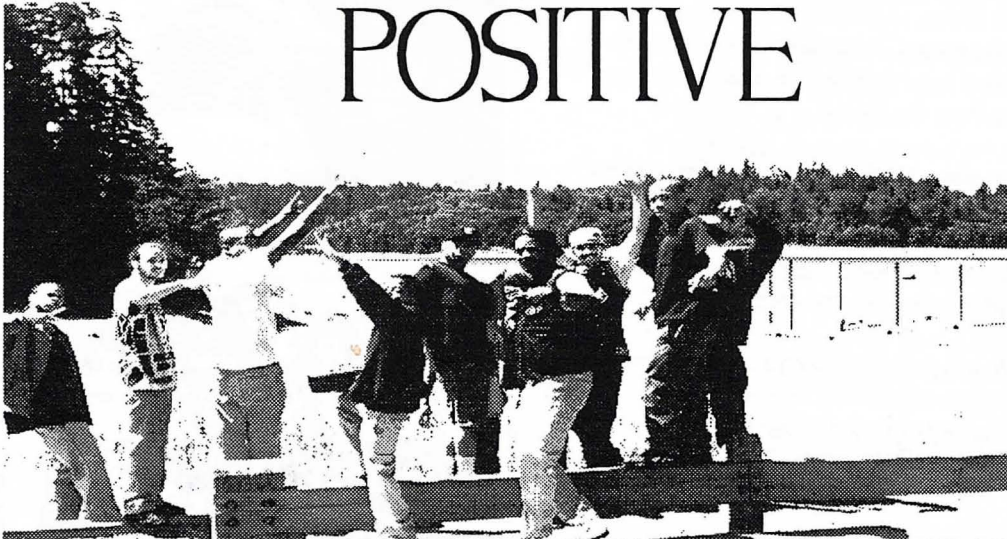


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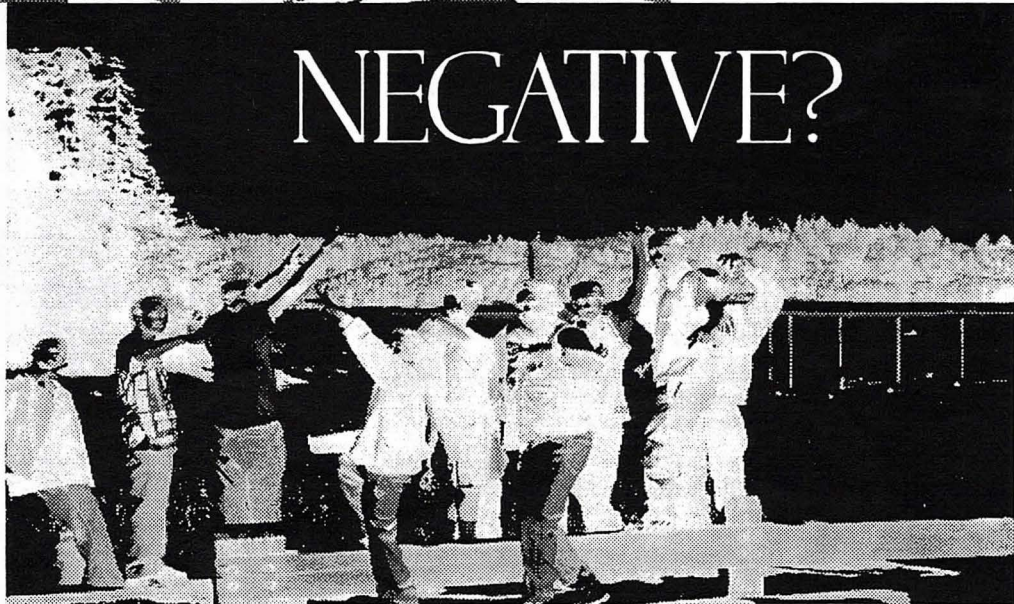
ARE WE HELPING OUR YOUTH TO BECOME...

POSITIVE



OR...

NEGATIVE?



