Construction Trades Fair: Earn while you learn

BY HARBOURLVIEW HOSPITAL
Take your first step to a new career by taking part in the Construction Trades Fair on June 21 at the Yesler Terrace Community Center.

New construction projects are starting daily in the Seattle area and the city is booming with construction apprenticeship programs where participants can be working and learning at the same time. For people interested in the building trades, there are many programs offering immediate training for employment at a living wage. Participants in these programs get paid while training and working for many great companies.

Everyone is invited to join the trades fair, where trade professionals, apprenticeship coordinators and community college advisors from the Seattle area will gather for an informative day focusing on training opportunities available through local apprenticeship programs. On-site interpretation will be available in many languages. On-site interviews and light refreshments will also be provided.

The Earn While You Learn Construction Trades Fair is scheduled for Thursday, June 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yesler Terrace Community Center, 917 East Yesler Way in Seattle. The fair is co-sponsored by Turner Construction, Harborview Medical Center and the Seattle Housing Authority.

At the fair, participants will learn about programs that offer on-the-job training and classroom work. Many of these programs offer a living wage with health care, retirement and other benefits while learning the trade and increased wages upon completing the requirements of the program.

The trades fair will also provide information on apprenticeships, including qualifications and careers which offer apprenticeship programs, and much more.

After completion of an apprenticeship program, students earn a journey-level status which entitles the participants to union-scale wage anywhere in the United States. Apprenticeship coordinators will be available to answer questions about school and jobs.

The trade show will highlight the wonderful opportunities that are available and provide participants with an opportunity to meet with coordinators and network with others. Multiple presentation booths and activities will engage local students and adults and demonstrate the opportunities available in the construction industry.

If you have questions or need more information, please call 206-521-1794 or e-mail semiera@u.washington.edu.

Free computers and Internet service within reach

BY KEITH GORMELANO
Special to The Voice
Would you like to get a free computer? Would you like to purchase computer software, hardware or peripherals for only the cost of the sales tax?

The information below will tell you how to take advantage of free offers and rebates that will get you on the information highway in no time.

Free computers
Interconnection, a Seattle-based organization that works to make technology more accessible to underserved populations, will give you a free computer if you complete their 30-hour computer skills program. This program uses hands-on learning to teach volunteers about computer components, how to fix computers and how to install hard drives, memory, software and operating systems. It could come in useful in future jobs as most people do not know the inside of a computer.


Since 1994, the Seattle Community Network Association's Computer Giveaway Project has been a source for free complete computers. Please see “Free stuff” on page 2.

Thousands rally in Seattle and across the nation to support immigration law reform

More than 5,000 immigrants and their supporters, including several public housing residents, took to the streets last month to rally for national immigration reform. Protestors called for a pathway to citizenship for the nation’s undocumented workers and for a halt to work-site raids which have led to deportations that often take parents away from their children.

The rally was one of several that took place across the nation and was organized by religious, human rights and labor organizations.

KCHA Section 8 waiting list opened

The King County Housing Authority began accepting applications for its Section 8 Rental Assistance Program waiting list for two weeks starting Wednesday, May 23 and ending Thursday, June 7.

This opportunity allows eligible applicants to qualify for a rental subsidy which can be used in the private market. Also known as the Housing Choice Voucher program, this program is the primary means of housing assistance for low- and very low-income people provided by King County Housing Authority.

Currently, KCHA’s Section 8 Program provides rental assistance to more than 21,000 residents in King County. The waiting list has been closed since May 2006. The list will be exhausted within the next few months, and KCHA will be accepting new applications.

The Housing Authority will place a maximum of 2,500 names on the waiting list, covering 12 to 18 months of placements. Successful applicants will be selected through a random drawing that will be held after the list has closed on June 7. Applicants not placed on the list will be notified by the Housing Authority following the random drawing.

Beginning May 23, people can apply online at http://www.kcha.org. Applicants may download an application from the same Web site and complete it by hand; or those interested may pick up a printed copy at one of the following eleven locations:

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Reader's viewpoint

Readers of The Voice share their ideas

Undoing Racism training opens eyes

By Lee Suitor

Special to The Voice

“Undoing Racism,” a workshop on race relations, was offered recently to workers and volunteers in Seattle.

