

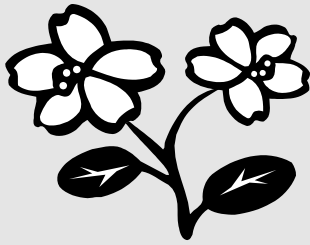
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The remnants of a stolen bicycle: the lock left cut and hanging in a bush outside my apartment door

## VICTIMIZED BY CRIME, OR IGNORANCE?

by Holly Houser

As my husband and I drove to church one Sunday morning about a month ago, we somehow got on the topic of taking pictures of all our valuable possessions just in case our home was ever burglarized. Two hours later, we returned to our apartment and made the ironic discovery that this fear of ours had come true much sooner than we had planned for. It only took us a few seconds to realize that we had been robbed, and not just us, but also our neighbor and numerous other residents of Eastlake. What was foresight just hours earlier, quickly became hindsight - 20/20 hindsight, that is. All of our mistakes were suddenly out in the open, and we immediately blamed ourselves for being so vulnerable. Fortunately, for us, our prowler was fairly naïve as well and was quickly apprehended just a few blocks away with the items he stole, but I was understandably left feeling not only uneasy about the building I live in, but also about the Eastlake neighborhood in general.

This led me to question the officer assigned to our case about crime rates in the neighborhood and how they compare to other neighborhoods in Seattle. He felt that they were relatively high, but upon further research, I was told by the Seattle Police Department that Eastlake's crime rates are at about the city average. In 2001, there were a total of 898 crimes recorded in the two census tracts that include Eastlake and parts of North Capitol Hill. 107 of these were residential burglaries, 213 were auto

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### PUBLIC MEETING

## FIGHTING CRIME IN EASTLAKE

Concerned about crime in our neighborhood? Want to know how to better protect yourself and your home? Representatives from the Seattle Police Department and Block Watch will join us to discuss these issues and answer your questions.

**Tues., April 30th**

**7-9 pm @ TOPS Seward School Library**

## VICTIMIZED...CONT.

theft, and 474 were accounts of general theft. (Just recently, in the past month, there have been a number of auto thefts, so be on high alert!)

For those of us who live in apartments, we don't have the option of installing security systems and often must rely on locks and secured entries already in place. According to Landlord/Tenant laws, Landlords must "provide reasonably adequate locks and keys" for their renters, but "reasonably adequate" can be translated a number of different ways. The fact that our landlord considers worn down locks, and in some cases, entrances with no locks, "reasonably adequate," left my husband and I no choice but to take matters into our own hands. We found that there are many additional locks available for sliding glass doors and windows that can be installed simply and cheaply, but make a huge difference when it comes to deterring burglars. We were also lucky enough to have a second chance to make that inventory of possessions that we had discussed earlier along with the serial numbers and purchase information for each item. The Seattle Police Department suggests keeping these written records in a safe deposit box, fireproof safe, or other secure place. They also suggest using an electric engraving pen to mark valuables with a driver's license number so that the items can be more easily returned. Finally, there are a number of monetary valued items that can easily be replaced by renter's / homeowner's insurance, but it is those items of sentimental value such as photographs, family heirlooms, etc., that must be considered as well.

Another option that the SPD highly recommends, is starting a Block Watch within your neighborhood or apartment complex. The program is based on neighbors helping neighbors. A communication chain is formed in a block or complex aided by a map of names, telephone numbers, and addresses. Individuals and families watch out for each other's homes and report suspicious activities to the police and each other. The SPD's Community Crime Prevention division also provides a variety of services to Block Watch groups such as tips on how to better secure your home and current crime rates for your neighborhood. For more information on how to start a Block Watch, call (206) 684-7555 or visit [www.cityofseattle.net/police](http://www.cityofseattle.net/police).

Thankfully, my husband and I were very lucky, and have come to regard our entire burglary incident as a "valuable learning experience." Feeling better equipped against

## A BIT OF HISTORY ...



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The original University Bridge, built with timber trestles and wooden block paving, was complete in July 1919. It was later reconstructed with concrete and steel and was dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on April 7, 1933.



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crime in our neighborhood and much safer in a now "burglar-proof" apartment, I felt it would be important to share what I learned with my neighbors.

*For more tips on how to protect yourself against crime and information on how to start a Block Watch program in your neighborhood or building, join us for a public meeting on April 30th in the TOPS Seward School Library from 7-9pm.*



Surain in Ecuador, 1981

## GOODBYE, ADVENTURER: SURAIN afSANDEBERG 1948 - 2002

BY CHRIS LEMAN

On March 8, Eastlake lost one of its most grassroots citizens and also one of its most worldly. Surain McConkey afSandeberg had served in the important, but sometimes tedious job of ECC Treasurer, establishing the careful financial procedures still in use today by her successor (for whom, even in her last week, she had encouraging words). She had also worked to bring art glass cornerstones to many intersections along Eastlake Avenue. And along with her husband Robert (who edited the Eastlake News and served with her on the ECC board), Surain hand-delivered an Eastlake News route for many years, right up to when she was too weak to continue. She never sought the spotlight, pitching in on group activities that would have collapsed without her involvement.

