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A glance at summer activities for youth in the Seattle area

By CORBIN GOODMAN
The Voice intern

Needing something to do this summer? Lots of activities will be taking place in and around the Seattle area in the upcoming months.

Interested in visiting or spending time at one of the many parks in Seattle, visit the Seattle Parks website at www.seattle.gov/parks/. Here you will find an activities calendar available for both children and teens. For general parks information call (206) 684-4075. There is also a FAQ sheet with frequently asked questions available at www.seattle.gov/parks/FAQ.htm.

The Seattle Public Libraries also has a calendar of events available for both children and teens at www.spl.org/calendar-of-events. SPL is also sponsoring a new teen summer reading promotion called Steampunk Summer this year. Copies of the books *Boneshaker* by Cherie Priest and *Leviathan* by Scott Westerfeld will be dropped off at middle and high schools all over Seattle. The challenge is for teens to find a copy of one of the books, read it, and then pass it onward to others. Students can also visit the SPL website at <http://www.spl.org/> and connect to the teen blog at <http://blog.spl.org/yablog/> to post entries about where they found as well as hid the book and to also talk about what they think about the books. Students will then be able to claim a free book as a prize at the library.

The Nature Consortium offers summer activities for

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Rallying for workers' rights



PHOTO BY LISA WOOD

Over 1,000 people flooded into Memorial Stadium Sunday, May 1, at the conclusion of the May Day March in Seattle. Demonstrators appealed for immigration reform and support for workers' rights. May 1 is International Workers' Day.



Executive Director Mark Okazaki is guiding Neighborhood House into a new neighborhood-based initiative in West Seattle.

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Neighborhood House and a PROMISE

By LISA WOOD
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Neighborhood House, founded in 1906, has helped immigrants, refugees and low-income people overcome all sorts of challenges. The work enables low-income people to rely on themselves and each other to fulfill their dreams and become productive, active members of their communities as well.

High Point, in West Seattle, is one of those communities. In 2008, when High Point was under redevelopment, Project Manager Tom Phillips was concerned about the 1,200 children that live in High Point.

That is what inspired High Point PROMISE. Mark Okazaki, Executive Director of Neighborhood House, has a shared vi-

sion with many community partners and neighbors for what is called High Point PROMISE, receiving its inspiration from The Harlem Children's Zone. That project, which ran as a pilot program of support services to a single block in Harlem in the early 1990's, was led by Geoffrey Canada.

In 2010, the Department of Education (DOE) announced that it would offer grants to fund the Promise Neighborhoods Initiative.

Neighborhood House put together a very comprehensive proposal and submitted it, along with 300 other proposals from across the country. The Department of Education only had 20 grants; Neighborhood House's proposal wasn't successful, although they

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"I've never seen a student fly through our program like this."
— Neighborhood House Case Manager Kim Macias-Shell talks about Brandon Fahlenkamp, a former student in the agency's Success in Employment, Education and Careers program. See the related story on Page 5.



Health Notes

A column devoted to your well-being

Versatile quinoa is a protein-packed supergrain — and it's often available at the food bank

BY LYNN SEREDA
Section 8 voucher holder

One overlooked benefit of utilizing food bank resources is that there are many healthy foods available that people are often unfamiliar with or haven't tried. While some would hesitate to purchase something they've never cooked or eaten before, they may give it a try when it is offered at a food bank.

Natural foods and fruits and vegetables used in other cultures are often available at the food bank. All it takes to make these new treasures into our regular diet is learning to incorporate them into delicious recipes.

Quinoa is one new food I discovered at the food bank. It is a very old, traditional food, first cultivated 3,000 years ago in the Andes Mountains of Peru. Now sold in natural food stores as a grain, quinoa is a seed harvested from a plant related to spinach.

Quinoa was a very important food source to the indigenous people in the Andes. They considered quinoa the "mother of all grains," and even used gold cultivating tools to sow it.

European colonizers did not adopt quinoa into their diets the way they did with corn; in fact, they frowned on it as an inferior indigenous food and even forbid its cultivation mainly because of its use in rituals.

Times have changed, however. Scientists and nutritionists now know that quinoa has the highest amount of protein of any grain — more than twice that of rice. It is also rich in calcium, magnesium and fiber.

As quinoa grows in popularity, it has actually made it to the natural food shelves of stores like Safeway.

Quinoa is easy to cook. While not technically a grain, it is cooked like one

and offers a great substitute for those following a gluten-free diet. When cooked it is also very filling and satisfying.

To prepare quinoa, one must first rinse it several times to wash away a bitter coating. One can either lightly toast the quinoa in a skillet first (giving it a nutty taste), or directly put it into boiling water (two cups of water to one cup quinoa).

Reduce the heat, cover with a lid and after simmering for 15 minutes, the quinoa is ready.

Below is a recipe for a quinoa salad, which can be used as a main dish or a side.

All of its major ingredients come from the food bank. It is a colorful, healthy and tasty dish to bring to a summer barbecue or picnic.

Please note that quinoa greatly expands in size when cooked. You might find that you need a larger serving bowl than you might expect.

Southwestern quinoa salad

1 cup quinoa
2 cups water
1 can black beans
2 cups frozen corn
2 cups chopped tomatoes
1 cup chopped red or green pepper
2 chopped green onions
1/4 cup lime or lemon juice and 1/4 cup oil, mixed
Chopped cilantro
Cumin, salt and pepper

Rinse quinoa and then cook as directed in 2 cups water. After quinoa is cooked (15 minutes) fluff with a fork and place in a large bowl. Combine with the black beans, corn, tomatoes, onion, pepper and cilantro. Mix the lime juice, oil, cumin, salt and pepper (to taste). Pour mixture over salad and toss.

Celebrating a volunteer of the month

Editor's Note: The Volunteer of the Month column is a new feature, in which The Voice will recognize those who go above and beyond the call of duty to improve their communities.

BY JEN ROSENBROOK
Neighborhood House

Frequent readers of The Voice may recognize the name of Corbin Goodman, Neighborhood House's volunteer of the month for June.

The University of Washington senior is completing a volunteer internship with The Voice; his writing appeared in the May issue of The Voice, and also appears in this issue.

He was selected as volunteer of the month not only for his contribution to The Voice, but also for his volunteer work at Neighborhood House. He volunteered on the agency's 10th Annual Breakfast Celebration, helping set up before the event and working the day of the event April 28.

He also attended Neighborhood House's Volunteer Recognition Event May 19, where he helped set up and clean up. (He also volunteered for an impromptu hula-hoop competition during the event!)

On why he is drawn to volunteering, Corbin said he's interested in giving back the support he received growing up.

"A lot of people throughout my life have helped me," Corbin said. "I'd like to do the same for other people."

In addition to his volunteer work for Neighborhood House, he also volunteers with East African Community Services on the New Holly campus.



Corbin Goodman

On how he became involved with Neighborhood House and The Voice, Corbin said he was looking for a volunteer opportunity with a community-based organization. He said he was drawn to Neighborhood House because of its mission to promote community building, and added that he likes "seeing people build stronger communities."

Corbin will graduate this spring with a Law, Societies and Justice degree and a minor in human rights.

Do you know an everyday hero who volunteers in the community where you live? If you know someone who you would like to nominate to be a featured Volunteer of the Month in The Voice newspaper, please contact Editor Tyler Roush at tylerr@nhwa.org or 206-461-8430, Ext. 227. Remember that nominees should be volunteers, not paid staff members.

Daytripper — Things to do this summer without leaving Seattle

BY KRISTIN O'DONNELL
Yesler Terrace resident

There are many fine places to go in and around Seattle in the summer.

Fremont Solstice Parade

Start the season June 18 with the Solstice Parade in Fremont. Get there early — the buses detour away from Fremont after 11 a.m., and you can also stake out a good place to sit on the curb. (Bring along a garbage bag to sit on — the planting strip is often muddy.)

You might also bring a book for the wait — but the people-watching is good. The parade starts at noon with an awesome set of salsa music, marimba music, brass band music, belly dancing, puppets, hand-pushed floats and handmade costumes (or no costumes — this is the parade with the naked bicycle riders).

There is a street fair after the parade with crafts and food booths. There are many not-too-expensive restaurants in the area, and PCC has an excellent deli where you can pick up a picnic to eat alongside the

ship canal. You will certainly be able to buy something tie-dyed at the Street Fair — but the Goodwill 20 blocks north on the 26 bus has tie dye, too.

Getting there: Metro 26 and 28 buses go directly to and from Fremont on parade day before 11 a.m. and after 2 p.m. The parade route is marked. Access: Level, paved and curb cuts. Restrooms have LONG lines!

Georgetown garden tour

Time to smell the roses! Georgetown's garden tour is Sunday, July 10. Vegetable gardens, flower gardens, pretty gardens and interesting gardens — and excellent yard sales, shops and art galleries — are within walking distance in a hill-free neighborhood.

