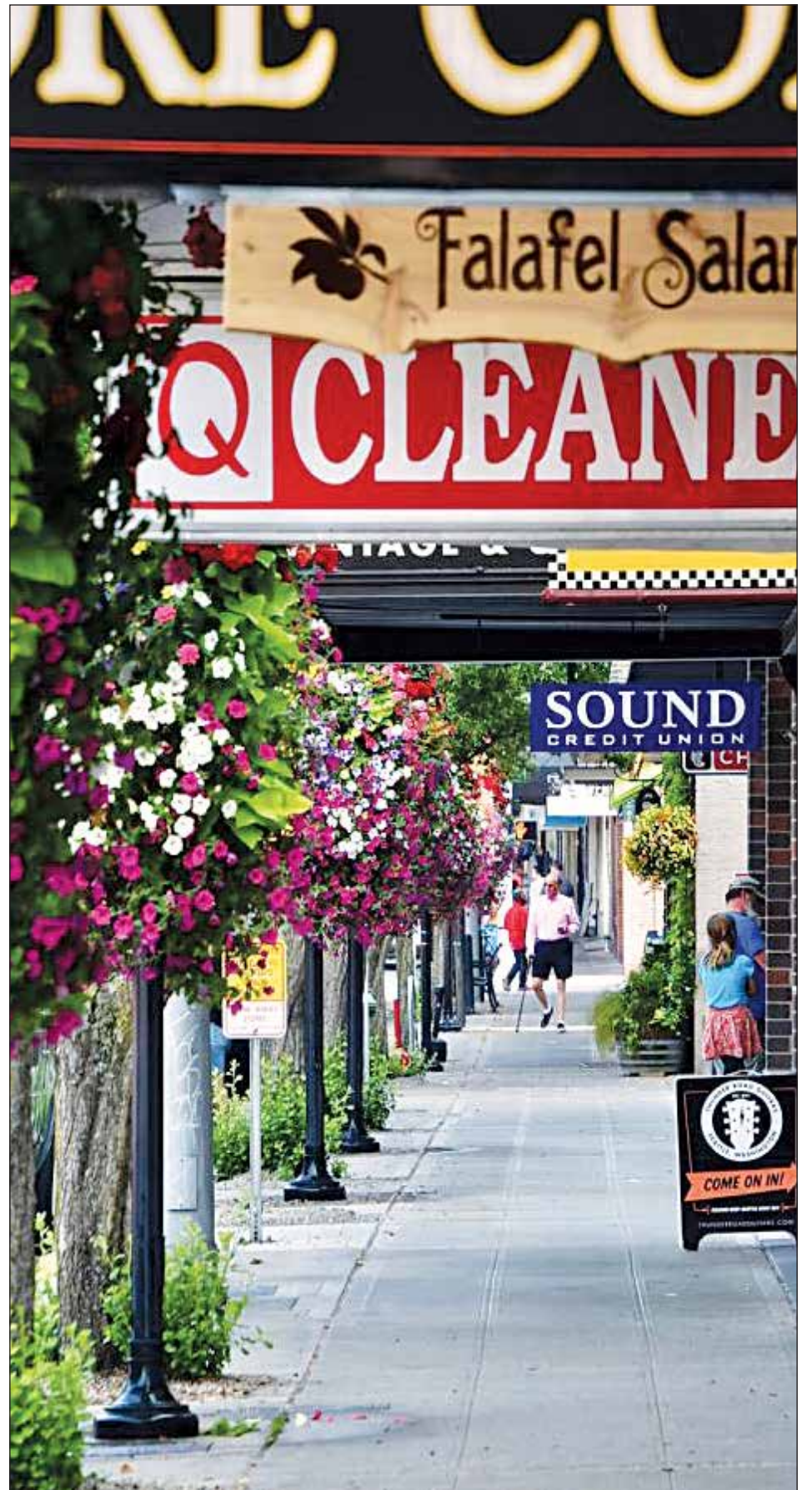
"We have nearly two million dollars to develop this park," Edwards said. "Right now we're in planning stages—we do not have a plan for this park, and have just started planning."

The land was purchased in an effort to create more open space in West Seattle. The city is doing outreach to gather ideas for the park's design through boothing and surveys. Planning will be completed by 2018.

### Odds 'n ends

JuNO members discussed opportunities to volunteer and give input for a neighborhood grant awarded to the WS Junction Association. The group was also addressed about democracy vouchers for the upcoming November election. JuNO is looking for volunteers to help staff a booth at the Harvest Fest on Sun., Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*The next JuNO meeting will be in January.*



Patrick Robinson

*In the Junction SDOT will put out surveys to get a sense of people's parking habits.*



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*Jim Whittaker, famous mountaineer and namesake for The Whittaker Apartments, spoke before the teams that made the project possible at a celebration at the complex on Thurs., Sept. 21.*

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## Highline Schools celebrate opening of Puget Sound Skill Center Health Sciences building

By Patrick Robinson

Highline Public Schools formally celebrated the opening of the new Puget Sound Skills Center Health Sciences building in an open house event on Sept. 22. The building was built at a cost of just over \$15 million and was built to serve as a high quality facility launching juniors and seniors into careers in dentistry and medicine and related health and sciences fields.

The two-story building has nearly 27,000 square feet of space that includes:

- 250-seat lecture hall
- Adjacent multipurpose room with sliding glass wall, that can seat an additional 200 people
- High-tech dental lab with four operatories, panoramic camera room, sterilization room and stone lab with funding from Washington Dental Service
- Working dental clinic operated by Sea Mar Community Health Center, where PSSC students will have opportunities for internships in a real-life setting
- State-of-the-art nursing lab with eight practice beds
- Biomedical lab with professional lab equipment
- Classrooms and open space for each program

Student Samantha Johnson, a senior, is

aiming at a career in nursing planning to enroll at Northwest University. She got a Certified Nursing Assistant certificate last year. "My grandma passed away when I was five, and so I want to be there for people who can't really be there for themselves and serve for their families. It's something I grew up on. I grew up wanting to help people." She explained what the new PSSC means. "I think it represents community. We all are here for a reason and we all want to be the best we can possibly be. I feel like PSSC can do that for everybody as long as you really want it you'll get it. You just have to work hard for it."

