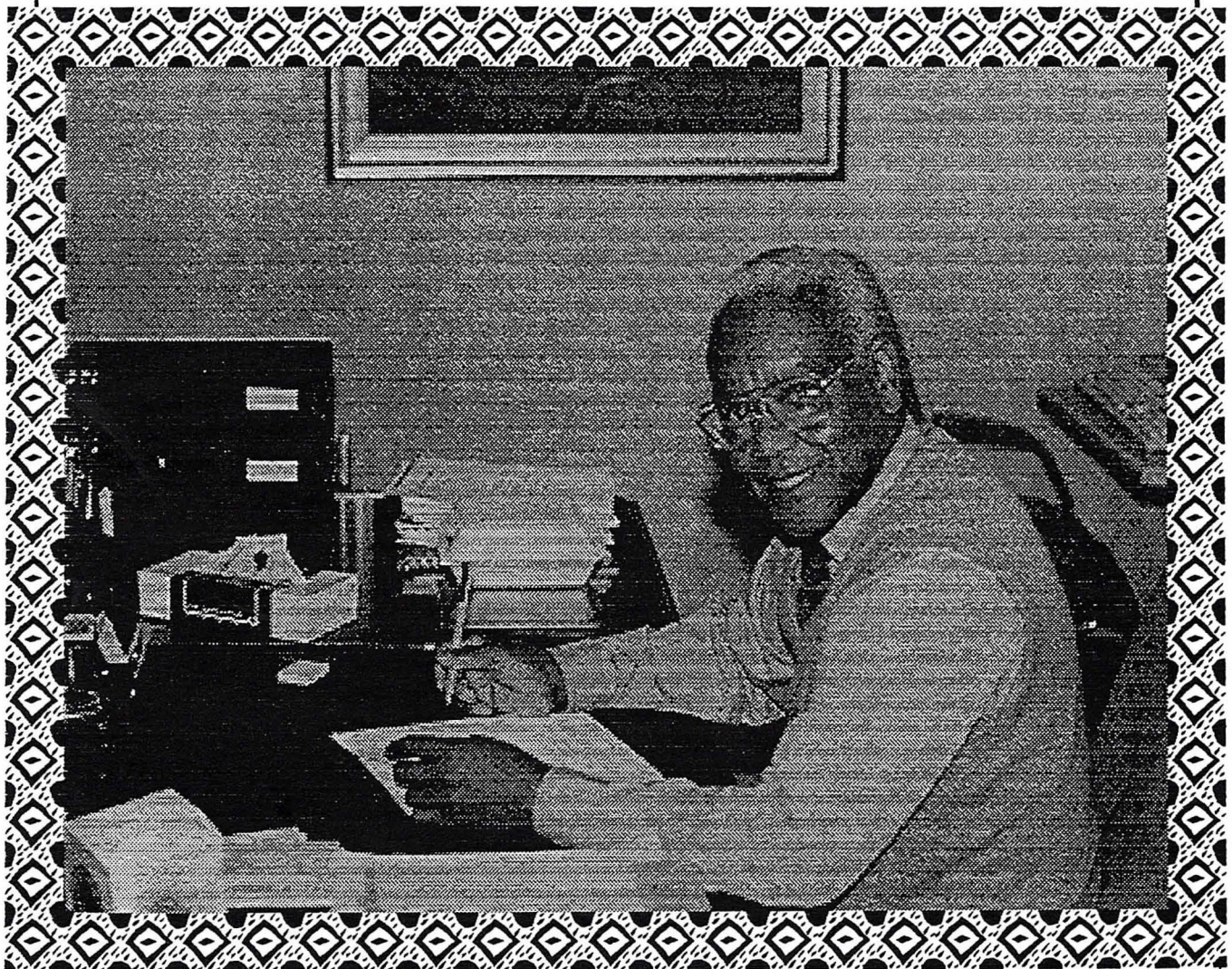


# HAPPENINGS ON HILLTOP

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## MOSS IS THE MAN!!!



*HILLTOP WELCOMES HAROLD MOSS...  
TACOMA'S FIRST BLACK MAYOR*



Just a short note to all my readers; we have lots of goodies in this issue for ya! Take some time to relax, reflect and get a thought to make it through the day. We have a lot of work to do and I remain optimistic that with some effort and dedication, much can be accomplished. Thanks for hanging in there as we continue to mature and grow. Our desire remains to bring you a quality, timely and relevant newsletter we all can be proud of. ENJOY!