I was fortunate to be sponsored by the Seattle Housing Authority to attend the two-day conference. Its purpose was to break down racial barriers. After 17 hours, including breakfasts and lunches, thoughts blurt, so I will offer some examples of what was said rather than provide a running commentary.

What faceless agencies do they bump up against? The Internal Revenue Service, Medicaid, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Department of Defense, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and so on.

We could easily see that the next generation was being trained into an image of impermeable walls and low expectations. A hard bite to swallow was historical development versus historical classification. That is, humankind developed and its distinctions could be seen more than a million years ago, but classification was only established in the past couple of centuries by white human beings. Human development versus historical classification.

Lee Suitor is a resident of Stewart Manor, a Seattle Housing Authority high-rise building. He can be reached with questions at 206-938-1954.

Parent network provides families with resources

By Neighborhood House staff

Over 40 Cambodian parents gathered in one of the newly-constructed homes in the High Point community last month for a Parent Support Network meeting. The network is a new program to support parents who have graduated from Project HANDLE’s HIV-AIDS and substance abuse prevention classes called Guiding Good Choices.

Project HANDLE is an HIV-AIDS and substance abuse prevention program of Neighborhood House that serves members of the Cambodian, African American and East African communities.

The Parent Support Network is a grassroots effort that was organized when parents asked for more support in their homes.

Last month’s meeting focused on ways to seek solutions to reduce substance abuse at home and in the community.

“The parent support meeting was very helpful to the families and the community,” said Savoeun Keo, who offered to host the next meeting at her home. “Our host Ms. Noom Nol was very welcoming.

Now is a Community Advisory Coalition member who helped recruit parents and youth for the Guiding Good Choices classes.

The coalition includes members from the religious, educational, governmental and other sectors and aims to address substance abuse and HIV prevention in the Cambodian community throughout Seattle and King County.

The Parent Support Network was successfully launched at an event in March hosted by the White Center Coffee Hall on 86th Avenue. The coffee hall owner became involved in the coalition because of its mission to educate parents and teenagers on HIV and substance abuse prevention.

Six Project HANDLE staff members attended last month’s Parent Support Network meeting. Their roles were to help answer questions and provide additional support for the parents. The parents were very happy to share food, information and resources.

“The parents brought so much ethnic food,” said Steven Van, Project HANDLE coordinator. “Although the space was small, the heart was huge.”

Guiding Good Choices is a model program developed by the University of Washington’s School of Social Work. Parents attend a five-week class which addresses family conflict, family management problems, youth rebellion and other family-related issues.

Project HANDLE is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration and the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Health Notes

A column devoted to your well-being

Protect your loved ones from meth abuse

By Teresa Moore

Moore Ink. PR

With one of the highest incidences of methamphetamine abuse in the nation, Washington state is seeing escalating risks to youth and adults from the highly addictive and dangerous drug.

According to the Washington Department of Social and Health Services, teen meth use is increasing. More than one in every 20 Washington tenth graders reports they have used meth. Federal sources note that the number of adult addicts seeking treatment for meth in the state’s publicly-funded treatment centers in 2005 exceeded the numbers for any other drug except alcohol — outing cocaine, marijuana and heroin.

If you think someone you know might be using meth, or if you’re a parent who suspects your teen might be using, the non-profit Partnership for a Drug-Free America offers the following list of warning signs:

• Physical symptoms may include weight loss, abnormal sweating, shortness of breath, nasal problems or nosebleeds, sores that do not heal, diluted pupils, burns on lips or fingers and track marks on arms.

• Behavioral symptoms might include withdrawal from family and friends, change in friends, disinterest in previously see “Health Notes” on page 4
One to grow on

Garden tips for community gardeners

By Anna Muenchow
Special to The Voice

With the summer temperatures here finally settling in and finding the garden plants, I’m especially enjoying planning for all the different kinds of squash we will grow this season.

Not just zucchini, but also delicata, Hubbard, those cute little mini pumpkins and others. The squash family is called the cucurbit family. It includes cucumbers, pumpkins and all kinds of squash — summer and winter. What is interesting about the squash family is that they are monocious, which means each plant produces both male and female flowers.