The Garden Tour is free! Pick up your map of the open gardens at the Bank of America parking lot at 1112 S. Bailey Street. The Maruta Shoten Japanese grocery across the parking lot from the bank has tasty food for a picnic at Hat and Boots Park.

Getting there: Buses 60 and 131 go to

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youth of all ages. Opportunities are available to participate in art projects that include dance, music, art, games and field trips. Locations include Rainier Vista, Yesler Terrace and around the Seattle area. More details, including a calendar of events, is available on the Nature Consortium's

website at www.naturec.org/calendar.htm.

The Boys & Girls Clubs throughout King County will also be hosting weekly summer camps for the youth of the area. For more information on the club nearest you, visit <http://positiveplace.org/findaclub.html>. An average fee of \$20 is required for one year's membership. For information on events contact Brooke Eglin at 206-436-1819 or by email at beglin@positiveplace.org.

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Be safe

BY KELLY MCKINNEY
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The summer season is upon us. Here are some things to keep in mind over the summer months.

- With the warm weather it is sometimes tempting to leave the windows open. However, burglars do not go on summer vacation. Most burglaries happen during the day, so it's important to keep windows locked and secured when you are away from home. At night it is tempting to keep the windows wide open while you're sleeping. If it is necessary to keep the windows open, use a window lock or a dowel to limit how wide the window can open. Make sure even a small person can't get through your window.

- Noise is a frequent complaint during summer nights. Remember the Seattle Municipal Code says the sound has to go down after 10 p.m.

- Remember that it is illegal to light fire works, even on the Fourth of July.

- June 21 is the last day of school this year. When kids are out of school they like to run and play outdoors. Make sure your children know the rules of the road. Kids who like to roller skate and skateboard should do so in safe places out of traffic. Bicyclists, skaters and skateboarders should wear the appropriate equipment for their sports activities. Adults should keep an extra eye out for kids having fun in the streets.

- Crime tends to go up in summer. If you see a crime in progress or suspicious activities, call 911.

- Summer is a great time to get outside

Summer safety tips

and get to know your neighbors. Have a barbecue and invite your neighbors. Night Out Against Crime is Tuesday, August 2. Contact your local police precinct for more information.

- The Seattle Parks Department and Seattle Public Library often have special summer activities for youth. Many of the parks are having summer sack lunches. Most youth service providers have special programs for youth over the summer. You can contact your neighborhood parks, libraries and social service providers to find out what is available for your children.

- Youth benefit from adults taking an interest in their activities, not just when they are doing something wrong, but when they are doing something right. Take time to engage with youth who live in your community. Adults can challenge neighborhood youth to a basketball game, take a youth fishing, teach a young person how to garden or how to do a particular art project. Youth can bake cookies for seniors, help a senior mow his or her lawn, or teach an older person the newest dance. Intergenerational activities can be a great way to build community.

Due to the economy many of the programs and activities that usually happen have been cut. However we can still work together to make this a safe summer for everyone.

Kelly McKinney (206-323-7084) and Allan Davis (206-323-7094) are Community Education Coordinators for Seattle Neighborhood Group. Call Allan or Kelly for crime prevention information or help with your safety and security concerns.

College fair at Jackson Park helps students on the path to higher education

BY CORBIN GOODMAN
The Voice intern

On May 10, Jackson Park hosted an informational college fair for a group of students ranging from fifth grade to juniors and seniors in high school.

These students, who were from the Jackson Park area, came to listen and learn about college and the opportunities available to them for continuing their education after high school.

Students from Seattle University organized the event, which also featured representatives from Seattle Central Community College.

Topics of discussion included financial aid and scholarships, finding the right school, and building a strong application outside of simply grade point average.

Juan Gallegos, a coordinator from the Northwest Education Loan Association (NELA), discussed the importance of researching financial aid because "it is out there for every student."

He also wanted to stress that every student visit the website thewashboard.org because it is basically the student version of "Facebook for scholarships." Just last

year NELA itself awarded 90 students \$1,000 each in scholarship money.

Many students may wonder about the two-year community college experience, which is why Brigid McDevitt, the Dean of Student Resources and Support at Seattle Central Community College, cleared up any misconceptions.

She mentioned that 60 percent of community college students transfer to four-year universities because of the direct transfer agreements in place between many community colleges and larger universities.

She also stressed that while there are no loans available at the community college level, there are two-year grants and scholarships.

McDevitt made clear that "it is important for every student to fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)" while also noting how "many times people ask what's the secret (to getting financial aid)?"

She answered by saying that "there's no penalty to applying and then not attending a particular school."

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One to grow on

Garden tips for community gardeners

A great garden begins with fertile soil

BY ANZA MUENCHOW
Special to The Voice

A good gardening experience begins with good soil. In the Puget Sound region, we thank the glaciers for the diverse soils they left for us. Some lucky gardeners can also thank rivers for depositing fertile soil for them. With all these soil types — sandy, heavy clay, silty or rocky — we can incorporate enough compost and organic matter to make the garden productive.

When beginning a new garden, many folks ask me if it is okay to have rocks. To some extent it depends on the crops you plan to grow.

You won't want a rocky bed if you're growing root crops such as carrots or parsnips, because the rocks will affect the size and shape of your crops. Root crops want a bed of loose soil, like a sandy area in your garden or farm. Though you'll have to water sandy soil more often than clay soil, the carrots are definitely prettier when they come out of sandy soil.

Some of the fruiting crops, like tomatoes and peppers, or the vining crops, like zucchini and winter squash, can tolerate a rocky type of soil, as long as you have added six to eight inches of a good compost. Turning the compost into the soil should leave the bed well loosened and fluffy.

The rocks that are more than four or five inches across can interfere with root development, but those smaller than golf balls don't interfere much with the roots. I remove rocks from my beds; however, I do not toss the rocks in the paths around the garden beds. I absolutely hate kneeling down to weed or harvest and hitting my poor tender knees on one of those rocks. I always keep a bucket nearby for collecting the rocks.

Each year as I work my beds, I keep removing almost all the rocks, down to the small gravel size. These buckets of rocks are used as fill in driveways or heavily traveled paths that are poorly drained. My rock buckets have holes in the bottom for the rain to drain out. Sometimes I find beautiful rocks in the buckets after they have been washed all winter in the rain. These are the rocks I use in landscape art or design projects. I haven't sold any rocks yet, though I think there should be a market for the nice ones and some days it seems that all I have accomplished is filling buckets with rocks.

I had a friend tell me she heard that growing potatoes will help loosen rocky soil. That seems unlikely, but then I thought about digging for potatoes, and how much shovel work that is. Regular potato cultivation probably does loosen your soil, and you have the reward of finding and removing all those potato shaped rocks!

Many gardeners will use purchased or homemade wire screens to sift the soil in certain beds that they need to make rock-free. It is back-breaking work, but it makes a big difference right away. Generally the biggest difference will be found in those beds that also have six inches of compost.

As I make my planting maps year to year, I do assess which beds have too much rock to plant the beets, onions or radishes. Garlic seems to tolerate more rock than the summer planted root crops. I usually offer a rock-free bed for lettuce, peas and beans, as well.

Since soil is made of minerals of many sizes and shapes, remember that the organic matter and smaller soil particles are the best hosts for the micro-organisms that create soil fertility.

A soil profile that has sand, silt, clay and organic matter (and not many rocks) will allow the soil flora and fauna (bacteria, fungi, mites, nematodes, arthropods, annelids, etc.) to live, grow, hide, reproduce and, most of all, excrete nutrients for the roots to take up.

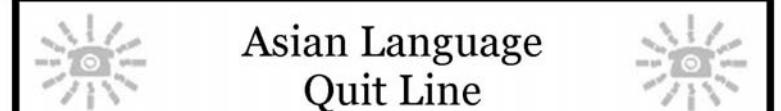
Yes, we would all like to have gardens without rocky soil, but much can be done to increase fertility in such a rocky environment, so don't fret.

Through natural processes, it can take hundreds or thousands of years to form one inch of nutrient-rich, organic topsoil. With our labor we can speed that process up considerably in our garden beds.

It is estimated that a cup of fertile topsoil contains more than 6 billion organisms. Five to ten tons of animal life inhabit an acre of soil, including bacteria, fungi, protozoa, earthworms, mice, moles and other creatures. To me, soil is our most amazing resource. Let's all keep it toxin-free and support organic agriculture that emphasizes soil fertility.

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History behind the holiday: The story of Juneteenth

By TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."

— From "General Order No. 3," read June 19, 1865

These words, read by a career U.S. army officer to the people of Galveston, Texas, brought to a close one of the ugliest chapters in United States history. To many of the black residents of Galveston, they were both the last words they would hear as slaves and the first as free men and women.

The abolition of slavery and the tradition of Juneteenth

General Gordon Granger was a Union commander during the American Civil War. Though he distinguished himself at the Battle of Chickamauga in 1863, he is largely forgotten today. Yet it is Granger's reading of the inconsequentially titled General Order No. 3 that brought the news of the Emancipation Proclamation to former slaves in Texas on June 19, 1865 at the end of the Civil War.

