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Editor's note: This month's *Gazette* is brought to you by the word: levity—*noun*, "humor or frivolity, especially the treatment of a serious matter." Offered as a way to bring some light-heartedness to these extended hours of daylight as we round out a year that has been hard for all—and harder for some more than others. Unless otherwise noted, 98% of the content in this issue is made up. We hope it lands with the spirit in which it was written, to humor the tradition of April Fool's. Enjoy!

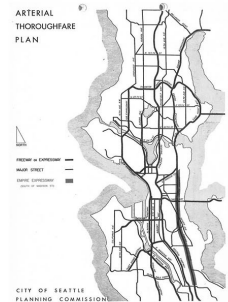
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Seattle closes East Marginal Way to motor vehicle traffic.

As part of the Safe Streets program, The Mayor's office announced recently the designation of East Marginal Way as a pedestrian and bicycle thoroughfare. As of April 1st, motor vehicles are no longer allowed on East Marginal Way between the South Park Bridge and South Hudson Street. This creates, according to city council representatives, "...a safe pathway for bicycle commuters and pedestrians." This decision created an immediate controversy upon its creation because this is a major arterial used by both trucks and those commuting by car. Add these new detours to the already detour-laden Georgetown area and there's sure to be unseen levels of gridlock throughout the local streets.

Skip Towne a Georgetown resident for nearly 100 years calls this "...one of the worst decisions the city has ever made." Meanwhile, others are planning bicycle dancing competitions in the middle of East Marginal Way this spring. Stay tuned for more on this story as it develops.



Whole Foods Grocery Coming to Georgetown in 2022

Redeveloped Site Will Include Existing Strip Club and Add Organic Groceries

Whole Foods submitted a permit application to the Department of Planning and Development for a new location where Kittens' Gentlemen's Club is currently located at 5800 Fourth Avenue South. Using the multistory, mixed-use approach of a typical urban Whole Foods store, plans filed with the city include retaining Kittens' on the first floor, with the grocery store occupying the second and third floors. Sources say the 60,000-square-foot store will have grocery staples and the extensive hot food and salad bar Whole Foods is known for, as well as an in-store pub serving gluten-free beer and organic wine.

This location in West Georgetown has produced in its history: Kettels, a truck-stop diner and grocery, operated on this site from the 1940s until 2006. The return of a grocery store to Georgetown thrills some neighbors we spoke with



Artist's rendering of a multi-story Whole Foods store

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New Sculpture to Join Hat and Boots at Oxbow Park

According to the April 1% for the Arts Group of Seattle, the famed Hat n Boots located at Oxbow Park, will soon be joined by a new, someday-famous, sculpture: *Bra and Panties*. A Mayor of Georgetown, appointed task force of neighbors from Wedgwood, Bellevue business leaders, and Renton artists in residence, reviewed over 100 entries from around the western Washington and landed on TikTok sensation, *Bra and Panties* as their final selection.

"The piece really represents the style and essence of the 50s roadside attractions era, like the Hat and Boots," says task force chair, Ima Wright. "We wanted something that would complement the current work in the park, draw people in, and of course, get people talking."

Inspired by Sears catalogs discovered in their grandmother's attic, *Bra and Panties* is the creation of leather, lace, and metal artist, Patience B. Waning of West Seattle Island, WA. The piece will be fabricated with the help of Unlimited Nonsense, an arts collective based in Mars, PA. Installation is scheduled to begin sometime in the next century. There is no place to go for more information or to send comments or concerns.



Artist sketch of future sculpture.

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although just as many were wary of Whole Foods corporate ownership and infamous prices. One resident who asked to remain anonymous told the Gazette, "This is the best news I've heard all year. Truly. Finding a free-range heritage-breed bird for Thanksgiving just got so much simpler!" Brandon Dawson, who lives on Fidalgo Street within walking distance of the new store said, "I wish it were a Trader Joe's. But I will try it if the prices aren't crazy. It will be a step up from the gas station where I currently get my groceries."

Whole Foods, headquartered in Austin, Texas, is a USDA Certified Organic grocer and sells products free from hydrogenated fats and artificial colors, flavors, and preservatives (e.g. no Oreos). If permitting and construction proceed as planned, Georgetown can expect to start shopping there in January, 2022.

FREE GARBAGE

Get it while it's hot!

Now and likely tomorrow, you have the opportunity to pick up free garbage off the streets of Georgetown. Choose from cigarette butts, plastic lunch wrappers from construction workers that blow into your yard, your own dog's mess, and any genuine litter. This does not include anything that belongs to your neighbors.

Price- Free

Condition- Often used, unclean, sometimes hazardous

No Delivery- Must be willing to pick up

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April Fools 'round the world

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Aprilscherz	German
Hūpō 'Apelila	Hawaiian
Aprílgabb	Icelandic
Man-ujeol	Korean
Melagių diena	Lithuanian
Abrëllsgeck	Luxembourgish
Wairangi april	Maori
Ineedmiin bayar	Mongolian
Aprila mürkha	Nepali
Aprils narr	Norwegian
Aprílové žarty	Slavic
Nacasyo april	Somali

Parks to Replace Parking in Georgetown

City Encourages People to Replace Unregulated Parking with Parks in Pilot Program

The City of Seattle launched Parklets Everywhere, a pilot program that provides funding and permits to area residents and businesses who want to create curbside parks on blocks with unregulated parking. The program is an extension of the annual PARK(ing) Day in September when people temporarily transform parking spaces into people spaces all over the world. Parklets Everywhere helps solve the problems created by too much unregulated parking.

