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One phone call can answer many needs

By MORRIS MALAKOFF
King County Housing Authority

2-1-1 is the new number to call for information on a range of services from rent assistance to where to find a competent babysitter in your community.

"We are the next to last call anyone has to make," said Tom Page, executive director of Washington Information Network 2-1-1, the nonprofit group leading the 2-1-1 effort.

The line is a comprehensive resource for people seeking social services such as food assistance, English language courses, career training and almost any other non-life-threatening need.

"We have a database of more than 13,000 programs and contacts," Page said. "By the end of the year, we expect that our statewide database will contain more than 30,000 sources."

Since going live in February, extensively-trained 2-1-1 operators have been taking calls from King County residents seven days a week between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eventually, there will be eight call centers around the state.

"By the end of the year, we hope to have the funding to be available 24 hours a day," Page added.

Currently, the 2-1-1 number cannot be reached by a cell phone, but cell phone users can call 1-877-211-9274 for the service.

The call center can also handle calls in most languages.

"We have some staff members with multilingual skills, particularly in Spanish," he said. "(And) we can get someone on the line through our tele-interpreter service within a minute or so. They have the ability to help us in about 130 different languages."

The call center will soon be equipped to directly handle TTY calls from hearing impaired callers, but for now, Page advises them to contact the service through 7-1-1, the number for the relay operator.

Eventually, the database used by operators will be available online as well. General information on 2-1-1 in Washington is now available at <http://www.win211.org>.

Within hours of going into service, 2-1-1 was already serving people in need.

"We had a number of people referred to us in the first days," said Richard Jump, executive director of the White Center Food Bank.

Page wants people to know that 2-1-1 isn't just for finding critical services.

"We can help people find a reliable babysitter referral or let them know where there might be a public gym or pool to go to," he said. "We also can help people who are looking for volunteer opportunities in the community through the United Way Volunteer Bank."

But 2-1-1 cannot do everything, Page cautioned.

"We just aren't the place to call to find out where the nearest pizza delivery place might be."

Park Lake tutor gives back—for almost a decade



PHOTO BY SARA FARINELLI

Tutor Sandy Bui (left) helps Khadija Hassan, 11, solve a problem while third-grader Senait Tekle looks on.

By SARA FARINELLI
Voice reporter

At 2:30 in the afternoon on any given weekday during the school year, the first wave of children arrives at the Neighborhood House Park Lake Youth Tutoring Center. There are currently 21 children who come regularly for tutoring, mentoring and socializing, so work space is tight in the small building. Nevertheless, they are, in the words of volunteer tutor Sandy Bui, "one big family."

Program Coordinator Nina Burgess works with two AmeriCorps members—one full-time and one part-time. Otherwise, she relies on a dedicated group of volunteers, including a Seattle Pacific University student, five students from Evergreen High School and long-timer Sandy Bui.

When Bui walks in, all the children look up and shout greetings.

"Hi, Sandy. Are you tutoring today?" they ask.

Bui, 20, is a fixture around the center. She has been tutoring in the program since she was in the seventh grade, when, under the auspices of a special program for children from immigrant families, she was selected for a tutoring job for which she received a small stipend. At first, it was just the excitement of having a little cash in her pocket.

"You know, it wasn't easy for a 14-year-old to find a paying job," said Bui, who has lived in the Park Lake area since coming to the United States from Vietnam when she was 9 years old.

However, what started as a job has since become a labor of love.

When funds for the program dried up in Bui's sophomore year of high school, she continued to tutor during her junior year to fulfill her service learning requirement for graduation.

After a pause in her senior year, she resumed volunteering while studying at South Seattle Community College, picking up work study credits along the way.

Bui is now studying biology at the University of Washington and plans to become a dentist. Her studies at the UW make it a bit difficult to continue tutoring, but she still reserves term breaks and the summer for special programs at the center.

For Bui, tutoring has been as much a learning experience for her as it has been for the children.

"I like being around people of other cultures and to learn about them," she said. "The kids are very talkative and open. We are really like a family."

After over eight years tutoring and working with three different program coordinators,

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State testing underway for high school students

Legislature approves test alternatives

By ALYSSA MARTIN
Voice reporter

Sophomores in high schools across the state dug into the first two sections of the Washington Assessment of Student Learning last month. They will complete the final two sections on April 17, when their third- through eighth-grade counterparts will also take versions of the test.

This year's sophomores are the first students required to pass the WASL in reading, writing and math in order to graduate.

This fact is worrisome for schools with a higher percentage of low-income students, because they generally contend with lower test scores than schools with fewer low-income students.

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Adjustment doesn't come easy for Katrina evacuees



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New Orleans evacuee Marcus Moody (on right) learns about Seattle neighborhoods from John Manning, the Seattle Housing Authority's evacuee coordinator.

By VIRGINIA FELTON
Seattle Housing Authority

Six months after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, the more than 2,000 evacuees who have found their way to King County are still coping with the losses—both material and emotional—that continue to complicate their lives.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's programs to assist evacuees have been characterized by shifting priorities and changing requirements.

Evacuees have sometimes found themselves in limbo as they attempt to make decisions about their future. Some evacuees say they have been "FEMA-tized" to the point of being weary of applying for one more program or filling out yet another form.

Officials from FEMA met with Seattle-area evacuees last month, apologizing for the unclear information some have received and promising assistance.

"We really didn't have a script, a plan, for how this was going to run," said Joan Rave, an official with FEMA's local individual-assistance program.

The most recent confusion has come as FEMA transfers evacuees from the "Public Assistance Interim Housing Program," also called the "403 program," to a new "Individual Assistance Program" called the "408 program."

The Seattle Housing Authority has learned that as many as half of the 160 Katrina families it serves in the Seattle area may be found ineligible for the new program. However, specifics on who has been found to be ineligible (and why) have not been shared because of privacy issues.

"We don't yet have a good idea of the scope of the problem," said SHA Deputy Executive Director Andrew Lofton.

FEMA has notified some people that they will receive ongoing housing assistance, he said, but many have not yet heard from the agency.

"We are working under the assumption that FEMA will give every evacuee at least 30 days' notice, so we plan to subsidize rent

for evacuees...(as long as) they have not yet heard from FEMA," he added.

John Manning, SHA's evacuee coordinator, has been surveying households to learn more about their situations.

"After talking with over 80 households, I have yet to talk with one who plans to go back to the Gulf Coast anytime soon," he said.

Manning added that most evacuees have yet to find jobs in the Seattle area, though many are pursuing them.

These trends were validated in the real-life stories of two Katrina evacuees who attended an information session hosted last month by SHA.

Art helps teacher reflect on lost life

Justin Orvold is a 32-year-old graduate of Seattle's Cornish College of the Arts.

Originally from Portland, he entered the "Teach for Greater New Orleans" program several years ago and has been teaching kids with special needs while working on his professional credentials.

When Hurricane Katrina struck, Orvold was teaching at Carver Middle School in the Ninth Ward. He said that working with kids embroiled in deep poverty was a significant culture shock.

"It was one of the hardest things I have ever done," he said, "getting used to being surrounded by crime and drugs—the school's neighborhood was rough."

Still, Orvold found the experience rewarding, and the kids he taught affected him deeply.

"These were kids who were submerged in poverty, yet they were rich in what they got from each other in the social relations they established."

Orvold's most recent assignment involved teaching eighth grade pre-algebra to special education students aged 14 to 17.

"I had to deal with a lot of difficult stuff in the classroom," he said, "But I tried not to let it interfere with what I was there for. I was trying to make a commitment and really make a difference, but now that's all gone. It just feels like it ended prematurely."

Orvold evacuated to Seattle because he still has family in the area, though he

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Legislature adjourns, passes housing funds bill

By VOICE STAFF

State lawmakers wrapped up a 60-day legislative session last month, passing bills that increased funding for affordable housing, health care and education, established an alternative energy plan, extended foster care benefits for some youth and created landmark gay rights legislation.

The affordable housing bill will direct up to \$100 million in real estate excise taxes to the Housing Trust Fund over the course of the next four years.

"The legislature finds that Washington is experiencing an affordable housing crisis and that this crisis is growing exponentially every year," the bill reads.

The Housing Trust Fund is part of the state's Capital Budget and is used in part to pay for the construction of affordable housing. In King County alone, there are 12 projects representing 341 units of housing waiting for Housing Trust Fund dollars.

The new funds will be used to clear this backlog, pay for housing vouchers for farm workers, victims of domestic violence and the homeless, in addition to funding other programs. The amount will represent just over 3 percent of funds generated by the real estate excise tax, which is imposed upon the sale of property.

After 30 years of political maneuvering, the legislature finally passed a bill making it illegal to discriminate against gays and lesbians in Washington.

It also passed an alternative energy plan promoting the use of ethanol and biodiesel

by requiring that these fuels make up at least 2 percent of a dealer's total gasoline and 2 percent of total diesel sales, respectively. The rules will go into effect in late 2008.

The legislature also extended foster care benefits for youth who want to obtain higher education.

Rather than stopping benefits when youth complete their high school diploma or GED certificate, the new law will allow benefits to continue for a certain number of children seeking higher education or a vocational certificate until they turn 21.

