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Quiz candidates for the City Council,
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Tuesday, October 12, 1999**

**5:30-6:45 Tour newly remodeled TOPS-Seward School
7-9 ECC annual election meeting and candidate forum**

At the Eastlake Community Council's annual election meeting, a new board and officers will be elected (voting by members who were paid up by Sept. 12). Enjoy the refreshments and pose questions to candidates for the City Council and School Board, and possibly County Assessor. Enter from Franklin Avenue; watch for signs directing you to the meeting room. And come early for a tour of the historic and newly remodeled Seward School and its grounds; tours start at 5:30.

The following is a list of people running as ECC board members and their brief bios:

Candidate for President:

Gabriel Hajiani. Gabriel is a 26-year-old graduate from the University of Washington College of Architecture and Urban Planning. He has lived in the Eastlake neighborhood since January 1998. Gabriel is the project manager for the Franklin Green Street Project, currently under construction. Outside of the Eastlake community, he owns and operates a business in Fremont. Gabriel has served as the Treasurer of the ECC for the past year.

Candidate for Vice-President:

Marilyn and Michael de Guzman. Marilyn and Michael de Guzman have been Eastlake homeowners and residents on Yale Avenue for eleven years. Marilyn served as Eastlake's representative to CUCAC (the City-University-Community Advisory Committee) when the University was preparing its 1994-2004 master plan for development. Marilyn and Michael have also recently volunteered with Seattle Tilth, Woodland Park Zoo and Good Turn Park. The de Guzmans have served as co-Vice Presidents for the past year.

Candidate for Secretary:

Owen Reese. Owen is a 25-year-old environmental engineer and currently works for an engineering consulting firm in downtown Seattle. Some of Owen's interests include open space preservation, native plant gardening, alternative transportation modes, and environmental preservation/restoration. Owen has rented an apartment on Hamlin Street for the past three years. Owen's Eastlake favorites include street-end parks, Protozoa in Termites Gut, the Ms., Pac-Man at Daly's and a cold PBR at The Zoo. Owen has been ECC secretary for the past year.

Candidate for Treasurer:

Mary Lou Pederson. A healthcare professional, Mary Lou and her husband have just recently moved into their floating home in Eastlake. She has run her own business and has served on the Human Affairs Committee for the city of Laguna Beach, California, as well as on the board of a healthcare professional organization.

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The Eastlake News is a bi-monthly publication of the Eastlake Community Council to inform the community of issues concerning the Eastlake area.

Board Members:

David Huber
President

Marilyn de Guzman
Michael de Guzman
Vice President
(shared position)

Gabriel Hajiani
Treasurer

Owen Reese
Secretary

Judy Smith
Newsletter Editor

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Business Notes

By Chris Leman

Big news in September was the emergence of the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** as the nation's largest philanthropic foundation, and the Foundation's move to 1551 Eastlake Avenue. Welcome to Bill, Melinda and your staff. You will find this a wonderful place to dine, do business, and relax, and a diverse neighborhood made and kept great by close cooperation between residents, businesses, and nonprofit organizations. ...

And welcome also to **Annie and Willie Kim**, new owners of the **Quick Stop Deli and Grocery** (2352 Eastlake Ave. E., 323-0010). Thanks for keeping on staff our friends Darlene, Dianna, and Sonny. In addition to the traditional sandwich menu, the Deli now includes sushi, broccoli casserole, fried rice, pot stickers, sweet and sour chicken, and egg rolls, with more new items to come. The free ATM machine is still there, along with a lotto and scratch ticket machine. Best wishes to former owners **Bill and Carolyn Kefauver**, and thanks for the many times you hosted community notices and copies of the Eastlake News! ...

Rumor has it that celebrated author and Eastlaker **Robert Fulghum** has been seen at L'Elephant Espresso (2946 Eastlake Ave. E., 324-4741) ordering a Double Tall Gennera, an irresistible orange chocolate-mocha confection. ...

Gifts, Cards, Etc. (2366 Eastlake Ave., 329-9202) now offers a full range of merchandise for the Japanese game Pokemon, a worldwide sensation. There you can also purchase children's books by award-winning local author and editor Kate Finegan Gross (329-0499), including Sunshine the Magician's Rabbit and the recent Mary, the Mouse, and the Coal Mine. ...

On July 14 the web buzzed with news that **Amazon.com** has purchased 49 per cent of the outstanding shares of **Gear.com** (3123 Eastlake Ave.), the only Internet store to offer 100 per cent closeout merchandise in all sports categories. ...

Tecnikos, a design collaborative with both licensed architects and interior designers, is now completing its first year at 3237 Eastlake Ave. E. (568-6633). The firm a few years ago completely redesigned the interior of Sound Mind and Body, and is now designing the Hilton Gardens Inn at Seattle Center (2nd and John). Designs by Tecnikos have been featured three times as the AIA home of the month in the Seattle Times. ...