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

WHAT "IS" AND "ISN'T" WORKING FOR OUR YOUTH OF TODAY?

HAVE WE GOT AN ISSUE FOR YOU..!

I don't want to go into a lot of rhetoric about why we did only two issues this summer. The activities speak for themselves. The whole purpose of this news letter **IS** to cover what is Happening On Hilltop. Many times, our staff is involved in what's going on. That's why you have articles coming from inside the jail, because we go TO the jail. There are pictures from the retreat to Butter Creek because the staff planned and facilitated at the retreat. It has been our sole desire to write about things from a first hand perspective. Our readers can appreciate the real, coming from the "real."

We have a new printer, can you tell? We are continually working to make your reading experience as pleasurable and informative as possible. There are also many more articles coming in from our readers. Good Work! Don't worry 'bout the spelling, just come from the heart. Someone her will dot the "I's" and cross the "T's."

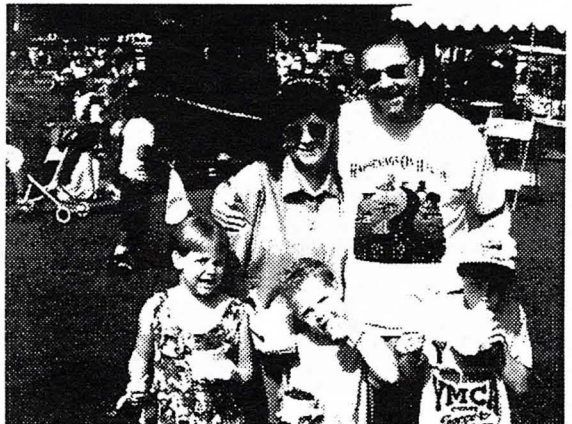
We also have T-shirts, hats and pull overs with our logo from the 'Hood. We have children's sizes all the way to XXXL. Call 272-8133 for more info. We are also going to start a subscription drive either late September, or early October. So be ready. Right now you can get a T-shirt, hat, or pull over with a years subscription. Call for details.

We are in the process of moving into an office (other than my living room, kitchen and bed room). Some people have recently come forth and want to help us out and that's real cool!!

The Community Service Center is coming along great. Tabo Mack (Starting Over With Life) along with Hilltop Community Services and (hopefully) some other interested groups will be on hand to provide service, guidance, understanding and direction to the Hilltop community. Check with us next issue, or just drive by (oops!) . I mean... check out 23rd St. next to Thompson's Tavern. Ruben kicked in by donating the space. Sears donated paint. Grey Lumber shot out some building supplies and a host of other folks kicked in as well (not to mention the community volunteers who worked).

A number of loved ones have past in recent months. If you or someone you know would like to have a loved one mentioned, contact 272-8133. It's o.k. if your a little late too, we'll still try to fit it in. Not every one who passes from our midst is caught up in the mix, so let's serve up our props correctly.

I could go on and on, but you'd be missing some great stuff, so I'll pass the mike to these "bomb" pictures next door. So slow your roll, just take a stroll. Clear off the table, unplug the phone (if your able). The price is now 1.00 a pop, so for that price, let's REALLY see what's...



HAPPENING ON HILLTOP

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EDITORIAL

I.M. BLACKMAN

Once again it's press time for the Happenings On Hilltop and I as a Black man don't know what I want to write about. There is so much that I want to say, but I don't know where I should start.

Once again this issue of Happenings is displaying the talent of some very creative and serious writers that live amongst us here on the Hill. I guess that I'll write about my favorite subject--"The System".

I really don't understand this system that we live in. Here we have the most valuable resource on earth going to **WASTE** because nobody wants to invest the time, energy, and money that's needed to develop it. Here on the Hill we have a natural resource that's more valuable than oil, gold, timber, fish, or diamonds.

I'm talking about the minds that create this paper. The minds that read this paper. The minds that make up this community.

I find it hard to believe that the System thinks that salmon, spotted-owls, and seals, are more valuable and important than our kids.