When looking closely at the flowers, you will see some are on a longer stem and some have a short fat stem. The short-stemmed flowers will only produce female flowers and will develop into the fruit. Many gardens get confused because the flowers to come out are often male so will not produce fruit. Relax, the female flowers will form soon, and you will get plenty of fruit.

As you can imagine, the pollen needs to get from the male flower to the female flower in order for the fruits to form. This means that all that are dependent on bees for pollination. There are very few colony bees, such as honey bees, in my neighborhood, so we depend on solitary bees, like bumble bees and mason bees.

Bees will travel many hundreds of feet visiting flowers and moving pollen around. This pollen will fertilize the female flower so the fruit may not be from the same type of cucurbit plant.

It is typical that hybridized (cross pollinated) seeds form inside your squashes and cucumbers. The variety of squash or cucumber you purchased to plant in your garden will create the fruit you want the first year, but the seeds may not stay true in the next generation. Saving cucurbit seeds will always produce the same fruit year after year.

I appreciate when gardening friends share their favorite variety of saved squash or cucumber seed with me, but I’m reluctant to plant them because they may not produce the desired fruit.

Many people like to start squash early indoors or purchase vegetable starts, but they are also dependent on the seeds outside the garden at any time after Mothers Day until the end of June.

This year I’ve started a second crop of zucchini late in June because the yellow flowers produce so much more produce during the month of September.

For a gourmet treat, harvest some squash blossoms early in the morning and stuff them with mixtures of cheeses, herbs, meats or grain. Twist the tops closed and fry them in a light batter. Or add them to your stir fry at the very end for about 30 seconds.

Soon, your early spring lettuce will be going to seed (bolting). This will cause the lettuce leaves to taste bitter. To have delicious sweet lettuce all summer, continue planting new lettuce every two to three weeks and keep it well watered. Black-seeded Simpson is a good summer lettuce variety.

For those lettuce plants going to seed, allow several to form their flowers, stake them up and watch for seed development. In a month or so, you will see the little winged seeds that look like dandelions. The seeds will only be mature enough to harvest at that point.

Cut off the top of the plant, place it in a paper grocery bag, and label bag with the variety (if known) and the date, and keep in a dry place out of the sun. This seed usually stays true and will produce well the following spring.

Though we had a very cool spring it was surprisingly dry during the early part of May. Don’t let your soil dry out because it will stress your plants.

In anticipation of a long dry summer, we laid out our drip irrigation by the middle of May, which is fully two weeks earlier than normal. But I’m hoping it’ll be a great tomato season.

Anna Muenchow is a farmer and a volunteer with P-Patch. You can reach her by e-mail at mahafarm@whidbey.net or on the Internet at http://www.mahafarm.com.

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Reading is a big part of each day. In the Neighborhood House Head Start program, students interact with a volunteer reader as she shares with them the classic storybook “Where the Wild Things Are.”

By Voice Staff

Do you have a child who would love to learn their letters and numbers, sing songs and play with other children?

The Neighborhood House Head Start program is now enrolling children between the ages of 3 and 5 for the next school year, which begins in September.

The Neighborhood House Early Head Start program is also enrolling pregnant women and families with children from age 0 to 3. The Early Head Start program is a free, weekly head start program where low-income families receive child development information, social services, health assessments and other services. Head Start is a free federal program for preschool children from low-income families. Its half-day sessions provide children with activities that help them grow mentally, socially, emotionally and physically.

Head Start staff members recognize that parents are the first and most important teachers of children, and they welcome their involvement in all school activities.

Neighborhood House runs Head Start programs in the NewHolly, Rainier Vista, Yesler Terrace and High Point communities.

Children who attend Head Start participate in a variety of educational activities. They also receive medical and dental care and have healthy meals and snacks each day.

Last year, Neighborhood House Head Start students even took a field trip to the Woodland Park Zoo. Children with special needs are also welcome at Neighborhood House.

“Some children may need extra help to play and talk the way other kids their age do,” said Colleen Hollis, the person who works with Neighborhood House’s special needs students. “We can give them that help. Head Start also offers individualized support to families, helping parents reach their goals so they can effectively support their children’s education.

For more information about the Head Start program in your neighborhood, or to enroll your child, contact Million Shifler at 206-461-8430 ext. 246.