The speakers included:

- **Todd Moorhead**, Principal, PSSC
- **Sen. Karen Keiser**, Washington State Legislature
- **Dr. Susan Enfield**, Superintendent, Highline Public Schools
- **Dr. Thomas Mosby**, Executive Director of Career Pathways and Partnerships, Highline Public Schools
- **Bill Chaput**, Principal Architect, Hutteball & Oremus Architecture

Dr. Enfield said, "This is about community, and our economy. These are professionals that are going to come out of here serving our community. That's huge. As the Superintendent my job is bigger than just educating children and standing on the shoulders of visionaries like Dr. Yormark (PSSC founder) who came before me but it's also about being committed to strengthening our economy and our community. That's truly what public schools are, the heart and soul of the community."

### About PSSC

PSSC is one of 20 skills centers in Washington state offering high-quality, tuition-free, technical and professional training. Operated by Highline Public Schools, PSSC serves students from 22 partner high schools in Highline, Federal Way, Tukwila and Tahoma school districts.

In 2016, students taking classes at PSSC earned more than 2,000 college credits and almost 1,700 industry certifications in 18 different programs including aerospace manufacturing, animation, automotive technology, information technology, culinary arts and more.

### Funded by State, Not Local Bond

The Highline capital facilities team managed the construction of the new PSSC health sciences building. The \$19.4 million project was fully funded by the state with no impact on the school district's capital fund.

### Apprentices Build More Than 17%

Industry apprentices built more than 17 percent of the new building. Apprentices worked with glass, sheet metal, electronic technology, carpentry, acoustics, taping and electrical systems. One of PSSC's own carpentry students, 2015 graduate Pedro Montoya, helped build the new facility.

The health sciences building stands south of the existing facility at PSSC on property that was already owned by Highline Public Schools.



Photos by Patrick Robinson

PSSC Principal Todd Moorhead spoke to the crowd at the opening of the new Health Sciences building.



A dental practice model nicknamed "Dexter" is used by students to learn about dental procedures.



Medical mannequins are available as teaching aids at the new PSSC. They even have interchangeable parts.

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## BALLARDNEWS-TRIBUNE

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By Lindsay Peyton

Could oil trains moving through Seattle deliver a major disaster, affecting both human life and the natural environment?

City leaders gathered in Ballard at the Sunset Hill Community Club on Wednesday evening, Sept. 20 to discuss the potential dangers associated with the rail transportation of crude oil through the city.

Sunset Hill Community Association board president Sharon Giampietro said oil trains are of particular concern in Ballard.

"The tracks aren't very far from us," she said.

"We are in the blast zone," board member Pam McCarthy added, "And the safety record of oil trains is not good."

Seattle City Councilmember Mike O'Brien attended the meeting—and distributed a copy of a letter he sent to Warren Buffett about an oil train derailment that ran off the tracks under the Magnolia Bridge in 2014.

In the note, O'Brien said that luckily there were no spills and no threats to public safety when three cars were derailed.

That was not the case in Lac-Mégantic Quebec, when a train derailed in 2013.

The letter noted that the train was carrying the same Bakken crude-oil, which "vaporized 47 people instantly. In addition to the terrible loss of life, liabilities totaled upwards of \$2 billion and forced the railroad company into bankruptcy."

"Oil trains are ticking time bombs on rails," O'Brien continued in his letter.

The problem is, he explained to the crowd in Sunset Hill, was that the specific type of crude oil on the trains is highly volatile.

Reaching out to private companies like Buffet may be one way to promote safe transportation methods, O'Brien explained.

"This is an extremely important issue, and it's been incredibly frustrating to work on," he said. "That isn't an excuse to walk away from it, but it is a reason to re-engage."

O'Brien said that 62,000 barrels of oil a day come through Seattle—destined for refineries in Tacoma, Anacortes and Ferndale.

He added that this movement of oil,

mostly from the Midwest, to these refineries only started in the past five years.

"With new technology, they figured out a way to make it very profitable to pull oil from there," he said.

O'Brien noted that moving crude oil by rail is a relatively new.

While regulations have been put in place to require safer train cars to transport the oil, O'Brien said the oil industry has fought the improvements "at every turn."

"Could we make an oil tank car that's extremely safe? I think we can," he said. "The problem is it's expensive."

It's a price that O'Brien does not believe the oil or rail companies are willing to pay.

Other options to increase safety—including slower speeds and increased numbers of safety inspectors have been met with equal resistance, he added.

"There's a lot of money to be made by pulling the oil out of the ground as fast as they can," he said. "They could do a lot to make it safe. They could refine oil in North Dakota to make it less volatile. All of those steps reduce the profitability."

O'Brien also would like the oil trains to carry liability insurance. In Quebec, he said, the insurance companies responsible for the damage declared bankruptcy and the taxpayers had to foot the bill.

"They're shifting the responsibility to us," he said.

O'Brien was also particularly concerned about the routes rail uses through Seattle, when it comes to the transportation of oil.

He explained that in Ballard, for example, the rail runs along the water on a high bluff, making it difficult to fight fires and also threatening Puget Sound if anything spills.

Seattle Fire Department assistant chief A.D. Vickery elaborated on this risk. He has been preparing for potential disasters related to the oil trains and remains worried about the possibility.

He explained that in the case of a water-side train fire, his crews would have to fight the blaze from a boat.

"It's very limited based on the tides," he said.

Still, the department has equipped five

boats and two trucks with environmentally friendly foam in case of an emergency.

The train also passes through densely populated areas of downtown, near the stadiums and through the southern industrial areas of Seattle.

"You have to let it (oil fires) burn out," Vickery said. "If I were in Eastern Washington, that would be viable."

The train also passes through a 100-year old tunnel that Vickery said is not prepared for disastrous scenarios.

The assistant fire chief was also concerned about the lack of staff on the train.

"There is one engineer on that train," he said. "It's a mile long with only one person running it."

This makes it difficult to uncouple in the case of a spill.

O'Brien said federal laws limit how much a city can regulate rails.

