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TOPIC	Second conditional	LEVEL	English 4	UNIT	8	SKILL	Reading
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➢ **Before you read! What can you see in the picture?**

1. Listen and read the following text and answer the questions:

For more than 20 years, this block of North Street has been empty, with no buildings, no trees, and lots of garbage and junk. But two City College students are working to change this **vacant lot** into a peaceful, green community vegetable garden.

Dan Choi and Andy Sosa, both biology majors, got the idea for the garden after neighborhood's only supermarket closed down. "Now the nearest place for fresh vegetables is three miles away," says Choi. "But if we grew our own food, we wouldn't have to go so far."

Choi ans Sosa hope the garden will have other benefits for this **low income neighborhood,** where many people are out of work and there aren't many **services** like hospitals or **public transportation.** For one thing a garden would look better than vacant lot. "It also gives people a meeting place to talk about **local issues** or just hang out," says Sosa.

"Also, if people in the community spent more time outside together with neighbors, the crime rate might get better", says Choi. Gardening is also a great way to teach children about the environment and about healthy eating. "Kids wouldn't eat so much junk food if they knew how bad it was."

So far, Choi and Sosa have gotten permission for the garden from the owner of the lot and have started working with neighborhood **residents** to clear away the garbage. They are also trying to raise money for a fence, tomato plants, and other supplies. "If we had more money, we could grow more food and do more good," says Sosa.

2. Read the article. What did Dan Choi and Andy Sosa start?

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3. Read the article again. How will the garden help the neighborhood?
Select (✓) the benefits the article mentions.

- ☐ More supermarkets will open in the neighborhood.
- ☐ People can get fresh vegetables in the neighborhood.
- ☐ The garden will look better than a vacant lot.
- ☐ People in area will have a meeting place.
- ☐ The crime rate might improve.
- ☐ Children will do better in school.

If you finish, let's go to the presentation again!