Our young men between the ages of 14 to 28 years old are on the verge of becoming extinct. One out of five of them will be killed. The percentage of them that will be crippled, locked-up, and deemed useless reaches almost 50%. Why can't we save them like we do the owl, salmon and seals?

I was reading the other day the Exxon Corp. paid 18 million dollars to clean up 112 seals that got caught up in the oil slick when the drunk captain of the oil tanker Valdez ran aground a few years ago.

Do you know what 18 million dollars would do if it was directly applied to 112 of our young men? In fact, 18 million dollars could re-educate and rehabilitate the entire Hilltop Crip Street Gang. How come some responsible American corporation won't invest in these kids and open some real doors for them.

Why do they keep pushing for more police and more prisons when all these kids want is a chance to participate in the American Dream. I know that our kids are human and that they are smart and energetic. But, nobody wants to listen to them and they keep getting shut out. Nobody wants to take the chance. What's up with that? If you know, please write me in c/o this paper and let me know What's Happening!

.S.S-LOC A.K.A. SMVLL

STOP THE HATIN' AND SHOW MO' LOVE...

To the Homies-and don't forget about the one's that was there for you! I feel there's too much animosity goin' on in the 'Hood; too many Homies are showin' dislike, because of what some Homies have or got! Back in the days, everyone looked out for each other. Now its not the same!

The Homies need to work things out -listen to what the young Homies have ta say-don't brush 'em off to the side 'cause the young Homies like myself have plans to make things better for everyone too!

We already done lost three homies (and a sis') over nothin'! Can we afford ta loose anymore?

WORDS OF WISDOM

Each of us is born knowing everything we need to know. It is programmed in our genes. It is connected to our mission in life. People of color in particular are genetically coded for genius. We are, however, programmed to self-destruct. We are taught we must be authorized, qualified and sanctioned by someone else. Unfortunately, we believe it. We don't trust ourselves. We search for support and acceptance of others. We question what we know unless we can identify someone else who taught us. We forget we have a built-in mechanism of information, protection and guidance. We move outside of ourselves, then lament when we get lost. If we are to survive, we must accept and understand what we already know. The key issue becomes "Do I have the strength and courage to do what is right for me?"

PO-ET-TREE

MY NIGHTMARE

BY MARCENIA MILLIGAN
a.k.a. Cap'n LOC

I had a nightmare the other night of Spook and Marlene huggin and yellin' "Hey aw-ight".
 I had a nightmare the other night of mommas cryin' and young people dyin'.
 I tossed and turned and turned and tossed...damn Cuzz that nightmare took off,
 Enter: Kunta, Looney, Acid and Troy comin' through like real G's, flavin' in front of Dobashi's.
 I hit em up and walked on pass...uh oh there goes 1-time in my ass.
 Asking did I hear about the genocide on Hilltop? And about all the Homies who are dead or got
 popped.
 I looked at 1-time with much grief and disdain wondering why they want to play with my pain.
 I walked up Sheridan and saw Terrell's smilin' face, playin with Blue by givin' chase.
 I rounded 21st and started down "M". Melanie said "Hi", Tisa said "Come mere".
 I said, "What's Up Tisa?" She said, "Did you hear those shots?" I say, "Damn Tisa I hope other
 Homie ain't got got.
 For my safety and peace of mind, I buck a u-ee. By the time I hit Sheridan the sirens got to me.
 In my nightmare them sirens know what they were doin', I prayed for Dowell and not his ruin.
 As the sirens took me back in time, my 24 year old baby sister came to mind.
 She laid down one night and life just took her. She had given up and God had to book her.
 He gave me peace and understanding about Mamma. But about the Homies, I can get nothin'
 but drama.
 I had a nightmare the other night and in it I walked around. I tried to wake up before it really got
 me down.
 I started up Cushman and went to the right...damn Cuzz here comes the bike's.
 "The bikes! The bikes!," Clown says as he panics. Oh shit I forgot he's not up on their antic's.
 They say "Hey Cap'n we hear you have a gun", I assume the position and they find none.
 I puts my shit back in my pockets all pissed and jarrad, now I realize what makes us so
 unchangingly hard.
 As I sit on the stoop, here comes the entire R.I.P. Group.
 The tears come to my eyes. I search their faces, I see surprise,
 And yea, frustration, anger and fear. My heart is broken because they really should be here.
 Damn the "Gangsta Lean", it's gettin too many.
 That's when it hit me they weren't just killed, they were destroyed and slaughtered, and at that
 moment I woke up and screamed.....
 Our Father.....I prayed that the violence, killing and dissension would cease. And that somehow
 the Hilltop would come to know ...