"One thing we can do is lobby," he said. "Ultimately, the federal government should be the one to act. These explosions of railcars are happening across the country. You would hope that would be enough political pressure to change our laws."

Barnaby Dow, governmental affairs for King County, also spoke at the Sunset Hill meeting.

He explained that preparing for an emergency is his job—and that the county has been working on the scenario of an oil train fire.

"We have co-sponsored several training exercises," he said.

One was held at Golden Gardens—and one downtown near the stadiums.

He urges residents to prepare their neighborhoods in the event of a disaster.

Nathan Aberg, apprentice conservation organizer with the Sierra Club, spoke to meeting attendees about fossil fuel projects in the state and ways they could become involved in fighting against building additional pipelines.

O'Brien closed the meeting by committing to work more on this issue in his office at city council.

For more information about Sunset Hill Community Association, visit [www.sunset-hillcommunity.org](http://www.sunset-hillcommunity.org).



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# The Whittaker, West Seattle's largest apartment complex, now fully open

By Patrick Robinson

The Whittaker, years in the making and West Seattle's largest apartment complex, celebrated the opening of its north tower in a special event at the site on Sept. 21. The project's namesake, Jim Whittaker, famous for being the first American to summit Mt. Everest was on hand as the various teams of people who made it possible gathered to celebrate the accomplishment.

The south tower opened last December and now the 389 apartments are complete with 260 currently rented.

Units are available in one and two-bedrooms with monthly rents starting at \$1,538 and going up to more than \$2,500.

The facility boasts numerous amenities from the Apex Club room, which is a well appointed gathering space to the rooftop deck, workout facility, and an internal courtyard, deck area on the third floor with another gathering space. and even a bocce ball court. and "lawn" area. Plants and a feeling of the outdoors permeate the project.



Patrick Robinson

## THE WHITTAKER ALSO OFFERS:

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The retail spaces on the first floor are being gobbled up quickly, even though the anchor client, Whole Foods backed out last year ahead of poor earnings re-

The internal courtyard area at The Whittaker.

ports and prior to the sale to Amazon. Moving in and near opening are BECU, MOD Pizza, T-Mobile, and City MD. The primary retail space on Alaska Street remains unoccupied but real estate sources say that New Seasons Market, headquartered in Portland, Oregon is interested. They are currently looking to build a location in Ballard.

Jim Whittaker spoke at the event and

said, "I'm so proud to have my name attached to this project." Whittaker drew comparisons between his history making achievement and the completion of the complex. "The analogy of climbing a mountain is good. This team here is what put this on the map. It's the same thing back in 1963, our team of 19 Americans, we walked over 185 miles to get into the base of Everest. It took a team of 19 peo-

ple, diverse just as nature is diverse. All different kinds of people. The goal? To put at least one man on the highest point of Earth. If we could get one person on the highest point of Earth it was successful. If you put this team together, this diverse team to build this product and get it finished, my god what a tremendous undertaking and tremendous accomplishment."

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## The ladies of Brookdale are artists



Nancy Cossette

September is Renaissance month at Brookdale Admiral Heights on California Avenue and ladies there painted their own Sistine Chapel! From one o'clock: Ginny Bullock, Muriel Bullock (blue and white shirt), Rita Nicholson (not looking at camera), Debbie Wilson, Dolores Kaehler and Pauline Stone hill (red shirt).



# POLICEREPORTS

## WEST SEATTLE

### COMMERCIAL BURGLARY ON FAUNTLEROY WAY S.W.

At 4:20 a.m. on Mon., Sept. 18, the alarm sounded at a business located on the 7400 block of Fauntleroy Way S.W. When the owner drove to the location, he noticed that the window on the south side of the building was broken and called the police. Officers found a lug wrench inside, as well as lottery tickets and cigarettes on the floor. The business was clear of any suspects. By checking the video surveillance, officers found the suspect was male, wearing a gray hooded jacket and carrying a dark backpack. The victim could not tell how many lottery tickets and cigarettes had been stolen. The wrench and a glove left behind by the suspect were submitted into evidence.

### LAPTOPS STOLEN FROM MEDICAL BUSINESS

Officers received a call around 7:45 a.m. on Mon., Sept. 18 reporting a commercial burglary on the 4500 block of 41st Avenue S.W. The business supervisor arrived at 6:30 a.m. to find the door was still locked from the night before, but once inside, he saw that a number of laptops and tablets were missing. Officers were not able to look for fingerprints because employees and patients were already inside the business. The stolen items contained confidential patient information, but they were highly encrypted. The business had no security system.

### CONTRACTING BUSINESS ROBBED OF ITS TOOLS

At 11:30 a.m. on Sat., Sept. 16, officers received an email listing all the items stolen from a contracting business on the 7100 block of 18th Avenue S.W. The tools included nail guns, sanders and saws. Each was engraved with a company logo and bearing a company sticker.

### VITAMIN SHOPLIFTER

Officers were dispatched to the 5200 block of California Avenue S.W. around 8 p.m. on Wed., Sept. 13. The manager of the store said the suspect had recently fled north on California, after

stealing \$100 worth of vitamins. She said that the man had already been trespassing from the store in the past. She described him as being in his mid- to late 30s, of medium build and wearing reflective sunglasses, a blue plaid shirt and black pants.

### BURGLARS FIND CAR KEYS, STEAL CAR

Just before noon on Fri., Sept. 15, officers received a call of a residential burglary on the 7500 block of 28th Avenue S.W. The victim said she and her boyfriend had been away for two days. When they returned, they noticed that her boyfriend's car was missing. Inside their home, a number of items were moved. A set of keys that were hung on the wall was missing. Hand tools were also taken from the kitchen and garage. Officers found that a bedroom window had a broken lock and fingerprints on it. The fingerprints were submitted into evidence.

## BALLARD

### COMMERCIAL BURGLARY ON N.W. 54TH STREET

Officers were dispatched to the 1400 block of N.W. 54th Street around 2 p.m. on Mon., Sept. 11 after receiving a report of a commercial burglary. The business owner said the crime occurred between 6:15 p.m. the day before and 10 a.m. the next morning. When he arrived at work, he discovered that the door had been opened. He did not find anything to be missing. He said it appeared that the suspect had unsuccessfully tried to break open the safe. He obtained security footage and submitted it to police. Since there were already multiple customers in the store at the time, officers were not able to check for fingerprints.