Lawmakers also eliminated the \$5 daily fee for parking in state parks, provided \$28.5 million for remedial help for students struggling with the WASL and authorized 6,500 additional enrollments in the Basic Health Program for the working poor, boosting the total client base to 106,500.

Another affordable housing-related bill that would have, among other things, created an affordable housing database died in the House appropriations committee.

This bill provoked a brief debate over an amendment that would have prohibited housing authorities from using state and federal dollars to redevelop public housing communities.

Other bills that died were those calling for a simple majority approval of school bonds and plans for the renovation of Key Arena for the Seattle Sonics.

The legislature will meet again at the end of the year.

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Zelda Mendard Ramirez, academic development specialist for SafeFutures Youth Center in High Point, works with low-income youth to help raise their WASL scores.

"Reading is the best thing students can do," she said. "If they can become proficient, efficient readers they will be able to tackle and comprehend more of the test."

The WASL was created to ensure each student in the state is getting a good education, but critics say a state-wide standardized test leaves too many students behind.

Mollie Seng, a sophomore living in the Rainier Beach neighborhood, is very critical of how the test will affect low-income students like herself.

"Barely half the students from my school passed the WASL last year," she said. "I feel like they are trying to set me up for failure."

Seng added that she thinks the decision to make the WASL a graduation requirement will lead to a higher drop-out rate among low-income students who are already struggling to form a connection with

their teachers at school.

As an after-school tutor, Ramirez knows that many low-income students and their families are dealing with other issues that make school less of a priority.

While hypothesizing why lower-income students perform poorer on exams, she points to a lack of resources in early education.

"Even the governor's plan to infuse large amounts of money at the grade levels where the WASL is taken will not completely make up for all the years of lower quality education," she said.

Last year, 59 percent of the students at Rainier Beach High School qualified for free and reduced lunches, making it one of the poorest schools in Seattle. Only 7 percent of the students there passed all three required sections of the WASL exam.

While most standardized tests measure student's performance against other students, the WASL just measures the students' scores against a set of standards. If the students meet the standards, they pass the test. The results from this spring's WASL will be released to the Class of 2008 this June.

Students who do not pass all three sections will have an opportunity to re-take the WASL in August. If they do not earn a passing score of 65 after at least two attempts, recent legislation has provided them with alternatives.

For instance, if a student fails one portion of the WASL, but his or her grades in that subject are comparable to those of fellow students who passed, the student will pass that part of the test.

The state will also allow college entrance exams, such as the ACT or SAT, to be used in place of the math portion of the WASL.

Students can also provide work samples to be approved by the state-appointed Board of Education for credit, or they can submit work portfolios from approved career and technical programs.

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dinators, Bui is practically the institutional memory of the program. She has seen the children come and go and takes pride in having contributed to their academic success.

These days Bui's younger sister, Maika, 10, comes to be tutored because their mother thinks highly of the program for what it offers both academically and socially.

Burgess is enthusiastic about all her volunteers, but thinks Sandy Bui is a wonderful role model for the other children.

"She keeps giving back to the community."

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East Africans discuss gang issues with Seattle police

By **BRENNA CASEY**
Voice reporter

About 40 people crowded into a small conference room in Swedish Hospital's Providence Campus last month to take part in an East African Advisory Council meeting. The council, which has been meeting monthly since the late 90s, is run by the Seattle Police Department to "foster communication and education, and bring concerns," explained Mark Howard, the meeting's facilitator.

This particular meeting was slated for discussion of the "East African Posse," a gang that operates in the University District and has been the target of a federal investigation. The meeting took place after six gang members were arrested by federal agents in late January.

Attendees included members of the East African community and representatives from service organizations including Neighborhood House and the East African Youth Advocacy Group.

The meeting opened with welcoming remarks from Howard, who passed the presentation to Detective Sharon Stevens. Stevens identified herself as the department's East African liaison and took several questions about the case.

"What are these guys accused of?" asked one attendee. "We need to know information," another man stated sternly.

"I have limited information because I am not involved in the investigation," Stevens said. "Questions about particulars or how information came to be, I simply cannot answer. I am not representing the department in any official capacity."

Stevens' sentiments were echoed by John Brooks, a veteran police officer in the East Precinct. "I don't know specifics; I wasn't involved in the investigations or arrests." Brooks explained that the inci-

dents took place in the North precinct. No officers from the North Precinct were invited to the meeting.

"We were under the impression that we were getting information about these cases," protested East African community member Yohannes Hagos.

As discussion continued, attendees brainstormed ways to keep youth from becoming involved in gang activity.

"It's up to us to be active and proactive," urged Abraham Araya from the youth advocacy group.

"Prevention is a community responsibility," offered Michael Neguse, Yesler Terrace crime prevention coordinator for the Seattle Neighborhood Group.

In mid-February, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported that members of the gang had been "allegedly terrorizing" University of Washington students and others in the area. Attendees at the meeting were particularly concerned about the language that had been used to describe the East African Posse and the bearings it might have on the perception of the East African community.

"There have been gangs in this country for years; never before have we called them terrorists. Why now?" asked Araya.

Another attendant, Million Shiferaw, described the characterization of the East African community as "completely devastating."

Stevens responded that police officers understand that the gang members act as individuals.

"It does not reflect on the community," she said. "I can just about guarantee that."

At the meeting's conclusion, Howard apologized for the lack of information presented and encouraged people to attend the next meeting, which will take place on April 6. For more information, contact Howard at (206) 684-7727.

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said he prefers to live on his own.

With no job to go back to, Orvold has been spending his time pursuing his artwork and trying to get certified to teach in Washington. He is still waiting for paperwork from the University of New Orleans that will verify the coursework that he completed.

Orvold said that he has lost contact with



Justin Orvold

most of the kids he taught in New Orleans. He made one trip back to the city to pick up some of his belongings, but doesn't anticipate moving back. While he works on his teaching certificate, he said he'll seek work as a paraprofessional.

The Seattle Housing Authority connected Orvold with a private landlord on Beacon Hill. In his apartment he has been making collages from some of the photographs he took of his students and reflecting on the path his life has taken.

He has received several contradictory letters from FEMA, but has most recently heard through a phone call that he will continue to be eligible for assistance.

Friends help evacuee build new life

Marcus Moody is a lean six-footer with a gentle demeanor. He was living in New Orleans's French Quarter when Katrina struck, and he evacuated with friends to Dallas.

"I was lucky and blessed to be with some friends at the time who had a car, and they took me with them," he said. "Fortunately, we also had some friends in Dallas."

Moody ended up in Seattle because he had friends here too, and they let him know that housing was available.

He arrived in November and has been living in a studio apartment at Olive Tower, a property owned by Housing Resources Group. He said he hopes to stay in Seattle, particularly if he can pursue his ambition of becoming a casino dealer. He also hopes to eventually find a larger apartment.

"I went back down to New Orleans last month and most of my stuff was still there," he said. "I'd like to go back down to get it soon. If I can find a decent one-bedroom in Seattle, I'd rather stay here than go back."

But Moody was originally notified by FEMA that he would not be eligible for ongoing assistance. After an appeal, he was informed by phone that his denial has been reversed, and now he expects to continue receiving help from FEMA.

Seattle's Katrina evacuees tell stories of hope and confusion similar to those being experienced by Katrina-displaced people in cities and towns all across the country.



One to grow on

Garden tips for community gardeners

By **ANZA MUENCHOW**
Special to the Voice

As I write this column, we are having a cool spring, so consider warming your garden with the use of cloches.

A cloche is a small, temporary, removable plastic or glass structure that works like a mini-greenhouse to warm the soil and plants. You can use a cloche to establish your favorite crops and promote their early growth. We refer to this as "extending the season," manipulating our normal cool, wet springs so we can grow more warm-season plants.

There are plenty of ways to build your own cloches to get your gardens growing earlier. For ideas, visit one of the large P-patch gardens in our city and see what fellow gardeners have come up with.

One simple design is to construct a frame with wood or plastic tubing over which you can stretch a clear plastic film or attach glass.

Another idea is to use a couple of long recycled windows set like a tent over your bed of produce.

Attach each window to two long upright stakes. To make the tent, rest the windows lengthwise against each other with the stakes inside and sticking out of the top crack of the tent. Tie the stakes together for better stability. Tape or staple a plastic triangle at the ends of the tent if you want the cloche to stay warmer at night.

Cloches like this warm the soil for earlier planting and are great for heat-loving transplants in April and May.

Using transplants is another way to extend the growing season. Try starting your own tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers

or corn indoors in clean trays of sterile seed starting mix. I emphasize the clean and sterile materials because the indoor environment encourages the growth of bacteria that harm or kill little seedlings. Find a warm place to get the seeds to sprout and then give them plenty of light.

If you don't have time, materials or space to start your own transplants, there are several great local plant sales that sell the best Northwest varieties. In the north end of Seattle, shop at the Tilth Edible Plant Sale at the Good Shepard Center on North 50th Avenue and Meridian Avenue North on May 6 and 7.

The Master Gardener Plant Sale at the University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture will also take place on May 6 and 7.