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Community notes

Bowl for a good cause

Get ready to knock some pins down. Join neighbors, community members and friends on Thursday, June 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Roxbury Lanes for the first ever Neighborhood House bowling bowlathon.

The event will raise money for Helpline, which provides emergency financial and supportive assistance to families at risk of eviction. Play as an individual or as a team. Prizes will be awarded for the most talented – and for the not-so-talented.

This special fundraiser is only $25 for adults and $15 for children. Please join Neighborhood House for an evening of fun and help support this extremely important program.

To RSVP and reserve a space, contact Jordyn McEntire at 206-461-8430, ext. 255 or by e-mail at jordynm@nhwa.org.

Roxbury Lanes are at 2823 S.W. Roxbury St. in Seattle.

The preferences are for households that are homeless or about to become homeless (through no fault of their own), families who are living in substandard or transitional housing or families who are spending more than 50 percent of their incomes on rent.

For information about the application process, please call the KCHA Section 8 Office at 206-214-1300.

The Section 8 Program pays rental housing subsidies — provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and managed by KCHA — to private landlords on behalf of low-income households.

The subsidy allows program participants to find housing in the private rental market. Generally, 80% of the difference between the rent charged by a housing owner and the assisted household’s rental contribution, usually 30 to 40 percent of the household’s income adjusted for family size and utility costs.

The King County Housing Authority administers a range of quality affordable rental and homeownership programs for residents of King County. The Author- ity serves more than 17,000 households including families, elderly and disabled residents.
STAR Center offers computer access to many

By Dean Williams

It’s been said that the Special Technol- ogy Access Resource Center, or STAR Center, is a place where people’s way of thinking is changed from “I can’t” to “I can.”

The center, located at the Low-income Public housing-high-rise Center Park, special- izes in assistive technology programs ranging from screen reader programs, dictation programs, Braille translator pro- grams and many more.

The center is a place where people of any skill level can use the computer and where new users can learn from any of the center’s trained staff.

The center primarily caters to indi- viduals with special needs and the elderly, though the general public is welcomed as well.

Jacque Cook is the director of the STAR Center, which was founded by the Seattle Housing Authority and other neighborhood partners and is funded by SHA and various grant programs.

Jacque said that her vision for STAR is to utilize special technology to facilitate computer access for all—even individuals with physical disabilities—and in doing so, to narrow the digital divide.

Center Park and the STAR Center are located at 2211 25th Ave. S.

More information can be found on the Internet at http://www.staroaseattle.org.

Several staff members of the center live in the Center Park community adjacent to STAR, and several residents of Center Park are also clients.

Paula Williams, a Center Park resident and the STAR receptionist, has been work- ing there almost a year. She found out about the center through her husband who also works there.

“Through all my struggles in life start- ing with becoming legally blind at the age of 22 due to cancer, working at STAR has given me the ability to expand on what I know. I have been able to learn new things about computers, opening a whole new world for me when once the world was giving up on me,” she said. “I learned basic administrative things like using a database, which I’ve never done before until now, and STAR has helped me realize that life can go on even with a disability.”

Many of the clients who use the center say that when you’re at STAR you always feel a sense of community and togetherness. All agree that a whole new world has been opened up for them because of STAR.

Dean Williams is a resident of the SHA high-rise Center Park and volunteers at the center.

HUD official visits Seattle, consults on funding for computer labs, other programs

By Jeff Arnes

Seattle Housing Authority

Early last month, officials from the Seattle Housing Authority welcomed Ron Ashford, the director of HOPE VI Community and Supportive Services for Seattle Housing’s operating partner, Urban Development, to the Pacific Northwest.

Ashford oversaw a number of HUD grant programs, including Resident Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency and the Neighborhood Networks pro- gram.

He came to town to conduct a site visit and see what SHA is doing with grant funding from each of these programs.

After meeting with Seattle Housing Executive Director Tom Tierny and Seattle Housing’s special assistant for Community and Administration Andrew Lofton to discuss the status of services and community building at the Seattle Housing Authority, Ashford toured Neighborhood Networks computer labs at the STAR Center, Yesler Tera- race and Rainier Vista, along with Neighborhood House at Rainier Vista, the NewWorldly development, and the Job Connection’s office at Point, to see the services in action.