*"SERENITY COMES NOT ALONE BY REMOVING THE OUTWARD CAUSES AND OCCASIONS OF FEAR, BUT BY THE DISCOVERY OF INWARD RESERVOIRS TO DRAW UPON."*

*LUCK IS PREPARATION MEETING AN OPPORTUNITY.*

*IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, YOU'LL GET A LOT OF ADVICE.*

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**T**hirty-two Tacoma citizens have applied to fill a vacant at-large position on the City Counsel. the position belonged to Harold Moss before the Counsel appointed him Mayor Jan. 25.

The applicant list includes:

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| Robert H. Arial        | Sulja Warnick    |
| Arthur Dearinger       | Marion A. Weed   |
| Diafullah Dobashi      | Frederick Wang   |
| Catherine Egan         | Wm. Wittenberg   |
| joeseeph R. Fortier    | Christina Womack |
| Kelly Halligan         |                  |
| Elnora A. Holbrook     |                  |
| Charles A. Horne       |                  |
| Mel Jackson            |                  |
| Frank P. Jenkins       |                  |
| Ronald P. Jimmerson    |                  |
| Ruth L. McElliot       |                  |
| Sharon McGavick        |                  |
| Marcia Pinto Moe       |                  |
| David R. Moore         |                  |
| Hal Nielson            |                  |
| Donald W. Patten       |                  |
| Tim Reid               |                  |
| Carl Scheuerman        |                  |
| Jerry L. Scott         |                  |
| Linda L. Schaffer      |                  |
| John F. Shaw           |                  |
| Mike Stortini          |                  |
| Beckie Summers         |                  |
| Richard Talbert        |                  |
| Kitty-Ann Van Doornick |                  |



# COVER STORY

## HAROLD MOSS MAKES HISTORY AND ASKES CITIZENS FOR SUPPORT

**B**y now, almost everyone has heard that we have a new Mayor. Due to the untimely death of Mayor-elect Jack Hyde, Harold Moss was selected by the City Council as Mayor. Harold Moss may not have been a household name to many folks. But to those who have lived in the area for more than fifteen years, the name represents longevity, hope and an opportunity.

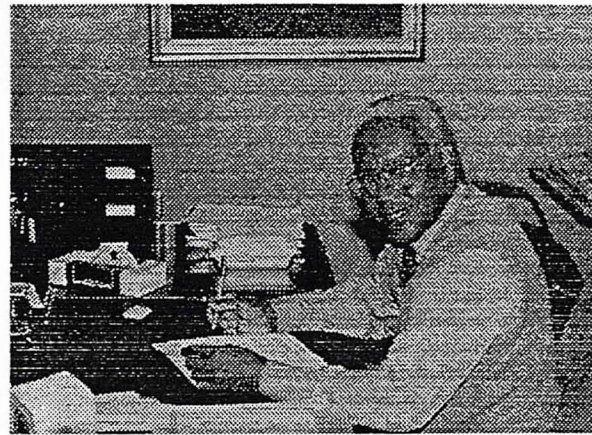
Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with the Mayor in his office. Although I didn't have an appointment, he was willing to fit me in between two of his many appointments. As we greeted each other, it was like talking with an old friend. He asked about my family, not as a courtesy, but as someone who knew Lawrence and Johnette Norman personally.

I asked the Harold Moss how it felt now that he was Mayor. "I'm still getting it together. I have to get used to people calling me Mayor. I still look around when people say "Mayor Moss"."

We talked about the current condition of our city, in particular the issues of safety in Hilltop. Said the Mayor; "We are working to address these issues and it will take some time. I haven't seen any city (New York, Los Angeles, Detroit, etc.) resolve these issues plaguing our cities overnight."

While some have given up hope for a brighter future, the Mayor is looking at options to resolve many of the issues facing our communities. "I am looking very closely at the opportunity Community Counsel's bring to our city. People need to start allowing people to feel again."

On a more direct note, I asked the Mayor what objectives he foresees in the Hilltop community. "My top priorities for Hilltop is safety. PEOPLE MUST FEEL SAFE! Everybody needs to exist. We can't just write people off. In the old days, when people wanted to get rid of you, they would call you a communist. Now, you're called a criminal. There is no reason for so many of our people to suffer as they have been."



As we closed, I asked the Mayor if he had any thoughts regarding our children and what he felt they needed. "Young people, with the support of parents and churches, need to create their own work. They need our guidance and encouragement if they are to survive."

As I left Mayor Harold Moss' office, I couldn't help but wonder what kind of message his presence would be sending to our young people. Harold Moss has struggled and lived through much adversity since coming to Tacoma three decades ago. The fact that his patience and long-suffering has allowed him to become Mayor of the City of Tacoma, should be a marker to all of us that it is the "individual" and not the "circumstances" that determine where a person will end up in life.