PEACE

ODDS-N-ENDS

A LI'L MO' PO'

(Keeping on track, while you're "DOIN' TIME")

WE ARE HUMAN TOO... THE CONVICT

They say a convict is a dead man; dead to Love, hurt and tears...

That he has no heart at all, nor has he doubts or fears.

But they don't see when he paces all night long in his 6x9 cell...

They don't understand his feelings... not having lived in his private hell.

They don't see him when he's crying, they are many miles away.

They don't realize he's dying from loneliness, and that he fears each day.

That's right, we are human too!
CAN YOU RELATE!

Mr. K. Alexander
"1993"

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YO!!!

IF YA'LL IS STILL GOIN' TO OCEAN SHORES, YOU
BETTER GET IN SENECA AND FLY'S BEHIND, 'CAUSE
SUMMER'S ALMOST OVER!!!

WHAT DO YA'LL THINK ABOUT RENTING AN ENTIRE
BOWLING ALLEY, WITH MUSIC?
OR HOW ABOUT THROWIN' SOMETHIN' AT PEOPLE'S
PARK OR THE MONUMENT PARK?

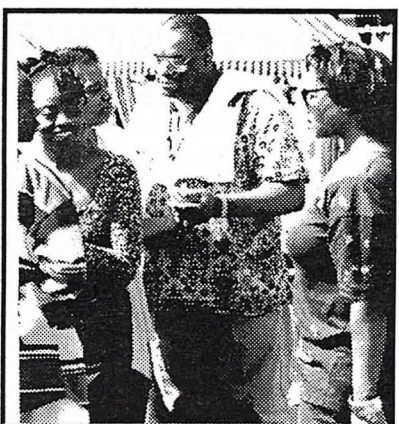
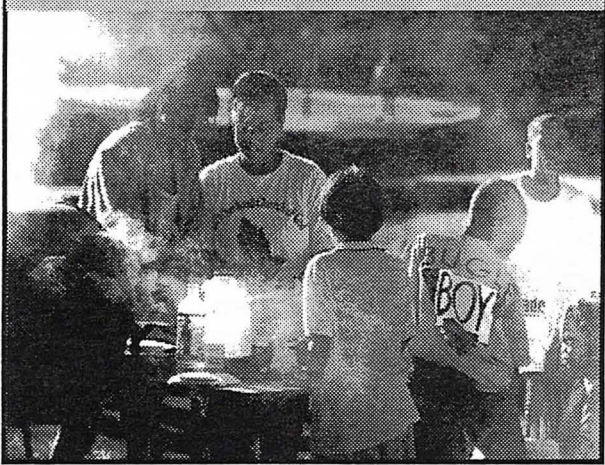
HELLO!

IS ANYONE HOME ? IF YA'LL WANT TO DO THANGS,
YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO KICK IN AND GET
INVOLVED. THERE ARE PEOPLE WILLING TO HELP
PLAN AND FACILITATE, BUT WE HAVE FAMILIES,
JOBS AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL. SO
YA'LL NEED TO GET SERIOUS . IT'S YOUR CALL.

