

SEATAC MUNICIPAL COURT

NEWSLETTER

“Celebrate Law Week”

National Law Day is Wednesday, May 1, 2013:

- **Theme: “Realize the Dream: Equality For All”**
- This year is the 150th anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. During the Proclamation’s centennial, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood in front of the Lincoln Memorial and called upon our nation to live up to the promise of equality for all. To view a partial clip of his speech, visit our Law Week web page at:

<http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/index.aspx?page=650>

- Abraham Lincoln’s iconic speech can be viewed at:

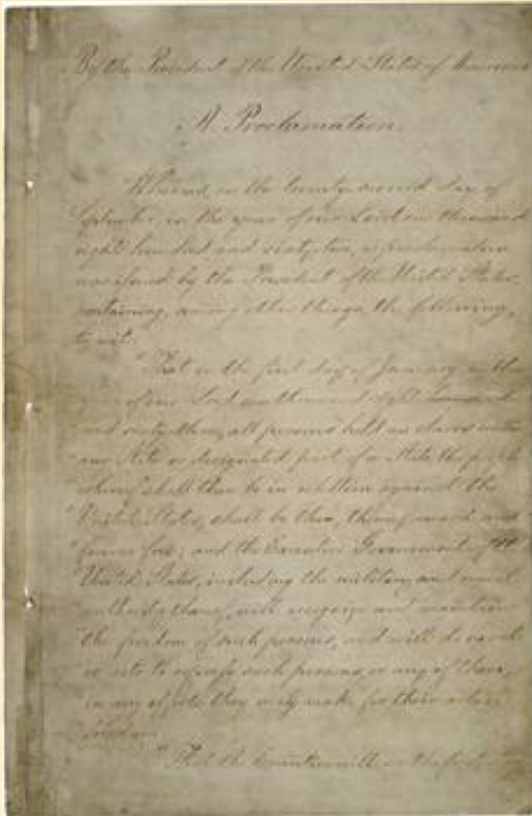
http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured_document/emancipation_proclamation/transcript.html



SeaTac Municipal Court will be celebrating National Law Day by hosting events during the week of April 29, 2013 through May 3rd, 2013. This year’s Law Day theme, “Realizing the Dream: Equality for All,” focuses on the history of civil and human rights in America and the impact these movements have had as our nation strives to provide equality for all citizens under the law. We will reflect on the work that remains to be done to break down the walls of injustice, eliminate all forms of discrimination, and protect civil and human rights for all people. By visiting SeaTac Municipal Court’s “Law Week” link on the Court’s webpage, you can view the schedule of events, including video trailers for the movies that will be screened that exemplify the importance of protecting and defending the civil rights of all people, regardless of religion, culture, gender, race, or any other factor. Visit

<http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/index.aspx?page=650>.





In early July of 1862, while sitting in the War Department, President Lincoln asked the telegraph chief for some paper, explaining that he had something “special” to write. Once he finished, Lincoln revealed that he had composed an order “giving freedom to the slaves in the South, for the purpose of hastening the end of the war.” (Page 1 of Presidential Proclamation 93 (Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation); Presidential Proclamation 93(vault), Box 2; General Records of the U.S. Government, Record Group 11; National Archives.)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking, also known as Trafficking in Persons (TIP), is a modern-day form of slavery. It is a crime under international, federal and most states’ laws (as of 2012, 49 of 50 states have anti-trafficking laws; Wyoming currently does not have any anti-trafficking provisions. Colorado and Pennsylvania currently do not have anti-sex trafficking provisions).

Estimates of the number of people enslaved by some form of human trafficking worldwide range from nearly 21 million to 27 million people. The International Labour Organization (ILO) estimates that 68% of those enslaved are held in forced labor exploitation, 22% in forced sexual exploitation and 10% in state-imposed forced labor. The ILO estimates that women and girls comprise 55% of all those in forced labor and 98% of all those in sex trafficking. Also, according to their estimates, 26% of the trafficked persons are children under the age of 18. The Trafficking Victim’s Protection Act (TVPA) seeks to provide the tools to combat trafficking in persons both worldwide and domestically. Concerning human trafficking, President Barack Obama stated:

“It ought to concern every person, because it is a debasement of our common humanity. It ought to concern every community, because it tears at our social fabric. It ought to concern every business, because it distorts markets. It ought to concern every nation, because it endangers public health and fuels violence and organized crime. I’m talking about the injustice, the outrage, of human trafficking, which must be called by its true name – modern slavery.”

For more information about rights and protections for temporary workers and students, go to: http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/pamphlet/pamphlet_4578.html. This webpage offers a “Rights, Protections and Resources Pamphlet” to view on-line or to print in English as well as 10 additional languages.

GENDER EQUITY

This is a historic year for women in many ways. Our state Temple of Justice celebrated its 100th birthday, and for the first time in State history, Washington State Supreme Court has a female Chief Justice and the majority of Justices are women. The 2013 legislative session marks the centennial of Washington installing the first female legislators. This year, women were recognized as able to serve in all aspects of the military, including combat situations. Also, the number of female Senators rose to twenty, a record, when two more women were elected to seats in the US Senate in 2012.