### ATTEMPTED BURGLARY ON 3RD AVENUE N.W.

At 9:20 a.m. on Sun., Sept. 17, officers were dispatched to a commercial burglary on the 10000 block of 3rd Avenue N.W. An employee at the business explained that when he arrived, the glass of a garage door was broken and someone had tried to remove a lock inside. There was no other damage, and nothing was stolen. Officers were not able to find any fingerprints.

## HIGHLINE

### SNATCH AND RUN AT CONVENIENCE STORE

Around 4:40 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 17, officers received a report of a shoplifter at Jiffy Mart, 11046 1st Ave. S. The thief grabbed items while the cashier was distracted, and a getaway car was waiting outside.

### COMMERCIAL BURGLARY ON S. 142ND STREET

Around 11 a.m. on Fri., Sept. 15, officers responded to a call about a commercial burglary on the 2400 block of S. 142nd Street. The thief cut off a lock and stole tools from the business.

### CARJACKING AT KNIFE POINT

A couple threatened a man with a knife and stole his car on a public roadway near 400 S.W. 160th Street. The crime was reported around 1:30 a.m. on Wed., Sept. 13.

### ASSAULT AT TRANSIT CENTER

An intoxicated man was punched in the face after causing a disturbance at the Burien Transit Center, 14900 4th Ave. S.W., around 2 p.m. on Mon., Sept. 11.

### MACE TO THE FACE

Two strangers began arguing around 9:50 a.m. on Mon., Sept. 11 on the 17100

block of Military Road. The verbal fight escalated until one individual pepper sprayed the other in the face.

### DRUNK MAN CAUSES CAR CRASH

At 9:20 p.m. on Mon., Sept. 11, a man was arrested for disorderly conduct after walking in the road while intoxicated and causing a car to collide with a motorcycle near the intersection of S.W. 150th Street and 1st Avenue S. A victim from the car crash was transported to the hospital with a possible broken leg.

### FARE EVASION LEADS TO ARREST

A man was contacted by police for evading a fare at the Metro bus station on the intersection of S. 188 Street and International Blvd around 2:30 p.m. on Mon., Sept. 11. Officers discovered that the man had a misdemeanor warrant for driving while intoxicated and they booked him into King County Jail.

### STEALING FROM THE SUB SHOP

When the manager of Jersey Mike's Sub Shop, 15830 1st Ave. S, arrived for work at 5:30 a.m. on Thurs., Sept. 7, she discovered that the computer on the back desk was missing. After checking out the space more, she found that the cash box was also gone. The suspect entered by forcing open the back door to the business.



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## Steve Christensen saves the day . . . again

By Lindsay Peyton

At only 10 years old, Steve Christensen was charged with an important task.

His bedroom was located in the basement, next to that of his older brother Richard.

While Richard went through a three-nights-a-week regimen of 14 hours of dialysis, Christensen would be on hand to make sure everything went smoothly.

He was always on call and he also cleaned out the machine's tanks after each treatment completed its course.

Now, five decades later, Christensen, a resident of Ballard, has become a caregiver again. This time, it's for his friend Kristy Lee.

He says a lot has changed since he first learned about kidney failure in the early 1960s. At the time, he explained, dialysis machines were difficult to come by, and only a limited number of individuals were eligible for treatment.

"My brother was lucky enough to be one of them," Christensen said. "They only had a couple of slots."

Richard learned that his kidneys were failing when he took a physical to join the Marines.

"They told him to get to the doctor right away," Christensen said. "They removed one kidney that was ready to burst."

And they set him up at Northwest Kidney Centers for dialysis treatment. The company is still in operation providing dialysis more than half a century later. What was once a small company, capable of helping nine patients has become the largest provider in the Puget Sound region.

In the 1960s, Richard was in his early 20s and worked as a photographer. His family

was able to get a machine set up at home for his treatments so he could make it to work the following morning.

"They put the machine in, and it was so big and awkward," Christensen said. "I would listen for alarms and take care of him. He had to get on by 4 p.m. to get off by 6 a.m. and be at work by 8 a.m. It was a slow, inefficient process."

Times have changed, Christensen said.

"It's been modernized so much," he said. "It's a faster system—and anyone can get on it now. No one can be denied the dialysis treatment they need to stay alive."

Now patients spend three to four hours for each dialysis treatment.

Christensen learned about the more efficient process when his friend Melissa Gonzalez needed help a few years ago.

Christensen went through training and earned a license to become a credentialed caregiver. "I think anyone in the same position would do the same thing," he said.

By day, he worked in the roofing business his father started, Christensen Roofing. At night, he focused on his patient.

Gonzalez died last year.

While still helping Gonzalez, Christensen met Lee, who would soon need his help as well.

Christensen knew Lee for a couple of years before her health started failing. She had problems with her liver, kidney and heart.

Christensen brought her to the Northwest Kidney Centers, and then set up home treatment, while she waits for a kidney transplant.

"If she got a kidney, she could get off the dialysis, but it's a three to five year process," Christensen said. "We're just in the first part of it, setting it up."



Lindsay Peyton

Ballard resident Steve Christensen has helped three patients with their dialysis treatment, starting as a child who cared for his older brother.

Connie Anderson, vice president of clinical operations for Northwest Kidney Centers, said the need for donations is high.

Besides being a donor, Anderson said individuals can help by becoming caregivers, like Christensen has. It takes a big heart and a selfless person, she added.

"He's made a huge commitment to this individual so she can live as normal a life as possible with kidney failure," she said.

Anderson explained that in 1965, when Christensen was taking care of his brother, "there were virtually no resources for patients with kidney failure."

Then, Dr. Belding Scribner of the University of Washington, developed the Scribner shunt, which made long-term, repeated dialysis possible.

In 1967, Northwest Kidney Center launched the world's first hemodialysis

program.

Anderson admires Christensen for helping his brother with the process at such a young age.

"For a kid to have that level of responsibility is huge," she said.

Anderson explained that there are still a number of risks involved with the treatment and having a partner to help is essential, and still a major commitment.