SHOTS FROM THE 'HOOD

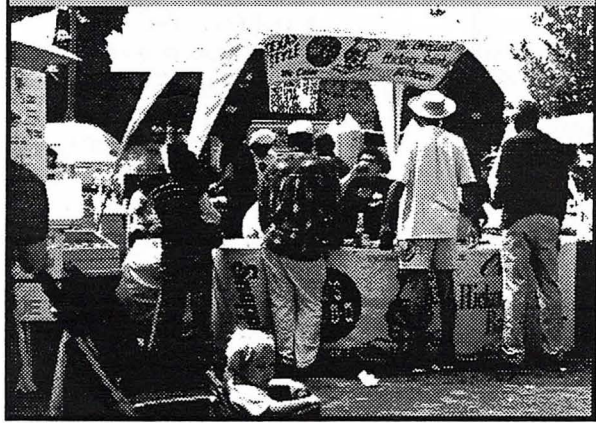


MEMBERS OF BROTHERHOOD COG FEEDING THE FLOCK

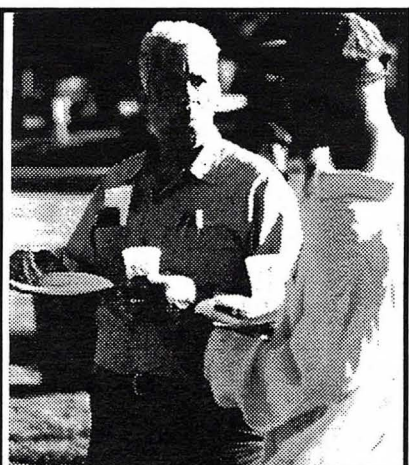


TONY WRIGHT: 'HAVE YOU DONE YOUR TAXES?'

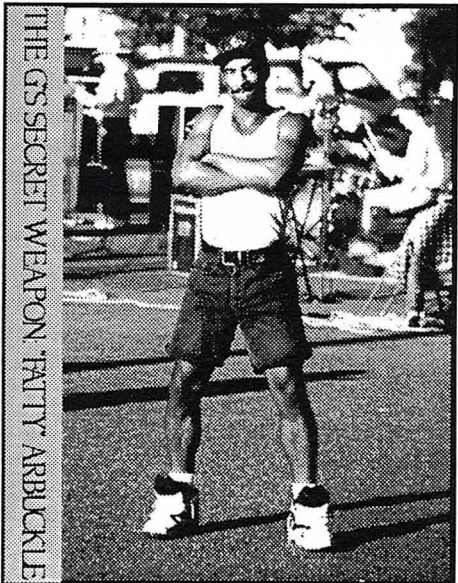
BOB'S BBQ SERVIN' IT UP AT THE CITY OF DESTINY



CITY OF DESTINY... JUST KICKIN' IT!!!

