Highline—frontier for discovering

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Green River Gorge

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The Green River Gorge may appear lovely with its rapidly flowing waters lying at the bottom of a 275-foot canyon in South King County. But behind its illusive beauty lies a deadly trap which many people have entered, never to come out again.

People may not be fully aware of the potential dangers lurking in the waters of the Green River.

The main cause of drownings is due to hypothermia. To guard against this it is recommended that people wear the proper equipment like wet suits, life jackets and a helmet. Others going in with bathing suits and inner tubes won't stand a chance in the rough, icy waters.

Spring time brings many people to the Green River Gorge. This is the worst season for the Black Diamond Fire Dept. who are kept busy rescuing victims from the grasp of its icy waters.

The Gorge is a beautiful place and people should be aware of the potential dangers that are often unseen, like slippery rocks, and treacherous currents. But with summer time coming on, it is still a favorite spot in Washington State.

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Northwest Historical Sights

Tacoma's Old City Hall (above) shows architectural roots in the Italian Villa style and typifies the sturdy spirit of early Tacoma. It was completed in 1893.

The hub of the North Pacific Railroad, Tacoma's Union Passenger Station (upper left) is the Northwest's first transcontinental railroad terminal. This large, copper-domed building is one of Tacoma's finest structures. Used by worshippers of all faiths, St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Tacoma (lower left) is said to be the city's first place of worship. It was built in 1872.

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MINSTRELS OF THE MARKET

There are many roads that can be followed in life. Lawyer, nurse, or writer all have their appealing values. But, in some, none is as enjoyable or as appealing as being a street musician.

The Pike Place Market in Seattle is just the right place for street music. All the elements are there—the people scurrying for bargains...the aroma drifting from the variety of restaurants...and the sounds of merchants barking to sell their goods. All this sets the stage for these “Minstrels.”

There are many types of musicians and there is a variety of reasons for street performing. Most do it for the money, some do it for fun, but every one of them do it to make people happy.

Juan and his “Juan Man Band” says, “They really seem to like what I do.” Juan is a mime and plays a variety of instruments, most of which he invented himself.

Walt Beltcher takes a bus from Everett every weekend that the weather is nice to play his harmonica in the market. “I've been coming here for seven years now, and I can't think of any better way to spend my time. I love playing music. It makes people feel good.”

The money they get for playing is another reason they play. One musician said that during the week he plays in local bars with a group, but the money he makes in the market is more than twice that of his regular job.

The music is great, the reasons for playing are many, and both the musicians and the people at the market seem to have a good time.