"It's a part-time job," she said. "It totally is."

She hopes that Christensen will inspire others to become caregivers for those needing treatment. "Building awareness of organ donation, or of being a helper to someone you know would be great," she said.

For more information about Northwest Kidney Center, visit [www.nwkidney.org](http://www.nwkidney.org).

## Dean/Attorney/Author Steven Bender presents 'How The West Was Juan' for Words, Writers & West Seattle

West Seattle author Steven W. Bender is a Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Planning and Strategic Initiatives at Seattle University School of Law. Hewrites about the policies and issues involving Mexican-Americans and all of us. He's also known to be somewhat obsessed with deconstructing popular culture messages about the lives and experiences of Latinos because he's seen a lot of negative stereotypes. His latest book, "How The West Was Juan: Reimagining the U.S.-Mexico Border," was just published in July, 2017

This free book-talk event by Words, Writers & West Seattle of the Southwest Seattle Historical Society takes place at Barnes & Noble/

Westwood Village, Fri., Oct. 6 at 5 p.m.

As the author of "Mea Culpa: Lessons on Law and Regret from U.S. History" (NYU Press 2015), Bender is a former presenter for Words, Writers & West Seattle; he also wrote "Run for the Border: Vice and Virtue in U.S.-Mexico Border Crossings," (NYU Press 2012); "Greasers and Gringos: Latinos, Law, and the American Imagination," (NYU Press 2005) and several other books on culture, politics, migration, history, and law.

Dean Bender is a national academic leader on immigration law and policy, as well as an expert in real estate law. Among his honors, the Minority Groups Section of the Associa-

tion of American Law Schools presented him with the C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr., Award, a prestigious national award recognizing scholarly reputation, mentoring of junior faculty, and teaching excellence.

Born to a Mexican American mother in East Los Angeles, Bender's culture and upbringing in a Mexican American household informs his writing and passion for legal reform. An avid reader as a youth, he read over 400 adult-level bestsellers and classics each year from 7th grade through high school. An equally avid fan of popular culture, and a critic of its shortcomings, Bender infuses his writings with a connection to pop culture, while trying to instill timeless values of respect and human dignity for all people.

"How the West Was Juan" creatively approaches the current political stalemate over restrictive v. compassionate border policy by

imagining a different U.S.-Mexico border. It has been referred to as "a Pandora's box" opened in the hands of a master of law, cultural studies as well as history. Playful, yet historically and legally researched, Bender's new book sets the boundaries of a new territory for the physical, psychological, moral, and spiritual borders of our country, as well as analyzing the accuracy of our traditional history books. Bender entertains with his kneading of geographical facts with history and current events. (quotes from Gabriella Gutierrez y Muhs).

Words, Writers & West Seattle's next First Friday book-talk is scheduled for 5 p.m., Nov. 3 at Barnes & Noble/Westwood and will feature a former presenter, Molly Ringle, and her new paranormal romance book, "The Goblins of Bellwater" (Central Avenue Publishing, 2017).

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## WSOBITUARIES

### Nitaya Elsea

Nitaya Elsea, born in 1955 in Bangkok, Thailand, passed away on September 9, 2017 at Swedish Medical Center from lung cancer. Nitaya arrived in the United States in the 1970's. She married George Elsea in 1973 and lived in the Seattle area until her death.

Nitaya often told stories of her early experiences in the United States. They reflect many of the joys and challenges of being Asian American during the 70s and 80s. Nitaya traveled extensively with George throughout Asia and the Middle East. She enjoyed being a housewife.

Her husband George—a United States Air Force Veteran—preceded her in death

10 years ago. Nitaya is survived by her son, Bryan Elsea of Seattle, Washington.

Services were held in Nitaya's honor on September 25, 2017 at Tahoma National Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the American Lung Association at <http://www.lung.org/>

*Published in the Westside Seattle, September 29, 2017.*

### William "Bill" Turner

A memorial service for William "Bill" Turner, 98 will be held on September 29, 2017 at 1pm, Grace Church, 10323 28th Ave SW, Seattle. He passed away on August 11, 2017 and is with His Lord and

Savior. He was born in Yakima, WA on August 4, 1919 to Dr. Holbein and Ora Turner. Shortly after serving in WWII, he married Ruth Masterson on November 5, 1946. His work experience involved electrical and mechanical design and HVAC. In 1970 he started his own business, "Turner Equipment Care" installing and servicing restaurant equipment. He was a devoted father, grandfather and great grandfather. His unwavering faith in Christ helped him when faced with the many trials of life. He enjoyed serving others, lending a helping hand and had a great sense of humor making the best of any given situation. He is survived by his son, Greg (Vicky) Turner; and daughter Janice (Ron) Howard; grandchildren, Jari Turner, Daniel (Raquel) Turner; and Justin Howard; great grand-

children, Ryan, Peighton, Madison and Ursula Turner and many nieces and nephews. *Published in the Westside Seattle, September 29, 2017.*

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Thurs., Oct. 12

#### FALL FESTIVAL AT FOX HOLLOW FARM

Weds., Oct. 18

#### OKTOBERFEST HAPPY HOUR

Thurs., Oct. 26

#### SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN BASH

Sat., Oct. 28

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Tues., Oct. 3–Tues., Nov. 7. Dean will be

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Tues., Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Get information regarding independent living, retirement communities, assisted living, skilled nursing, etc. Free lunch

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#### HOME SAFETY & FALL PREVENTION

Thurs., Oct. 26, 10–11 a.m. Learn about common mistakes in the home that can increase falls. Tips to make your home more safe. Review of safe habits to practice throughout your daily activities. To sign up, call 206.932.4044 x1 or stop by the front desk at the Senior Center.

#### OCT. EVENTS

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# WSCALENDAR

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## WEST SEATTLE

### WEST SEATTLE FOOD BANK— A GRAND AFFAIR

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**Fri., Sept. 29, 6 p.m.** Bring your friends to The West Seattle Food Bank's Roaring 20's themed A Grand Affair Cocktail Benefit. This fun benefit will celebrate the Food Bank's achievements in helping our neighbors who are in need of food and other services. The evening will be filled with casino style gaming with a chance to win prizes, hosted wine, beer & hors d'oeuvres, whiskey tasting, themed cocktails by Peel & Press and The Bridge, Husky Deli's famous Beer Float, a photo booth, live auction and Funds for Food. Tickets are \$75. Each guest will receive \$10,000 worth of gaming chips with each ticket. For more info visit [westseattlefoodbank.ejoinme.org/AGrandAffair](http://westseattlefoodbank.ejoinme.org/AGrandAffair).