Fought from 1861 to 1865, the American Civil War had two major outcomes. The first was the preservation of the Union, and the second was the abolition of slavery in the United States of America.

Some revisionist accounts of the conflict peg the root of the struggle as one over "states' rights" — conveniently sidestepping the fact that the key "right" in question was the institution of slavery in the Southern United States. The Civil War, fought between the Union and the Confederacy, was unmistakably a conflict over slavery.

But much like the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, the abolition of slavery in the United States occurred not in one fell swoop but gradually, and by degrees.

President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, issued Sept. 22, 1862, had freed most — but not all — slaves in the United States.

The proclamation, which took effect Jan. 1, 1863, referred to all slaves in states of the Confederacy that were not under Union

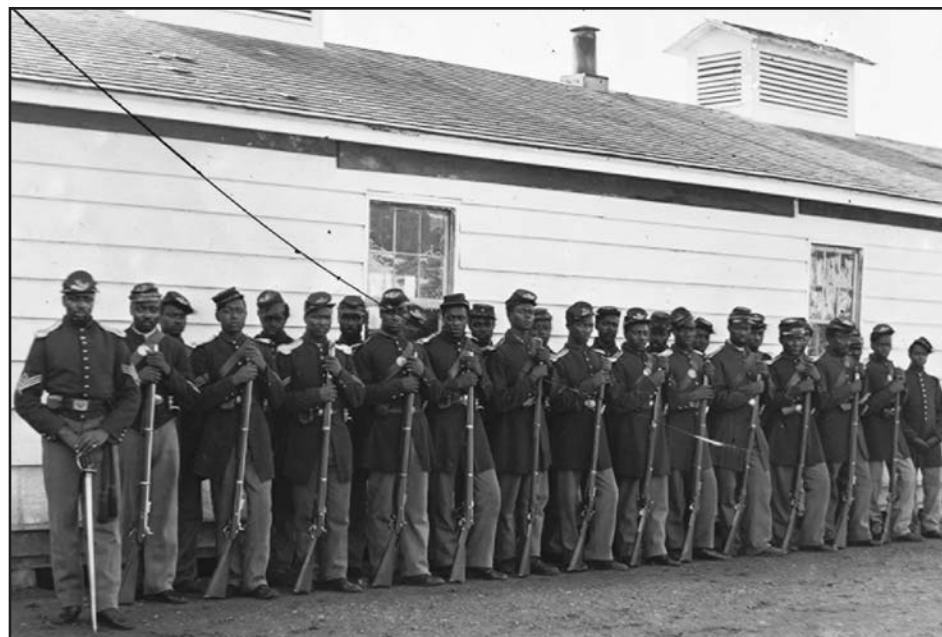


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Soldiers of Company E of the 4th U.S. Colored Infantry in a photograph taken at Fort Lincoln in Washington D.C., likely on Nov. 17, 1865. Nearly 200,000 black soldiers and sailors served in the U.S. Army and Navy during the Civil War.

control. Therefore, slaves in the Union states of Maryland, Delaware, Missouri and Kentucky were not liberated. Neither were slaves in the Confederate state of Tennessee and parts of Virginia and Louisiana, all of which were controlled by Union forces by 1863.

Though incomplete from the beginning, the Emancipation Proclamation was an important step in the ultimate abolition of slavery in the United States.

But for the millions of slaves in states still held by the Confederacy, the proclamation would largely prove symbolic until their liberation by Union forces during the course of the war.

The last of these slaves to learn of their freedom, at least anecdotally, were in Texas. On June 18, 1865 — more than a month after the surrender of the Confederacy on May 10 — Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with a force of 2,000 troops, intent on enforcing emancipation in the state.

The next day, General Granger read the contents of General Order No. 3:

The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from

the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.

With the reading of that order, the last remaining slaves in what was once the Confederacy were set free. (If the reference to "idleness" and generally condescending tone of the order is discomfiting to modern readers, it is certainly reflective of the complicated nature of race relations in postbellum America.)

Six months later, the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution abolished slavery throughout the country.

At the reading of General Order No. 3, jubilant former slaves celebrated their new freedom, and the June 19 anniversary was

Local Juneteenth events

Juneteenth is celebrated in communities around Seattle and King County, but most event details are spotty. If you'd like to learn more about where to celebrate Juneteenth in your neighborhood, inquire at your local community center. Or host your own celebration with a picnic or barbecue — invite your friends and neighbors!

Central Area Chamber of Commerce Juneteenth

The CACC hosts an annual Juneteenth celebration, including a youth parade. This year's event takes place over three days, from June 10 – 12. More information is available online at www.scacc2108.org, or by calling 206-325-2864.

Yesler Terrace Juneteenth Celebration

The Yesler Terrace community holds an annual barbecue to celebrate Juneteenth. This year's event is from 5 – 8 p.m. Friday, June 17 in front of the Yesler Community Center. Visit the community center for more information.

Festival Sundiata

Though not officially a Juneteenth celebration, this year's Festival Sundiata is one week before the traditional Juneteenth date. Hosted by the Sundiata African American Cultural Association, the two-day African-American arts festival takes place June 11 and 12 at Seattle Center. For more information, visit www.festivalsundiata.org.

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scored very well. The DOE just didn't have enough money.

Neighborhood House has been able to get matching funding, and started the process without federal money. Project Director Erin Lawrence Cook has been promoted internally to helm the project; she is "assessing, planning and processing the real needs of the children and families that will lead to the implementing plan."

One of the reasons the matching funding came in without federal funding upfront is "Neighborhood House built that building," says Okazaki, "and we're not going anywhere. We are a neighborhood institution."

One of the advantages of the High Point Center is that they are a multi-service agency that already has programs in place, including Head Start, Youth Tutoring, English as a Second Language, and many more. Those programs are provided through a combination of Neighborhood House programs and partnerships with other organizations.

"We serve 40 low-income families per year for Head Start, (and) we are saying 'no' to 60 Head Start families," Okazaki

said. "We are doing good work, but it's not enough."

Head Start is "very, very vital. We work with parents to help them be cheerleaders and advocates for their children," said Okazaki.

Because Neighborhood House doesn't have the funding capacity to serve those additional 60 families, their children are starting, in essence, behind those 40 that went through Head Start, Okazaki said.

It is the desire of Neighborhood House and the plan of High Point PROMISE to "do whatever it takes to not have that gap," says Mark.

Neighborhood House hopes to have the implementation plan for High Point PROMISE done by the end of the year. There are still barriers that Okazaki and Neighborhood House are aware of — for instance, they would like to improve the "hand off" that occurs when a child transitions from Head Start to kindergarten.

Supporting our community and the families and children in those communities helps in other ways as well. Why High Point PROMISE? Mark says that "\$40,000 a year is spent to keep someone in prison.

"Either we invest in prisons or we invest in children, and I'd rather invest in children."

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Eighth-grader Rahima Ahmed, who attends Gateway Middle School in Everett, spoke about the process of applying to and getting ready for college, saying that there is "a lot to do and it is a lot of work."

Her personal goals include "going to a school in the Southeast to study criminology and eventually attending law school."

Another student in attendance, 11th grader Iqra Mohamed from Nathan Hale High School, talked about how college-readiness events are helpful.

She discussed her personal goals of wanting to study psychology at Western Washington University, and that college fairs "motivate me to want to get involved and help."

She continued by explaining how such events "help me find out what I need to do in order to get where I need to be."

The night's final presenter was Rebecca Wonderly of the Financial Services Department at Seattle University.

She encouraged students to apply to more than one school to give them more options.

"Always try to tour schools, whether online or, especially, in person," she advised. Wonderly also advised students not to pick a school simply because of good financial aid. "Make sure it's a good fit," she said.

She also wanted the students to realize that free help is available to those who want to prepare for college.

She concluded the event by reminding students to ask questions and "not to give up on your dreams."



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Please recycle me

Young man seeks stability, discovers a new career track

Brandon Fahlenkamp finds success and a career through SEEC program

BY TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

A good education is critical to finding a good career, but not everyone is so fortunate.

For young people who didn't finish high school, the Success in Employment, Education and Careers (SEEC) program seeks to guide them to resources that can lead to a full-time job and, ultimately, a career.

Neighborhood House's SEEC program (formerly Out of School Youth) provides education and employment opportunities to young adults with limited resources. The program's participants are between the ages of 16-21, are out of school, and are low-income. Most are either unemployed or have limited, part-time jobs.

Stability is a key word for the program — steady employment is a stabilizing force that allows the participant to focus on vocational and/or educational training. Finding that "survival job" is the first step, said Neighborhood House Case Manager Kim Macias-Shell. At that point, the person can begin navigating a career path that may lead to long-term work.

"The goal is that they become self-sufficient," Macias-Shell said.

When he joined the program last year, Brandon Fahlenkamp, 20, was essentially homeless and without regular work.

Without a place of his own, he was splitting time between friends' houses and his mother's house in Auburn.

