

Operation: Backpack



Local Delta Sigma Theta sorority member Jean Loomis was with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers this last week when they dropped off school supplies, toys and treats during Operation Backpack Drop. "The opportunity to experience the Afghan culture and to show a different view of Americans to young children was a great way to

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tives at the West Wing of the White House and his return to his home state of Louisiana post-Hurricane Katrina. The Hip Hop Caucus Education Fund (www.HipHopCaucus.org) is a national, non-partisan organization headquartered in Washington, DC, dedicated to educating and mobilizing the urban community on social, political, and economic issues facing our country.

Yearwood is currently leading a number of green campaigns to educate and mobilize low income communities and communities of color to

achieve health and a thriving clean energy economy.

The campaigns include "One Planet. One Voice." which involves young people in the U.S. in the global movement to solve climate change. The "Green and City" campaign engages African American mayors in the movement to green their cities and the "Green the Block" campaign is a partnership with the Hip Hop Caucus and Green For All that was launched from the West Wing of the White House in 2009.

The Discovery Network Documentary for the Planet

Green Channel, 'Hip Hop Rev', (www.HipHopRev.com) follows a year in the life of Rev Yearwood, capturing a stunning but often unseen side to environmental activism.

DJ Biz Markie, musician Wyclef Jean, actress Gloria Reuben, musician D. Woods, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, activist Van Jones, and Rep. Barbara Lee, are all featured in the film.

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jammed, according to police filings.

The brothers lived in Samoa with their grandparents when they were young, but then moved to California and finally to Washington state. They lived with their mother and their uncle, who started a ministry — Auburn Samoan Nazarene Church. Their mother was church secretary, and Shennon Shelton also ran the sound system for the choir. Both he and his older brother, Gaston, a soldier at nearby Joint Base Lewis-McChord, mentored youth at the church.

On that Sunday afternoon, Gaston Shelton was visiting a friend, police say, when he tried to break up a fight. One of the aggressors, neighbors reported, may have been a 13-year-old black youth who lived in the cul-de-sac.

Mangat was still by her front door when Gaston Shelton walked down the short street, followed by other youngsters, and tried to find a parent to whom he could complain about the boy's behavior.

A few of those present turned on him, including the 13-year-old's mother and his 18-year-old brother, Olenthis Woods IV, Mangat said. Woods punched Gaston repeatedly, bloodied his nose and wailed on him with a bag of charcoal. The bag burst,

sending briquettes and charcoal dust flying in the street.

King County bus driver Mary Hollis was resting in her second floor bedroom when she heard the commotion. She raised her blinds and looked down upon a mass of 20 to 30 people — a chaotic rumble in broad daylight. "They were really duking it out,"

she said.

Hollis and other neighbors immediately started calling 911, according to call logs obtained by The Associated Press under a public records request. It was 4:45 p.m.

Gaston soon left — with a message. "He was saying, 'I'm coming back, I'm coming back,'" Mangat recalled.

In the momentary lull, Hollis asked Woods what the fight was about. "They

jumped my 13-year-old brother the other day" she recalls him answering.

Woods surveyed the charcoal strewn about and apologized for the mess.

"I can clean it up," he offered.

Maun grabbed a broom and told him not to worry about it.

Hollis and Mangat walked to the end of

them, palms out, and pleaded for them to stop.

"Just wait for the police," she said.

They passed as though she wasn't there. One had what Maun described as a "thousand-mile stare." Hollis heard one mutter, "Just show me which one it was."

The neighbors, more frantic, continued calling 911. A Valley Communications Center log entry at 5:02 p.m. reads: "(Reporting party) doesn't understand (why) the police dept haven't responded yet. RP is aware that several (neighbors) have been calling for quite some time."

The next entry came one second later: "GUNSHOTS"

According to court documents, Woods later told police that when he saw the Sheltons coming, he bolted into his house to grab his gun. The brothers and their cousin made straight for the door and kicked it open, according to Woods and some neighbors.

The pounding on the door reverberated through the neighborhood.

Woods came down the interior stairs to the threshold with his handgun in front of him, loaded and cocked. He saw two of them in the doorway and yelled for them to

Gaston Shelton in his bloodied white T-shirt leading a small crew of young men — his three brothers and a cousin — in a determined, shoulder-to-shoulder march back toward the cul-de-sac

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Friday May 20

LAKE CITY FILM FEST: SECRETARIAT: Free movie night at Lake City Community Center located at 12531 28th Ave NE. Light snacks are provided. 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Saturday May 21

THE YWCA WOMEN'S HEALTH OUTREACH PROGRAM IS OFFERING FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS: This is for women over 40 years old who are income eligible, uninsured or under insured. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at First American Methodist Episcopal Church, 1522 14th Ave. For an appointment please call 206-436-8623.

Tuesday May 24

SPRING INTO CENTRAL: OPEN HOUSE SHOWCASES COLLEGE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES: Students and their families are invited to explore college possibilities and opportunities. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Seattle Central Community College, main campus, 1701 Broadway.

Wednesday May 25

COLLEGE NIGHT 2011: Explore your options at South Seattle Community College's annual

college night. Everyone is invited to this FREE event. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. 6000 16th Ave. SW For more info please call 206-934-6691 or email Vanessa.reed@seattlecolleges.edu

Sunday – Tuesday May 29 -31

KITSAP HARBOR FESTIVAL! More than 300 visiting boaters from the Seattle area will take part in this festival. Tall ship tours, family oriented activities and more. This event is free and open to all. Port of Bremerton Marina, 245 Fourth St. Bremerton. This is an all day event Sunday thru Tuesday.

Monday May 30

84TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE! Please join us as we honor America's fallen and salute the flags on our "Avenue of Colors" 1:30 – 3 p.m. Veterans Memorial; Cemetery at Evergreen-Washelli Memorial Park, 111 Aurora Ave. N.