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Respond to the recent Crime Wave hitting the shoreline.

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A panel of four experts convenes to talk about what happened to us in the Denali quake last fall - and what might happen next.

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Be There!!

Security and Safety Committee Report

Prowler Galvanizes Fairview Neighbors

By Ann Prezyna and Tiffany McNamara

There have been numerous reports of a burglar in the midst of the houseboats on Fairview Avenue East. He is brazen enough to try to burglarize the same houseboat twice in the span of two weeks and is undeterred by the occupants being home. This thief has used a ladder to gain access to the upper deck of a houseboat and even broken a window. There is a remote possibility that he

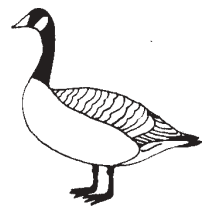
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Professor Ed Waddington's second installment in his series on earthquakes and houseboats. He explains the special hazards of living on the water.

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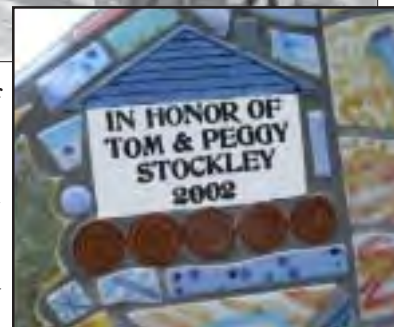
Lynn Street Park Dedication

May 4th, 2:00 PM

160 Art Tiles Light Up Rebuilt Street End Park



Friends of the Lynn Street Art Tile Project spiff up the tiles on the bench in preparation for the Park's dedication on May 4th. From left to right: Maggie Smith (the artist who helped them with the project), Barbara Donnette, Jonathan Ezekiel, Mary Jones, Paige Stockley, Karen Berry. At right, a special tile remembers Tom and Peggy Stockley.



By Mary Jones and Barbara Donnette

Three years ago the Seattle Parks Dept. convened a neighborhood meeting at TOPS Seward School to show the community the reconstruction plans for our beloved Lynn St. Park. As most everyone in the community knows the impetus for this renovation was the result of a driverless beer truck rolling down Lynn St. from the Eastlake Zoo Tavern and taking out trees and destroying some of the wood retaining walls in the park. Neighbors who attended this first meeting were excited at the prospect of this project. Along side the Parks Dept. a committee was formed to bring an artistic flare to the park.

Artist Maggie Smith led a group of volunteers (Friends of the Lynn St. Park Art Tile Project) who created an array of colorful ceramic tiles to accent the park. There were two

all day "paint your tile workshops" held at TOPS for all Eastlake neighbors in creating their own tiles. This project was spearheaded by this committee with a Neighborhood Matching Fund. One hundred and sixty tiles placed in the sitting steps now colorfully depict this great community and the eclectic group of people who live here. An eight foot long bench, in the style of Spanish architect Antonio Gaudi sits on a prominent spot in the park. This beautiful piece was donated by friends and family of Tom and Peggy Stockley, long time residents and houseboaters who perished in the Alaska Airlines crash of January 31, 2000.

Please come help us celebrate the rededication of this unique and loved park. REMEMBER: MAY 4th 2 P.M. There will be fun and festivities for all ages!

Association Standing Committee Reports



Security & Safety Giff Jones Tiffany McNamara Co-Chairs

Fairview Prowler

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uses some sort of boat as transportation. There have been no reports of violence associated with these break-ins. The following is a description of this burglar. He is a white male, late 20s to early 30s, approximately 5'10" tall with a stocky build wearing a black knit cap, greyish sweatshirt or jacket and dark pants.

In addition a group of three white males wearing black hooded sweatshirts are working our neighborhood and believed to be involved in car thefts and/or break-ins. Several automobiles have been stolen and never recovered.

These are only two recent examples out of many more which clearly illustrate that by both land and water the floating homes community has a definite challenge in controlling crime. Possible solutions are adding more streetlights, locking doors and windows at all times, and increasing our vigilance. You may consider approaching those individuals that you do not recognize on or near your dock. Politely ask if you may help them. If their response is not satisfactory, remain in the area. If you are further concerned call the Seattle Police at the non-emergency number of 206-625-5011. If the threat is more urgent call 911 and suggest the Harbor Police be called in. The more calls the police receive the more patrols our neighborhood will benefit from.