Thank you Mayor for hanging in there. We all benefit from your courage and steadfastness.

**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
HAPPENINGS ON HILLTOP WILL  
HELP US TO CONTINUE TO  
BRING INTERESTING AND  
INSPIRATIONAL ARTICLES  
SUCH AS THIS ONE!**



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT



## DELORES SILAS

### POSITIONS HELD:

- \* Member: City Council 3rd District Inclusive of Hilltop
- \* Pierce County Health Department
- \* Domestic Violence Task Force

### INVOLVEMENT IN HILLTOP:

- \* Actively participating in the renovation of the Hilltop area including Public Safety

### MEMBERSHIPS:

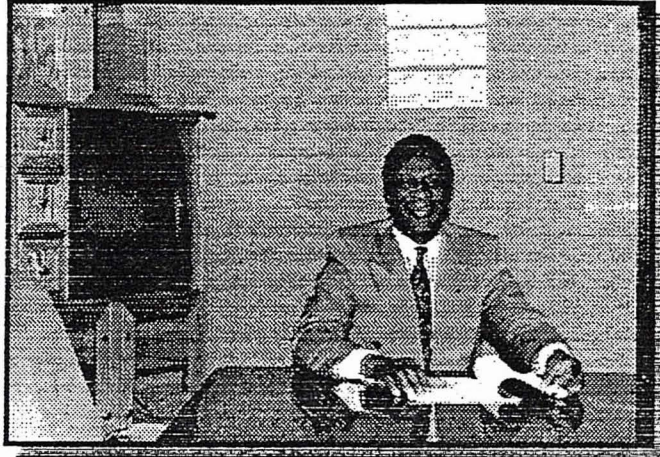
- \* Member of Allen A.M.E. Church
- \* Lifetime member of the NAACP

### HISTORY:

- \* Retired Teacher
- \* Trainer of teachers, assistant principals and principals

### VISION FOR HILLTOP:

"For our citizens living in the Hilltop Community, we have to provide safety, affordable housing and economic development. The rise or fall of Hilltop will definitely impact the rest of this city."



## JIM WALTON

### POSITIONS HELD:

- \* Deputy City Manager
- \* Involved in local government for 22 years
- \* Director of Human Rights
- \* Assistant City Manager

### INVOLVEMENT ON HILLTOP:

Taken a special assignments to work with Hilltop community regarding jobs, business community assistance and development. Also, home ownership.

### HISTORY:

"When I first moved here, I lived on Hilltop. I Have been involved with many black agencies in Hilltop. I still have a strong kinship to Hilltop . It is still the hub of the Black Community in this area."

### MEMBERSHIPS:

Black Collective  
Urban League  
Cabaleros  
Shiloh Baptist Church  
NAACP

### VISION :

"I would like to see in violence particularly youth, create more positive alternatives for our youth. Need to commit resources to try and turn this around. Assist parent and guardians in being more involved with children. We need to strengthen basic family institutions."

### TO OUR YOUTH:

"Take pride in who you are and the proud history that you are part of. You must carry the torch that is being past on. I worry that we are loosing too many of our young. Please, love yourself."



A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES FOR THEIR SUPPORT:  
**TACOMA MONUMENTAL WORKS, TACOMA IMAGING COPIER SYSTEMS AND SEARS.**

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

#### **WHAT BLACK HISTORY MONTH MEANS TO ME!**

By Sharde' Baumann

What Black History Month means to me is non-violence and what has happened to us.

I hope for just one day there is peace on earth. Some people have big celebrations for Black History Month.

#### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

By Nicole Norman

Black people have rights just like us and whites do to.

The white and Black people should get together in Gods holy word.

#### **DOWN IN TACOMA**

By Donald Norman

I like all Black, all White, all Brown, all colors.

Tacoma is cool and I like it. It means a lot to me.

Peace Out!

**HEY KIDS!!!!**  
IF YOU'RE  
LOOKING FOR  
SOMETHING TO  
DO ON FRIDAY  
NIGHTS, WHY  
NOT GO BY THE  
PEOPLES CENTER  
LOCATED AT 1602  
SOUTH K STREET.  
THEY HAVE A  
NUMBER OF  
ACTIVITIES  
RANGING FROM  
BASKETBALL TO  
SWIMMING.  
THERE ARE ALSO  
LATENIGHT  
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591-5312.