Vertebrae (3125C Eastlake Ave. E., 726-4919, www.vertebrae.net) is an Internet media firm that designs interfaces, data bases, intra- and extra-nets and web sites. ...

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The American Dental Association has for the second time honored local dentist **Steven J. Albright** (1500 Fairview Ave. E. #301, 328-3002) for his volunteer work in Guatemala. Dr. Albright's staff members Paula Cipolla and Sara Petrie have also donated several tours in Guatemala and El Salvador. ...

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Send your business news to Chris Leman, 85 E. Roanoke Street, Seattle 98102, clemam@oo.net.

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Candidates for Board Positions:

Victoria Carter. Raised in Northern California, Victoria moved to Seattle after completing her architectural degree at the University of Oregon in 1989. She's lived in Eastlake for the past 6 years and runs her own architectural practice here as well. She served on the Artist Selection Committee of the Franklin Greenstreet Project.

John Hornall. Owner of the Hines Public Market Coffee company, John operates the espresso stand in front of the 14 Carrot Café on Eastlake Avenue. He was raised in Seattle and loves Eastlake. He is determined to preserve Eastlake's character as one of the outstanding neighborhoods in the city.

David Huber. David served as ECC president last year and from 1992-1994. Prior to that he was a board member and the coordinator of the first Eastlake Tomorrow neighborhood planning project. David is an attorney and a talented musician.

Jim Reckers. Jim has lived in the same house on Minor Avenue in Eastlake for 31 years. He's a real estate broker and owns approximately 15 rental units in the neighborhood. He worked on the Eastlake Tomorrow Plan and is a member of the North Eastlake Business Association.

Judy Smith. A Seattle native, Judy Smith moved back home to Eastlake from Portland last year. In Portland, she was editor of a magazine called Blue Stocking. A passion for desktop publishing prompted her to volunteer to edit the Eastlake News. Judy has served as Eastlake News editor and ECC board member for the past year. Currently she works in property management, and in her free time is getting to know Eastlake through walks with her three-year-old daughter, Erika.

MORE ELECTION INFORMATION:

King County Records and Elections confirmed that TOPS/Seward will be Eastlake's polling station for the 2000 elections. We will continue to vote at St. Patricks for the Primary and General Elections this year.

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Unreasonable Assessments Lowered!

The King County Assessor has rescinded the overbig property tax assessments sent out to Eastlake property owners earlier in the summer. We'd like to credit the neighborhood uproar led by Jules James (and the fact that the Assessor is up for re-election). More uproar may be needed; property owners who had not yet received their assessments are now getting them, and again the increases are way high. Jules again invites you to bring a copy of your assessment card to Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa St.) or contact him at 329-0429, lakeunionmail@juno.com. Appeals must be filed within 60 days of notice; on how to appeal, call the County Board of Appeals at 296-3496.

Apartment Yards: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

It was painful again this summer to watch some shrubs and trees wither from lack of water. Even a few homeowners were responsible but the worst neglect was at absentee-owned apartment buildings. Beautiful shrubs die and the yards fill with weeds and blackberry brambles that can overwhelm the sidewalk. Apartment owners may even rip out existing plants and replace them with crushed lava that spills over onto sidewalk and street, yet doesn't really stop the weeds. Several on Minor Avenue E. even opposed a City offer to restore asphalted planting strips back into gardens during the recent sewer reconstruction. This reminds us of the Dickens character who "knew the cost of everything and the value of nothing." At the current rental rates, aren't renters entitled to nice landscaping? To keep a yard looking nice, surely some renters will pitch in to water when plants need it. The bad and ugly yards show lack of respect for neighbors, and for the apartment owners (write to us about your favorites) who put real money and muscle power into keeping their yards looking good.

Some of the most beautiful landscaping is not residential at all, but by neighborly local businesses. Think of the colorful flower boxes installed last year

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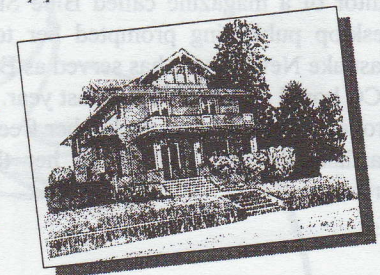
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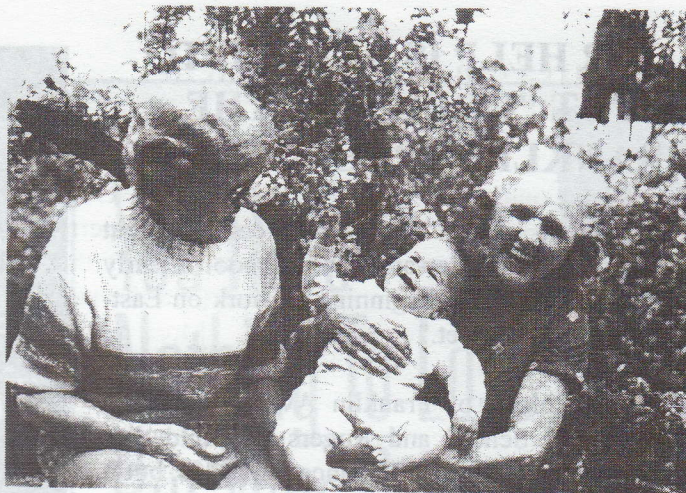
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Olive Jorgens (right) and her sister Janet, welcome 10-month-old Hannah Meyers, who was born into their apartment building in 1987.