A recurring solution that has been explored is hiring a night watchman on a private basis. There are many choices of rent-a-cop services who could patrol by either foot or motor vehicle. They typically charge \$13.75 an hour for security services. If a group of neighboring docks hired one

person for six hours a day, say from 11 PM to 5 AM, for 365 days a year the cost would be about \$30,000 a year. If every household in a ten dock area contributed to the service each household would pay approxi-

mately \$15 a month. This amount would be even less if a security guard was hired directly and paid \$10 an hour to walk the area. The benefits of patrols in motor vehicles are that they would cover more territory, do random drive bys, dock checks and parking lot sweeps.

Opposition to such a proposal has been made on economic

grounds. Some believe that the occasional outlay of a \$200 insurance deductible is not worth avoiding for \$15 or so a month. This economic argument overlooks insurance rate inflation as a result of living in a high claim area, the time spent on repairing the resulting damages, the risk of loss of items of sentimental value and the negative psychological effects of living in an unsafe neighborhood.

As a neighborhood the floating homes once enjoyed relative security in the midst of an increasingly urban environment. Gone now are the days of unlocked doors and open windows in the summertime. Also gone are the days of sleep untroubled by the worries of a nighttime intruder. No method is likely to be the ultimate answer however each one contributes towards a neighborhood less vulnerable to the increasing visits of those bent on crime.

The intent of this article is to start a dialogue about countermeasures to crime but in no way endorse any of them either personally or on the behalf of FHA. The Floating Homes Association would like to know what security concerns you have and what you would like to do about them. Please contact Tiffany McNamara at tiffmcnamara1@netscape.net with your comments and ideas.



Legislative & Legal Sheri Greaves, Chair

Update by Bill Keasler

The vexing problem of the University of Washington's historic reluctance to give leases to the houseboats on its dock (1409 Boat St) has again come to a head due to a recent communication in which the University announced that it would not renew the leases currently in effect.

For this legislative session, the Association has engaged our usual lobbyist, Mike Ryherd, to tackle the issue in Olympia from a different angle. Whether or not the means are available now to handle the problem, Mike says we can at least try to make the University understand it will eventually have to find an equitable solution.

The FHA and the Eastlake Community Council have once again moved to intervene in the Lake Union Crew (LUC) debacle. After an odd detour through Federal Court, we are apparently settled in King County Superior Court, where we will support the city in its defense of its Notice of Violation.

LUC is prohibited (even if they are vessels) from any non-water dependant uses. Launching rowing shells, for example is a water dependent use. A clubhouse with meeting rooms and a banquet hall is not.

Keeping in mind LUC has never received a permit for anything except a few pilings, take a close look at

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Membership & Communications

Emily Hine, Chair

Attend the 41st Annual Floating Homes Association Membership Meeting

One of the best ways for the Floating Homes Association to communicate with our members is through our annual meeting. This year, the annual meeting is on **Thursday, April 24th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM**, at the Pocock Rowing Foundation, 3320 Fuhrman East, just south of the University Bridge. Last year was extremely well attended and we covered a lot of vital information that benefits everyone living in our floating home community.

This year the meeting features an expert panel discussion on earthquakes and the lake. What happened here on the lake is apparently quite interesting to the earthquake types, and we've attracted some good ones:

Ed Waddington, UW Department of Earth and Space Sciences. Read the conclusion of Ed's series of articles about earthquakes and the lake on Page 8.

Bill Steele, UW Pacific Northwest Seismograph Network.

Roger Faris, past houseboat resident and director of the Phinney Well Home Program.

Bob Frietag, Executive Director of CREW (The Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup) and Portage Bay Houseboat resident.

Please help us by attending the annual meeting yourself and inviting your neighbors, particularly new dock members, to join us. We will cover the key issues that impact all of us living on Lake Union and Portage Bay including environmental and safety issues.

Please join us and learn how you can plug in to make our floating home community even stronger.

On another note, we are still looking for some creative people who can help us with our quarterly newsletter. If you have a knack for writing or editing or great ideas for how we can expand our membership, please call Emily Hine at 206-284-9527.

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Fundraising

Melissa Ahlers, Chair

New Floating Homes Association Coffee Mugs !!

After finally running out of the old blue Floating Homes coffee mugs during the recent Holiday Sale, the Fundraising Committee has now acquired a limited supply of **new** coffee mugs.