Despite strong results, the federal government eliminated the Neighborhood House Networks grant program in HUD’s 2007 budget appropriation, and Ashford discussed the implications of this with some of the affected non-profit organizations during his visit.

He also outlined some of the changes HUD is considering applying to fund- ing for the ROSS grant program.

Though funding changes may be imminent for Neighborhood Net- works, the financial sustainability of the program’s computer labs is still possible.

Seattle Housing Authority continues to seek funding for its services in col- laboration with its partner agencies. Seattle Housing’s operating partner for the STAR Center is the non-profit Digital Promise.

Progress made on SHA Qwest field project

By Virginia Felton

Seattle Housing Authority

Pioneer Square is one step closer to see- ing a mixed-use development constructed on the northern half of the Qwest Field parking lot, which is the largest undevel- oped piece of land in downtown Seattle.

The project was announced last July and has now proceeded to the King County Council for approval.

A council hearing was held on Wednes- day, May 16 to consider the deal, and com- mittee members voted to move the project forward. The Seattle Housing Authority will be part of the development, adding 100 units of housing that will be affordable to people earning 60 percent of area median income.

King County Executive Ron Sims has signed a purchase and sale agreement which will be finalized this month. The developers for more than $10 million.

If the agreement is approved by the King County Council, the project is expected to receive its Master Use Permit by July 2008.

Health Notes

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enjoyed activities, increased activity, long periods of sleeplessness (24-120 hours), long periods of sleep (24-48 hours), in- cessant talking, irritability, switching and shaking, itching, decreased appetite and erratic attention span.

• Meth users often display repetitious behavior, such as picking at skin, pulling out hair, compulsively cleaning, grooming or dressing in a manner that matches the situation.

• Addicts may become very aggressive and violent, display a false sense of confi- dence, control and power.

They may also exhibit carelessness about their appearance or show deceit or excessive secretiveness.

• Mental symptoms can include but are not limited to the following: paranoia, anx- iousness, nervousness, agitation, extreme moodiness, self-loathing, depression, hallucinations and delusions of parasitic insects crawling under the skin. It is impor- tant to note any radical change in behavior.

• Meth users’ paraphernalia might include rolled up paper money or short straw, pieces of glass or mirrors, razor blades, burnt spoons, surgical tubing and syringes/needles.

For more information on meth and other drugs — including tips for helping parents learn how to talk to their kids about drug abuse — visit the partnership’s Web site at http://www.drugfree.org.

To schedule a presentation about the dangers of methamphetamine for your civic group, PTA or other local organization, e-mail meth.1060@comcast.net.

Denny Terrace: a high-rise bustling with activity

By Karen Jensen

Special to The Voice

Denny Terrace has been very busy with programs facilitated by Partners in Caring (a program of Solid Ground, formerly the Fremont Public Association).

Solid Ground is working to build a group of core volunteers who will be actively involved in their community and take over programs.

Heatherview at 10 a.m. the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department and Partners in Caring offer a free “Sit and Be Fit” class with a Parks and Recreation employee known as “Chilly.”

At 11 a.m. there is an art class following the exercise group. Participants are making greeting cards with stamps and will add more variety as the class progresses.

Denny Terrace resident Indigo Summer has volunteered to take over the classes with help from me, an Americorps Vista volunteer.

Solid Ground’s Michelle Lucas started a book club and it will be taken over by resident Katherine Anderson. The book club meets the first Tuesday of each month and the books are handed out at that time.

On the last Tuesday of the month, a movie based on the book is shown. Food is also served that relates to the book. Last month the book was “Chocolate” and there was a lot of chocolate to eat and we had a fabulous time.

Seniors Making Art has a watercolor class on Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Jones community room.

Residents of Denny Terrace and Harvard Court partici- pate in this class.

Students have learned to make all colors in the primary colors with watercolor — including tips for helping parents learn how to talk to their kids about drug abuse — visit the partnership’s Web site at http://www.difference.net.