For those in the south end of Seattle, I recommend the Orca School plant sale on Saturday, May 13 at 3528 Ferdinand Ave S. just one block west of Rainier Ave. in the Columbia City neighborhood.

This spring, I am especially enjoying rhubarb and asparagus, a couple of perennial vegetables that grow up year after year in our vegetable gardens. If you plant these this spring, you'll be feasting on delicious baked rhubarb crisp and roasted asparagus for years to come.

To roast asparagus, wash and trim the spears and lay them in a shallow baking tray. Drizzle olive oil and a little salt on them and roast in a 450 degree oven for 10 minutes, or to your desired tenderness. Simple and delicious.

Happy eating and happy gardening.

Anza Muenchow is an avid gardener and a volunteer with P-Patch. You can reach her at mahafarm@whidbey.net.

Save money—apply for Basic Food assistance

By **FREMONT PUBLIC ASSOCIATION**

Washington's Basic Food Program, formerly known as food stamps, can help you save money while still paying your grocery bill.

Although in most cases the amount you'll receive in assistance won't cover all your food costs, it will help you save money for other necessities.

Most people have heard of the program, but many do not know they qualify. It's estimated that only 47 percent of eligible Seattle residents are tapping in to Basic Food benefits.

Eligibility is based on family size and income. A single individual can have gross earnings of up to \$1,037 per month and still be eligible for benefits.

A family of two can have a gross monthly income of \$1,390 and still qualify. For a family of three the amount is \$1,744, family of four, \$2,097, family of five, \$2,450, family of six, \$2,803, family of seven, \$3,156.

You must also meet some citizenship or alien status requirements to qualify. A Social Security number is required, but undocumented parents may apply for their children born in the United States.

Keep in mind that owning a car or having a savings account or retirement fund are not barriers to obtaining help from the Basic Food Program.

Also, the Basic Food Program or food stamp assistance no longer comes to you as a paper coupon. Since 1999, the state has issued plastic cards that are used like a debit card, offering more privacy and convenience to users.

The first step to receiving Basic Food is to fill out a three-page application from the Department of Social & Health Services.

For help filling out the application or to have one mailed to you, contact Katie Schroeder, the Fremont Public Association's basic food outreach coordinator at (206) 694-6793 or by e-mail at katherines@fremontpublic.org.

You can also visit one of the local DSHS community service offices to pick up an application. Once you send in the completed form, you will be sent a letter with the date and time of a DSHS interview to determine if you can receive benefits.

If you are unable to make an in-person interview, you can request a telephone interview.

This was the preferred route for a homeless man who often uses the Familyworks Food Bank in Wallingford. With FPA's help, the man was able to arrange a phone interview at the food bank.

Later, the man commented that although he didn't have money for a thank-you card, he was very grateful for the help he received. It had really turned his life around, he said, adding that he's been considering other DSHS services to help him get off the street.

An in-person interview can be equally successful. Schroeder said one of her clients from the local food bank came to FPA after his interview to let her know he was happy she encouraged him to sign-up.

He qualified for the maximum amount for an individual, and he said that without FPA's help he would never have known about the benefit.

The mission of the Seattle Housing Authority is to enhance the Seattle community by creating and sustaining decent, safe and affordable living environments that foster stability and self-sufficiency for people with low incomes.

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Emergency preparedness coordinator joins SHA



Ginger Bonnell help prepare SHA buildings for disaster.

PHOTO BY CLAIRE MCDANIEL

By **CLAIRE MCDANIEL**
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Ginger Bonnell has joined the Seattle Housing Authority staff as the new emergency preparedness and recovery coordinator, and she has some ambitious goals.

Bonnell's first priority is to update the emergency preparedness plan that many at SHA have not reviewed for several years. Her second priority is to promote the revised plan to staff and residents, in part by implementing training programs.

Even though her title is lengthy, she could just be referred to as the "E-prep Guru." This guru said she feels her strength lies in her ability to see a task from different angles and to know what's needed to get it done.

When you're involved in emergency preparedness, you hope your work is never needed. However, Bonnell says "there are benefits to programs even if they aren't used for disasters—improved communication, cooperation, a more secure feeling."

Bonnell believes that many emergency preparedness challenges have simple and inexpensive solutions such as exchanging phone numbers with other parents at your children's school or, on a regional level, working with other agencies.

The Housing Authority is currently in the process of developing a partnership with the City of Seattle and the Seattle chapter of the American Red Cross to tailor education and training programs to the unique challenges of its residents.

"Our first focus with the residents will be to educate them in the area of general disaster preparedness," Bonnell said. "The long-term goal is for each building to have its own resident-staffed volunteer Emergency Response Team, fully-trained in disaster response and integrated into SHA's Emergency Response Plan."

Bonnell's trip to SHA has been a winding road. She worked on and off for school districts as an athletic coach and performed parking lot security duties at the schools. She worked for the Redmond Police Department as an officer recruit in the evidence room, and she even worked in retail.

When Bonnell isn't working, she's either enjoying outdoor activities, or she's curled up with a book at home.

She likes to work on cars and motorcycles and is taking an online motorcycle repair course. She must have inherited the mechanical gene from her father, with whom she's building a cedar strip canoe from scratch.

Bonnell encourages all residents and SHA employees to do their part to develop their own emergency preparedness plans for their homes and families.

She will be happy to provide additional information and resources to help. For more information, e-mail Bonnell at gbonnell@seattlehousing.org.

SHA to open Section 8 voucher waiting list in May

By **VIRGINIA FELTON**
Seattle Housing Authority

In May, the Seattle Housing Authority will open its waiting list for Housing Choice vouchers (also called Section 8 vouchers) and keep it open for about two weeks.

Beginning in early May, applications will be available at the Housing Authority's PorchLight offices, at public libraries and on the SHA Web site.

Applicants' position on the waiting list will be determined by a random lottery, so it is not necessary for interested people to be first in line to pick up an application.

Completed applications will be accepted only by mail.

Specific details about the opening of the waiting list will be included in the May issue of *The Voice* and on the Seattle Housing Authority's Web site, <http://www.seattlehousing.org>, in mid-April.

The waiting list was closed in June 2004 when it contained over 8,000 names. At that time, the amount of on-going funding for vouchers from the federal government was uncertain.

In late 2004, the Housing Authority stopped issuing new vouchers because of

this funding uncertainty.

In summer 2005, SHA amended its Section 8 policies in order to serve more families by making the amount of subsidy for each voucher a little lower. The Housing Authority then began issuing vouchers again, as the policies took effect.

"The wait list is currently below 2,000, and we are issuing several hundred vouchers a month," said Lisa Cipollone, SHA's director of advocacy and rental programs. "It's time to make this opportunity available to more people."

Seattle Housing Authority periodically updates the waiting list by mailing letters to applicants to ask if they are still in need of housing and want to remain on the list. The names of those who do not respond to such letters are removed from the list.

"Because it has been several years since we got new people on the waiting list, we are finding that we have to contact more people to get to those who still need a voucher," Cipollone said.

Often, when people originally apply for a Housing Choice Voucher, they are experiencing a crisis in their housing. As their circumstances change, their need for a voucher often changes too.

Advisory committee for The Voice forming

By **STACY SCHWANDT**
Voice editor

Are you a passionate reader of *The Voice*? Have you often wondered what it takes to put the publication together? Are you interested in getting involved?

If so, consider joining *The Voice* Resident Advisory Committee, which will begin meeting this month.

For the first time, Seattle Housing Authority residents will have an organized way to learn about the journalistic process and to ensure that their voices and the voices of their neighbors are represented in all of the publications' stories.

The committee will meet each month at the Neighborhood House Rainier Vista Center, 4410 29th Ave. S. The first meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

If you're interested, please call (206) 461-8430 ext. 227 in advance to let us know that you're coming. If you can't make this month's meeting, give us a call and we'll let you know when the next one is scheduled.

Committee members will have the opportunity to take on actual assignments,

including article writing, editing and neighborhood outreach.

Last year, *The Voice* underwent an extensive strategic planning process.

We held focus groups with two randomly-selected groups of residents, asking them what they liked about the publication and what they might like to see improved.

From there, we held a retreat with residents and service providers to pinpoint priorities to help us set a course for the publication.

The most popular idea to come out of the meetings was the formation of a resident advisory committee.

Other ideas ranged from the complicated, such as evaluating the effectiveness of translations in this publication, to the simple, such as purchasing racks to hold *The Voice* in buildings where it is dropped off in stacks.

It is our hope that the resident advisory committee will provide leadership and support to carry out all of these ideas.

Again, if you are interested in joining *The Voice* Resident Advisory Committee, please give me a call at (206) 461-8430 ext. 227 or e-mail me at stacys@nhwa.org.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Partnerships provide sustainable low-income housing to Seattle families



PHOTO BY WILLIAM WRIGHT OF WILLIAM WRIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

The Pantages Apartments provides 10 units of replacement housing for Holly Park.

By KARI SHERRODD
Seattle Housing Authority

Two of the Seattle Housing Authority's housing partners recently opened new buildings that will add to the city's stock of low-income housing and help to complete SHA's commitment to replace all of the original low-income housing units at Holly Park.