The Committee deliberated at length over the wisdom of this, because, to be charitable, the last edition of FHA mugs has been a pretty slow seller (there are still a **lot** of pink ones available). But the Committee bravely decided it must have been the design rather than the merit of the idea.



Versatile!

Our new T-shirts, with their jaunty little red houseboats on the front, have been very popular. So they became the basis for the design of a **serious** coffee mug.

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Environmental

Betty Swift, Chair

Lake Stewardship Opportunities Open

What: The King County Lake Stewardship Program is looking for volunteers living on Lake Union/Portage Bay to record water clarity, lake level, precipitation and a few other measurements.

When: Training is on Saturday, April 12, 10 am – 2 PM at the Kent Regional Library (212 2nd Avenue North, downtown Kent). We will provide all equipment and train you in its use.

Why: Although King County takes regular water quality measurements on Lake Union, we'd like to see if there is a gradient across the lake and we would also like to get more specific measurements of physical parameters. All this will help us to monitor the health of the lakes.

How: We'll give you a lake level gauge, a rain gauge, a thermometer and a secchi disk (used to measure water clarity) and teach you how to use them. You'll spend five minutes or less each day recording precipitation and the lake level. Once a week you'll go to the end of the dock to record water temperature, clarity and a few other things. Once a month you'll



send us your data sheets and once a year we'll report on your findings.

Who: Anyone who lives on the lake! Sound like too much responsibility or time commitment? Consider joining up with other residents on your dock to share the monitoring as a group.

Reward: Greater knowledge of the lake conditions, opportunities to take part in free workshops on lake-related topics (one on aquatic noxious weeds coming up in July), opportunities to meet other lake residents from around the county, and satisfaction in helping to make a difference.

For more information, see
<http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/waterres/smlakes>

Sign Up Contact:

Katie Sauter, Volunteer Coordinator
King County DNRP, Water and Land Resources
(206) 296-0516
katie.sauter@metrokc.gov

Lake Cleanup June 28th

The Puget Soundkeeper Alliance, along with about 15 partnering organizations and businesses, is planning a cleanup of Lake Union on June 28th from 9:00 am- 4:00 PM.

Starting at the South Lake Union Park on Valley Street, volunteers in kayaks and other small boats will be picking up trash and transferring it to waiting larger boats. Non-boaters will be doing cleanup along the shoreline as well.

The Mayor will be there to kick things off and, of course, we can expect T-shirts and maybe even a coffee mug to mark the occasion.

For more information, feel free to contact Chris Wilke at Puget Soundkeeper Alliance, 206-297-7002.

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P-Patch Welcomes All

By Barbara Donnette

Save the date!

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the P-Patch Program and community gardening in Seattle. The Friends of P-Patch are hosting a week-long series of open houses at 60 community garden sites throughout the city. Gardeners at the Eastlake P-Patch invite you to stop by on Tuesday, July 15th between 6 and 9 in the evening. We'll have garden tours, some seeds to share, organic gardening tips, and light refreshments. All are welcome!

Each garden site reflects its own neighborhood flavor; some have lots of art, others emphasize activities for kids or food bank plots. Maps of all the gardens will be available starting in early June. Send a self addressed business size envelope to Friends of P-Patch, PO Box 19748, Seattle, WA 98109. Join us for a special July 19th "Chef in the Garden" fundraiser at the Interbay P-Patch!



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Science Corner

EARTHQUAKES, SEICHES AND TSUNAMIS

By Ed Waddington

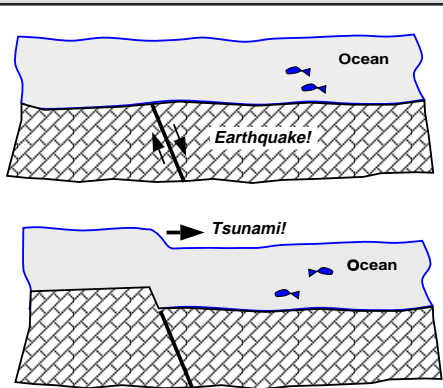
Professor Edwin D. Waddington is a member of the Department of Earth and Space Sciences at the University of Washington. He has also been FHA Co-Treasurer (with his wife, Juila Forbes) since before anybody can remember.

This is the second of two articles by Ed on earthquakes and houseboats. Learn more at this year's Annual Meeting featuring a panel of experts on our peculiar local geology.