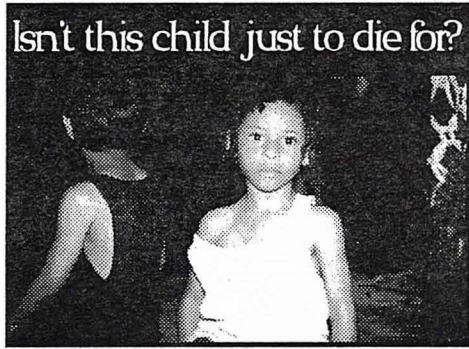


REV. RCV/RV BREAKIN' BREAD AT PEOPLES PARK

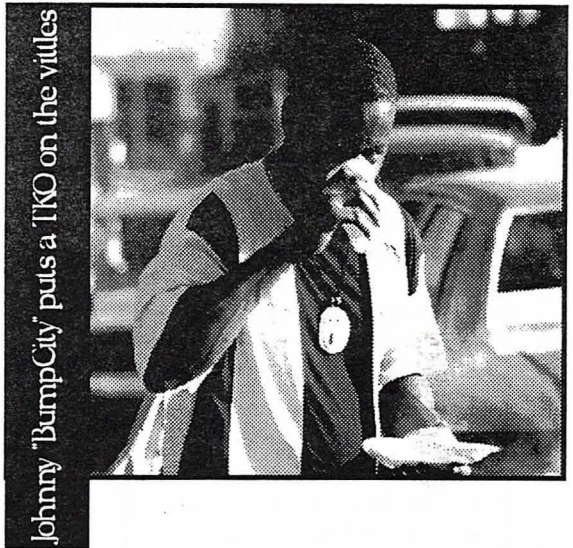


THE GS SECRET WEAPON 'FATTY' ARBUCKLE

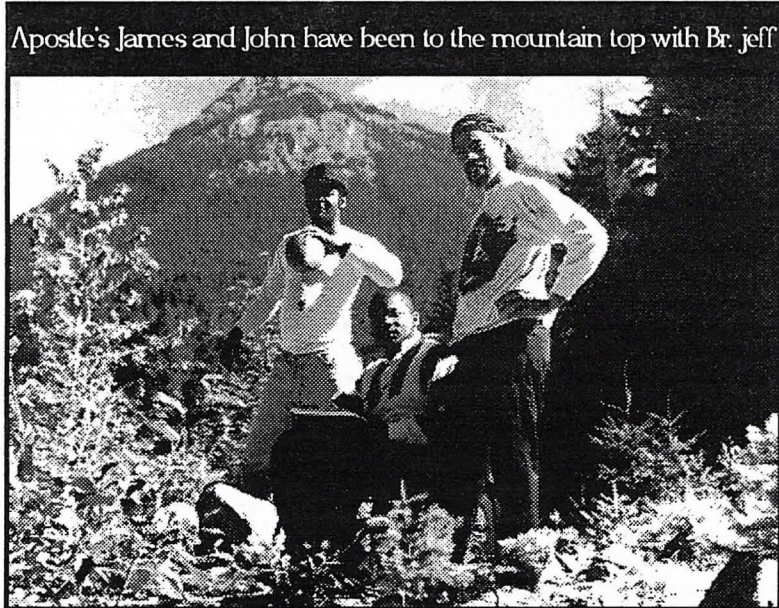
MO' SHOTS FROM THE 'HOOD



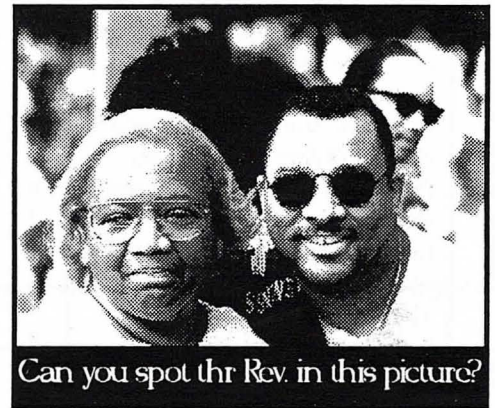
Isn't this child just to die for?



Johnny "BumpCity" puts a TKO on the viltles



Apostle's James and John have been to the mountain top with Br. jeff

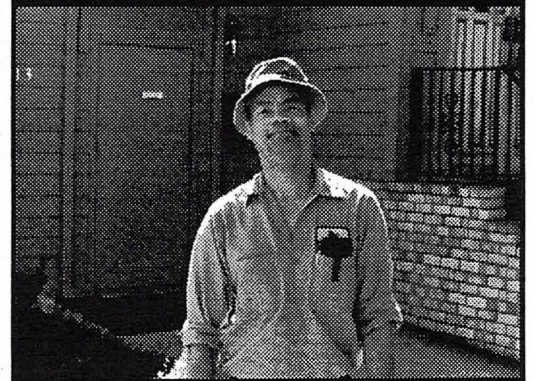


Can you spot thr Rev. in this picture?

Yakima African drummers "Really" let you know what time it is!



Rev. Fletcher sends the Buttercreek Crew off with a prayer



THE DANGLER ZONE

What's up ya'll? It's been a while since you heard from the "D". If ya'lls haven't noticed., there's a lot of positive happening in the 'Hood lately. Our chief, Larry Norman, has been busy painting the Office Tavern (Thompson's Tavern, for those of you who haven't been here that long) on 23rd St. The homies did a three day retreat in the mountains.

Let's talk about the retreat for a moment. It was a place for us to relocate our thoughts and feelings about the 'Hood. It was cool to be away from the 'hood and in the wood! We hiked, fished (somewhat), and played basketball. I won't go into details about how the "Old School" (Big Don, Dallas E., Norm and me the D) beat the "G's" (Ken Loc, Fly, Jermane and Torre)!!!