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Remembering Olive Jorgens

by Chris Leman

Seattle lost one of its finest citizens February 12 when Olive Jorgens died at the age of 94. Olive died at home at 216 E. Roanoke Street, an apartment house (the one with the lions out front) that she had owned for 25 years. Born in North Dakota, Olive moved to Seattle in 1923, and spent 28 years teaching in the public schools. For her training as a teacher, she observed classes at our own Seward School, even then a demonstration site for the latest and best teaching techniques.

Olive was a creative and caring teacher still remembered by pupils a half century later. She was a generous and caring landlord who kept the apartment house in excellent condition and the rents low. Olive shared an apartment in the building with her sister Janet, whose nursing, assistance, and sisterly devotion made it possible for her to remain at home throughout years of declining health. Janet is an experienced hair stylist, and kept Olive's beautiful hair in fine form to the very end. Both joined the Eastlake Community Council early, and have staunchly supported its work. The neighborhood cherishes the inspiration of Olive and Janet Jorgens.

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OUR HELP IS NEEDED TO PUT "GREEN" IN THE FRANKLIN GREEN STREET

The mounds of dirt and broken concrete that appeared outside of Seward/TOPS School in early September marked the beginning of work on Eastlake's first "green street."

The 2500 block of Franklin Avenue, between Seward/TOPS School and Rogers Playfield, has been closed to through traffic since the 1940s, but it was only last year that the City permanently designated the block a Type IV "green street", making it into a park-like street and off-limits to all but emergency vehicles.

The School District's heavy construction work is the first step toward implementing the Franklin Green Street design prepared in 1997 by the Eastlake community, TOPS and Seattle School District. The design includes an active play area for kids, a ramp between the Green Street and Rogers Playfield, a quiet area under the existing tree canopy, artist-designed benches and kiosks, and a new central overlook that connects the School with the Playfield.

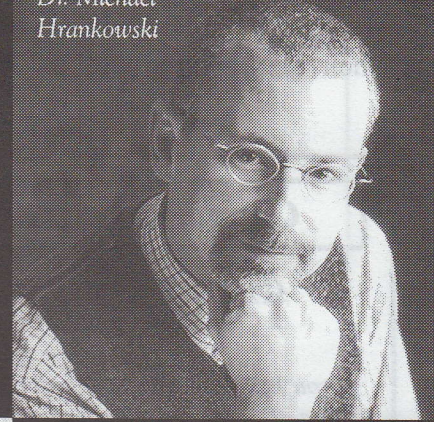
The design also calls for new trees and other plants--lots of them!

The ECC and TOPS have a grant from the City to buy the plants, but we need your help to get them in the ground and to keep them healthy after they are planted. Based on the current construction schedule, we expect to be planting sometime in late October through November. We need all kinds of people to help out--from those who can easily swing a shovel or help lift a tree, to those who can check in and help coordinate volunteers. We also need people who can help water the plants once they are in the ground (water is available in the Green Street). All volunteer time counts as match toward our \$91,000 grant from the City.

If you can spare 2 hours or a day to help make the Franklin Green Street green, please call the Green Street co-chairs, Gabriel Hajiani at 634-2853 or Carol Eychaner at 324-1716.

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along Lynn Street and lovingly tended by staff of the Eastlake Zoo; the container flower and vegetable garden maintained on the docks of Seattle Seaplanes by owner Jim Chrysler; and the stunning plantings on Fairview Avenue E. by the Hart Crowser office building, recently enhanced by friendly wood benches. Have we missed your favorites? Send suggestions or pictures to Good, Bad, or Ugly, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102.

**Help still needed
to save
Eastlake houses**

Volunteers and donations are still needed to save the mansard-roofed houses located at 1130-34 Eastlake Avenue.

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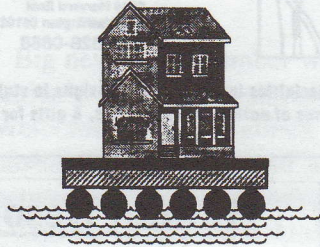


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- Fundraising
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