Now that mid-winter has come and gone, and spring is almost here, it seems as though it was long ago that we felt the water move under us in the magnitude 7.9 Denali earthquake in Alaska last November. Our neighbors on land didn't feel a thing, but we certainly did on the water. In the last Newsletter, I described the different types of seismic waves that are released by earthquakes, and how some of them, the so-called "surface waves", tilted Lake Union and Portage Bay back and forth every 20 to 30 seconds, and made the water slosh around a bit.

With the lake tipping back and forth, did we have a *tsunami*? No. A *tsunami* ("tsoo-nah-mee") is a wave created in a large body of water (such as the Pacific Ocean) when an earthquake suddenly lifts up part of the sea floor, or drops the adjacent part of the sea floor by several feet, or many feet. When the uplift is fast, the water above the uplifted sea floor is also lifted up, and the water over the dropped sea floor drops into the "hole" left by the dropped sea floor. The result is the creation of a "step" in the water-sur-

Which is Seiche?



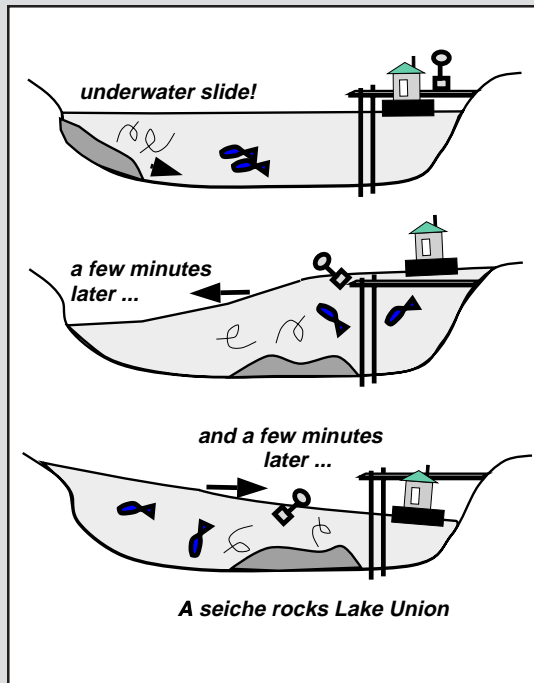
"TSUNAMI"

A sudden shift of the deep ocean bottom creates a wave which grows dramatically in height as it approaches the shoreline.

"SEICHE"

Waves from an earthquake, near or far, rock the lake basin. This sets up a sloshing motion in the water that bounces us around like rubber ducks in a bath tub.

A seiche rattled our houseboats in last fall's Denali quake, but the uplanders never noticed because the ground moved so slowly.



A tsunami that was only a few feet high crossing the ocean can become a monster wave tens of feet high to 100 feet high when it hits the shore

face height. This step immediately is the beginning of a wave that then races away across the deep ocean at up to 400 miles per hour.

An underwater landslide (possibly triggered by an earthquake) can have a similar effect. The water over the spot where the landslide started, suddenly drops into the "hole" left by the sliding rock or mud, and the water over the spot where the landslide comes to a stop is suddenly lifted up by the wedge of debris injected under it. So again, a large wave has been created in the water surface, and this new wave also races away across the ocean as a tsunami.

While crossing the deep ocean, a tsunami may be only a few feet high, while the high and low points on the wave can be a hundred miles apart. A ship would never even notice it passing. However, when the wave hits a shoreline, it can cause extensive damage. As surfers and swimmers know, when a wave runs up a sloping beach or shoreline, the speed of the wave slows way down, the back part of the wave catches up with the front part, and the height of the wave grows dramatically. A tsunami that was only a few feet high crossing the ocean, can become a monster wave tens of feet high to 100 feet high when it hits the shore.

If an earthquake or a landslide suddenly changes the shape of a lakebed, a wave will also be created. However, in a lake, the wave cannot run off as a tsunami. Instead, it may set up a sloshing action, in which water first runs up one shore, then recedes and runs up the opposite shore, then comes back again. This is called a *seiche* ("say-ssh"). A large seiche could be very damaging to floating homes.