### WORDS, WRITERS & WEST SEATTLE 'HOW THE WEST WAS JUAN'

*Barnes & Noble/Westwood*  
2600 S.W. Barton St.

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### BRAT TROT & BAVARIAN FESTIVAL

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**Sun., Oct. 1, 11 a.m.** Highline Schools Foundation is putting on Brat Trot & Bavarian Festival. The Burien Brat Trot is a flat and fast 5K and one mile race through the streets of Burien followed by the best street party around—Bavarian Festival. This fest includes beer gardens, live bands, pretzels, sausage, beer fraus, bouncy toys, and food trucks. Bavarian Fest kicks off at 11 a.m. and runs all day. The 5K run begins at 1 p.m. followed by the 1 mile fun at 2 p.m. Information and registration for both runs is available at [www.burienbrattrot.com](http://www.burienbrattrot.com). Questions can be sent to [racedirector@burienbrattrot.com](mailto:racedirector@burienbrattrot.com).

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*Burien Community Center*  
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**Thurs., Oct. 12, 6-7:30 p.m.** Consumer Reports (CR) and Washington Advocates for Patient Safety (WAPS) will be facilitating a 90-minute workshop that provides tips on how to protect yourself and your family from medical errors and hospital infections and make smart choices when talking with your doctor about medications and treatment choices. Facilitators are from the Washington D.C. of CR and locally from WAPS. Co-sponsored with American Association of University Women and Burien Community Center. Call 206.988.3700 to register.

### SALVATION ARMY HARVEST FESTIVAL

*Seattle White Center Corps & Community Center*  
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**Fri., Oct. 27, 5-7 p.m.** Join us for an eve-

ning of family fun at our Annual Harvest Festival! Come enjoy laughter and fun as you compete in carnival games for candy, bounce in the bounce house, participate in the cake walk, and enjoy snacks with friends new and old. We will also be having a kids of all ages costume contest so don't forget to come dressed up in your best costume! Call 206.767.3150 with any questions.

### GRIEFSHARE: YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY

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# Aibek, the snow leopard cub, makes his first appearance at Woodland Park Zoo

By Lindsay Peyton

Woodland Park Zoo invited guests at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 19 to meet its youngest resident, a male snow leopard born just over two months ago.

Children and their parents, alongside zoo regulars, waited patiently at the window of the snow leopard exhibit, despite the cold and rain.

When the cub, named Aibek, which is Kyrgyzstani for “long living,” stepped into the space, ooohs and aaahs escaped from the crowd.

For the next few weeks, Aibek is expected to appear daily at the outdoor exhibit from noon to 3 p.m. Visibility may be limited as he adjusts to his new surroundings.

Aibek is the first offspring between Helen and Dhirin, both 12 year old snow leopards.

Since his birth, Aibek and his mother have been living in an off-view maternity den. Like snow leopard fathers in their natural habitat, the father does not live with his cub.

Collection manager Deanna DeBo explained Aibek's birth was “kind of a miracle.”

The parents Helen and Dhirin were paired under the Snow Leopard Species Survival Plan, a conservation breeding program across accredited zoos to help ensure a healthy, self-sustaining population of snow leopards.

Helen has resided at Woodland Park Zoo since 2008, and Dhirin arrived from Oklahoma City Zoo in 2014.

“They had been trying to reproduce for years,” DeBo said.

Dhirin, however, had a very low sperm count.

“We didn't even know if this could be possible, but we decided to keep trying,” DeBo said. “We kept our fingers crossed.”

After the couple was paired in the spring, fluctuating hormone levels made it impossible to tell if Helen was pregnant.

DeBo said they decided to prepare for the best-case scenario.

“The tests were inconclusive, but we got the den box ready anyway,” she said.

She watched from her home computer through a monitoring video to ensure that the birth went well at 9:45 p.m. on July 6.

“He has been very healthy from the beginning, and we're grateful for that,” DeBo said.

DeBo explained that while snow leopards were recently reclassified from endangered to vulnerable, they are still at high risk of extinction.

“They are very rare,” she said. “We're very

proud of any birth that contributes to the population.”

DeBo said Aibek will stay at least 12 months and as long as two years at the zoo, before he'll be moved to another zoo to be paired with a female. In the meantime, she hopes that visitors will take the opportunity to meet the cub.

“He's extremely cute,” DeBo said. “He makes us all smile. He's the highlight of our day.”

The zoo is active with the Seattle-based Snow Leopard Trust—and both organizations are partnering with Kyrgyzstan's State Agency for Environment Protection and Forestry to protect the snow leopards of the Tian Shan mountains.

The snow leopard is a moderately large cat native to the high mountain ranges of Central Asia and Russia, including in Afghanistan, China, India, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal and Pakistan.

According to the Snow Leopard Trust, the population of these cats in the wild is estimated to be between 3,920 and 6,390. The organization was created in 1981 by the late Woodland Park Zoo staff member Helen Freeman, the namesake of Helen, the mother of the newborn cub.

Woodland Park Zoo has been caring for snow leopards since the zoo's first snow leopards arrived in 1972, and 35 cubs have been born at the zoo to help diversify the genetic pool of the managed population.

Marissa Niranjani, director of the Snow Leopard Trust Zoo Partnership program, explained that the organization partners with 100 zoos worldwide.

She explained that zoos play an important role inspiring visitors about wildlife. “The goal is to take that excitement and turn it into wanting to protect them in the wild,” she said. “We know this cub will be an ambassador to his wild counterparts.”

Niranjani added that even though the snow leopards are now “vulnerable” and not “endangered,” conservation efforts are still critical.

“A vulnerable species is still vulnerable,” she said. “They still need help. They still need resources and support and programs to protect them in the wild. There's still a lot of work to be done.”