The trip was so much fun, word is the homies is planning a retreat to Ocean Shores. See page 5 for this and other activities. If you would like to contact us, you already know how. Yes, the Office Tavern (Thompson's) looks brighter. Let's continue supporting Norman and others in beautifying our neighborhood. This is Dangerous signing out, until next issue...

stay up ya'lls!!

IMPORTANT!!!

- Depression,
- Cynicism and distrust of government and authority, **fights, shootings, stabbings, drive-bys, etc.**
- Anger,
- Alienation,
- Sleep disturbances, **nightmares, sleeplessness, etc.**
- Concern with humanistic values overlaid by hedonism,
- Tendency to react under stress with survival tactics, **frequent fights, arguments, drive-bys, etc.**
- Psychic or emotional numbing, **drug and alcohol abuse**
- Negative self-image,
- Memory impairment,
- Emotional constriction,
- Hypersensitivity to justice, **"the system is out to get me"**
- Loss of interest in work and activities,
- Problems with intimate relationships, **multiple partners**
- Survivor guilt, **"my homie got smoked, why not me?"**
- Difficulty with authority figures, **"F— One-Time!!!"**
- Hyperalertness, **startled by sudden movement or noises**
- Avoidance of activities that arouse memories of traumas in war zone,
- Emotional distance from children, wife, and others,
- Self-deceiving and self-punishing patterns of behavior, such as an inability to talk about war experiences, fear of losing others, and a tendency to fits of rage, **fast driving, tatoos, russian rule!**
- Suicidal feelings and thoughts,
- Flashbacks **to the murder, shooting or beating**
- Fantasies of retaliation and destruction.

If you are an African American between the ages of 12 and 25, male or female, please fill out the above questionnaire. Place a check mark next to any item you have experienced or you are experiencing right now. Put your age, sex and name (optional) at the bottom and return to James, Fly, Dangerous or myself. If you have questions, contact James Waller (272-1263), or Larry Norman (272-8133). If you need copies for friends, we will get them to you. Please fill these out and get them back ASAP! We need your cooperation in order to help. There will be more information in future issues as to what you can do if you are having problems in these areas of your life, so stay tuned.

AGE _____ SEX _____

NAME & PHONE (optional) _____

THE CLASSIFIEDS/WANT ADS/ADVERTISERS

Coming soon, we will be offering ad space for our community, local businesses and service organizations. We will be offering space (no full page ads!) on a limited basis because we want to get more information and inspiration out, rather than just advertising. So if you have something to sell, looking to buy something, have a service, or just want to get to know someone, why not advertise with HAPPENINGS ON HILLTOP? Your ad must be submitted by the 15th of the month in order to be in following months issue. We offer discounts to senior citizens, youth groups and "real" grass roots organizations. The regular prizes aint that bad anyway, 'cause no here is trying to get rich (smile)! So give us a call starting September 10, 1994, by calling 272-8133.

SPECIAL THANKS!

In order to get the amount of work done that we have in the last six months, it has taken a tremendous effort on the part of many people. As I begin to give my appreciation to those who have worked so hard, I realize I may forget to mention someone. From the heart, it is not intentional. As a matter of fact, if you or someone you know has helped out with one of the projects mentioned, please let me know. I'll get it in as soon as possible.