He had a seasonal job as a stagehand at concerts and music festivals. But the work was irregular, beginning in late spring and peaking in summertime before waning in the fall. He was unemployed for about six months a year.

Fahlenkamp had attended some high school as a fresh-



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Neighborhood House Case Manager Kim Macias-Shell and Brandon Fahlenkamp, a participant in the Neighborhood House Success in Employment, Education and Careers program

man and sophomore, but dropped out after he began using drugs. His living and working situation began to strain his relationship with his mother, which is how he found himself couch-surfing between the homes of several friends in Auburn.

Then he learned about Neighborhood House's SEEC program, from a friend who had completed the program. Fahlenkamp, who had quit using drugs, began to think about the education he had lost when he left high school. He began to see the SEEC program as his way of investing in his future.

Macias-Shell and Neighborhood House Career Developer Valentina Montecinos worked with Fahlenkamp on the SEEC curriculum, helping him write a résumé and cover letter, conducting mock job interviews and connecting him with local employment programs.

Given the opportunity, he seized it, completing his GED in just five weeks while simultaneously enrolling in Project Green Light, a federally-funded program overseen by the Workforce Development Council of Seattle – King

County.

"We gave him the opportunity — he was the one who did this," Macias-Shell said. "I've never seen a student fly through our program like this."

In the course of completing Project Green Light, Fahlenkamp received an attendance award and was also recognized for showing outstanding leadership.

He was placed in an internship at Puget Sound Coatings, a Seattle-based company that specializes in industrial sandblasting and painting.

After completing the internship, the company hired him on full-time. He's been working there for more than six months.

Macias-Shell credited Fahlenkamp's work ethic with helping him secure a full-time job.

"He really works hard and does everything he can to be successful," Macias-Shell said.

Having a job that offers good pay and benefits has been a boon for Fahlenkamp.

"I'm a lot less stressed out," Fahlenkamp said. "Right now I'm starting to get comfortable — I'm able to relax a lot more."

This is not to say Fahlenkamp isn't working hard — his typical daily routine involves waking by 4 a.m. to get ready in the morning and ride the bus from Auburn into Seattle to arrive at work by his 6:30 a.m. start time.

His success has also helped lead to reconciliation with his mother. He's living at home again, and while he's saving up to move into a place of his own, Fahlenkamp credits his mother's support as one of the main reasons he's been so successful.

And he's grateful for the support he received from the SEEC program, and from case manager Macias-Shell, with whom he has kept in touch.

He also knows that none of this — the GED, the Project Green Light certification, the new job — would be possible without his tireless dedication and hard work.

"A lot of people think it's a handout," Fahlenkamp said. But, he added, "you put a hammer in our hands, and we have to utilize it."



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Georgetown. Sidewalks are paved and level, but some gardens have narrow paths and stairs, and some shops are not accessible. Restrooms are in Hat and Boots park.

Antique bus tours

Want to get out of town? The Metro Employees Historic Vehicle Association offers several fine and affordable tours on antique buses. Tours leave from Second Avenue South and South Main Street, across from the Seattle Fire Department Headquarters. Fares are \$5 for everyone; children ages 5 and under are free.

The Association's descriptions of this year's trips:

Sunday, July 24 — Snohomish Kla Ha Ya Tour: A four-hour scenic trip to the historic

town of Snohomish to celebrate Kla Ha Ya Days, where you can visit the Rod, Custom & Classic Cars Show, have lunch at the Taste of Snohomish or browse the town's many antique shops.

Sunday, August 21 — Snoqualmie Tour: A leisurely four-hour scenic trip to Snoqualmie to celebrate Railroad Days, honoring the town's railroading and logging origins. You can ride the train from the restored depot built in 1890, visit the spectacular Snoqualmie Falls or have a picnic lunch.

At least one of the tour buses is lift-equipped. Some of the buildings in Snohomish and Snoqualmie are not accessible. Do not miss the tour bus returning to Seattle. Sunday service from Snohomish is infrequent. Sunday service from Snoqualmie does not exist. So don't miss the bus — and enjoy the summer.



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RAC elections set for June 15

BY VOICE STAFF

The Resident Action Council will hold its 2011 elections this month. Candidates for five executive positions and at-large positions on RAC's board will be elected at the group's meeting Wednesday, June 15, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. The group meets in the conference room at Center Park, 2121 26th Ave. S.

The election will be preceded by a "meet the candidates" session at 1 p.m. in the same room.

RAC members who have attended at least one meeting since the June 2009 elections are eligible to vote.

The candidates seeking election to executive positions are listed as follows, with their community of residence in parentheses:

- President — Rick Harrison (Cedarvale House) and Nancy Sherman (Ross Manor)
- Vice President — Kristin O'Donnell (Yesler Terrace)
- Secretary — Jim Bush (Center Park)
- Treasurer — Cinda Lium (Denny Terrace)
- Ombudsperson — Lois Gruber (Lake City House)

The elections will be the first to include candidates for at-large positions on RAC's board. Eight RAC members have been nominated for a maximum of 10 available positions.

For more information, contact the RAC office at 206-322-1297.

Yesler special section

Pages 7 and 8 of this edition include a special section on the Yesler Terrace development plan. To accommodate the extra content, the NewHolly Notes and Yesler Happenings sections have been combined on Page 5. This month's Translations appear on Page 6.

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Lake City Court nearing completion

BY LAURA GENTRY
Seattle Housing Authority

Lake City Court, an 86-unit, mixed-income building in Northeast Seattle that broke ground in June 2010, is estimated to be complete by August 2011.

The building is located on the former site of 16 distressed public housing townhomes that were demolished in 2002 due to persistent flooding. The building will offer three times as many homes for low-income families than the previous public housing townhomes allowed, and it will add a mix of moderate-income and market-rate units to the site.

Lake City Court, which was originally being referred to as Lake City Village, recently underwent a name change to better reflect the building's character. Now that the building is nearing completion, community members are happy with what they are seeing.

"So far, everyone loves it and they believe it's a great addition to the neighborhood," said Tom Eanes, Senior Development Program Manager for Seattle Housing.

The four-story elevator-equipped Lake City Court building will be comprised of one-, two-, three- and four-bedroom units and will be completely non-smoking. Parking options will include an underground parking garage for 90 vehicles as well as indoor and outdoor covered bicycle parking.

A small community center will be constructed on the western edge of the site, with space planned for a medical-dental clinic and a computer lab. East-west pedestrian paths



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The Lake City Court development, as seen from the air last month, will be completed by August.

will be added between the existing Lake City House and the southern portion of the site.

The new building was made possible in part by an \$8 million grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Those funds have enabled the Housing Authority to dramatically increase the use of green features. The Department of Housing and Urban Development also provided over \$10 million from a HOPE VI grant, and Enterprise Community Partners provided the balance.

Green features include solar collectors to supplement the hot water supply, photovoltaic panels to create electricity from

the sun, additional insulation, and material choices that were made with sustainability in mind. Even a large tree that was cleared from the building site found a new life as salmon habitat, part of the restoration of a nearby stream, thanks to a commitment from general contractor Andersen Construction.

Plans for an open house in September are in the works, and more information will be made available when the date is set.

To read more about this development or to see a slideshow of the construction progress, please visit <http://seattlehousing.org/redevelopment/lake-city-village>.

Smoke-free Housing Initiative moves forward

BY THAI NGUYEN
Seattle Housing Authority

Resident and staff involvement with the smoke-free housing initiative is making progress. In the months of May and June, resident and community meetings were conducted in each high-rise building, at the HOPE VI communities, and in two central locations for scattered sites and special portfolio communities.

The reasons for going smoke-free were discussed, policy options were reviewed, and tobacco cessation resources were shared. At each meeting residents offered suggestions for locations of smoking areas and protested that their "right" to smoke in their homes is being taken away.

Some residents also expressed gratitude for the Housing Authority taking action to protect their health.

At the end of May, two staff workshops were held, with guest speakers from Public Health – Seattle & King County's Tobacco Prevention Division. Workshop topics included reasons why the agency is considering smoke-free policies, understanding smoking and nicotine addiction, tobacco

use in racial and ethnic population groups, and the role of smoking in mental health recovery.

The Smoke-Free Housing Advisory Council, comprised of Seattle Housing management, resident leadership and community partners, has met several times. Over the course of these meetings, a draft proposal for extending the non-smoking policy to other SHA properties will be decided. The Board will be briefed with the proposal and implementation plan in the next few months, along with resident comments and feedback collected from community meetings. To provide further comments or concerns, please email breathe_easy@seattlehousing.org. There will be another opportunity for resident comments in a formal 30-day public comment period where written comments will be collected and addressed, and the policy will be revised as needed. Notice of the formal comment period will be posted in your management office.

All resident comments and concerns from meetings, emails and written statements will be compiled and shared in a final presentation to the Board.