A seiche can be set up in small lakes by surface waves from remote earthquakes, if the time between successive tilts of the lake bottom (e.g. primarily 20 or 30 seconds in the Denali quake last November 3) is the same time that it takes for a wave, such as a large boat wake, to travel across the lake and back. When that happens, each successive Rayleigh-wave crest can

set up a successively larger slosh, because it re-enforces the waves going back and forth across the lake from each previous tilt. Fortunately, it takes longer than 20 or 30 seconds for water waves to travel across Lake Union or Portage Bay and back, so we are probably not at high risk from large seiches caused by surface waves from distant earthquakes.

Magnitude 8 or 9 earthquakes also oc-

but that's another story).

The more likely cause of a strong seiche in Lake Union or Portage Bay in the foreseeable future would probably be an underwater landslide, or a fault rupture that broke through the bottom of the lake. For example, a shallow earthquake on the Seattle fault would, of course, be bad news for everyone in the city. Our water could protect us somewhat from the destructive


We would be at risk of a seiche if a branch of the fault were to appear under Lake Union instead of under Safeco Field

cur close to us, as the floor of the Pacific Ocean slides under the west coast of North America. Such an earthquake could set up a strong seiche in Lake Union, in addition to causing tremendous damage throughout Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia (We would not be the only folks having a bad day!). These huge earthquakes tend to occur every 300-900 years, on average every 600 years, but obviously they are *not* predictable like clockwork. The last "Big One" like this occurred at 9 PM on January 26, 1700. We know the time precisely, because a tsunami generated off our coast by the earthquake struck Japan a few hours later. (This earthquake is also the subject of legends about the fight between Thunderbird and Whale up and down the Pacific coast,

rapid shaking from the body waves, as described in the previous Newsletter, but we would be at risk of a seiche if a branch of the fault were to appear under Lake Union instead of under Safeco Field, or if the shaking were to cause an underwater slide of soft sediments in Lake Union. As a community, we would need additional scientific expertise to assess the likelihood of this happening.

Thanks to my colleague Ken Creager for helpful discussions about earthquakes and shaking in Seattle.





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Weldon Smith

12/17/25 – 12/23/02

When Weldon Smith died on December 23, 2002, the houseboat community lost a good friend. Everyone called him “Smitty”, and a more agreeable neighbor there never was. As he walked the dock between the shore and the end moorage house at 2466 Westlake which he shared with Christy Robinson, he always, always, had a wide grin and a heartfelt howdy for all who passed. Weekend “lookyloos” were often welcomed on their deck to get a better view of the “Sleepless house” and shoot the breeze with Smitty. He was born in Ireland and came to New York as an infant, spending most of his life on the east coast. In 1993 he reunited with

Christy, whom he had fallen in love with as a teenager during WWII. They each had married others, raised families, and were widowed, before their happy reunion. And the rest of Smitty’s life was spent snuggled in the houseboat he loved with the woman he loved. You may have met Smitty at one of the houseboat tours, as he and Christy always helped out by hosting at one of the tour houses. He frequently could be found replacing broken dock boards or tending to his bonzai plants, and he had the most well organized tool box and dock locker you have ever seen! He spent many mornings at the Crumpet Shop at the Market, or The Dish restaurant in Fremont, where all the waitresses and customers knew him. While Smitty’s heart was here on Lake Union with Christy, his soul never really left Ireland, and Christy intends to take his ashes home to Ireland in the future. — Marty Greer



Regina Butler

1924-2003

Let us now remember Jean Butler, longtime Tenas Chuck resident who died unexpectedly January 7, 2003 during her recovery from heart surgery.

A native of Boston who spent much of her youth in New Jersey, Jean was a precocious scholar, perennial student, and beloved teacher whose varied academic career was marked by elegant mathematical reasoning, pioneering computer programming, and thoughtful Jungian analysis.

A leading edge researcher at Boeing, a sailboater, bridge player, world traveler, folk dancer, hiker, camper, an enthusiast for the universe, curious about everything, Jean was also a confirmed houseboater for four decades.

She started with a little Portage Bay rental while she worked on her Ph.D., and never had another home in Seattle that didn’t float. Jean nestled next under the Aurora Bridge and then off Westlake before she left for a teaching stint at Montreal’s McGill University. She returned in 1976 and used her Boeing earnings to buy a houseboat at the Tenas Chuck moorage that was her home for the rest of her life.