"These are both great apartment developments, and we are proud to contribute to their success," commented Tom Tierney, the Housing Authority's Executive Director.

Denny Park Apartments, owned and managed by Low-Income Housing Institute, and Pantages Apartments, owned and managed by Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program, are providing housing to



Denny Park Apartments

low- and extremely low-income families in Seattle.

Both were built to high environmentally-conscious standards and 15 of their units serve as Holly Park replacement housing.

The Housing Authority contributed funds up front to help pay for the construction work and also offered project-based Housing Choice Vouchers to make these units affordable for households with incomes below 30 percent of the area median income.

Denny Park Apartments, located at 230 Eighth Ave. N., is made up of 50 apartments located over street-level commercial space. The units range from studios to three-bedroom apartments and are generally targeted to families and individuals who make less than 60 percent of the area median income.

Three of the two-bedroom apartments and two of the three-bedroom apartments provide Holly Park replacement housing and will always be reserved for extremely low-income households with incomes below 30 percent of the area median income. An additional ten units are reserved as transitional housing for homeless families.

The building was the first to receive funding from the Green Communities Initiative, a five-year, \$550 million commitment to build more than 8,500 environmentally-friendly affordable homes across the country.

This initiative is a partnership of The Enterprise Foundation, Enterprise Social Investment Corporation and the National Resources Defense Council.

Some of the building's major sustainable design features include low-toxic finishes, a centralized hydronic heat system, a high-efficiency water heater and an abundant use of daylight to reduce reliance on artificial light. The building also features a storm-water collection system that helps to water landscaping around the building.

Pantages Apartments' 49 units are also home to low- and extremely low-income families.

Ten of the two-bedroom apartments serve as replacement housing for the Holly Park redevelopment, permanently remaining affordable to those living on less than 30 percent of area median income. Eleven units are reserved as transitional housing for homeless families.

The apartment complex is named after Alexander Pantages, the founder of the Pantages Theater chain in the early 1900s, and the original owner of the home on the site. The Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program has restored the house's original facade and structure, so that it serves as housing and as the entry to the new apartments behind it.

Pantages is the eighth affordable housing project in Seattle to be built in accordance with Seattle's SeaGreen standards for environmentally-conscious development. SeaGreen guidelines encourage projects to incorporate green practices, coordinating them into development, design and construction efforts in a holistic manner.

Some of the major sustainable features at Pantages include the use of paint on interior surfaces that emits very little harmful gas, a rain screen system behind the exterior siding to promote longevity of materials and resistance against mold growth, energy efficient refrigerators, natural linoleum and carpet with recycled content for the flooring, salvaged and reused materials and the use of salvaged materials.

The City Office of Housing contributed \$2.5 million dollars to this \$9.9 million dollar project, which was developed by Capitol Hill Housing.

For more information on the replacement housing program and status of Seattle Housing's replacement housing projects, visit <http://www.seattlehousing.org>.

Web sites give scoop on neighborhoods

SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Did you know that you can check for information about your community on the Internet?

Web sites are available for some Seattle Housing Authority communities. These sites help residents learn more about resources available to them and provide those interested with a tool to share information with their neighbors.

The Web sites were built at the suggestion of SHA's team of community builders. Each site includes a calendar of events and a directory of services in areas such as recreation, outreach and crime prevention.

The sites also include information on how to obtain funds for community projects and where to find out about other neighborhood amenities.

There are also sections for announcements, community awards and photos of community history. Each site has a list of useful links, including links to The Voice

newspaper, community newsletters and to the Housing Authority's Web site.

Residents are encouraged to contribute and suggest content ideas to their community builders.

Web site addresses

High Point

www.highpointneighborhood.org

NewHolly

www.newhollycampus.org

Yesler Terrace

www.yeslerterrace.org

Rainier Vista

www.rainiervista.org

Westwood Heights Senior Housing

www.westwoodheights.org

Deadline for joining policy committee approaching

SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Seattle Housing Authority would like to remind residents of Seattle Senior Housing Program buildings that the deadline for applying to be a member of the SSHP Joint Policy Advisory Committee is coming up.

The committee will be a forum for residents to provide SHA officials with input and advice on major policy decisions affecting the program. Applications are due on Friday, May 5.

Each duly elected resident council is entitled to have a representative and an

alternate as members of the committee. The Housing Authority also encourages residents from SSHP communities without this type of council to participate.

If you would like to be part of SSHP JPAC or if you need more information, please contact Vicky Yuki at (206) 615-3594 or by e-mail at vyuki@seattlehousing.org.

If you are interested in serving on the committee, remember to send your applications to Vicky Yuki c/o Seattle Housing Authority, P.O. Box 19028, Seattle, WA 98109-1028.

High rise construction underway Planning for next step of homeWorks project begins

By SVEN KOEHLER
Seattle Housing Authority

The results of more than a year of careful planning for the homeWorks project are becoming clear as construction begins in three Seattle Housing Authority high-rise buildings.

"When a project starts it is exciting to see the schedules and plans we put down on paper translate into action, because that means we are getting closer to the goal of getting the work done," says Lori Stehlik, who was recently hired to serve as the assistant construction project manager for the

\$32 million high rise renovation project.

Crews have started working in the interior halls and community rooms of Lictonwood, Green Lake Plaza and International Terrace.

Next up will be the renovation of exterior surfaces, followed by preparation for plumbing work inside apartment units.

There are five other buildings in the first phase of the homeWorks project. Work in those buildings will begin later this year or early next year.

Meanwhile, planning for future phases of homeWorks is also underway. In mid-March, a team of architects, engineers and

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About The Voice

The Voice is a monthly newspaper published by Neighborhood House with financial support from the Seattle Housing Authority.

The Voice is edited by Neighborhood House staff with help from SHA. It strives to provide a forum for objective news and information of interest to low-income people and those living in SHA communities.

The Voice welcomes articles, letters to the editor and columns from readers. If you'd like to submit an article, or if you have a question about anything you've read in this publication, feel free to contact Voice Editor Stacy Schwandt at (206) 461-8430 ext. 227 or by e-mail at stacys@nhwa.org.

If you have questions about SHA-related stories, you may also contact SHA Communications Director Virginia Felton at (206) 615-3506 or by e-mail at vfelton@seattlehousing.org.

You can also mail submissions to: The Voice, Neighborhood House, 905 Spruce St. #200, Seattle, WA 98104. Please include your name and contact information on your submission.

All submissions are subject to editing for accuracy, style and length.

POINT OF VIEW

NEWS ABOUT THE SEATTLE SENIOR HOUSING PROGRAM AND SEATTLE'S HIGH-RISE COMMUNITIES

Disaster preparedness training takes off



PHOTO BY STACY SCHWANDT

Residents of Tri Court Apartments read a disaster preparedness booklet provided by the City of Seattle's Seattle Disaster Aid and Response Teams program.

By VOICE STAFF

If disaster strikes, Tri Court residents and their neighbors will be prepared to handle the aftermath.

Over 20 neighbors participated last month in the first of five disaster preparedness forums that will take place in their community room.

They listened to two presentations, one by resident organizer Mary Jo Cetak on the special need to prepare people with disabilities to respond to disasters and another by the Seattle Police Department on what to do when an earthquake hits.

The forums will continue on the second Thursday of each month through August, as residents complete five modules of disaster preparedness training. As the weeks progress, participants will fill out a form describing their individual evacuation needs, choose a neighbor to serve as their evacuation partner and participate in evacuation drills.

"I think it's a good idea," said Tri Court resident Harry Ohman. "If a real disaster happened, we could be in a lot of trouble."

The resident-led initiative has resulted from the intersection of three events. First, when Hurricane Katrina hit, Tri Court residents watched as New Orleans public housing residents struggled to evacuate safely. Not long after, the Seattle Times published an article about a city disaster preparedness program that is underutilized by low-income communities. Finally, an unexpected blackout at Tri Court resulted

in evacuation problems, indicating to community members that they may not be ready to respond to bigger emergencies.

"I'm impressed how they took on this issue and ran with it," Ohman said of Cetak and the other Tri Court community members who helped organize the event.

Residents who attended the meeting discussed where to go in the first moments of an earthquake, explored ways special needs can be addressed during emergencies and learned safe ways to store water.

Seattle Police Department Crime Prevention Coordinator Diane Horswill encouraged those gathered to persevere in their disaster preparedness efforts. Horswill is a trainer who works with the City of Seattle's Seattle Disaster Aid and Response Teams, or SDART.

"It's easy to get overwhelmed with this stuff, and when you start to get overwhelmed, you stop preparing," she said. "Even the smallest things are going to make a big difference."

Horswill corrected a misconception many people hold about the safest place to be in an earthquake.

"Doorways aren't the best place to be, in our modern construction, they're no stronger than any other part of the house," she said. "The best place to be is down low under a table or beside a sofa."

It's especially important to resist the urge to run, she added.

For more information on the Tri Court disaster preparedness effort, contact Anthony Cameron at am124sea@yahoo.com.