*WORRY DOESN'T  
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### **STRIVE**

BY NICK BROOKS

Young Black Brothers and Sisters need to strive day by day to better yourselves, because if there is one thing that is known, it's that if you don't take care of yourselves, no one else will.

Bypass the non-sense such as the gangs and getting into serious trouble with the law, because sure it sounds good and looks good in the movies. But in reality, it's just a big sand trap.

We need to strive in life to show that being Black isn't about calling each other derogatory names and shooting and stealing. It's about pride and striving each day; in our education, our work habits, our home life and everything else.

This message may not come from an important person, but I do care for everyone of my fellow Brothers and Sisters out there in the everyday world. STAY UP!

### **UNTITLED**

BY DALLAS E.

My fathers battle cries  
started when this land said close your eyes  
to the old family ties.  
He turned to God and was Baptized  
with the Lord in his heart.  
He looked to the skies to make ends meet,  
but all he found was a one-way street.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WHAT'S UP WITH MY ISSUES?

Dear Mr. Editor Larry Norman:

Kick In!!!!

How about **Kickin' Out**, some more relative information, since I received (I guess) what is the latest issue of Happenings On Hilltop.

This is, I think, my second and definitely not more than my fourth issue that I have receive since subscribing April 20, 1993 (Check # \_ \_ \_ \_). Yes my issues are few and far between. Don't get me wrong. I like what your doing and and I commend your efforts.

But my brother, just like any other Black Man in this country trying to catch a nut, I must account for the ducketts (monies) that leave my pocket for one reason or another.

You've asked not to be bad mouthed too bad, so I will not. I will still keep my eyes open and continue to follow your work and support any brother who tries to help young Black people in their community.

Remember the lesson your trying to teach them: Responsibilities to yourself, communities, and others. Keep up the good work and maybe someday we'll meet if we haven't already on the street somewhere. You know what they say, "We all look alike. Stay Stormy and Keep Stormin'!

Your Supporter,  
Rodney Rhyme

P.S.: Here's another check to renew my subscription. "Never give a Sucka an even break." Right!!!!

## EDITORIAL

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## DOING TIME

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C-Bell is AWOL this month, but she will return in the next issue. I did get a chance to visit our County Facility and speak with a few homies. I cought up with R. Swift briefly during his daily duties. A smile and hand shake was all we had time for. I sat for a while with Baby Fly and he's chillin'. He did send a shot out to the li'l homies and said "ya'll needs to chill with all the B.S." I got a call from K-Swiss. He sounds real good. And my boy P-West layed the news on me that he's going to be movin' soon to another Big House, but he's ready to do his time and make the right moves. He too, sends his Love to the Homies. Check back next month ya'll. PEACE



# SHOTS FROM THE 'HOOD

## HILLTOP COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS GIVE PARK A CLEAN SWEEP

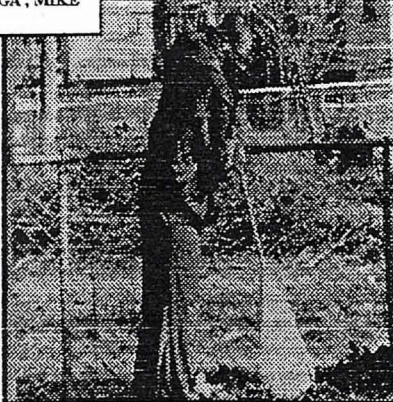


THE CREW: BENTEE, SCOOT, CHRIS, G. DANGEROUS, NORMSKI, TYOGA, MIKE

"IT'S ON!", SCOOT, MIKE AND TYOGA ARM THEMSELVES FOR BATTLE

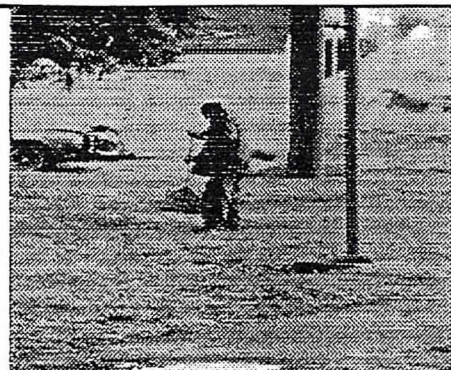


HOMES GIVE LESSONS ON RAKEOLOGY



BENTEE: "59 HOURS, 58, 57, 56..."

"WHO DRANK MY BIG GULP?"