The term "parklet" originated in San Francisco to describe the conversion of a parking space into a small public park. A San Francisco design studio created the first parklet in San Francisco in 2005. Parklet programs have since been created in cities around the world to add creative, human-scale places to the public right of way. It's an opportunity to reimagine how streets can be used, especially in areas where access to parks and open space is limited and where parking is plentiful. Parklets can increase foot traffic near local businesses and add recreation spaces for residents. Parklets also encourage walking and biking and create more inviting commercial districts.

Seattle's program invites the public to turn a block of unregulated parking into a park. The first Georgetown parklet appeared on South Brandon Street in March and features welcoming signage, eco-block benches, and a stunning light display at night. The Department of Neighborhoods is offering grants up to \$10,000 for parklet installations through the Neighborhood Matching Fund program. More info: Leslie Knope at parksforparking.org



Sample parks for parking replacement project.

Beer Ban Coming to Georgetown

Officials plan to ban sale of beer south of Holgate.

On April 1, a temporary ban on the sale on beer south of Holgate goes into effect as local officials and agencies explore ways to reduce yeast pollutants from entering the Duwamish Valley air shed.

Studies show that yeast particulates are twice as likely to cause infections as the particulates from other well-established, long-time Georgetown industries such as coffee roasters, distilleries, and wineries.

"We have been studying the air quality in this area or over 20 years," says Dr. Evan Greene, of Oxbow University. "The amount of yeast in the air has increased 200% since 2003. That growth far surpasses that even of diesel particulates." This rapid growth has raised concerns among health and wellness leaders who fear that the increase chance of yeast infections may outpace that of the production of medicine used to treat them.

At the recommendation of Puget Sound Teetotal Health Agency, to reduce beer manufacturing rates, local officials have agreed to test a ban on beer sales. As it does with many policies that no other parts of the city would tolerate, the City plans to launch a pilot in Georgetown. Starting April 1, 2021, all sales of beer south of Holgate will cease. The ban is expected to last through Easter 2021. At which time, officials will assess the situation.

The last time beer was banned in Georgetown was roughly 1916. When Washington State voted to halt production and sales of

GEORGETOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL

April 1st, 2021 at 1 a.m. PST King County Intl. Airport Runway

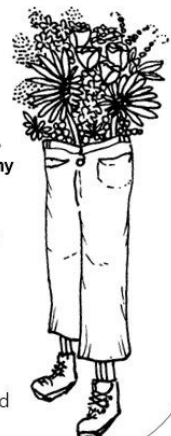
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MELVINS . CHAKA KHAN . THE COVID20s .
HOLLIE COOK. THE BAM BAMS .
NORTT . HOTDOG WATER .
CHER . MUDHONEY . GOBLIN .
FUNKADELIC . CELTIC WOMAN .
GARDENERS ANONYMOUS and many more

Life Coaching By

NOSFERATU . TYLER DURDEN
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Tickets starting at just 4 bitcoin!
No food, water, tin foil hats or open-toed shoes allowed

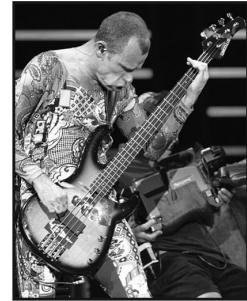
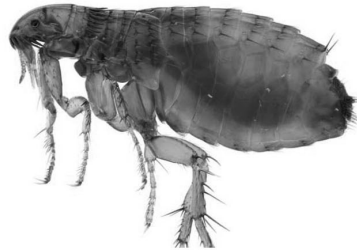


WEIRD GEORGETOWN

Your unofficial guide to mythical Georgetown creatures

North American Giant Flea

A recent emergence on the parasite scene, the North American Giant flea allegedly escaped from a meat processing plant laboratory in SODO. These parasitic giants can grow to the size of a squirrel or a small cat. While their bite is not usually fatal, it will cause extreme gastric distress in most humans. Mostly feeds upon Georgetown's ample supply of rats.



Rowl

A rare Rat/Owl hybrid that is occasionally seen near the greenbelt next to the South Seattle Transfer station. Feeding upon detritus and refuse, these mutants of the Industrial Age have adapted perfectly to their often bleak surroundings. Nocturnal and stealthy, they are rarely observed during daylight hours but have been spotted digging into a freshly filled dumpster or a dead fish on the shores of the Duwamish River.



Pacific Land Salmon

Years of living saturated in chemical and industrial waste, The Pacific Land Salmon is something Georgetown can call its own as no other fish has adapted to its surroundings in such an extreme way. This rare species of salmon actually grows four small feet near the lower fins of the fish. That has given rise to the ability to get out of the water as necessary dependent on pollution levels. The gills have adapted to be able to breathe air for a short time. Though not on any protected species list, it is not recommended to eat these salmon until further studies can be conducted.



Night Ghoul

A nocturnal spectre that lurks the darkened, unpoliced streets of late-night Georgetown. A scavenger, the Night Ghoul feeds upon catalytic converters and copper wire and has learned to use tools to help gather these items. If encountered in the wild it is best to observe caution.