SHA extends Bayview Tower application period

By CLAIRE McDANIEL
Seattle Housing Authority

The Seattle Housing Authority has extended the period for interested people to apply for tenancy at Bayview Tower until June 30.

Applications are available to pick up in person at PorchLight, 907 N.W. Ballard Way, or through the mail by calling (206) 239-1737.

Bayview Tower is a senior and disabled designated high rise located on Fourth Avenue and Vine Street between Belltown and the Seattle Center.

Almost three years ago, SHA closed Bayview's waiting list because there were more applicants than could be accommodated in a reasonable amount of time.

Now, SHA is ready to accept more applications.

Bayview Tower is not a public housing property but is funded by the Section 8 New Construction program. That means that seniors who are over 62 years old and disabled people who are already on the waiting list for public housing may put their name on Bayview's waiting list as well.

Like public housing and the Section 8 Housing Voucher Program, residents at Bayview Tower pay approximately 30 percent of their income for rent.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Applications will be accepted for the Bayview Tower waiting list until the end of June.

Given the number of units that will be ready for lease, Dennis Hall, Porchlight admissions manager, predicts the first dozen or so applicants to turn in their applications could be asked in for an interview within three to four months. Others nearer the end of the list may wait two years or longer, given Bayview's low tenant turn-over.

For more information online, you can visit http://www.seattlehousing.org/housing/eneews/articles/mar06_bayview.html.

homeWorks

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SHA construction staff surveyed other Low-Income Public Housing buildings to begin to plan out the rest of the project.

While the scheduling decisions are still in process, the buildings being considered for the next phase of homeWorks include Cal-Mor Circle, Center Park, Cedarvale House and Village, Lake City House, Olympic West, Queen Anne Heights and University West.

Also being considered for the future phases are Barton Place, Center West, Jackson Park Village, Ross Manor, Stewart Manor, University House and West Town View.

The purpose of homeWorks is to renovate high-rise buildings so they can continue to provide housing to people living on very low incomes for years to come.

Most of the buildings in the high rise program are over 35 years old, and it is time to repair their infrastructures, including water supply lines, exterior surfaces and ventilation systems.

Because no two buildings are exactly the same, the surveys now underway will help construction team staff to pinpoint the most crucial work that needs to be done in each building.



PHOTO BY SVEN KOHLER

Lori Stehlik, the new member of the homeWorks team, checks out the work being done to transform the old leaky office at Green Lake Plaza back into a patio for residents to enjoy.

When planners have determined the repairs that will best meet each building's needs, the design process begins.

The design team plans the construction process and determines the budget. Oftentimes, it takes many months before the final planning is complete.

The same guiding principles used for planning the first phase will be followed in future phases of homeWorks, including taking steps to ensure that construction disturbs residents as little as possible.

Seattle Housing Authority's homeWorks staff will also continue to provide information to residents well before work starts, and will provide plenty of updates throughout the construction period.

Community notes

Advocates meet

The board of the SSHP Advocates II meets on the third Wednesday of each month at alternate buildings.

These meetings are open to any interested resident of a Senior Housing Building.

If you wish to attend, please feel free to call for the latest location and time. Call Edie Koch at (206) 217-9451 or Bette Reed at (206) 523-8685.

Cooking demonstration planned

Lictonwood residents are invited to a Come Taste healthy cooking demon-

stration in the community room from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on April 24.

Come Taste is a project of Public Health - Seattle & King County. The demonstrations are designed for older adults and encourages fruit and vegetable consumption, provides nutrition education for a healthier diet and encourages people to participate in the Basic Foods (food stamp) program.

If you are interested in hosting a demonstration in your building, contact SHA Community Builders Brett Houghton at (206) 615-3596 or Marcia Johnson at (206) 615-3554.

HIGH POINT HERALD

NEWS ABOUT THE HIGH POINT COMMUNITY

Calugas Apartments to be dedicated on April 12



PHOTO BY KARI SHERRODD

This newly-built apartment building will carry the name of Sgt. Jose Calugas, Sr., a World War II veteran who won a Congressional Medal of Honor.

SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

High Point's new 36-unit apartment building will be dedicated on April 12 in honor of Sgt. Jose Calugas, Sr. a World War II veteran who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism.

The dedication ceremonies will start at 12:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 1 p.m. in front of the building, which is located at 6025 Lanham Place S.W. Speakers will include Calugas family members and members of Seattle's Filipino community.

The Calugas Apartments will house two types of tax credit units, one for those with incomes at or below 50 percent of area median income and the other for those at or below 60 percent of area median income.

The name for the new building was inspired by local Filipino veterans, whose activism ensured that a street in High Point would remain named Southwest Bataan Place.

As the street grid was reconfigured during recent redevelopments, there was a possibility that a Bataan Place would no longer exist. At the request of Seattle's Filipino community, and with the support of City Council Members David Della and Tom Rasmussen, the street was retained in the new development.

When the Seattle Housing Authority solicited names for the new apartment building, Bert Caoili, President of the Filipino Community of Seattle, suggested Calugas.

He noted that the street name made it "fitting that the heroism of those who fought for freedom in Bataan and Corregidor during World War II be further remembered."

Caoili will introduce the Calugas family members at the dedication. Sgt. Jose Calugas, Sr. is one of the only Filipino World War II recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Sgt. Calugas was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism on January 6, 1942 at Culis, Bataan Province. As a sergeant in Battery B of the 88th Field Artillery, Calugas witnessed the Japanese bombing and shelling of a nearby Scout gun position until it was put out of commission and its crew members killed or wounded.

The Medal of Honor citation states that "Calugas voluntarily and without orders ran 1,000 yards across the shell-swept area to the gun position. There he organized a volunteer squad which placed the gun back in commission and fired effectively against the enemy, although the position remained under constant and heavy Japanese artillery fire."

The three-floor apartment building was recently completed and is in the process of being leased to tenants.

It contains one- and two- bedroom apartments, many with spectacular views of the surrounding area and the downtown skyline. Tours of the apartments will be given at the dedication, and traditional Filipino refreshments will be served.

Community notes

Start spring with a healthy smile

Vacation is an easy time for children to get the dental care they need without taking time away from school.

The High Point Dental Clinic in West Seattle will be offering special appointments for dental care for children during spring break, April 10 to 14.

Families are encouraged to call (206) 461-6966 for their appointment.

Parents must accompany any new patient. The clinic accepts medical coupons and private insurance. It also offers discounts based on family income.

The clinic is run by Puget Sound Neighborhood Health Center and is lo-

cated at 6020 35th Ave. S.W. For more information, call (206) 461-6966.

Join the Cambodian tea group

A tea group for the Cambodian residents of High Point was recently formed with the support of Neighborhood House. Important information about community events and discussion about community issues are shared at the meetings.

The next meeting is on April 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Neighborhood Service Center, 6564 32nd Ave.

For more information, call Neighborhood House at (206) 923-3266.

U.S. congressman tours High Point

SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

New rental units, parks, homes for sale and the natural drainage system were among the points of interest covered on a tour of High Point last month with Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA), and staff from the Seattle Housing Authority and Neighborhood House.

"The visit gave the Congressman a chance to walk around the site and understand the complexity of the redevelopment plan," said Tom Phillips, the High Point project manager for SHA. "The questions he asked showed that he understood how this sustainable community will serve low-income renters for many generations."

McDermott and his staff members began their tour at the model rental unit, and were briefed on the "Breathe Easy" homes nearby that provide healthy environments for children with a history of asthma and other respiratory problems.

The group also examined the new pond and the vegetated swales that serve as the core of the natural drainage system.

"The federal investment here is significant, and we appreciate being able to help members of Congress understand how we are renewing our important housing stock and making these communities more sustainable for low-income people over the long term," Phillips said.



PHOTO BY KARI SHERRODD

Rep. Jim McDermott (on left) shares a few words with Tom Phillips about the High Point redevelopment.

The group completed their tour in the original part of High Point where Phase II of construction will soon begin.

"I'm delighted to see that High Point will serve the needs of the people as an environmentally-friendly and healthy neighborhood," Representative McDermott said as the walk concluded. "It's exciting to see how the strengths of the original community, including strong social ties and an effective network of social services, are being preserved and enhanced in the new neighborhood."

'Who you callin' senior?'

BY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER STAFF

If you can relate to the term "baby boomer" you're most likely cringing at the term "senior" these days. What many people in the 50-something crowd don't realize is that they, too, are being classified as seniors by groups that organize and fund programs.

For some time, staff members at the High Point Career and Technology Center have been finding it difficult to recruit participants for computer classes directed towards "seniors."

Interestingly enough, one client at the center picked up a flyer about the Seniors' Computer Class and stated she wished she qualified because she thought it would be perfect for her. Center Director Meredith Blache quickly pointed out that she *did* qualify because she was over 50.

After seeing the look of dismay on the woman's face, Blache went on to point out that the class was actually open to any adult who would like a slower-paced, small-group learning environment.

In conversation with other adults participating in the seniors' program, much resentment unfolded about the image that was placed upon them when they were called seniors.

Participant Anna Evans said the term "conjures up negative expectations, not only from those calling me seniors, but

from me (when I hear it)."