Jean not only loved her houseboat, but the entire houseboat community as well. Living on the dock gave her the community she sought so passionately. She made new friends easily and had many old friends, so her social calendar was full. And Jean was always taking another class at the UW, most recently German. Beginning in the early 80s, she was active in the Tenas Chuck Homeowner’s Association, serving a few terms as president, and helped to create the current co-op in 1996. Almost daily in season (as early as May and into September), Jean swam off her boat, often with neighbors.

Jean Butler: much loved, sorely missed, always an inspiration. — Eric Swenson

Retired Houseboat Hits the Beach

Have you ever wondered what happens to those old houseboats when the spiffy new ones move in? Doug Hunt (Tenas Chuck) just gave his to the guy who was towing it away.

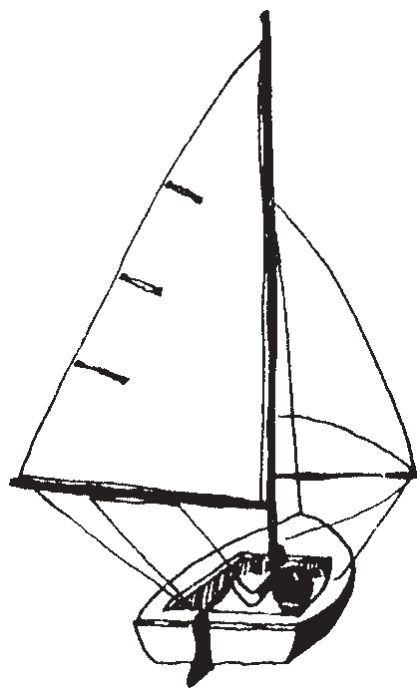
By Jann McFarland

Ed Ehler from City Boat runs the tugboat that moves out houseboats to make room for the new ones coming down from Canada. In the latest move, Doug Hunt, gave his old place to Ed who towed it up to his property on Sinclair Island in the San Juans and placed it on his beach.

He and his family had only intended to live there while building their new home, but are enjoying it so much they will keep it as a beach hideaway.

Above: A foggy run through the passes on the way from Lake Union to Sinclair Island.

Below: A bulldozer horses the recycled houseboat up on the beach.



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FAIRVIEW GREEN STREET

*Working Group Now Pondering Fairview from
Roanoke to Newton. Next Meeting April 14th.*

By Jann McFarland

Work has begun on the section of Fairview East from East Roanoke to East Newton under the chairmanship of Jack Lemons who lives in the apartment building across from Ambrosia restaurant. Meetings are being held the second Monday of the month at Management Recruiters, 2510 Fairview Ave. E. at 7 PM. The next meeting will be April 14th.

At the last meeting, March 10th, the group walked the length of the street with a native plant specialist who pointed out what we already have and what are considered noxious weeds to the Lake Union shore.

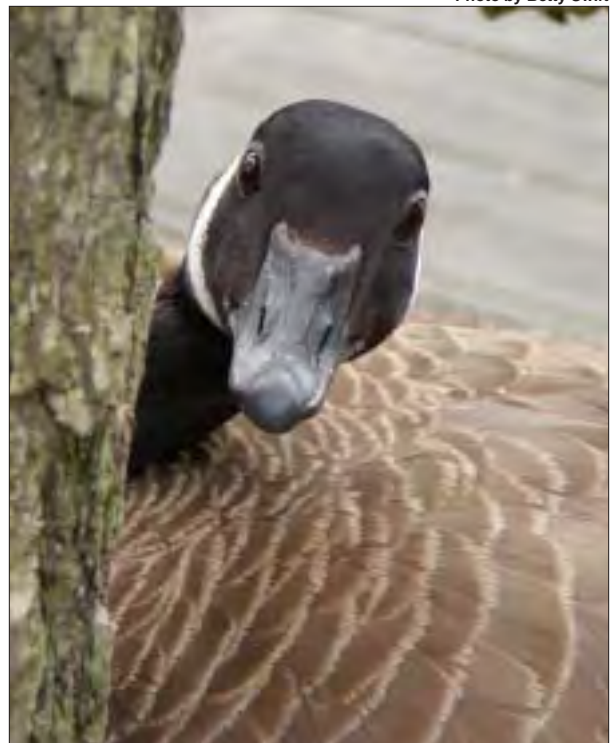
Jack says the committee is divided into two main interest groups:

1. Those who are most concerned about "street calming" — slowing traffic so as to make walking safer, perhaps reviving the one way street concept, and other ideas.
2. Those who are concerned about native plants, and animal & salmon habitats along the shore.