Vouchers issued to Downtowner tenants

HUD subsidy expired for units in nine-story, 240-unit building

BY SCOTT FREUTEL
Seattle Housing Authority

In an intensive four-day period in late April, nearly 200 vouchers were issued to residents of The Downtowner as its HUD subsidy expired.

The Downtowner, a nine-story, 240-unit building at Fourth Avenue South and South Main Street, opened as a hotel in 1910 — the year construction began on the nearby Smith Tower. The building was converted from a hotel to low-income apartments in 1971.

This year, the Housing and Urban Development's 40-year subsidy expired. Most of the building's tenants, all of them low- to extremely-low income, were issued Seattle Housing Authority Housing

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

Denny Terrace shows off its new look



PHOTO BY DONALD GARDNER
May 20 marked the day Denny Terrace presented its new face to Seattle. Since November, workers have added several inches of insulation and covered the old, leaky bricks with a colorful stucco coating.

BY SVEN KOEHLER
Seattle Housing Authority

Outside of Denny Terrace apartments, a row of cherry trees still hangs onto its blossoms.

But on May 20, all eyes gazed right past the blooms to behold another colorful sight: the initial section of the building's new façade was unveiled.

The scaffolding and plastic wrap that protected the new stucco exterior during construction were removed to reveal the building's new look. Residents joined Seattle Housing Authority Executive Director Tom Tierney, staff members, the contractors and the architect Donald King at a small ceremony to mark the occasion.

Denny Terrace is a big, monolithic brick building, and hard to overlook. It has a 220-foot-long façade, and is perched directly over Interstate 5 on the corner of Denny Way and Melrose Avenue East, so it is highly visible. With such a prominent position, great care was put into the design.

King explained that the goal was to help Denny Terrace blend in with the rest of the

buildings on Capitol Hill by breaking up the huge façade into sections. The façade jogs in and out in a few places, so these changes in the elevation were reinforced with different colors.

The main colors are warm grey and cream, which alternate to make the building look less like one massive structure. Under each of the newly installed windows, a golden-colored accent panel creates a visual rhythm.

Karen Jensen, herself a painter, was pleased by the color selection. "Several of us were a bit worried by drawings we'd seen of the yellowish accent color, but it turned out great. I really like the grey... it's not a cold, bluish grey. Instead, it has really warm undertones."

About 60 apartments were hidden behind the scaffolding and the translucent plastic wrap since last December, Jensen's among them. Now, with wrap gone, residents can see the new colors, but more importantly, see out their windows again. Resident Twyla Minor exclaimed, "I'm real happy to have

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vouchers to 175 Downtowner Apartment residents. Interpreters for speakers of Amharic, Korean, Oromo, Tagalog and Tigrinya were on hand.

At each shift, staff made an oral presentation about the program, answered questions and handed out orientation materials. Then, in small groups, tenants signed documents and were issued their vouchers.

On April 29 many of the remaining tenants were similarly provided their vouchers at Porchlight, the Seattle Housing offices in Ballard. According to Barbara Strayer, Section 8 manager, "The issuance went incredibly well. I don't think we've ever issued that many vouchers in one day — I'm sure we haven't — and I credit the housing choice voucher staff, as well as staff from other Seattle Housing departments, with making this conversion to Housing Choice vouchers so successful."

Seattle Housing routinely issues vouchers to residents of buildings that lose HUD subsidies, but usually the number of vouchers issued tops out at 40 or 50. Staff are already gearing up for a similar large-scale issuance, to tenants of a 182-unit building in North Seattle, as well as for conversions of smaller properties this year and early next.

Job Corps trainees get first-hand look at new Denny Terrace



PHOTO BY SVEN KOEHLER
The Seattle Housing Authority and WG Clark recently hosted 20 Job Corps plasterer trainees to get a real-world view of their chosen trade in action on the Denny Terrace Apartments construction site. Job Corps is a free, nation-wide education and training program that helps low income-qualified young people earn a high school diploma or GED and learn a career. A recent graduate of the program is employed at Denny Terrace, helping install the stucco coating that will protect and beautify the building's exterior. After the tour, the trainees were so impressed with the building that several inquired about how they might apply for an apartment.

MTW Plan amendments open for comment

Seattle Housing is proposing new activities for two programs through its Moving to Work (MTW) agreement with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These new activities will be submitted together as an amendment to the 2011 Annual MTW Plan, which is now available for public comment.

The first new activity will simplify the way that Housing Choice Voucher participants' rents are adjusted to help with utility costs.

The second new activity will apply MTW flexibility to Seattle Senior Housing Program (SSHOP) units to allow them to receive public housing funding while

maintaining their current rent structure, resident preferences, and operating policies.

There are many ways in which you can comment on the amendment to the MTW plan or ask questions:

- Attend the public hearing on Monday June 6th, 5:00, at the PorchLight Building (907 NW Ballard Way, Suite 200).
- E-mail your comments to bsmith@seattlehousing.org or mail them to Beka Smith, Seattle Housing Authority, P.O. Box 19028, Seattle, WA 98109.
- Call 206-615-3576 to comment or ask questions.

Please submit all comments by June 9.

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The Voice is developed and edited by Neighborhood House with help from SHA residents and staff. 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 Editor Tyler Roush at (206) 461-8430, ext. 227 or by e-mail at tyler@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.

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Choice (Section 8) vouchers reflecting rent subsidies.

Before the building's tenants were issued their vouchers, Housing Choice Voucher program staff spent weeks in intensive preparation and data entry. Getting the building's tenants converted over to tenant-based vouchers took the combined efforts of the community liaison and the housing counselor, housing and certification specialists, Housing Quality Standards inspectors, supervisors and managers.

Every tenant's eligibility for a Housing Choice voucher was verified. Managers of the Downtowner Apartments had already certified the income of every resident. Staff made two site visits to assist residents in completing their applications. A voucher was then prepared for every tenant who applied to the program.

Housing Choice (Section 8) vouchers were issued to these tenants at two events, the first on April 25 at International Terrace, a Seattle Housing Authority Low Income Public Housing building in the International District. In three shifts, 20 staff from the Housing Choice Voucher program issued

HIGH POINT HERALD

NEWS ABOUT THE HIGH POINT COMMUNITY

35 on 35th: High Point residents urge drivers to slow down

BY TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

High Point residents and neighbors have a message for drivers who indulge a little too much in the gas pedal on 35th Avenue Southwest: Slow down!

Amid rain showers that were more reminiscent of late November than early May, about two dozen community members gathered at 35th Avenue Southwest and Juneau Street May 11 to demonstrate for slower speeds on the well-traveled thoroughfare. The four-lane 35th Avenue Southwest is one of West Seattle's major arterials.

Dubbed I-35 by locals because of speeding traffic that has been ticketed at speeds exceeding 55 mph, it has earned its reputation as a dangerous speedway that is perilous to pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers — three people have been killed on the stretch of 35th near High Point in the past five years.

Demonstrators were spurred in part by the death of 24-year-old Andrew Seffernick, who was killed in a collision while riding his motorcycle near the 35th and Juneau intersection April 13.

"(I'm here) to show people to slow down when they're here," said Musa Egal, 73, speaking through an interpreter. "I'm a High Point resident, and I heard someone was killed here around three weeks ago."

"I'm here to show people I want to make changes. We are the elders of the High Point community."

Undeterred by the rain, Egal stood with Mohamed Ali, 58, Kelfa Ahmed, 83, and Lensa Musa, 25. Their signs stressed the speed limit on the avenue and urged drivers to slow down.

A recent traffic crackdown by Seattle police, as reported on the West Seattle Blog, seems to bear out neighbors' concerns over speeding on 35th. On one day in April, Seattle police issued 12 speeding tickets on 35th Avenue Southwest, including one to a driver traveling 58 mph in the 35 mph zone.

Police also issued 12 cell-phone violations and citations for running a stop sign, following too close and lack of insurance.

Jim Curtin, of Seattle Department of Transportation, acknowledged that speeding on 35th is a chronic issue. He said that the 85th percentile speed on the avenue — meaning the speed at which 85 percent of drivers travel — is 39 mph.

That's an improvement over 2006, when SDOT began



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Demonstrators (above) lined the east side of the intersection of 35th Avenue Southwest to urge drivers to use caution and travel at slower speeds on the thoroughfare. Bao Nguyen (below), a Neighborhood House employee, participates in the rally.

examining traffic on 35th. At that time, Curtin said, it was 41 to 42 mph. To improve safety on the roadway, Curtin said SDOT has taken a number of steps. The department installed radar signs that display a driver's speed and added a left-turn signal at the busy 35th and Morgan intersection. It also converted the signal at 35th and Raymond to a full signal. It had previously been a half signal, meaning the light changed only when activated by a pedestrian.

Denise Sharify, Neighborhood House community health director, said the safety improvements have helped conditions on the street.

But there's more that can be done, Sharify said, and she wants 35th to become a focal point for safety improvements.

"With a tight budget and dangerous streets all over Seattle, they have to prioritize, but we need to get on their action plan," she said.