She added that she didn't want to fit the mold. Instead, she wanted to keep doing all that she has been doing and living life to the fullest.

Participant Talibah Chiku agreed.

"Essentially there is a value prevailing in society that relegates older adults to a category of dysfunctional and incapable of making a vital contribution to their own lives," he said. "It is a travesty. It is a societal value in which we all fall into the habit of classifying people into categories like race, income, education, languages and age."

This thought rang true to many in the community. They agreed that they preferred to be called adults—not seniors, not mature adults—just adults.

Blache said that the center is responding to this feeling in order to begin breaking down barriers keeping adults from participating in the center's services.

Needless to say you will now see an "adult computer class" in place of the "seniors' computer class" in course listings from the center.

The adult introductory computer class meets every Monday from 10:30 a.m. to noon at High Point Elementary, 6760 34th Ave S.W. For more information call (206) 252-9480.

RAINIER VISTA NEWS

NEWS ABOUT THE RAINIER VISTA COMMUNITY

Resource fair draws crowd

By NAOMI CHANG
Seattle Housing Authority

The Rainier Vista Community Resource Fair, sponsored by the Seattle Housing Authority, was successfully held last month in the Neighborhood House Rainier Vista Center.

The weather was luckily warmer and drier compared to the days before.

Over 45 people came together for the event.

Attendees discussed the Rainier Vista community's available resources as they enjoyed refreshments. Interpretation in Cambodian, Vietnamese, Somali and Amharic was provided.

Kelly McKinney of Seattle Neighborhood Group handled the outreach process, walking door-to-door at both Snoqualmie Place and Judi McBride Court to let residents know the meeting would be held.

Flyers were also distributed to the entire neighborhood, thanks to the help of a couple community volunteers.

Staff from the City of Seattle's P-Patch program encouraged residents to sign up for a gardening spot near the Snoqualmie Building.

Officer Ed Haynes of the Seattle Police Department provided several tips on preventing vandalism around the community and gave people information on who they



Neighbors listen to a presentation at the community resource fair.

PHOTO BY NAOMI CHANG

should call in an emergency (911) and in a non-emergency situation (206-625-5011).

In addition, contact information was provided for Action Force One, a private security company at Rainier Vista. You can reach them at (206) 571-2994.

Lastly, Dean Weitenhagen, senior property manager for Seattle Housing Authority, talked about parking in assigned lots and on public streets, storage for residents of Snoqualmie Place and McBride Court and how to maintain the type of curb appeal that will keep the neighborhood welcoming.

Attendees made some great suggestions to the management team, including reserving a parking area for Rainier Vista residents and providing additional tables and chairs in the Judi McBride courtyard.

Land a high-paying job in the construction industry

By JEFF THUNG
Seattle Housing Authority

What's hot in the job market?
Which jobs pay the most?

It's not computer programming, software, games, or the Internet. The sector that is leading the job growth is the construction industry.

In Washington state, 89,500 jobs were added to the job market last year and 17,100 of them were jobs in the construction industry. That's 19 percent of all new jobs. In January alone, there were 3,800 new jobs in the construction sector.

No other sector is growing faster than construction.

Even more good news is that the Washington State Employment Security department reports that 40 percent of the state's construction job vacancies are in King County.

There is a lot of work to do, and there will be plenty of high paying jobs in King County for years to come.

It's good to know, too, that jobs in the construction industry pay very well. According to Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Employment for Women and Men, a nonprofit agency that has been running pre-apprenticeship programs for 24 years, a carpenter starts at about \$16.33 per hour and can earn as much as \$27.22 when they graduate from a three-year training.

Plumbers start at \$14.57 and roofers start at \$14.58.

Despite the high wages in these jobs, em-

ployers in this sector have reported a shortage of qualified candidates. In Washington, industry analysts expect that more than 7,500 construction workers will retire over the next five years, but there will be only about 1,200 qualified workers to replace them. A career in the construction industry is a good way to build your future.

There are many training programs available to help interested candidates enter these high-paying jobs.

The Job Connection is collaborating with Seattle Vocational Institute, Apprenticeship & Non-traditional Employment for Women and Men and Renton Technical College to help interested Seattle Housing Authority residents get the training they need to land these jobs.

The programs offered by this partnership provide training in a variety of trades, giving residents the ability to choose the job that suits them best.

Recently, The Job Connection partnered with LELO, Neighborhood House and Environmental Maintenance Technology to provide a one-week hazardous materials training to interested residents.

Some of the graduates of this course have already landed interviews for jobs in the second phase of the Rainier Vista redevelopment project.

If you are interested in training for one of these high-paying jobs, The Job Connection would like to help.

Contact Rickie Robinson or Jeff Thung at The Job Connection office at (206) 937-3292 for more information.

Food program can help neighbors in need

By EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM STAFF

Many people struggle with the ever-increasing cost of living, and too many of our neighbors are forced to choose between paying the rent, refilling needed prescriptions, clothing their children or providing their families with enough food to eat.

Since 1977, the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County has offered both food and hope to individuals and families who find themselves in the unacceptable position of being forced to choose between paying a bill or going to bed hungry.

Now operating as a fully-independent nonprofit organization, EFP is the "911" of food banks, preparing and distributing 14 different varieties of emergency grocery bags to those who have an immediate need for food and are unable to wait for a food stamps application to be processed or for their local food bank to be open for distribution.

Each bag is designed to provide two days of healthy, nutritious meals, sized according to family and containing food that is tailored for different dietary needs and

cultural preferences.

With over 80 distribution sites, EFP is unique in that its mission is not to serve a single city or neighborhood one or two days a week, but to offer convenient help to everyone experiencing a hunger crisis anywhere in King County, wherever and whenever they need it—including right here in the Rainier Valley.

In an average year, EFP is able to provide nearly 400,000 meals to some 60,000 individuals and families. About half of these recipients are children.

Hunger is ugly. It is debilitating and demoralizing. But it is a problem that can be solved. You can help the Emergency Feeding Program combat hunger in your community.

If you, or someone you know, needs help ensuring that food is on their table, please contact Annie Edwards at Rainier Vista Neighborhood House between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at (206) 461-4568 ext. 215.

You can also call the Emergency Feeding Program at (206) 329-0300 for the location of the distribution center nearest you.

Hardworking residents earn exciting new jobs

By LARRY HILL
Seattle Housing Authority

We are delighted to announce that Urgi Dadi of Rainier Vista has started her duties as a youth art program coordinator at Rainier Vista for The Nature Consortium.

Dadi is a junior attending Skyway High School where she recently transferred from Rainier Beach High School. Dadi has long been associated with the Youth Art Program; in fact she had been a participant for 10 years. Her duties will be to teach

environmental lessons through hands-on conservation projects. Congratulations Urgi!

We are also excited to announce that longtime Rainier Vista resident Layla Nov has begun work for Neighborhood House as a home visitor in the Parent Child Home Program.

Nov will work with 2-year-olds and their families, helping children develop early literacy skills. Good luck Layla!

If you are seeking help in your job search, feel free to contact The Job Connection at (206) 722-4010.



Urgi Dadi



Layla Nov

Community notes

Join your neighbors, create a park

Come to Central Park, at 29th Avenue South and South Genesee Street, to help build an environment everyone will love.

On Saturday, April 15 and 22 meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to spread topsoil, plant plants and meet your neighbors. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call Sibyl Glasby at (206) 615-3532.

Cambodian New Year's celebration

Join the Rainier Vista Cambodian Youth Group for a Cambodian New Year's celebration.

The event will include delicious food, dancing and other entertainment.

It will take place at the Neighbor-

hood House Rainier Vista Center, 4410 29th Ave. South beginning at 1 p.m.

Medicare questions and answers

Untangle the confusion of the new Medicare prescription drug program. If you are 65 years and over, don't hesitate, come to the Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave. S., from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, April 12.

Hat fashion show and dinner

"Hats Exclusively For You," a shop in Renton, presents a fabulous hat fashion show for men, women and children at the Rainier Community Center. Pull out your best hat and show it off too. Enjoy dinner and door prizes. Reservations required (206) 684-7484.

NEWHOLLY NOTES

NEWS ABOUT THE NEWHOLLY COMMUNITY

Youth arrested in connection with area burglaries

None of the suspects are from NewHolly

By VOICE STAFF

A group of teenagers were arrested trying to break into an apartment at NewHolly in early March, Seattle Housing Authority officials said. The arrests were made after a neighbor called 911 as the crimes were in progress.

There have been about six break-ins in NewHolly over the past month, said Senior Property Manager Terry Hirata.

Seattle Police Department officials confirmed that they have arrested multiple suspects in conjunction with the crimes and that they are aware of multiple other suspects.

"It does not appear that any of them were juveniles that lived in NewHolly," said a Seattle Police Department spokesperson.

She added that the Police Department had the suspects on at least 20 counts of different crimes.

According to Hirata, the teenagers were knocking on doors and if no one answered, they were breaking windows and stealing video games, game players and food.

"What finally got it is someone called 911," he said "That's been a problem from the start - people are hesitant to call 911."

Hypothesizing on why NewHolly community members, many of whom are immigrants, hesitate to use the emergency number, Hirata said it could be a matter of confusion or suspicion.

