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Dear Rosa and Murray, HI:

I enjoyed Murray's boat and ferry piece & meant to write about the Ruston Way. I always turn first off thru 50+ to look for you. I reckon you read about our new 50-car ark. The only happy Islanders are the masses of immigrants who pressed for the job, that will be too small by the time it docks here. I asked an Island native if we could do anything. She said, "It's all in the works. We hire Campanoli (our other genius beyond Roger) to whip up a bomb and slip it aboard, the morning of its maiden voyage." The name (I submitted THE LEANDER WALLACE) is an insult to CHRISTINE ANDERSON'S memory. ~~But we have a joke being the rounds. Her unpopular niece-in-law, Bettymae Anderson, who is basking in Aunt Christine's glory, is slated to see the dinghy christened THE BETTYMAE.~~

Did I write you about Lael's baby, born on Vashon three months ago? ~~Little half-blood Chin.~~ Name: Jeffrey Yee Kwan Heckman Lou. My two year old great grandchild Sarah(2) scanned the name and yclept (if I may use the past part) him "Jeffy Lou."

Enclosed is a bit of Island history I prepared at Richard Larsen's request for our Homeowners Island organ, THE ISLAND SOUNDER & The Right Reverend Sheasley. I have just signed a contract with Pierce County Planners, putting the Baskett Place into Open Space, I hope for perpetuity. My heirs are my granddaughters, Lael and Hollie. Lou and Macdonalds, respectively.

I continue to eat and sleep, dig and delve, and to put words on paper. Used copies of IITS (sold at the Island store) and Jim's and Liane's garden keep me in groceries.

Love, *Hazel*

My friend, Gail Joice, now interim director of SAM, has made for the Island Museum professional, informational labels for the Indian baskets given to me by Nora Ann Johnston Of Kent, my long-time friend, who has willed the remainder of her baskets to us. Her place is now owned by Nature Conservancy and is a butterfly preserve supervised by Dr. Bob Pyle, another friend of mine. Ann has lost both feet to diabetes, but survives totally in wit and spirit.

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