SCOOT MAKIN' A MOVE ON A GANG OF LEAVES

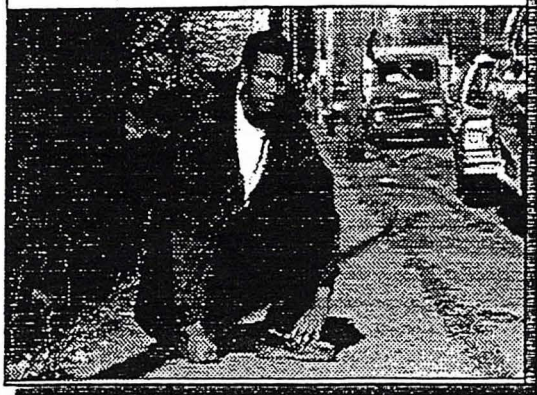
G.DANGEROUS AS HE CONTEMPLATES THE MEANING OF LIFE



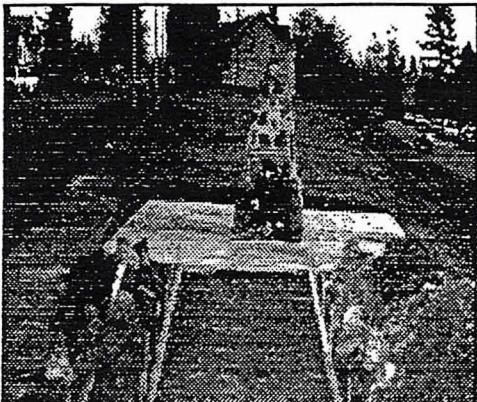
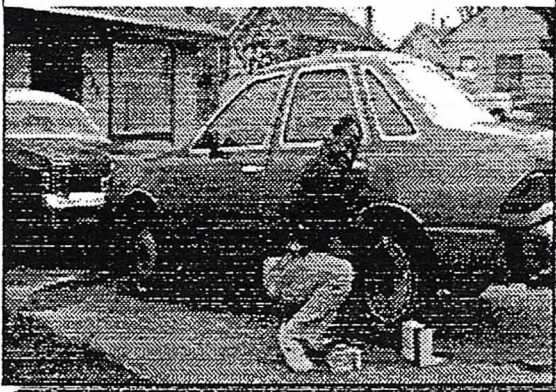


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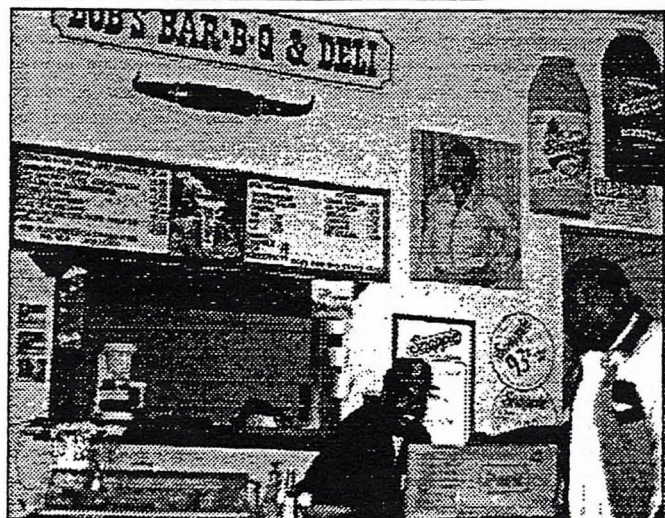
CHRIS POSEY POUNDING THE STREETS  
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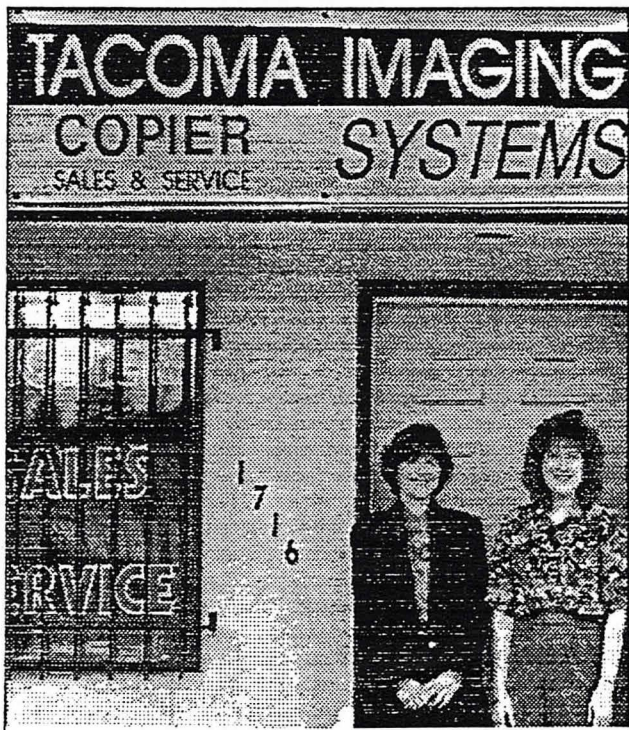
SAM (THE MAN) IS "ALL PUMPED UP" ABOUT THE  
LATEST ISSUE OF HAPPENINGS ON HILLTOP!