There are three steps that she says can be taken to



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High Point hosts youth hoops tourney

BY TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

Youth in the High Point community had the opportunity to pursue their hoops dreams last month in a 3-on-3 basketball tournament at the Neighborhood House High Point Center.

The tournament, sponsored by Neighborhood House's YELS and Be Active Together programs and The Austin Foundation, attracted more than 60 young people from the neighborhood. The tournament was organized by age group, with events for 10-and-under, 11-to-14 and 15-to-18.

Abdi, Luther and Isaiah, of the Hornets, hoisted the 10-and-under trophy.

Abdi, who is 9, said he came to the tournament not expecting to get into a game.

"I just came here to watch my brother, I had no idea I was going to play," said Abdi, whose brothers Ridwan and Nabil both played in an older age bracket.

In the 11-14, the Fuzzy Dice — Abdmajid, Billy, Ceaonda and Mohammed — brought home the title. They said that teamwork and cooperation were the biggest factors in their success.

"Even though the name needs a little work," Mohammed said.



PHOTO BY TYLER ROUSH

Ceaonda, of the Fuzzy Dice, drives to the hoop in an 11-14 game at the High Point Center.



Above, participants in the 10-and-under tournament pose for a photo after the game. At left, Maslah of the team "Subway" plays defense against a Fuzzy Dice player in the 11-14 championship game.

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RAINIER VISTA NEWS

NEWS ABOUT THE RAINIER VISTA COMMUNITY

Law practice among Tamarack Place's first commercial tenants

By SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF

Jay Gairson, an attorney who was the first commercial tenant of Tamarack Place, is friendly and welcoming. When he greeted a visitor in his new office in Tamarack Place last month, he apologized briefly for the fact that the office is still under construction. Then he launched immediately into explaining, with great enthusiasm, the pleasure he takes in representing clients in immigration cases and in setting up in business. Many of his clients came to the United States from abroad.

Gairson received his law degree in 2010 from the Seattle University School of Law and his bachelor's degree in 2001 from Evergreen State College, where he majored in Communications and Entrepreneurial Business. Before attending law school he studied Arabic and Mathematics at the University of Washington, where he also obtained his paralegal certification.

Attorney Gairson describes his legal practice as part immigration law and part "cyberlaw." For the cyberlaw part, he helps clients, especially entrepreneurs, whose businesses touch on technological, intellectual property and privacy matters. He worked as a paralegal and also as a software and systems developer before becoming an attorney.

Gairson works to assist business people and their families come to and work in the United States. He also helps many of them to stay

in the United States. He has represented and worked on behalf of clients from all around the globe, including Somalia, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Kenya, India, and Pakistan. Typically his work on behalf of a client entails initial interviews, client counseling, and preparing clients for immigration interviews.

Although he appears in court and in hearings on behalf of clients, Gairson says much of what he does is researching, drafting and filing motions.

"My work for immigrants is easy to sum up," Gairson said recently. "First, I work to understand my client and his or her experience with governments. Then I work to explain my client and his or her culture to the U.S. government."

Gairson is an immigrant to Washington himself, although he didn't come from far away: He was born in Umpqua, Oregon, 32 years ago. He and his wife, Celeste, live in Rainier Vista.

Tamarack Place is or is about to be the new home of several businesses. Uy Nguyen has opened a computer store, Solutions Wireless, which he describes as "a smartphones and computer repair, sale, servicing, customizing and accessories company." A restaurant called Bananas and an optical shop called Clear Visions are scheduled to open next month.

The first growing season at the Seattle Community Farm is here

By MARIAH PEPPER

Solid Ground

Happy summer (almost) from the farm!

The Seattle Community Farm has just started its first growing season in Rainier Vista. The farm is run by Lettuce Link, a program of Solid Ground, in partnership with the Seattle Housing Authority.

It's taken some time and a lot of work to move the earth, terrace the land, install irrigation, build pathways, a fence and a shed, but now the fun part of growing vegetables for and with the community can begin. Below are a few of the ways you can get involved. Feel free to contact us or just stop by if you want to hear more.

Volunteer

This is a community farm, which means we welcome everyone to participate no matter your gardening experience. We have three work parties every week: Tuesdays from 5 – 8 p.m., Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Feel free to come for any amount of time during those hours, and bring water and a snack if you plan on staying a while.

Work trade

If you are finding it difficult to afford fresh vegetables, consider signing up for a Work Trade with us. For every two hours you volunteer on the farm, we'll send you home with a bag of produce. If you put

in volunteer time before we have produce to give out (like right now), we'll make sure you get the vegetables you earned later in the season. To sign up, just tell us you want your volunteer time to count towards work trade, and then show up for a work party! Produce not shared through work trade will be donated to the Rainier Valley Food Bank.

Garden classes

We are hosting a series of free gardening classes the first Tuesday of the month from May – August that will cover a different topic each time. The classes, taught by Seattle Tilth, are from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the farm. Class participants are encouraged to stay afterwards to put their new skills to work at the farm. Interpretation will be provided.

Grand opening

Finally, you are all invited to the farm's Grand Opening from noon – 3 p.m. June 25. There will be an official opening with words from a few speakers, games and activities for kids, tours of the farm, and a light lunch. I hope you can join us!

The farm is located at the northern end of Rainier Vista, one block west of MLK and in between Andover and Lilac streets. For more information, please contact Community Outreach Coordinator Mariah Pepper at mariahp@solid-ground.org or 206-387-6644.

The Neighborhood House Digital Connectors would like you to celebrate with them!



**Thursday June 16th
5:30-7:00**

Please join us for a showcase of our final projects, food, and a chance to learn about all the work we've done in the past year!

We hope to see you there!

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improve safety on the street: increase law enforcement, educate the community and introduce traffic calming features. The latter, she said, could mean a "road diet" for 35th Avenue.

Introducing a reduced lane capacity on 35th was a common rallying cry among demonstrators at the Slow Down rally.

A few proposed narrowing the corridor to a two-lane roadway with a turn lane in the center.

"If you have one lane, you're not going any faster than the person in front of you," said Kenneth Dyer, who lives on 35th a few blocks down the street from the rally.

Dyer said he knows the perils of the corridor all too well — three cars parked outside his house have been wrecked by passing cars since he moved in. He showed photos of the damaged vehicles, with trunks and hoods gnarled up like crumpled paper.

Curtin said that any narrowing of 35th would require serious examination before implementing the changes.

As a rule, Curtin said that roadways that serve less than 20,000 cars per day can be reduced without concern. Likewise, those serving more than 25,000 could not be reduced without causing flow problems. But roads that serve 20,000-25,000 per day are a gray area, and require further study. Thirty-Fifth Avenue serves 23,600 cars per day, putting it on the high end of that gray area.

"If we were to do it, and do it poorly, we

would likely cause problems elsewhere," Curtin said. "People will try to find ways around traffic and congestion."

That could push more traffic to smaller arterials like Fauntleroy and Delridge, or even onto residential streets like 34th and 36th, where speeding cars might pose an even more immediate threat to safety.

Of the rally, Curtin said the turnout was great. He added that raising awareness is key.

"SDOT really encourages neighbors talking to neighbors about how they can instantly improve safety by taking their foot off the gas and behave more responsibly when they're behind the wheel," Curtin said.

High Point resident Swaran Kumar said she felt conditions on 35th put her two daughters, ages 19 and 13, in danger.

"I'm here because of my kids, and for the safety of my community," she said. "For their safety, I'm here."

Kumar and her daughter Michelle had helped make signs for the rally at a work party at the Neighborhood House High Point Center two days earlier.

"I've lived here for two to three years now," Swaran Kumar said. "I see a lot of accidents, a lot of fast cars driving. I'm worried about my kids — they use this road every day."

Betty Tester, who lives a couple blocks west of 35th, was participating in her third safety rally at 35th.

"They drive too fast," Tester said. "It's not safe for pedestrians, even at crosswalks."

NEWHOLLY & YESLER

NEWS ABOUT THE NEWHOLLY & YESLER TERRACE COMMUNITIES

From the pages of... The Voice At Juneteenth!



Sergeant James and his daughter at last month's Juneteenth at Yesler Terrace. Sergeant James was with the Fort Lewis Isuzu Rodeo Club, which helped out with the Juneteenth carnival.

The cover story of the July 1996 edition of *The Voice* featured a photo taken at the Yesler Terrace Juneteenth Celebration. The annual event is scheduled for 5 - 8 p.m. June 17 this year. See the related article in the "Community notes" section at right.

Drop, cover and hold: Yesler residents get the lowdown on earthquake safety

BY CORBIN GOODMAN
The Voice intern

On May 24, Tracy Connelly from the Office of Emergency Management spoke to approximately 50 Seattle Housing Authority residents at the Epstein Building in Yesler Terrace about earthquake safety.

Her presentation covered the specifics on what to do and how to prepare for such an event.

If indeed there is an earthquake, Connelly told those in attendance to drop, cover and hold and, if possible, take cover under a table.

Be sure to get as low as possible and cover the head and neck area with the arm to best avoid injury, she said.