It is remarkable that Surain volunteered so much time, as she packed more other experiences into her 53 years than most find imaginable. Raised in West Seattle, she helped her father, two brothers, and sister nurse her mother, who they lost nine years ago to the same cancer. She worked in such varied situations as the family horticultural business, a Colorado restaurant, a Vienna embassy, an Israeli kibbutz, and the Seattle office of the Nature Conservancy, bringing all along in her enthusiasm for life and for including others.

Nothing absorbed Surain as much as adventures with Robert, her Swedish-born husband of 23 years. They were made for each other, and the neighborhood's heart goes out especially to Robert for his loss. Foreshad-

owing their future adventures together, they first met on a trek in Nepal and got to know each other traveling through India. In two decades and hundreds of well-planned trips (often by kayak or on foot), together they realized Surain's childhood dream of criss-crossing the world. They traveled not as tourists, but to meet and live with people on their own terms and to help and to understand. Wanting to share these experiences, they compiled their journals and photos into a fascinating web site (<http://afSandeberg.com>), which Robert has now supplemented with photos of Surain and accounts of the memorial gathering held March 17 on the cold, but sunny shore of Puget Sound.

Even when not on the road, Surain found adventure in life. While living in Sweden with Robert, she learned Swedish and the

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**Business Notes**

Woodworker, **Bob Spangler** (spangler18@attbi.com; www.rspangler.com), is featured in a three-page cover story in the April Woodshop News. Spangler, whose workshop is in his home on Yale Avenue E., is renowned for his custom beds, dining room tables, entertainment centers, tables, chairs, dressers, and benches. His Asian-inspired works will be on display starting June 1 at Real Mother Goose Gallery in Portland, featuring Asian-inspired works. His work, which also has Shaker and 18th-century American influences, can be seen locally at NW Fine Woodworking (First and Jackson in Pioneer Square and in Bellevue in the new Key Center Bldg.). ... **Bay Antiques** (2701 Eastlake Ave.) has opened at the corner of Eastlake and Edgar, where in the past week, your business columnist has purchased a classic desk, a rustic bookshelf, and a charming wooden airplane model. ... **Sandi McQuirk** (465-8706, 2025 Fairview, smcqrth@attbi.com) is a houseboat dweller with a professional organizing business that helps people create peace and serenity in small spaces. Some clients work from their home offices, and others have moved into a new house and need to sort, organize, and store household items. She is active with the National Association of Professional Organizers. ... **Stephen Barnes** (balletclassinamerica@hotmail.com, 2211 Franklin Ave. E. #2, http://KTKNG.com/balletclassinamerica) has issued his first CD, 'Ballet Class in America,' music he has composed for classes at Pacific Northwest Ballet. It is the first of a library of music for ballet class work. Local artist Rudy Harrel illustrated the CD. ... **Sid McFarland** (323-3489/920-3550 cell or jannsid1@attbi.com) a Fairview floating home resident, is in his 9th year of business on the lake as a licensed, bonded, and insured general contractor. The firm's experience in floating home construction ("land house" work also accepted) includes remodels, stringers, piers, decks, float rebuilds, surveys, attachments, flotation, and general and emergency repairs.


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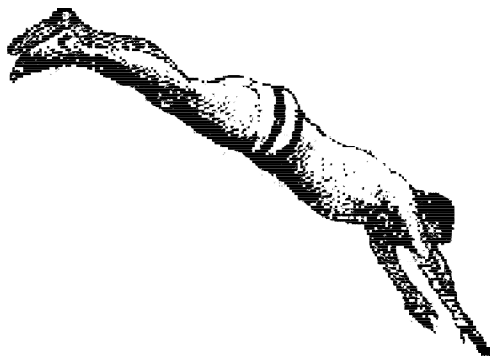


Left to Right: Coco McNeil, KC McNeil, Andrew Clark, Laurie Stusser-McNeil, Owen Leonard, Mayor Nickels, Emma Sadinsky, Will Leonard, Alex James, Harris McNeil

Coco, KC, Laurie, Harris, and Alex are Eastlakians. Andrew, Owen, Emma, and Will are TOPS-connected.

At this event, Mayor Nickels mentioned that he once lived on Boylston during his college years.

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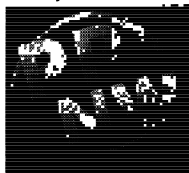


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## ECC SEEKS VOLUNTEERS & DONATED EQUIPMENT

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Coordinators and other volunteers are needed for several projects: (1) renovation of Terry Pettus Park (Newton Street end); (2) possible improvements for South Passage Point Park and/or under the south end of the University Bridge; (3) design guidelines for Eastlake Avenue and for Lynn Street between Eastlake Ave. and Boylston Ave.; (4) working with the City on what to do now that Eastlake has met its housing production goals twelve years faster than called for by the City Comprehensive Plan; (5) a representative to the UW advisory committee; (6) land use project reviewers; and (7) coordinator of a possible auction or tour. To volunteer or donate: SamMar@aol.com, 322-5463, or write to ECC, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.