For more information about the Snow Leopard Trust, visit [www.snowleopard.org](http://www.snowleopard.org). For updates on Aibek, visit the zoo's blog and Facebook page. For more information, visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) or call 206.548.2500.



Lindsay Peyton

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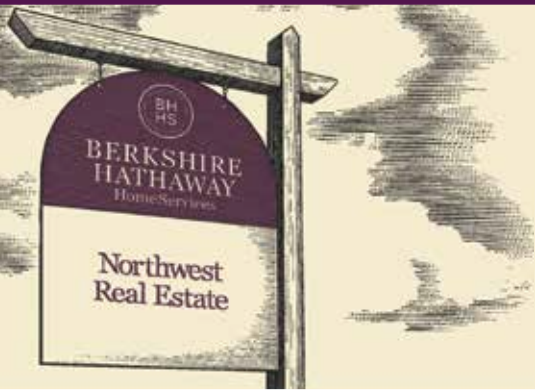
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**SUDOKU**  
By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

Eash Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult. **Level: Medium**

2	9	1	5	7	4	3	6	8
3	8	5	2	1	6	7	9	4
7	4	6	9	3	8	2	5	1
6	2	4	8	5	3	9	1	7
9	7	8	1	4	7	6	3	5
5	1	3	6	9	2	4	7	8
8	6	9	4	2	1	5	7	3
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4	5	7	3	8	9	1	2	6

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		3		7	5		6	

PUZ 246

**Across**

- Downed a sub, say
- Gown
- Biblically yours
- Allow
- Colonel's insignia
- Distress
- Head wreath
- Church singers
- In the character of
- Coin of Afghanistan
- Boring
- Hot casino destination in China
- Sandwich cookie
- Rap sheet letters
- James \_\_\_\_ in spy novels
- Set afire
- NCO part
- Jar top
- Sgt. Snorkel's dog
- First-aid, for one
- Stew
- Strapped
- Same elements, different atom arrangements
- Granola ingredient
- Coffee holder
- Quesadilla side (2 words)
- Vex
- Dupes
- "\_\_\_\_, I love you, won't you tell me your name" The Doors
- Take to court
- Time
- Small fry
- Sawbuck

**Down**

- It's \_\_\_\_ over
- Driving location
- Proper behavior
- Joltless joe
- Cheer
- Id's associate
- Berth place
- Antidote
- Deuce in poker
- Today in Espanol
- Right on!
- Divulge a secret
- Alien craft
- Wise one
- Old hat
- Sweater tug
- Newspaper writer
- Japanese movie style
- Milk dispenser
- Like a goldfish, like a carp
- Dead against
- Polecat's defense

**Answers to September 22 Crossword**

1	S	2	L	3	A	4	B	5	U	6	S	7	A	8	D	9	U	10	M	11	P		
12	T	O	U	R				13	S	K	Y			14	E	N	O	L					
15	A	L	T	O				16	H	I	E			17	C	I	T	E					
18	B	L	O	N				19	D	E				20	A	L	A	T	E	D			
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24	B	E	F	O	G	S							27	E	X	P	E	C	T				
31	O	L	D																32	B	O	O	
33	A	M	A	Z				34	E	D				37	R	I	B	B	O	N			
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42	G	O	L	F	E	R							45	T	Y	R	A		47	A	N	T	
49	E	D	I	T				50	K	I	T								52	E	W	E	R
53	L	O	C	I				54	E	R	A								55	F	A	C	E
56	D	R	E	G				57	N	E	T								58	T	Y	K	E



## 'You touch it; you buy it'



### JEAN GODDEN

Each year the Pike Place Public Market attracts 10 million visitors. Many of those 10 million still packed the aisles when I visited last week. I had expected to find the Market far quieter in September. But no. There still were tourists on guided tours, family members pointing out the sights and, luckily for the Market, a few of us householders armed with shopping bags.

The Market was more than ready for the multitude, a merry mob speaking maybe a dozen languages. With its fabulous MarketFront addition now open, the Market has added 47 more day stalls and 300 new parking places (a bargain at \$4 an

hour). Crossing the Joe Desimone bridge or climbing a stairway from Western Avenue, you reach the new Western Plaza. You are rewarded with a matchless view of ferries sailing across Elliott Bay, freighters destined for Harbor Island and the rugged Olympic mountains beyond.

The glassed-in MarketFront Pavilion is open for business, although Market PDA director Ben Franz-Knight says there's more to come. The new Pavilion presents a wealth of art, jewelry, caps, quilts, paintings and sweatshirts. Billie, one of the Market's two bronze piggybanks, presides over the Pavilion wowing tourists who line up for a chance to pose, shamelessly embracing Billie's shoulders. Billie is a cousin to Rachel, the mascot who holds court under the Market Clock and collects donations—\$10,000 annually—for Market charities.

Flower Row on the Market's Main Arcade was glorious last week. There were mixed bouquets of dahlias, lilies, daisies and mums, buckets of sunflowers and bunches of colorful sweet peas. It was a flower-lovers' riot and all so cheap, many bouquets marked just \$5. Even the tourists struggled with the urge to adopt the butcher-papered blooms.

Beyond the flower vendors' tables were fish markets stocked with the bounty of the

sea—rockfish, crab, shrimp, local halibut and salmon, arrayed seductively on beds of shaved ice. Above the displays towered hand-lettered signs: "You Touch; You Buy."

Next came the "high" stalls brimming with produce: lush tomatoes, purple eggplant, beans, radishes, artichokes and Chinese broccoli, rimmed with baskets of giant blueberries and blackberries. So eye-filling were the vegetables that one barely noticed the sign: "Don't Even Think About Disturbing the Display."

Across the aisle at Sosio's Produce, owner Mike Osborn—or was it his son Tom?—was handing out dozens of free samples, shaved from a juicy ripe mango. He offered help selecting from the 120 items that Sosio's stocks, ranging from OMG ("oh my god") peaches to precious black truffles and wild chanterelle mushrooms.

During my visit, visitors were applauding the buskers who make music, sing or even perform feats of magic. Musical notes painted on Market sidewalks designate where performers can stand. They're allowed but a single hour before they must move on. Liveliest performance that day was a medley of tunes played by piano man Jonny Hahn on his movable piano.