Susan B. Anthony argued to the US Supreme Court on behalf of women's rights and the right to vote in 1873, "It was we, the people...we, the whole people, who formed the Union. And we formed it, not to give the blessings of liberty, but to secure them; not to the half of ourselves and the half of our posterity, but to the whole people – women as well as men..." Women won the right to vote in this state in 1910. And it is because of that initial fight for the right to vote that women today are able to earn an education, work in every occupation, serve in the military, and hold office.

Despite the progress, there are still issues of inequity that exist today. In many regions of the world, education remains elusive for young girls, and poverty is a major barrier to education. The United Nations is seeking to eliminate gender disparity in all levels of education no later than 2015. All over the world, women remain grossly underrepresented in positions of power and leadership and continue to earn less than their male counterparts. In this country, women make up almost half of the workforce and receive more college and graduate degrees than men. Yet women continue to earn only 77 cents on average for every dollar earned by their male counterparts. That is a gender wage gap of 23 percent. For some occupations, the difference in pay is even greater.

Join us May 1st for our Gender Equity Forum where we will recognize the tremendous contributions made by women in the social, political, and legal fields. Registration is required, as seating is limited. To register, contact Paulette Revoir at 206-973-4611, or by email at prevoir@ci.seatac.wa.us.

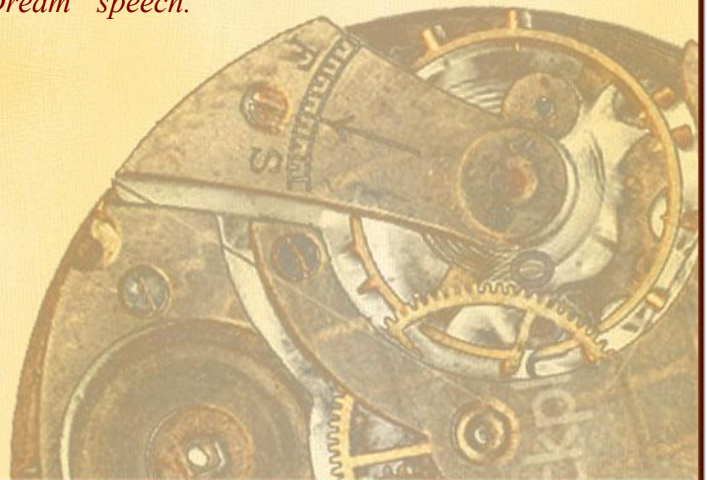
MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM AUGUST 28, 1963

LINCOLN MEMORIAL PROGRAM

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| 1. The National Anthem | Led by Marian Anderson. |
| 2. Invocation | The Very Rev. Patrick O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington. |
| 3. Opening Remarks | A. Philip Randolph, Director March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. |
| 4. Remarks | Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk, United Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A.; Vice Chairman, Commission on Race Relations of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. |
| 5. Tribute to Negro Women Fighters for Freedom | Mrs. Medgar Evers |
| | Daisy Bates
Diane Nash Bevel
Mrs. Medgar Evers
Mrs. Herbert Lee
Rosa Parks
Gloria Richardson |
| 6. Remarks | John Lewis, National Chairman, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. |
| 7. Remarks | Walter Reuther, President, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, AFL-CIO; Chairman, Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO. |
| 8. Remarks | James Farmer, National Director, Congress of Racial Equality. |
| 9. Selection | Eva Jessye Choir |
| 10. Prayer | Rabbi Uri Miller, President Synagogue Council of America. |
| 11. Remarks | Whitney M. Young, Jr., Executive Director, National Urban League. |
| 12. Remarks | Mathew Ahmann, Executive Director, National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice. |
| 13. Remarks | Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. |
| 14. Selection | Miss Mahalia Jackson |
| 15. Remarks | Rabbi Joachim Prinz, President American Jewish Congress. |
| 16. Remarks | The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference. |
| 17. The Pledge | A Philip Randolph |
| 18. Benediction | Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President, Morehouse College. |

"WE SHALL OVERCOME"

March on Washington (Program), 08/28/1963; Bayard Rustin Papers; John F. Kennedy Library; National Archives and Records Administration. This program listed the events scheduled at the Lincoln Memorial during the August 28, 1963, March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The highlight of the march, which attracted 250,000 people, was Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.



To see a complete schedule of events, including movie summaries, trailers, and screening schedule, visit our webpage at <http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/index.aspx?page=650>. To register for the Human Trafficking Forum or the Gender Equity Forum, please call Paulette Revoir at 206-973-4611, or by email at prevoir@ci.seatac.wa.us. Seating is limited so register early.

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." — Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, 1863

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LAW WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2013:

STUDENT MOCK TRIAL

Free Screening of "LONG WALK TO FREEDOM"

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SYMPOSIUM

LAW DAY WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2013:

GENDER EQUITY FORUM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

JUSTICE SHERYL GORDON MCCLLOUD

Free Screening of "14 WOMEN"

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013:

Free Screening of "AMERICAN OUTRAGE"

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2013:

STUDENT MOCK TRIAL

Free Screening of "OF CIVIL WRONGS AND RIGHTS"

This event is in collaboration with the award-winning documentary series POV

(www.pbs.org/pov).

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