WORK CONTINUES ON THE MONUMENT



J.C. AND MIKE SERVIN' IT UP AT BOB'S BBQ!



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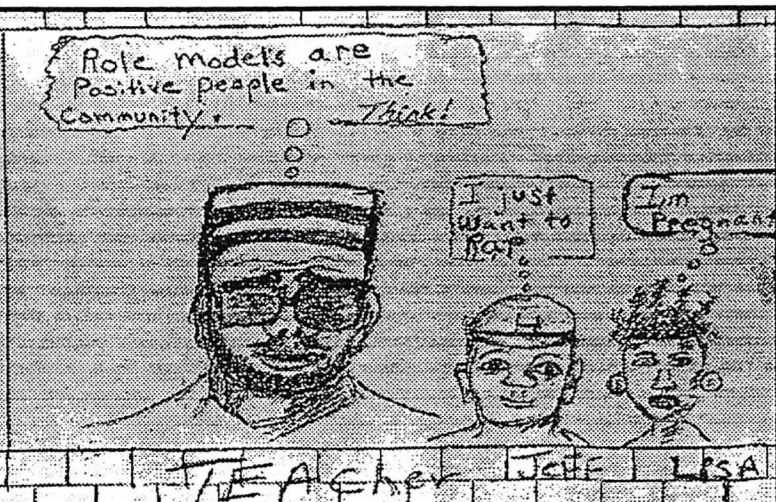
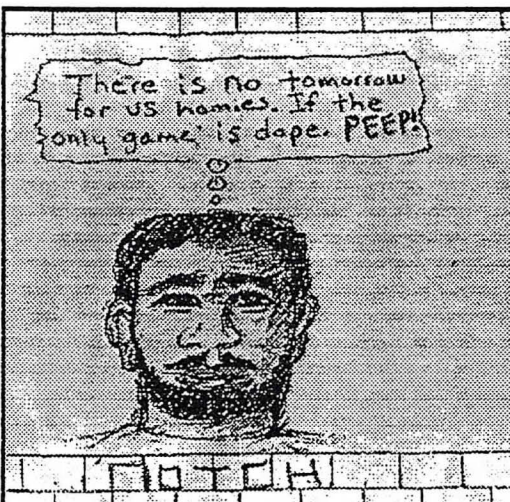
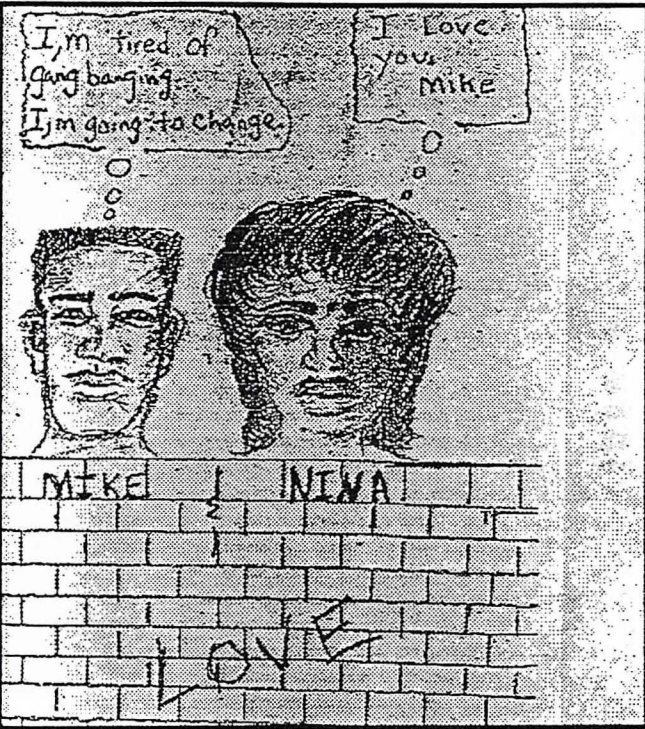
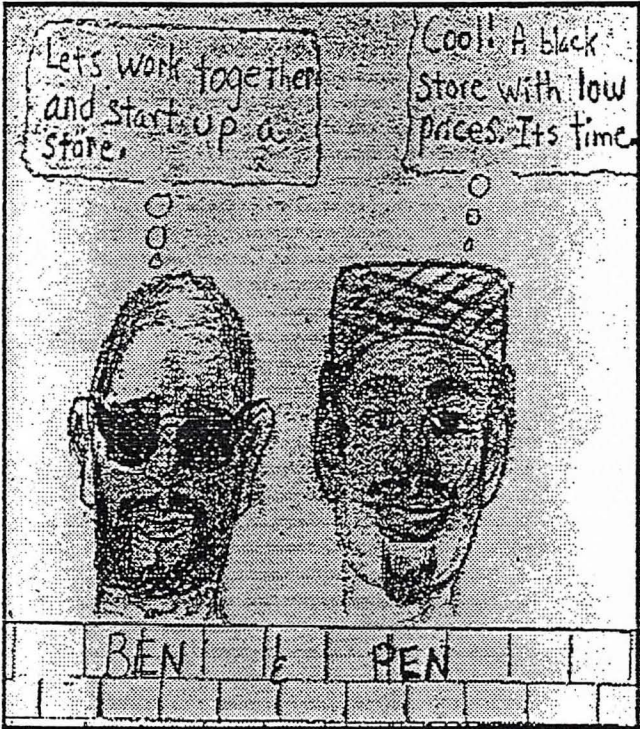
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JUST OFF THE TOP OF OUR HEADS by Sweet C/DALLAS E.