"It could be a cultural distrust from where they came from. It could be that when they call, people don't understand them and they don't understand the system. Perhaps they're afraid that they won't be anonymous," he said. "I think it's important to stress this, though, because I think (the break-ins) could have been stopped much earlier if people had called 911."

Junior community builder pitches in, gets job experience

By CLAIRE MCDANIEL
Seattle Housing Authority

With his disarming smile and melodic name, Kamaladene Aly (whose first name means "halo" in the Cham language) is NewHolly's newest resident-turned-versatile-volunteer.

As the neighborhood's junior community builder and youth office worker, this 17-year-old Franklin High School student has his hands full.

When Aly's mother, Samsidah, told him he needed to get a job after school, he found information about the position posted on the NewHolly bulletin board.

He applied, was called in for an interview and got the job, partially because of his computer skills and, undoubtedly, because of his personality.

Aly's mother is originally from South Vietnam, but he was born in San Francisco and moved to Seattle when he was around 3 or 4 years old. He now lives in the NewHolly community with his younger brother, Hamzah and his mother.

In the wintertime, Aly participates in indoor swimming. In the fall, he's in a program called Upward Bound which is helping to prepare him for college. When asked what he plans to major in, his response shows that he is still deciding.

"Computer science or, maybe computer engineering, I'm not sure," he said.

For three months, he's been working at NewHolly two to four hours a week, performing a variety of tasks including reconciling accounts payable, preparing sign-in sheets, stocking brochures and distributing flyers, posting newsletters and preparing community events letters.

If that isn't enough, he also supervises youth volunteers.



PHOTO BY JOY BRYNGELSON

Kamaladene Aly helps out with the dishes after the NewHolly New Year's Multicultural Potluck.

In Aly's travels, he's gotten to know quite a few people who live and work in the neighborhood. He's worked with Sue Seigenthaler at the Atlantic Street Center, helping with community events such as WinterFest.

He talks to Property Management Associate Denise Walker, and Community Builder Joy Bryngleson has him running around and making copies for her. He lent a hand cleaning up after the NewHolly New Year's Multicultural Potluck. He greets the people he sees on his rounds and takes advantage of his opportunities to learn.

When asked what he likes about being junior community builder, Aly says that "experience on computers...and the 'cool' staff members" are at the top of the list.

He's hoping this experience will help him to get a scholarship to the University of Washington, and he's also hoping he can inspire more volunteers to help.

If you need volunteer hours to graduate and would like to do some flyer distribution, contact Aly or Bryngleson at (206) 723-1725.

Mosaic captures joy, teaches patience



PHOTO BY JOY BRYNGELSON

The members of Girl Scout troop 8202 receive certificates for the work on the mosaic from artists Mary Coss and Sultan Mohamed.

By VOICE STAFF

The mosaic may have taken two months of steady work to complete, but members of NewHolly's Girl Scout Troop 8202 said it was worth it when their piece was mounted permanently above the teen center in the NewHolly Family Building.

The girls gathered last month with troop leader Denise Brown, artists Mary Coss and Sultan Mohammed and students from Asa Mercer Middle School to celebrate their work.

The mosaic, which the Girl Scouts designed, represents the life of the community center, with pencils, books, singing mouths and even a pool cue representing the teen

community, providing an opportunity for creative expression to youth who may not otherwise have it.

Coss, who manages the program, has led many of the workshop's projects, including those at the Rainier Valley Cultural Center and at Asa Mercer.

"I think the program excites and inspires some kids who don't really get moved in other ways," she said. "There's also an interesting feeling of self-worth that comes up when they take part in a project that's permanent."

The girls worked on the mosaic in November and December and it was installed in late February. A plaque with the girls'



The mosaic hangs over the teen center in the NewHolly family building.

center. It is made from small pieces of glass that are held together by grout.

The two houses on either side, which were created by Asa Mercer students, represent the neighborhood itself.

"We did a pretty good job," said 14-year-old Luwam Kibreab.

The project was part of the Southeast Effective Development's Public Art Workshop, which aims to bring artists into the

names will eventually be hung alongside the piece.

"We learned about teamwork," said 17-year-old La Toya Carter.

Twelve-year-old Meseret Tella agreed, saying that although the project required commitment, the feeling of accomplishment she now experiences is rewarding.

"People respect us because they know that we made it," she said.

'Zine' wins excellence award

SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The zine that showcases the Othello Station neighborhood won an award for public relations excellence last month.

The small magazine was created by Seattle Housing Authority and its consultant Fusionpartners to promote the neighborhood's unique characteristics in order to attract home buyers. It's Totem Award for excellence in public relations came from the Puget Sound Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

The zine has been distributed around NewHolly in local stores and businesses.

The zine, like those created for the High Point and Rainier Vista neighborhoods, is full of graphics and upbeat, lively stories.

The stories tell about the people who live in the communities, the best places to eat, the closest parks and art galleries and provides information about the areas' merchants and their businesses.

All of the zines have been distributed around their respective neighborhoods in local stores and businesses, where they are available free of charge. They are also available in the communities in bright yellow newspaper boxes.

YESLER HAPPENINGS

NEWS ABOUT THE YESLER TERRACE COMMUNITY

Yesler Terrace redevelopment discussed on Seattle Channel

BY VOICE STAFF

In late February, Seattle Housing Authority Executive Director Tom Tierney and Kristin O'Donnell, president of the Yesler Terrace Community Council, were guests on Seattle Channel's weekly news show "City Inside/Out" hosted by C.R. Douglas.

They discussed their individual perspectives on Yesler Terrace redevelopment after a brief presentation about the community's history. Douglas showed before and after photos of the NewHolly, Rainier Vista and High Point redevelopments and probed into some of the hot-button issues surrounding Yesler Terrace redevelopment.

"Can't you make the case that Yesler is different? That Yesler isn't avoided like some of those communities were (before redevelopment) and that Yesler is sought after?" he asked.

Tierney responded that the Housing Authority is considering redeveloping Yesler for two reasons. First, the apartments are 67 years old, and although they are not failing now, they cannot be expected to serve needy families for the next 60 years without significant improvements to their infrastructure.

A second reason to consider redevelopment, Tierney said, is that introducing other money-making uses on the site, whether residential or commercial, will help pay for the low-income housing's ongoing maintenance and infrastructure needs.

"Put it into the context of severely declining revenues for public housing in the Bush Administration and even before," he said. "If you want to rebuild and keep (the) housing available and the infrastructure workable, you've got to have some sort of revenue."

Regardless, O'Donnell argued that Yesler should remain as is because of the crucial support it provides for many low-income families.

"The good thing about housing projects is that there are enough people who have

similar needs for social services that it makes sense and it's affordable per family to have those services there," she said.

O'Donnell described Yesler as being "well-designed for people," especially for people who are struggling to escape homelessness or to get the education or job they need to move off of public subsidy.

"The crowding that will happen with redevelopment isn't good for families," she said, pointing out that the densest area in Yesler Terrace "is a much less pleasant place to live. People are bouncing off of each other (in a) much worse (way)."

She also expressed concern for the struggling families who did not qualify to return to other redeveloped communities and have since moved into Yesler Terrace.

The program's host moved on to address criticisms of the way SHA has replaced the low-income apartments that have been lost as NewHolly, Rainier Vista and High Point are redeveloped.

"You guys have been hit hard on this," Douglas said.

Tierney said that the City Council has reviewed each unit SHA has counted as replacement housing, and that many low-income housing developers across Seattle say their buildings could not have been built without the funding that came through the SHA replacement housing program.

O'Donnell expressed concern that many apartments that originally housed families have been replaced with units for individuals or seniors. Tierney said that as the baby boomers age, more and more senior housing will be needed.

"The need for those future residents is something that we need to keep in mind," he said. "The current resident may prefer the yard and the tree, but at some point that housing is not going to be livable, and it is my responsibility to try to steward that housing into the future."

The program can be viewed online at <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=3060608>.

Notes from the manager

BY JUDI CARTER

Senior Property Manager

The flowers are in bloom, the leaves are budding out on the trees, and the grass is growing.

It is time to think about checking out a lawn mower or weed eater from the management office to get the grass cut before it gets too long and hard to cut.

If you do not have time, you should consider checking with the folks at Neighborhood House. They may know someone who could cut your grass for a reasonable price. Their phone number is (206) 461-4522.

A while back, Seattle Housing Authority plumbers ran a camera down a drain in Yesler Terrace to see why it was always plugging up. What they found was very disturbing. The drain was almost totally plugged with hardened grease.

The pipes leading from the apartments to carry out wastewater are very old in Yesler Terrace. They were installed between 1939 and 1941. They were made of concrete, and are not in good condition.

When people put oil and grease from cooking in the toilet or down the sink, it hardens when it reaches the outside pipes and sticks to the rough surface of the inside of the pipes. After awhile, the grease builds up and plugs the pipe.

When SHA tries to open up the pipes again, the pressure of the tools used to clear them can and has damaged them beyond repair. Why am I telling you all of this? I need you not to put grease down any drain in your apartment.