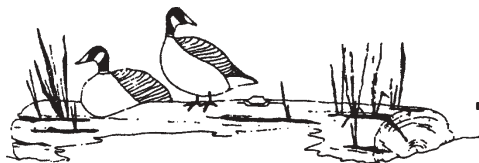
It would be really great to see more houseboaters involved with this project as we have a lot to lose if our voices are not heard including possible loss of parking and landscaping on the shore side of Fairview without our input.

If you would like more information or want to talk to Jack directly, please feel free to e-mail him at jack@drizzle.com or phone him at 325-2068.

Photo by Betty Swift



Likes Green



Waterlog

By Jo Seele and Marty Alexander

Everyone must have been hibernating for the winter – not much news for the Waterlog this month.

Travelers

Marty Greer (2466 WL) was joined on one of her Traveling Watercolor Workshops to Mexico in February by three fellow houseboaters, Gwen and Fred Bassetti (3146 PB) and Giao Nguyen (2025 FV). They spent 10 days in San Miguel de Allende in colonial central Mexico, improving their watercolor painting skills, enjoying the sunny weather, sightseeing, eating and shopping. OK, and a bit of Tequila too. Giao brought back a few trinkets to decorate her houseboat – the box of stuff was bigger than she is, including 7 metal wall sconces and 3 chandeliers! And they each brought back at least a couple of paintings to hang on the houseboat walls to remind them of a sunnier, warmer time.

From Auckland, NZ by Giff and Mary Jones (Mallard Cove): We overlapped with Jim and Barb Donnette (Tenus Chuck) for three fun-filled days of hopping Viaduct Basin pubs and eateries, waiting to see some America's Cup racing.

By Feb 25, however, Race #4, had been postponed 5 times: the first four for lack of wind and the last one for too much wind. You don't spend this much money on yacht racing without demanding perfection! Giff and Mary had arrangements to be out on the race course, but got no closer to contender "Alinghi" than across the harbor as they headed out to prove to the media that they were ready to sail in spite of gale forecasts.

After the fifth postponement, Mary and Giff visited the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron to see first hand what all the fuss was about. Now restored to its original 1851 glory, the "Auld Mug", as the America's Cup is known down here, rests enthroned in a bulletproof glass surround with a guillotine-like enclosure that drops over the whole display should anyone try tampering with it.

Four years ago, the America's Cup was severely damaged by an unhappy local who had a problem with this form of wealth distribution. The Auld Mug was sent back to En-

gland and fully restored by a younger generation of the same jewelers who designed and created it originally. No charge. In the end, the hapless attacker got no more social change than free room and board for one in the local prison.

That's it for this report. More later if we ever get to see a race!



Giff and Mary
"Alinghi" in the Background

More traveling: Stacy Maenner of 2460 WL has returned to Pohnpei, Micronesia for a few months. And Dave and Yvonne Jones (2727 FV) are still sporting tans from their recent visit to Cuba.

From Flo Villa comes news of new neighbors Don and Barbara Van Niwegen, health care professionals who recently traveled to Guatemala to share their medical skills and improve the lives of those living there. More world travelers on the Flo Villa dock include Dan and Sharon Ranney who visited Cuba via Costa Rica, Erik Grijalva and Lainie Acacio who spent a month in the Philippines, and Elliott Wolf back from enjoying the Caribbean sunshine. Rick Blank and Laurie Balistriero celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last September with visits to Princess Louisa on their sailboat, and Roche Harbor, where they spent their original honeymoon and could not believe how much it had changed!

Progress is being made on **Barrie and Bill Taraday's new houseboat** out on the end of 2466 WL. The siding is going up now, the roof should be on next week, and they're hoping to be in by the end of June. Although they haven't decided on exterior

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*... glib talking man,
complete with Irish accent and
an umbrella covered with
shamrocks ...*

All the Way from Winnipeg

By Jann McFarland
aka Nancy Drew

Klaus Burlakow, a man arrested in Winnipeg, Canada on 9 counts of robbery led a double life in Seattle posing as a charming Irish millionaire named Patrick Burke.

The Floating Homes Association was contacted by Susan Bourette, a reporter for the Canadian Broadcasting Co., because she had a lead that Mr. Burke had lived briefly on a houseboat. We e-mailed back and forth for several days and finally narrowed the area down to Fairview.