With October soon to come, old-timers say the Market's ghosts—largest contingent in the city—are beginning to stir. There used to be Halloween ghost tours conduct-

ed by Mercedes Yaeger, daughter of Market artist Sarah Clementson. But Mercedes who calls herself a "Market rat" is taking a sabbatical, too busy running Ghost Alley Espresso near the famed Gum Wall.

Estimates place the ghostly haunts at more than 19, not unusual for a market built above graveyards, adjacent to a brothel and constructed over the city's first mortuary. My favorite ghost story stars the Fat Lady Barber who sang, lulling her customers to sleep so she could rob them. She came to a sad end; the barbershop floor gave way and she fell to her death. Ghost chasers say they sometimes hear strains of her sad lullabies, floating up from the Market's lower levels.

No surprise that the Market has such a spirited past, the grand institution having marked its 110th birthday in August. At a time when many of Seattle's iconic businesses have closed, it's a comfort to realize that the Market is still with us, still the same wonderful combo of quality, quantity and occasional kitsch. Today it's even better, having expanded to the West, one day soon to connect to the waterfront.

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## Here's your retirement countdown



### SARAH CECIL

#### Knowledge is Golden

If you want to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle, you don't need to have been born rich or even to have earned scads of money during your working years. But you do need to make the right moves at the right time—which means you might want to start a "retire-

ment countdown" well before you draw your final paycheck.

What might such a countdown look like? Here are a few ideas:

- **Ten years before retirement**—At this stage of your career, you might be at, or at least near, your peak earning capacity. At the same time, your kids may have grown and left the home, and you might even have paid off your mortgage. All these factors, taken together, may mean that you can afford to "max out" on your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. And that's exactly what you should do, if you can, because these retirement accounts offer tax benefits and the opportunity to spread your dollars around a variety of investments.
- **Five years before retirement**—Review your Social Security statement to see how much you can expect to receive each month at various ages. You can typically start collecting benefits as early as 62, but your monthly checks

will be significantly larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will likely be 66 (and a few months) or 67. Your payments will be bigger still if you can afford to wait until 70, at which point your benefits reach their ceiling. In any case, you'll need to weigh several factors—your health, your family history of longevity, your other sources of retirement income—before deciding on when to start taking Social Security.

- **One to three years before retirement**—To help increase your income stream during retirement, you may want to convert some—but likely not all—of your growth-oriented investments, such as stocks and stock-based vehicles, into income-producing ones, such as bonds. Keep in mind, though, that even during your retirement years, you'll still likely need your portfolio to provide you with some growth potential to help keep you ahead of inflation.
- **One year before retirement**—Evaluate your retirement income and expenses. It's particularly important that you assess your health-care costs. Depending on your age at retirement, you may be

eligible for Medicare, but you will likely need to pay for some supplemental coverage as well, so you will need to budget for this.

Also, as you get closer to your actual retirement date, you will need to determine an appropriate withdrawal rate for your investments. How much should you take each year from your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts? The answer depends on many factors: the size of these accounts, your retirement lifestyle, your projected longevity, whether you've started taking Social Security, whether your spouse is still working, and so on. A financial professional can help you determine an appropriate withdrawal rate.

These aren't the only steps you need to take before retirement, nor do they need to be taken in the precise order described above. But they can be useful as guidelines for a retirement countdown that can help ease your transition to the next phase of your life.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

## King County Library System: Devoted to lifelong learning

Most of us who love libraries share a simple philosophy: Never stop learning.

And why would we? The joy of learning, and the knowledge gained from it—through reading, experiences, or simply connecting with others—can span a lifetime.

Learning nurtures the human spirit. Knowledge is transformative and empowering. It instills empathy by broadening perspectives, builds confidence to face life's challenges and helps us navigate a complex world.

As King County Library System celebrates 75 years of service to King County residents, we thought it a perfect time to reflect on the many ways we support lifelong learning. Recognizing

that patrons of varying ages have different learning needs, KCLS works hard to provide an array of programs and services ranging from practical to thought-provoking to just plain fun.

Infant Story Time programs for newborns and their adult caregivers introduce early learning through stories, songs, and simple games, and reinforce the bond between parent and child. Preschoolers can attend Fiestas in Spanish to develop early literacy skills while their parents learn how to prepare their children for Kindergarten. Family Story Time provides interactive fun for kids of all ages. For children in school, the Reading with Rover program gives students who are struggling readers an opportunity to practice reading with specially-trained dogs who listen attentively and encourage gently in a comforting environment. And Summer Reading keeps kids and teens reading over the summer so that students, especially those from low-income families, don't lose gains in academic achievement.

Tweens and teens can feed their interest in technology by learning about robotics or 3-D printing in IdeaX classes or other STEM-based programming, and Life After High School programs provide inspiration for the road ahead. For students pursuing post-secondary education, KCLS offers SAT tutoring and practice tests, scholarship and financial aid counseling, and help with choosing the right college. High school graduates who choose a job track can attend resume-writing and financial planning workshops, or classes on how to start a business. Adults who want to transition to a different career can seek assistance with resumes, interview practice and job searches. And it's all free.

Older adults can attend retirement planning workshops or enjoy Wisdom Cafés, which emphasize the importance of aging creatively through intentional exploration and discovery. Retirees who have time to explore new interests can discover new art forms or experiment with emerging technologies at an Art & Tech Fest program, or get

computer help from a Tech Tutor volunteer.

Whether you've lived somewhere your whole life or just recently moved, it can sometimes be challenging to meet new people. Making connections and learning from others is not only good for the individual, it's good for the community. KCLS' year-around program, Everybody's Talking About It, provides opportunities for community members to come together for meaningful conversations on important topics in an environment that fosters civility, understanding and respect for diverse perspectives.

By providing access to ideas, information and interaction, KCLS has helped individuals shape their best lives for 75 years. Whatever and however you want to learn, the programs, services and resources you need are at your fingertips.

I hope you will take advantage of everything KCLS has to offer on your personal journey of lifelong learning.

— Stephen A. Smith, KCLS Interim Director