## SURAIN AFSANDEBERG ...CONT.

intricate art of birch bark basket-making. In Eastlake, she traded newsletter routes with others to see new parts of the neighborhood. Down to the minutest detail, she and Robert planned their stunning new houseboat, which was featured in the New York Times. The two hosted an ECC board meeting on the roof even before they had moved in! Surain's determination helped bring about full recoveries for herself and for Robert from earlier life-threatening health episodes.

Surain approached her final illness as a kind of adventure, never yielding to despair. She found a kind of solace in the finality of her diagnosis, and fascination even in the indignities of the cancer's progression. She taught us how to die - just as, over the years, she had enlightened us about so many aspects of life.

A memorial book (thoughts, photos, art, etc.) is being compiled. Remembrances in an envelope, labeled with name and a note of your relationship to Surain, may be mailed to Robert at 2207 Fairview Ave E, HB #12, Seattle, WA 98102. E-mail submissions may be sent to Jeanne Sather, jmsather@earthlink.net. For tax-exempt donations in Surain's memory, the family has suggested one of the following: Team Survivor Northwest, 200 NE Pacific St, #101, Seattle WA 98105 (provides exercise programs for women affected by cancer and sponsors the dragon boat program that Surain was passionate about), or People for Progress in India, <http://www.ppi-usa.org> (together with a donation of Surain's own, the money will be sent to GRAVIS, a non-governmental organization in Rajasthan; Surain and Robert visited GRAVIS in 2000). Make checks out to PPI, write "Surain" on the check, and mail to: PPI, 2207 Fairview Ave E, HB #12, Seattle, WA 98102, c/o Robert afSandeborg, PPI's Secretary.

An advertisement for "Paws &amp; Plants". The logo features a paw print and a plant. Below the logo, it says "Personalized Care for Pets &amp; Plants". The services listed are: Dog Walking, Indoor Plant Care, Litter Box Clean-up, Mail/Newspaper Pick-up, and Set Garbage &amp; Recycle Out. Contact information includes Teri Hall, (206) 547-5225, and terihall2@msn.com. It also states "Bonded and Licensed".





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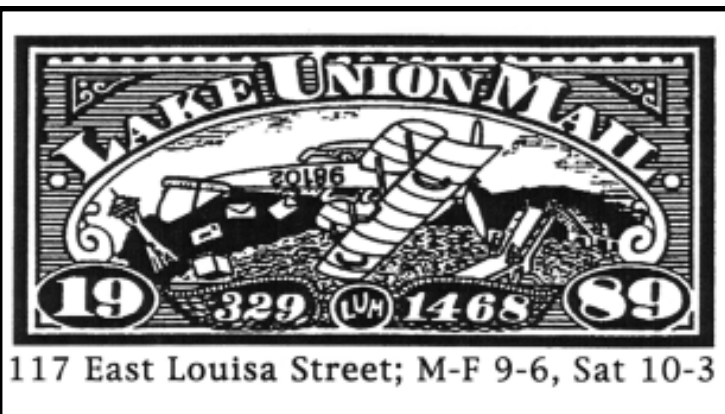
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## LAND TRUST FIGHTS FOR RENTERS, ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

It is not so long ago that most of Eastlake's apartments were very affordable. The Eastlake Community Land Trust was founded to protect the interests of renters in the neighborhood, and to preserve and reclaim this historic economic diversity. The land trust is now on the brink of realizing a long-held goal (one shared with the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan), to establish some permanently affordable apartments. Under an agreement with the Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program (CHHIP), the land trust has been searching for a property to purchase with state, City, and donated funds.

Now the land trust and CHHIP have achieved preliminary acceptance of a formal offer to purchase the building known as the Villa Carmela,

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## LAND USE ... CONT.

at 1258 Eastlake Avenue E. (just south of the intersection with Fairview Avenue N.). This 1909 apartment building has twelve one-bedroom apartments now renting at about \$850/month. May 5 and June 11 are milestones for evaluating the property and assembling the financial package to finalize purchase.

Public input is welcome on the proposed building purchase and on future policies for administering it. Under the 1993 agreement, CHHIP would own and manage the project, but the land trust would approve the purchase and renovation of the building, and shape the rental policies. City and state low-income housing funds require that the apartments be available to people with income below \$27,250 (50 percent of the citywide median); two-person households could have a combined income of \$31,150. The maximum rent would be \$680 including utilities. To the extent that renovation and the state and local funding rules allow, current residents could remain even if their incomes exceeded the guidelines.

The Eastlake Community Land Trust encourages landlords to be reasonable in their rents. In today's softer economy and housing market, some landlords may be willing to renegotiate to lower rents if the renter's only option is to move out. Volunteers are needed to help with this project and with the land trust's other activities. Board members are Elizabeth Choi (Secretary), Mary Ferguson (Treasurer), Joy Dear, John McLaren, and Chris Leman (Chair, 322-5463, cleman@oo.net). You may remember the land trust in your will, or make a tax-exempt donation. Checks made out to the Eastlake Community Land Trust may be sent c/o Mary Ferguson, 2944 Eastlake Avenue E., Seattle 98102.



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