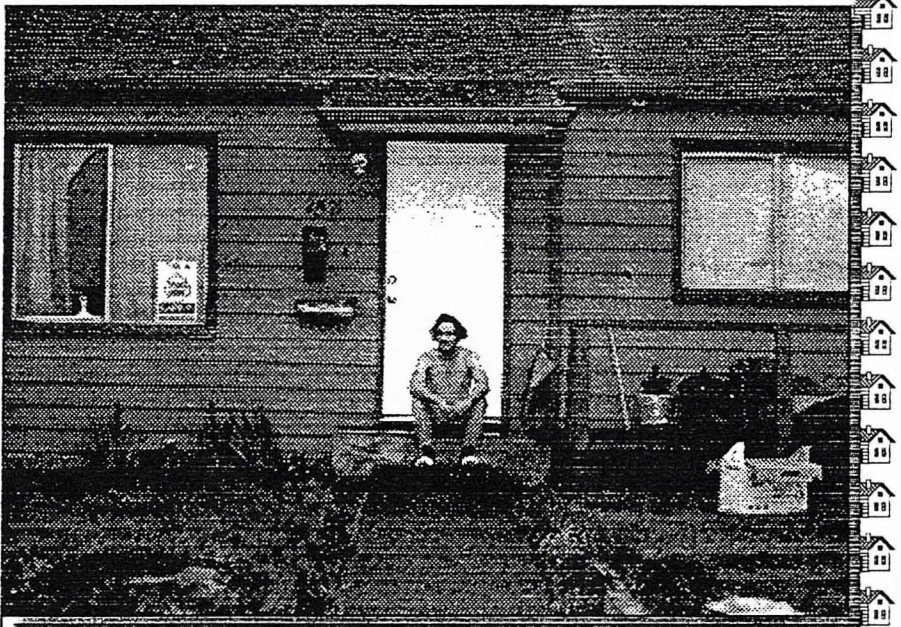
# FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

## HOUSING: ARE WE GETTING A FAIR DEAL?



If you've spent any significant time here on Hilltop, you're probably aware of the many housing programs available to the average homeowner. There is everything from assistance with buying a home to renting. Millions of dollars have been allocated to this area for housing related programs.

One would think that with all this assistance, what happened to Neal and Cathy Sherwood not only shouldn't have happened, it couldn't. But it did. The Sherwoods are like most of us who moved here. They were looking for a home and a community to build their dreams. With little resources at their disposal, they placed their trust (and finances) in the hands of another. Sure, they should have called the Better Business Bureau or some other watch dog agency. But the Sherwoods thought they were dealing with a person who understood and cared about people. They thought they were dealing with a person who possessed the same type of morals, ethics and goals as many of their neighbors did.



NEAL SHERWOOD SITS ON PORCH OF THE HOME HE THOUGHT HE WAS BUYING

Neal and Cathy wanted to pursue the American dream. They wanted to be like millions of other Americans and own their own house. So with money that Cathy had saved from her social security pension, the Sherwoods agreed to pay deposit, down payment and make monthly payments to a bank account the owner had set up.