Connelly also made clear that it is very important not to move during an earthquake, because the more a person moves the more likely they are to get hurt.

Also, avoid doorways where doors are likely to swing back and remember to lean into inside walls to avoid bouncing around and moving.

Earthquakes are dangerous and quite sudden, which is why it is important to remember how to stay safe.

Be sure to talk with and prepare for such an event with friends, family, and neighbors, Connelly said. The more earthquakes are discussed, the more likely residents will remember how to stay safe if indeed there is an actual earthquake. And remember to drop, cover and hold.

Volunteers needed for NewHolly Family Fun Fest and Health Fair

The NewHolly Family Fun Fest and Health Fair will be from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, July 16 at the NewHolly Campus. Activities will include games, access to community resources, delicious food and a strong dose of community spirit.

This is a community event designed and led by neighborhood volunteers and supported by staff. All community members are invited to help with planning.

What do you want to be part of this year? Please register now and sign-up to help with food, games, the health fair and more. This is your event! Get involved!

Contact Joy Bryngelson, NewHolly

Community Builder, at 723-1725, jbryngelson@seattlehousing.org.

Family Fun Fest Volunteer Meetings at the NewHolly Campus

Volunteers are encouraged to attend at least one planning meeting:

Wednesday, June 8, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 6, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 12, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Free event T-shirts for adult volunteers.

Free refreshments and children's activity area available during volunteer meetings.

Faulty water/sewer connections at NewHolly corrected by contractor

BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Absher Construction has succeeded in completing all repairs to problematic sewer lines at NewHolly, at no cost to the Seattle Housing Authority or home owners. The City of Seattle has signed off on the repairs, and Absher is now in the process of completing restoration of landscaping.

Testing last fall revealed problems in 48 sewer connections in Phase I. Because the sewer lines had been improperly connected when NewHolly was built, sewage

from 48 homes in Phase I was routed into the storm drainage system instead of the sewer system, and eventually was making its way into Lake Washington.

"Given how difficult this could have been, the repairs went very well," said Development Project Manager Brian Sullivan. "Absher did all the hard work of contacting the sub-contractors, coordinating with the owners and renters and correcting the problem. They really stepped up, and we are pleased with their performance. They delivered the repairs on schedule with a minimum of disruption."

Community notes

Yesler youth encouraged to apply for internships

If you're a youth between the ages of 16 – 19 living in Yesler Terrace and would like to spend your summer getting hands-on, professional work experience, an internship through Seattle Housing Authority might be the right fit for you.

Six young people will be selected for the internship program, which is sponsored by Seattle Housing Authority and will include placements with technical consultants working on the Yesler Terrace redevelopment project. If you're interested in architecture, engineering or redevelopment, you are encouraged to apply.

The successful applicants will receive a \$900 stipend and a bus pass for the duration of the program.

To apply, send a résumé to Community Builder Brett Houghton by noon on Wednesday, June 15. Please contact the Yesler Terrace Job Connection if you need help writing a résumé.

For more information, contact Houghton at bhoughton@seattlehousing.org or 206-343-7484.

Yesler Terrace celebrates Juneteenth

Yesler's annual Juneteenth celebration and barbecue will be from 5 – 8 p.m. Friday, June 17. The community will gather in front of the Yesler Community Center for good food, music and entertainment.

For more information on the history of the Juneteenth holiday, see the related story on Page 4 of *The Voice*.

Yesler Terrace Community Council to hold elections

Yesler Terrace Community Council meets from 6 – 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 21 in the first-floor conference room of the Epstein Building, 905 Spruce St.

We'll have a program on crime prevention, our leadership team elections, and East African food. Join us!

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my view back. Today's a good day!"

If all goes according to plan, the next section of wrap will be removed in mid-June. The rest of the building is encircled with a transparent mesh rather than plastic, and will be under construction until autumn.

While the focus is on the building's handsome new looks right now, the thing that might appeal to residents most are the façade's hidden features. This stucco is not the same as the kind installed in some buildings around Seattle in the last 20 years

that was plagued by water leaks. Instead, the stucco is part of a comprehensive water management strategy.

Together with well-designed flashing around the windows, the stucco is part of a system of layers to deflect and divert water away from the building's interior brick walls that were prone to leaks.

In between those layers, workers installed several inches of new insulation for the building. The value of this insulation for resident will be noticeable this winter, as it helps the apartments' new heaters keep the rooms warm using less energy than before.

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BẢN ĐÚC KẾT ẢNH HƯỚNG MÔI TRƯỜNG -EIS

CHO VIỆC TÁI PHÁT TRIỂN KHUYESLER TERRACE

Trong năm qua, Nha Cấp Phát Gia Cư Seattle –Seattle Housing Authority, cùng với đội ngũ có ván gồm có các kỹ sư, các nhà khoa học, các nhà thiết kế và nhóm người khác, đã nghiên cứu về những khả năng có thể ảnh hưởng đến môi trường, và phương thức làm giảm đi (những ảnh hưởng) đến việc tái phát triển khu Yesler Terrace. Ngày 14 tháng 4 đánh dấu kết thúc công việc nghiên cứu sâu rộng cùng với việc cho đưa ra bản đúc kết EIS -Ảnh Hưởng Môi Trường. Tài liệu toàn tập này có sẵn trên trang mạng [www.seattlehousing.org](http://seattlehousing.org)

Bản Đúc Kết Ánh Hưởng Môi Trường EIS gồm có những ý kiến đề nghị của 50 thành viên khác nhau trong công chúng, từ các cơ quan chính phủ và những cơ quan trực tiếp liên hệ trải dài suốt khoảng thời gian thu nhận ý kiến cho bản nháp Ánh Hưởng Môi Trường.

Những thu nhận trong bản đúc kết về Ánh Hướng Môi Sinh xác nhận rằng công việc tái phát triển, trong kế hoạch đã lựa chọn – gồm

Final EIS issued for Yesler Terrace redevelopment

Утверждён EIS реконструкции Ислер террас

В течении последнего года Жилищное управление Сиэтла вместе с командой инженеров, учёных дизайнеров и других изучало возможные влияния на окружающую среду и их смягчение при реконструкции Йслер террас. 14-го апреля закончилось это обстоятельное изучение с выпуском в свет окончательного документа – Environmental Impact Statement (Акт о влиянии на окружающую среду). Полное содержание документа можно изучить онлайн www.seattlehousing.org

Окончательный документ учитывает мнения более 50-ти граждан, государственных учреждений и других участников, высказанные при составлении акта.

Утверждённые документом реконструкции 5000 квартир, 900000 квадратных футов площади служебных помещений, 88000 квадратных футов торговой площади,

có 5,000 căn hộ; gồm 900 ngàn bộ vuông cho cơ sở văn phòng, 88 ngàn bộ vuông cho doanh nghiệp bán lẻ; dura trên diện tích 15.9 công đất cùng với khoản đất tư nhân; 65 ngàn bộ vuông cho các dịch vụ trong khu xóm; và 5100 chỗ đậu xe – là kế hoạch có thể làm được.

Bản Đúc Kết Ánh Hưởng Môi Trường EIS sẽ được dùng như công cụ hướng dẫn cho dự án Tái Phát Triển Khu Yesler Terrace, nó sẽ bao gồm những đề mục thích ứng đối với dự án, đối với cư dân, và đối với các cơ quan liên hệ. Những đề mục này gồm có nhà ở cho người có lợi tức thấp, và những ứng dụng khác trong khu vực, kế hoạch phân chia ra thành các giai đoạn, việc thu xếp cho việc di dời cư dân, và quyền được đơn trả lại, việc cộng đồng tham gia vào dự án, những công việc nhằm làm giảm đi ánh hưởng (của việc xây cất), những thực hiện khả dĩ chấp nhận được, hạ tầng xã hội và mục tiêu tài trợ cho cơ quan hợp tác..

Dự Án Phát Triển sẽ được cứu xét bởi Ban Tổng Giám Đốc của Nha Cấp Gia Cư Seattle Housing vào ngày 17 tháng 5. Những người thực hiện dự án hy vọng rằng kế hoạch tái phát triển sẽ được khởi công vào mùa thu năm 2013.

15,9 акров общественной и полузакрытой общественной территории, 65000 квадратных футов соседствующих служб и 5100 парковочных мест сводят к минимуму влияние на окружающую среду.

Документ станет руководством при составлении плана развития Йслер террас, который будет включать конкретные темы, относящиеся к проекту, жителям и другим участникам. Эти предметы обсуждения включают доступное жильё и другие права пользования, фазированные компенсации, рассмотрение переселения и право на возвращение, план общественного участия, смягчение влияния реконструкции, планы поддержки, социальная поддержка и финансируемые целевые партнёрства.

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План развития будет рассматриваться на совете уполномоченных Жилищного управления Сиэтла на ежемесячном собрании 17-го мая. Планировщики надеются начать 20-тилетний проект развития осенью 2013 года.