Denny Terrace resident Annemarie Bonacci has already begun planning for his 100th birthday in two years! Karen Jensen is a resident of Denny Ter- race and a Americorps Vista volunteer with Partners in Caring.
The Voice now has an advertising section

By Stacy Schmidt
Voice editor

Turn the page, and you will see that for the first time in our 26-year history, The Voice now has an advertising section. In partnership with Pacific Publishing, we have added two pages of classified and display advertising to the back of this section of the publication.

The Voice has room for up to four pages of advertising, and we hope this exciting new venture will continue to grow. All of our content will remain the same; we’ll just be offering this new feature to our loyal readership.

Many thanks go to Keith Gormezano, a Seattle Housing Authority resident who made the initial connection with Pacific Publishing.

The advertising will be for everything from job opportunities, to educational services to childcare available. We’re even offering a free person-to-person advertising section for Voice readers who have something they’d like to sell or are looking for something specific to buy.

Just clip out the coupon on page 7 and mail it in before the 10th of the month, and your ad should appear in the next month’s issue.

Pacific Publishing staff members will be in charge of selling the advertising, and businesses and service providers interested in purchasing an ad can contact them directly.

Help wanted ads can be purchased by contacting Mark Manion at 206-461-1318, and other ads can be purchased by calling Phylis Date at 206-461-3102.

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Reader’s viewpoint
Readers of The Voice share their ideas

Judge ruled correctly on sign rule case

By Keith Gormezano
Special to The Voice

As a former property manager, I concur with the April 2006 Superior Court ruling that the Seattle Housing Authority cannot prohibit tenants from posting signs on apartment doors because when SHA leases an apartment, they give up their “right to possession” to the apartment doors just as they give up the rest of the apartment.

I know as a former apartment and property manager that it has always been considered the industry trade standard that apartment doors belong to the tenants.

I think the Housing Authority’s appeal of the verdict, which was heard last month by the state Supreme Court, was a waste of resources.

In my moderate income senior (and disabled) SHA apartment building, several tenants have posted notices on their doors addressed to SHA employees telling them not to enter without the tenant being present. This is dead on.

Others have posted a list of U.S. soldiers killed in the Iraq war, a flyer supporting Lt. [name]Watanda, wreaths and holiday decorations, personal items and religious affirmations (such as “All that I have is through Christ.”)

While the sign rule only affects low-income Public Housing communities (basically SHA high-rises and Yesler Terrace), I’m sure that similar signs in those communities would be banned.

The Housing Authority has said one reason why it is the practice is that tenants don’t want “clutter” in the common areas. This position is hogwash.

In my building, there are four duplicate signs posted next or near to each other by management.

One reminds tenants and visitors not to smoke. The second reminds us to shut the front door and not let in strangers (with candy?) or the visitors of other residents. Third is for the date of the next fire alarm test. And the fourth tells us that the resident manager is going on vacation.

Maybe they ought to walk the talk first. If there is any “visual clutter,” SHA management or mismanagement is the cause.

Furthermore, the Housing Authority regularly gives notices to individual tenants by taping them to their doors.

This indicates that SHA does not see the outside of the door as a common area like a utility pole; they think taping notices on the door is the same as leaving them under the door. They are assuming that only the tenant the notice is directed against would turn it over and read it.

If their position is that the front of the door is the same as a utility pole, then it’s SHA violating tenant privacy rights and the public disclosure act by letting others read what they have posted.

James Fearn (the legal counsel for SHA in this appeal) has told me that residents are clients of public institutions and therefore the agency cannot announce anything about residents to any third party. So why are the rules different for them?

This decision is important. Unlike the private sector, if we don’t like the way our public housing management (or should it be management?) is treating us, we don’t have other alternatives. The supply of low-income and senior/disabled housing is extremely limited. Most of us live in it as a matter of financial necessity.

This appeals waste financial and legal resources that could be used instead to benefit SHA tenants.

From having successfully done my own lawsuits, I estimate that the Superior Court and Supreme Court appeals costs on SHA’s side will probably exceed $125,000.

Shouldn’t SHA be spending this money on something worthwhile?

Keith Gormezano is a resident of the Seattle Senior Housing Program building Phinney Terrace.

Editor’s note: The appeal was heard by the Supreme Court after press time and a ruling is not expected immediately. Coverage of the appeal will appear in next month’s issue.

Dr. Fearn, who has held this position for the past several years, has left SHA to take a management position in finance for King County’s Human Services Division.