Things went fine until a few months ago when the Sherwoods were notified that their house had gone into foreclosure. how could this be, when they had been making regular payments to the account? It seems the owner of house had been withdrawing money from this account instead of making regular payments to the mortgage company.

"What has this done to me?" asks Cathy. "Its hurt me. I always thought this was to be our home. I saved all my social security money I could in order to move into our home. I love living up here (in Hilltop). I've lived in Tacoma for over 27 years. I love my mountains and water. Sure, I've had my ups and downs with people in this community. But I'm leaving a lot of friends. I just can't stay here anymore. I'm moving to California with my family." Neal Sherwood had little to add, only his disappointment and frustration that someone would take advantage of he and his family (they have a daughter as well).

I was able to contact a neighbor who had been involved in trying to gain some type of resolve so the Sherwoods might be able to keep their home. Dr. Baker has been a neighbor and friend to the Sherwoods for about a year and a half. He was personally concerned about he predicament facing his neighbors. "I don't feel the family was given ample information regarding the situation. I am also concerned about this happening to other families in this neighborhood."

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**"DO WE REALLY NEED MORE POLICE OFFICERS AND SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS, OR MORE UNDERSTANDING AND TOLERANCE OF EACH OTHER?"**

HOUSING CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

WITH OUR CHILDREN  
BY ANGELO PATRI

Nigerian born, Dr. Baker moved here to the area three years ago. He came here to make a difference. "I'm active in the peace process. I am a member of PEACEVISION INTERNATIONAL. We work towards fairness and justice for all. I don't believe the Sherwoods received their measure."

"Our organization contacted the trustees in an effort to purchase the home so that the Sherwoods could in turn purchase it from us. they were very cooperative, but the sherwoods had already made up their mind to move. They had been hurt too badly."

There is a saying that says adversity strengthens our resolve. Dr. Baker is no exception to this rule. "This situation has been a wake up call for me to be more actively involved to help people like the Sherwoods. People were telling me I was crazy a year ago for moving to Hilltop. I told them someone has to make a difference. I believe that Love begins for most where violence ends."

I, for one would have to agree with the doctor. If we are to increase the peace, we must remove those things which cause people to be violent. I don't know about you, but if someone had treated me the way the Sherwoods had been treated, I might have lost some of desire to be a nice, law abiding citizen. Thank God for people like Dr. Baker who are willing to get involved with tough issues that effect the framework of this community. If you, or someone you know is experiencing similar situations, you can call Dr. Baker at 383-2940.

Respect means particular regard for people and for general things, like property and law customs. This is the privilege and the duty of human beings one toward another and it is something that we seem to have neglected in many instances in rearing the young generation.

Childhood is the period of life in which we learn most of what we live by in years to come, when we learn more and faster than we ever do again. And what we learn in these early years abides with us down to old age, so it can be pretty important.

Our younger generation in too many instances seems to have scant respect for anything: parents, civic officers, property, religion, people's feelings and rights- anything but their own childish wants. A park and playground is built for their use and what do they do? Wreck it. A housing development is going up and a group enters the half-built structure and with tar, hatchets and crowbars do \$75,000 worth of damage. Why, nobody knows.

It is plain that such unreasonable acts of half grown boys and girls reflect a lack of instruction, ignorance of the facts of human living conditions. Had they been taught at home to respect their parents and belongings and taught good manners, they would not do the things they do.

Some mistaken parents believed that they could be pals to their children, and had them call them by their first names. Proper form of address does not seem important, but it was and is.

The child who has been taught to "Mother and Father," "yes sir, and no ma'am," learns to respect his parents, for those words imply a regard for superiority in age, experience and authority. Children need to know and feel this in order to behave with respect towards other people and things.

Young parents, and we have a great number of them just now, should heed the attitude of their children towards them, for respect for them, their position as head of a family, their age, experience and authority begin right there. Nothing could serve the coming generation and this nation better.

(note: this editorial was written over 30 years ago! seems things haven't changed much, eh?)

**G. DANGEROUS IS ON LOCATION WORKING ON A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE SCRIPT. THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY IS ON ITS EAR AWAITING HIS NEXT MASTERPIECE. THE DANGER ZONE WILL BE BACK IN EFFECT IN OUR NEXT ISSUE**



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Here are some important phone numbers to help you in the event that you are experiencing problems.

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Crack Hotline 475-CRAK  
Hilltop Action Coalition 597-4808  
Safe Streets 272-6824  
Crime Prevention 591-5883  
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Refuse Department 591-5544  
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