Instead, when you have a pot or pan full of grease from meat or used cooking oil, pour it into an aluminum can. Let the grease congeal and then throw the can away.

Council members, volunteers support reading in classrooms



PHOTO BY STACY SCHWANDT

Seattle City Councilmember Jan Drago reads Dr. Seuss's "The Cat in the Hat" to students in Nina Clark's Yesler Terrace classroom.

BY STACY SCHWANDT

Voice editor

Whether it was a story about the dangers of talking to strangers (you might lure a wolf home to gobble up your grandmother!) or a story that offered a whimsical rhyming adventure (have you ever seen a llama in pajamas?) more than a dozen volunteers treated Neighborhood House Head Start students to the imaginative world of books last month.

The visits were part of Neighborhood House's Head Start Reading Week. Twice a year, volunteers, staff members and public officials visit Neighborhood House classrooms to reinforce the literacy lessons the agency's teachers provide to their students every day.

"It's a good opportunity to foster a love of reading," said Brenna Casey, the Neighborhood House volunteer coordinator who organized the event. "When adults come in to help teachers emphasize the importance of reading, it really sends the message home."

This year, four Seattle city councilmembers and a state representative joined

the Reading Week team, including City Councilmembers Sally Clark, David Della, Jan Drago, Nick Licata and State Representative Joe McDermott. King County Councilmembers Dow Constantine and Larry Gossett also attended the event.

Councilmember Jan Drago, wearing a striped hat, had no trouble keeping the attention of the students in Nina Clark's Yesler Terrace classroom as she read Dr. Seuss's "The Cat in the Hat."

Drago started her career as a Head Start teacher in New Jersey and served in the classroom for seven years.

"It's probably the most successful and statistically-proven education program that the U.S. has put together," she said.

Especially crucial to Head Start's success, Drago said, are the assistant teachers who often live in the children's neighborhood. At Neighborhood House, many of these teachers, along with the classroom kitchen aides, provide language support for the classrooms' many bilingual students.

"Today, all kids need preschool education," Drago added. "The most important thing is that a child feels successful and prepared for kindergarten."

Community notes

Council election next month

The Yesler Terrace Community Council will hold elections for officers at its April 18 meeting.

Nominations include: Kristin O'Donnell for president, Art Rea for vice president, Penny Mills for treasurer and Sarin McKee for secretary. Herold Eby and Senait Gebregorgous have been nominated for at-large positions.

All Yesler Terrace residents who have attended a community council meeting in the past six months and are over the age of 16 are eligible to vote.

The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. in the Jesse Epstein Building, 905 Spruce St.

Tutoring at Yesler Terrace

Are you in need of some homework help?

Yesler Terrace Youth Tutoring Program sessions are held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. for elementary and middle school students. On Wednesdays, sessions are held from 5 to 7 p.m. for high school students. The tutoring center is located in the Yesler Terrace Community Center.

Any Yesler resident between the first and twelfth grades can enroll in the program.

Most students attend one hour sessions. For more information call Amy Kopriva at (206) 682-5590.



TRANSLATIONS

TRANSLATED ARTICLES FROM THE VOICE

Home Works advisory committee forming

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Advisory committee for homeWorks project forming

Создаётся совещательная комиссия для проекта чомеШоркс

Жилищное управление Сиэтла создаёт совещательную комиссию для home Works, 36-тимиллионного проекта реконструкции многоэтажных домов.

В комиссию войдут представители от каждого из восьми зданий, вовлечённых в первую стадию строительного плана, включая Грин Лейк Плаза, Ликтонвуд, Интернейшионал Терас, Бикон Тауэр, Баллард Хауз, Кэпитол Парк, Олив Ридж и Харвард Корт.

Следующие несколько лет Жилищное управление будет ремонтировать многие из своих многоэтажных домов, чтобы они могли на долгие годы исправно предоставлять жильё для малообеспеченных людей. Жилищное управление наняло фирму В.Г. Кларк Констракшин для выполнения этой работы.

В состав также войдут хозяйственные

управляющие ЖУС, строительные управляющие и два представителя от Резидент Акшин Кансил, выборочного совета жителей многоэтажных домов.

Решение создать комиссию пришло в ответ на просьбу Резидент Акшин Кансил. Совет жителей прислал в начале февраля в ЖУС письмо с предложением создать комиссию жильцов для рассмотрения строительных планов, контроля за строительными работами, рассмотрения возникающих проблем и разработки плана по уменьшению влияния строительных работ на повседневную жизнь жителей.

Должностные лица Жилищного управления согласились с этим, добавив, что они создадут совещательную комиссию, как только проект перейдёт в свою вторую стадию.

Если у вас есть желание посвятить своё время для заседания в совещательной комиссии, свяжитесь с офисом Резидент Акшин Кансил (Resident Action Council) по тел. (206) 322-2257.

THÀNH LẬP BAN CỔ VẤN CHƯƠNG TRÌNH “homeWorks”

Advisory committee for homeWorks project forming

Cơ quan cấp phát gia cư Seattle Housing Authority đang thành lập một ủy ban cố vấn được gọi là homeWorks, đó là tên của một dự án để tái xây cất các khu nhà cao ốc với số kinh phí là \$36 triệu đô.

Ủy ban cố vấn gồm có người đại diện từ 8 khu cao ốc có liên quan đến giai đoạn xây dựng đầu tiên của dự án, gồm có cao ốc Green Lake Plaza, Lictonwood, International Terrace, Beacon Tower, Ballard House, Capitol Park, Olive Ridge và Harvard Court.

Trong vài năm tới, cơ quan cấp phát gia cư (SHA) sẽ tân trang nhiều cao ốc để đưa vào sử dụng như nhà ở cho người có lợi tức thấp cho nhiều năm sau nữa. Cơ quan cấp phát gia cư SHA đã vừa hợp đồng với công ty W.G.Clark để xây dựng.

(Ủy ban) cũng bao gồm các vị Quản Lý –managers- của cơ quan cấp phát gia cư SHA, những người quản lý lo về việc xây dựng và 2 thành viên của Hội đồng Cư Dân Hành Động, một thành phần đại diện cho cư dân trong khu cao ốc.

Quyết định thành lập ủy ban này là do yêu cầu của Hội Đồng Cư Dân Hành Động. Hồi đầu Tháng Hai, hội đồng đã gửi lá thư cho Cơ quan Cấp Phát Gia Cư SHA kêu gọi việc thành lập một ủy ban cư dân để duyệt qua những dự án xây dựng, theo dõi tiến triển của việc xây dựng, nhằm giải quyết những vấn đề xảy ra liên quan đến việc xây dựng, và để triển khai kế hoạch giảm đi những ảnh hưởng của việc xây dựng đưa đến cho cư dân.

Cơ quan Cấp Phát Gia Cư –SHA đã đồng ý, thêm vào đó họ sẽ thành lập một ủy ban cố vấn cho việc xây dựng ở lúc bắt đầu vào giai đoạn hai.

Nếu quý vị muốn tình nguyện tham gia vào ủy ban cố vấn, xin liên lạc văn phòng Hội Đồng Cư Dân Hành Động ở số điện thoại (206)322-2257.

Dadka guryaha ka shaqeyya la talintooda guddi loo sameeyey

Advisory committee forming for homeWorks program

Guryaha Maamulka Seattle waxay samaydsay guddi la talin ah oo dadka guryaha ku shaqeyya laca dhan \$ 36 Malyan oo horumarin ah mashruuceeda.

Guddiga waxaa ka, id noqon doona dad ka mid ah 8da dhismo ku lug yeeshay wejigii horeoo mashruuca dhismaha, iyadoo ay ku jirto Green Lake Plaza, Lictonwood, International Terrace, Beacon Tower, Ballard House, Capitol Park, Olive Ridge iyo Harvard Court.

Sannadaha soo socda, Maamulka Guryaha waxay cusboonaysiin doontaa kuwa badan ka mid ah high rise dhismaha sidii loogu sii haayo guryaha dakhligoodu yar yahay sannooyinka soo socda l Maamulka Guryaha waxay qortay W.G.Clark si uu u qabto dhismaha shaqada.

Xitaa waxaa kaloo ku jira lahaanshaha SHA maamuladooda, maamulada dhismaha iyo laba ka mid ah deegaanka ee Guddiga wax qabadka ah oo lga doortay high-rise deegaankeeda.

Go'aanka samaynta Guddiga waxaa ka yimid si loogu jawaabo codsiga Guddiga wax

qabadka codsigooda. Guddigu xaashi ayuu soo diray una soo diray SHA horraantii Febraayo kuna yeeraya samaynta guddiga deegaanka si loogu celiyo dhisme mashruuceed, dabagalka dhismaha, wax ka shreegidda dhibaatooyinka taasoo hor marinaysa mashruuca waxna u taraysa dadka deegaanka.

Saraakiisha Maamulka Guryaha way oggolaadeen ku daridda la talinta Guddiga oo wejiga labaad ah oo mashruuca deg degna u hirgelaysa.

Haddii aad danaynayso ka qayb galka guddiga la talinta oo iskaa wax u qabso ah la xiriir Guddiga Degaanka wax qabadka (206)-322-2257.