Yapp brings over 25 years of public sector management, financial and policy experience to SHA. Most recently, she held the position of redevelopment director and executive advisor for the Seattle Center. During her tenure there, she was responsible for capital financing of the Seattle Centers’ projects, managed over $600 million in private investment and development at the Seattle Center and successfully completed the redevelopment of McCaw Hall.

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She will begin work at the Housing Authority on June 18.

Shelly Yapp named chief financial officer at SHA

Seattle Housing Authority

Michelle (Shelly) Yapp has been selected to be the Seattle Housing Authority’s Chief Financial Officer.

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Diabetes a growing problem

PUBLIC HEALTH — Seattle & King County

Diabetes now affects more than 8,400 King County adults, according to a report released by the health department in late April.

“Many people can avoid developing diabetes by maintaining a healthy weight and increasing their physical activity,” said Dr. David Fleming, director and health officer for Public Health — Seattle & King County.

He added that health inequities are a particular concern. Other findings in the report included the fact that African Americans are 2.6 times more likely to be affected by diabetes than whites. Pacific Islanders, Asians and American Indians/Alaskan Natives are also more likely to have the disease.

The full report can be found at http://www.metrokc.gov/health/datalwatch/.
NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

OFFICIAL COURT NOTICE

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

Price, et al. v. City of Seattle, et al.  No. CV03-1365L

TO: ALL REGISTERED OWNERS WHO PAID TO REDEEM THEIR VEHICLES FOLLOWING IMPOUND BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE ONLY FOR DRIVING WITH LICENSE SUSPENDED (DWLS) VIOLATIONS BETWEEN MARCH 20, 2000 AND DECEMBER 27, 2002.

This notice concerns the proposed settlement of a class action alleging that the City of Seattle unlawfully impounded vehicles for DWLS violations. The settlement provides for reimbursement of fees paid by registered owners to redeem their vehicles from impound. This settlement was negotiated by Class Counsel, Adam Berger of Schroeter Goldmark & Bender, 815 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104.

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

• The City will establish a $1.5 million settlement fund for reimbursement of towing, storage, and administrative fees paid by class members to redeem impounded vehicles. If the total of filed claims equals the size of the fund, all reimbursements will be reduced pro rata to fit within the limits of the fund.
• The class is limited to owners whose vehicles were impounded solely for DWLS violations as stated on the SPD Vehicle Reports accompanying the impound and who redeemed their vehicles from impound.
• Class members must submit verifiable claims to class counsel in order to obtain reimbursement.
• Class counsel will ask the court to award up to $325,000 in attorney fees and costs from the fund.
• 80% of any money remaining in the settlement fund after payment of claims and fees will revert to the City and 15% will be used by the Seattle Municipal Court to defray the costs of individual participation in the court’s DWLS diversion program.

HOW TO FILE A CLAIM

• Claim forms must be submitted to Class Counsel by August 31, 2007.
• Claim forms may be obtained at www.sgb-law.com/impoundclassaction, or by calling the Impound Class Action hotline at 1-800-424-5259.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND PROCEEDINGS

A final fairness hearing on the proposed settlement will be held at the U.S. District Courthouse in Seattle at 2 p.m. on August 27, 2007. You may submit written comments in support of or opposition to the settlement by filing with the Clerk of the Court, with copies to Class Counsel and counsel for the City (Stafford Frey Cooper, 221 Union Street, Suite 3100, Seattle, Washington 98101), by June 25, 2007.

For further information, go to http://www.sgb-law.com/impoundclassaction, or call the Impound Class Action hotline at 1-800-424-5259.

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DATED: May 1, 2007

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City forming board on immigrant, refugee issues

Thành phố Seattle đang thành lập ban cơ và năm về việc bảo vệ và tị nạn, theo như quí vị biết thành phố Seattle đang tập trung vào việc nhà ở và tị nạn của người di dân được đưa ra nhiều lần được các chủ nhà điều áp dụng. Người di dân và người tị nạn góp phần vào 17 phần trăm số dân và con số này càng tăng theo mỗi năm.

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Khmer translator out
The Voice's Khmer translator is on vacation. The Khmer translation should return next month. Sorry for the inconvenience.