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ELECTION RETURNS

Local school levies and bond measures were still passing as of Wednesday afternoon. Even with ballots still coming in from Tuesday's election, turnout in most districts had surpassed that in the February election, when the measures failed in the five districts. Supporters credit higher turnout and better campaigns with making the difference. Measures need a 60 percent yes vote to pass. Mailed ballots will continue to be counted this week.

DISTRICT	YES	NO	%YES	RESULT	TURNOUT	FEB. 7 TURNOUT
Bellevue levy	13,666	6,063	68.8%	Passing	46.5%	37%
Bellevue bond	2,642	8,068	62.7%	Passing	39.5%	32%
Durringer bond	961	589	62%	Passing	35.5%	37%
Sumner levy	5,566	2,899	65.9%	Passing	39.5%	32%
Tacoma levy	23,737	10,507	68.8%	Passing	35.5%	37%
White River levy	3,971	1,661	70.5%	Passing	46.5%	39%

*Based on mail ballots received through Wednesday.
**Based on votes counted through Wednesday.
John Hordeman, The News Tribune



Tacoma School of the Arts students form a loopy kick line at 21st Street and Pacific Avenue during a rally Wednesday to thank passing voters for approving a \$272 million Tacoma school levy.



PETER CALLAGHAN
Author inspired will to save what makes us special

Jacob died Tuesday. As near as I could find out, she'd never been to Tacoma, probably knew little about it. But she had as much influence on how we look and might look than a lot of people who have lived here their whole lives. Jacobs was a mostly self-educated woman who turned an interest in cities and an abhorrence of midcentury urban planning into "The Death and Life of Great American Cities."

It is the bible for three generations of planners, architects and activists who think cities are worth saving — not as museum pieces but as vibrant economic centers.

"Death and Life" was a critique of federal urban renewal projects built on a belief that inner-city neighborhoods should be bulldozed and replaced with modern towers surrounded by greenery, that other neighborhoods should be sacrificed to freeways to ease the movement of suburban commuters.

While planners loved these plans, people who lived there didn't. While planners developed their theories in offices, Jacobs walked neighborhood streets to see what worked and what didn't. While they wanted to segregate uses into retail areas, commercial areas, residential areas, industrial areas, she noticed that people were attracted to areas that mixed them together.

"What was getting me frustrated under my skin was this mad spree of deception and violation and what was called urban renewal," she said during an interview with Metroplusmag.com. "And the way it had been adapted like a fat."

Whenever neighborhood activists object to a poorly planned proposal out of city hall, they are channeling Jane Jacobs, who died at age 89, wrote other books on urban economics, urban history and the morality of the economy. Her disciples are everywhere — from entry-level city planners to current guru like Richard Florida, Brian Coley, director of the urban studies program at the University of Washington Tacoma, calls her "the greatest urban thinker of the 20th century."

Coley sees Jacobs' influence in several changes in Tacoma, not the least being his workplace, LWT is a fine example of creating an urban neighborhood and integrating private activities and housing with a public project to give it vitality and unpredictability.

He also cites attempts to bring housing into the mix of activities downtown and the merging of urban villages where residents, small businesses and markets share the neighborhood.

A Jane Jacobs philosophy in these changes is the emphasis on replacing Antelope Row with a multiplex theater and chain stores, the opposition to building a new, more-saturated downtown east to the Tacoma Dome, the elimination of one-way street grids that treated downtown as a thoroughfare and not a neighborhood and the demand that the Fox Wayway have room for both the new and the old.

Her influence on urban design came too late to stop the ravages of urban renewal that saw Tacoma cleared and enter blocks along Pacific Avenue in the 1960s to build parking garages and again in the 1980s to build, well, until recently, nothing.

There are other development tendencies can be seen in other developed lands like replacing retail stripcenters with controlled lines downtown and "live-work-center" and building megaprojects such as convention centers that replace unique areas with sameness.

"Every city has differences, from its history, from its site, and on. These are important," she told Reason magazine. "One of the most deadly things is when you go to a city and it's like 12 others you've seen. That's not interesting and it's not really useful."

REMEMBERING CAMP HARMONY



Japanese Americans arrive in 1942 to be interned at Camp Harmony, at today's Puyallup Fair & Events Center site. A new exhibit shows a replica of the barracks.

Shedding light on a dark time

Puyallup's Karaher Museum opens an exhibit of a World War II-era internment camp where the U.S. government sent Japanese Americans. The state barracks provided temporary housing before families were sent elsewhere.

CAMP HARMONY EXHIBIT UNVEILING
WHERE: Spokane Museum, 802 Second St. S.E., Puyallup
WHAT: A new exhibit about the Japanese American internment camp.
WHEN: 6:30 to 8:30 tonight. The museum is also open from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for the rest of the school year.
COST: Free.
MORE INFORMATION: 253-868-8768

Sasaki's suitcase is among the items at Karaher Museum in Puyallup, which tonight opens an exhibit about the camp never set up at what is now the Puyallup Fair & Events Center.

ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IN CUSTODY

Keep kids safe, parents plead
Puyallup parents and school staff ask district officials not to cut back on school security.

INVESTIGATORS SAY BIRTHMARKS DON'T MATCH
Mom thinks Texas girl is Teekah

The mother of Teekah Lewis thinks a girl in Texas is her daughter, who disappeared in 1999. The FBI disagrees. DNA tests will be run.

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