A Strange Connection

After I made several phone calls to find out about recent rentals, George Johnston called me to say this glib talking man, complete with an Irish accent (he normally has a Canadian accent) and an umbrella covered with shamrocks came down to his Log Foundation Co-op houseboat in anticipation of renting it. He wrote George a check and also one to the current renter to buy a hot tub.

George, being no fool, immediately went to the bank only to find out the account was closed so the man was not allowed to move in. Mr. Burke then went to DOX co-op and found a rental there, and managed to move in before the landlord tried to cash the bad check. He was accompanied by a woman with whom he was trying to start up a business in event planning here in Seattle. He later conned her out of a considerable sum of money.

Back in Winnipeg Mr. Burlakow was a retired city planner having worked on big time events including the Pan-Am Games, The North American Indigenous Games, and The Canadian Figure Skating Championships. Susan Bourette flew to Seattle recently to interview George and the woman who got conned. It is possible that this man robbed banks here in Washington as well as in Canada.

The story will be aired on CBC in the near future and at that time more details will be revealed.

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 Waterlog ...**

colors, they realize the vibrant turquoise and lavender of the former houseboat served as a beacon across the lake. Neighbors are hoping that whatever color they choose will continue to be a landmark for navigation.

Le Anne Quinn at 2031 FV now has her real estate license and, after 25 years on a houseboat, is looking forward to getting involved in representing buyers and sellers on the lake.

Critters

The Lake Union beaver has struck again. Apparently healthy and hungry, he has claimed a Japanese Maple from 2031 FV as well as railing posts from the ramp to Mallard Cove. Remember to put chicken wire around those trees!

This just in from Barb Donnette: Would you like your very own walking fish to commemorate the neighborhood and Lynn St Park? At the party to celebrate the park on May 4, one can buy transfers of the walking fish to iron on to T-shirts, sweatshirts, aprons, bags, whatever you like — you supply the item to decorate. It's easy! And if you want a custom design, such as the tile you made, or one you love, you can order it there as well. Walking fish transfers are \$5 each and include one large fish and two smaller ones. Custom transfers are \$7.50. You can place preorders by email jandbdonnette@attbi.com.

Newbies

Peg and Dick McMillen of the University Dock announce the birth of their first grandchild, Hazel Louise McMillen, born 3/4/03 at 7lbs. 15 ozs. Congratulations! Mallard Cove welcomes Mike Massa to the dock, having finally moved in after an extensive remodel.

Log Foundation has some new faces including Carol Nelson who moved from a land condo onto dock 2017. She bought Michael Cote's houseboat. Michael moved back to Chicago to be with long time love, Christine Ahern. Enrico Pozzo, a realtor friend of Rick & Joyce Miner and his partner Yumiko Fujimori were renting Candice Battle's houseboat on 2019 and decided to buy. Yumiko is an architect and so she has lots of fresh ideas for their house. Tim & Jan Carlson have bought RD Williams' place also on 2019. They are from Port Orchard and are moving from a large house into a smallish houseboat. They are excited about becoming a part of the floating home community, but first they have to get rid of about half their stuff!

After spending 10 years lovingly restoring his classic sprung roof style houseboat, and then selling it to the Carlsons, RD & Deidre Williams have moved to Pacific City on the Washington Coast. They are new owners of The Whalebone House Bed & Breakfast. The Inn is an 1889 historical farmhouse typical of the architecture of this area's early homes that blend coastal Maine with Pacific Northwest. RD & Deidre would like to encourage houseboaters to come and visit. You can reach them toll free at 1-888-298-3330 or check out their web site at www.whalebone.com for more info and rates.

Send dock news and gossip for the next issue to joseel@prodigy.net, or marty@water-color.com. Remember, if we don't get enough material from you we will have to make some up to fill the space!



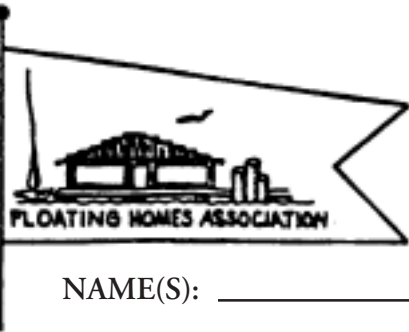
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