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Diverse school's classes 'segregated' no longer



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Kindergartners Delawndra Rogers, left, and Lois Busby share a desk in Danielle Guzman's K-1 class at Leschi Elementary School. Gentrification has been rapidly changing the school's historically African-American neighborhood.



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Leschi Elementary School Principal Rhonda Claytor looks over some work done by fourth-grader Faisal Nurdin. Claytor has led the way to end de facto segregation in her classrooms with a new curriculum approach that the school calls "The Best of Both."

LESCHI ELEMENTARY | Dismayed by a striking racial imbalance in the school's classes, some parents, concerned teachers and a passionate principal have launched a bold experiment.

By BEN STOCKING
Seattle Times education reporter

From the outside, Leschi Elementary School seemed a model of diversity. Black, white and brown students filed through its doors each morning, and peace reigned on the playground.

Inside, the staff saw something different: Two schools, one mostly white, one mostly black, separate and unequal.

In one, eager parents donated money for fancy classroom equipment. In the other, many parents picked up provisions at the school food bank.

"The school was segregated, man," said Gerald Donaldson, the school social worker, who dispenses donated groceries and clothing from his office. "It wasn't right."

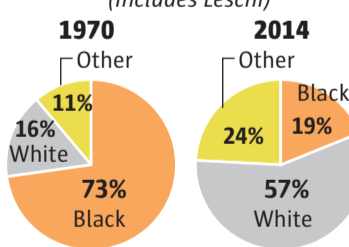
Donaldson wasn't the only one concerned about the split. It ate at teachers, too, and many parents — black, white and brown. The teachers, dealing with two very

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Diverse, yet divided

Leschi Elementary School reflects how much Seattle's Central District has been transformed by gentrification in recent decades, with the white population growing and the African-American population shrinking. The school population is quite diverse, but until this fall there were stark differences in the racial makeup of the school's Montessori classrooms and its regular classrooms.

Central District population (Includes Leschi)



Sources: Seattle Public Schools, U.S. Census Bureau, The Nielsen Co.
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Research professor Samuel Wasser examines an elephant tusk at his University of Washington lab.

Wildlife initiative takes aim at poaching

PUSH TO SAVE IMPERILED SPECIES

Sales of elephant ivory, shark fins, other parts would be outlawed

By SANDI DOUGHTON
Seattle Times science reporter

Every day, David Boone gets calls and emails from folks eager to sell him ivory. But Boone, who owns one of the only companies in the U.S. that deal in elephant tusks, isn't buying anymore.

The Jefferson County man is waiting to see how his fellow Washingtonians vote on Initiative 1401, a sweeping measure to fight poaching by outlawing sales of elephant ivory, leopard skins, shark fins and parts from dozens of other imperiled species.

If the initiative fails, Boone can easily lay his hands on hundreds of tusks legally imported decades ago as hunting trophies. "There's millions of dollars' worth of ivory just here in Washington," he said.

If I-1401 becomes law, Boone Trading Company will be out of the elephant business.

"If it makes an impact on poaching, I'm all for it," said Boone, who's been working with ivory for three decades. He's skeptical, though, that clamping down on antiques in

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Fearing hazards and close calls, feds want drones to be registered

By JOAN LOWY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Concerned about rising reports of close calls and safety risks involving drones, the government announced Monday it will require many of the increasingly popular unmanned aircraft to be registered.

Pilot sightings of drones have doubled since this past year, including near manned airplanes and at major sporting events, and there are reports of interference with wildfire-fighting operations, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said at a news conference.

"These reports signal a troubling trend," said Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) chief Michel Huerta. Registration will increase pressure on drone operators to fly responsibly, he said, adding, "When they don't fly safely, they'll know there will be consequences."

The FAA now receives about 100 reports
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Big win for Trudeau shifts Canada to the left

LIBERAL PARTY VICTORY

Voters appear to be tired of Conservatives

By IAN AUSTEN
The New York Times

OTTAWA, Ontario — The nine-year reign of Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Conservative Party came to a sudden and stunning end on Monday night at the hands of Justin

Trudeau, the young leader of the Liberal Party, according to projections by Canadian media.

Starting with a sweep of the Atlantic provinces, the Liberals went on to capture 185 of the 338 seats in the next House of Commons. The upset victory occurred 47 years after Trudeau's father, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, first swept to power in a pivotal moment that became known as Trudeaumania.

Justin Trudeau, who will be



Liberal leader
Justin Trudeau



Conservative leader
Stephen Harper

44 on Christmas Day, will become Canada's second-youngest prime minister and the first to follow a parent into office. The youngest prime minister, Joe Clark, a Conservative, took office in 1979 the day before he

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turned 40.

Despite his famous name, Trudeau was an untested figure without displaying the rapier intellect that distinguished his father. The Liberal Party had emerged on top in several polls over the past week, but not as decisively as the early results.

The Conservatives were reduced to 102 seats from 159 in the last Parliament, according to preliminary results. The New Democratic Party (NDP), which had held second place in the last

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