Special supplement to The Voice, produced by Seattle Housing Authority

Board passes plan for Yesler Terrace



Ngu Vu (right), Yesler Terrace resident, offers comments at the May 17 board meeting with the help of interpreter James Nguyen.

In a unanimous decision at its May 17 meeting, the Seattle Housing Authority Board of Commissioners approved a sweeping plan for the redevelopment of the 30-acre Yesler Terrace Neighborhood. The meeting was attended by about 70 people, and 21 people offered comments.

Commission Chair John Littel praised the residents of the Yesler Terrace neighborhood for their involvement and commitment to the planning process. "Their commitment has really informed our work and has inspired our own commitment to make the best

decisions we can," he said. The Development Plan provides a framework for redevelopment of the 70-year old public housing community on First Hill. It specifies the maximum possible build-out on the site as follows:

Housing	4.3 million sq. ft. (up to 5,000 units)
Office	900,000 sq. ft.
Neighborhood services	65,000 sq. ft.
Neighborhood retail	88,000 sq. ft.
Parks and open space	15.9 acres
Parking	Up to 5,100 spaces

Choice Neighborhoods Grant submitted

On Friday, May 27, a team of Seattle Housing employees breathed a collective sigh of relief when the 100+ Choice Neighborhoods Application was shipped off to HUD via Federal Express.

The Housing Authority is one of six finalists for the grand award, and is applying for \$27 million in redevelopment funds. According to Development Director Stephanie Van Dyke, "If we get this grant, we will be able to jump start the development process for Yesler Terrace by building mixed-income housing in this great location. Yesler residents would be able to move directly from their current homes into new replacement housing in the Twelfth and Yesler Block."

The Choice Neighborhoods grant would provide the seed money for 97 replacement units, 79 of which would be built on the Twelfth and Yesler block. The Housing Authority would relocate the 32 housing units and program space currently occupied on that

block by the YWCA.

An additional 18 replacement units would be created in the Baldwin Apartments. Forty very low-income units would be built on the site, along with additional market-rate and workforce units. In addition to the housing, there would be about 7,000 square feet of neighborhood retail at street level.

Seattle University and the Seattle public schools are among the most significant partners for this grant, but are joined by numerous other nonprofit and government organizations.

In all, the grant application contained more than 20 letters of support. Seattle University and the school district are particularly interested in partnering for educational attainment for youth in the neighborhood.

Other grant activities include façade improvements in the Little Saigon business district and restoration of the historic Washington Hall.

Commitments to current residents remain firm

"There are four fundamental promises we are making to Yesler Terrace residents with this redevelopment process," stresses Executive Director Tom Tierney. "I know that they mean a great deal to residents, and our commitment to them will remain firm for as long as is necessary."

The four commitments are:

1. We will replace all 561 existing units – on site or within the immediate neighborhood – with modern, healthy, accessible and appropriate housing;

2. We will make provisions for existing daycare businesses to continue to operate;

3. Residents living at Yesler Terrace at the start of redevelopment (those who remain in compliance with their lease) will be able to return; and

4. We will provide relocation assistance to all residents living at Yesler Terrace at the time of redevelopment. (This could include both financial assistance and physical help with the tasks of moving.)

Final EIS completed

The Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Yesler Terrace redevelopment project has now been published and is available on the Yesler Terrace section of the website at www.seattlehousing.org.

This document provides guidance for the next 10 – 20 years of redevelopment activity.

The Final EIS addresses the various comments and questions that were brought up in the earlier Draft EIS, and provides the results of additional analysis. Along with the Final EIS, the Housing Authority has also published a document which lays out the



Artist's rendering of what the corner of Twelfth and Yesler might look like in the future.

steps that will be taken in order to lessen, or mitigate, environmental impacts. This Mitigation

Document is also available on the website.

Framework set for redevelopment of Yesler

Development Plan to serve as overall framework

The 20-page Development Plan addresses many of the issues that will be important as new construction at Yesler Terrace gets underway. In addition to specifying the numbers of units for each basic element (housing, office, retail, etc.), the development plan addresses the following: phasing considerations, relocation, community participation, social infrastructure and funding partnership. It describes how each of these areas will be approached and what can be expected. The Development Plan is available online at www.seattlehousing.org. If you would like a copy of the plan mailed to you, please call 206-615-3556.

How will Yesler's redevelopment be scheduled?

Because the full build-out of Yesler Terrace is expected to take 10-20 years, the phasing of the development is very significant. Residents and neighbors alike are clear that they do not want to see large vacant lots over an extended period of time.

Overall, the Housing Authority plans to develop the new neighborhood in sections, block by block. "One of our primary goals," notes Program Manager Anne Fiske Zuniga, "is to begin building replacement housing before we ask anyone to move from their current apartment. We hope to cause as little disruption as possible."

Another key ingredient in the phasing mix is the cost of the new infrastructure that will be needed. The size of the price tag for new streets, sewers, electrical grid and

parks will influence how many and which blocks can be included in each phase.

What happens next with Yesler Terrace?

Seattle Housing staff members are working with City of Seattle staff to prepare a package of legislation for consideration by City Council this summer. This package will include a Land Use Code amendment that will include maps and text describing the general location and size of the proposed improvements at Yesler Terrace, a Memorandum of Understanding that will describe agreements between Seattle Housing and the City and a Planned Action Ordinance that will be based on the Final EIS. After the City has completed work on this legislation (later in 2011), the Housing Authority will identify a master developer or other partners to work with at Yesler Terrace.

Historic Steam Plant gets \$3.1 million for rehab



The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently announced the award of \$3,109,271 to the Seattle Housing Authority for development of early childhood education and adult training facilities for public housing residents.

The grant will allow the Steam Plant to be preserved as Yesler Terrace's only uniquely modernist building. It will serve as a reminder of the neighborhood's history and become a permanent home for important self-sufficiency services in the center of the community.

The new center will house Neighborhood House's Head Start pro-

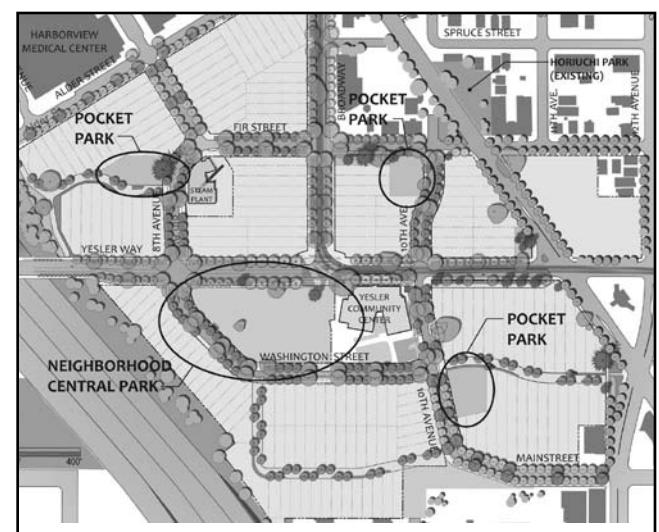
gram, Catholic Community Service's Youth Tutoring program, an Express Credit Union for affordable financial services, and SEIU training center and Seattle Housing's employment opportunity services.

Development Director Stephanie Van Dyke noted that at first glance, the steam plant may seem an unlikely place for self-sufficiency services. "With a closer look, the building's potential becomes obvious," she said. "It is centrally located near transit, has big rooms with high ceilings, and western exposure with large windows to create light-filled spaces."

Parks and green space will connect throughout site

The most important green space at the new Yesler Terrace will be the large central park at Broadway and Yesler, just west of the existing Community Center. This large park will accommodate a variety of uses – from community gardening to grassy open space to play equipment. Branching off from this large open space will be pedestrian paths that connect in a large ring around the site. These paths will allow residents and visitors to the neighborhood to walk to homes, shops and offices, and to pass through the site easily on the way to work or school.

Three pocket parks will be located in each quadrant of the site – thus, the parks will be within a block of most residences.



In addition to these public parks, smaller semi-private open spaces will provide outdoor access to residents in courtyards and rooftop gardens.

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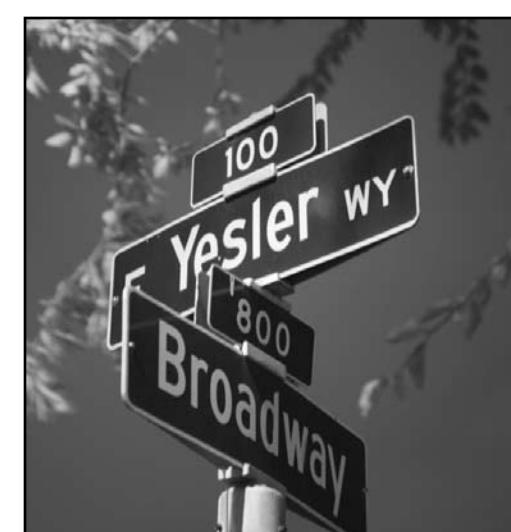
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