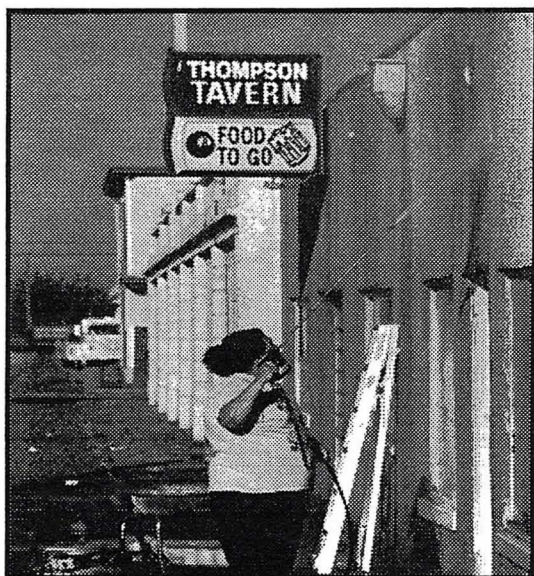
For the work on the following projects (NEWSLETTER, BUTTERCREEK RETREAT, COMMUNITY SERVICE/STARTING OVER WITH LIFE PROGRAM AND FACILITY PREPARATION, YAKIMA AFRICAN VILLAGE RETREAT, COMPLETION OF MONUMENT PARK, CLEAN UPS AT IRVING AND SHERIDAN ST. PARKS), I wish to say thank you:

My wife **Danita** and family for all your support, **THE SEATTLE FIRE DEPARTMENT**, all the Wallers, Jack and the **SEARS** Posse, Erin and Bob at **SAFEWAY**, **MAYFLOWER** the drivers and dispatchers, **CITY OF TACOMA** grounds streets and maintenance crews and supervisors, **METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION**, Sister Roho and the entire **YAKIMA AFRICAN VILLAGE**, Tabo and the **SOL** crew, Ruben and **THOMPSON TAVERN**, Al V. and **YOUNG LIFE**, Jim Knight and the **UTRA** staff, Alberta Canada and her daughters, Rev. Fletcher and the **SHERIDAN STREET COGIC**, **ALLEN AME**, Kay, Mike, Mark, J.C and co. at **BOB'S BBQ**, Sister Laura Neal, Kirt Williams at **MALLON FORD**, Kirt Boozer, Mama House, Jacques, Bente, Shantella, Mikey and Robert, H.P. Harris (my hero), Fred S., Chris B. and the **Z-TWINS**, Deborah and **KEY BANK**, the whole crew at the **DOWNTOWN SEAFIRST**, Bob G., **THE PPP** (People's Park Posse), **DEUCE -TRE**, the guards and prison personnel who's really tryin to be civil (thanks a bunch!!!), the folks downtown in **PCCD**, Marcenia, all the **HILLTOP COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS**, Mr. Mac, Virginia Taylor and **THE NORTH WEST DISPATCH**, Tony Wright and the crew, **YOUR FISH HOUSE** Brothers and Sisters, and of course my inspiration:

OGOD

HILLTOP COMMUNITY SERVICES... DOING WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

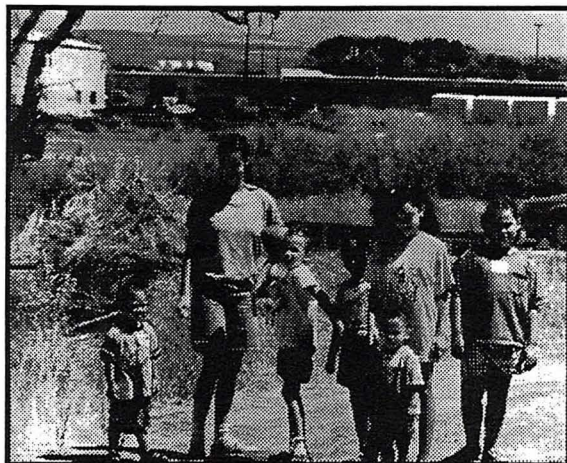
DURING THE SUMMER, MANY THINGS NEEDED TO BE TENDED TO; THE YOUTH NEEDED RECREATION, WE ALSO NEEDED TO EXPOSE YOUTH TO CULTURE. AND THERE WAS THE ISSUE OF BEUTIFYING OUR 'HOOD. THUS, HTCS (HILLTOP COMMUNITY SERVICES) TOOK ON THE MANY CHALLENGES GIVEN TO US. THIS SUMMER ALONE, HTCS WORKERS HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR WELL OVER 800 HOURS ON PROJECTS RANGING FROM WORKING WITH YOUTH AT JASON LEE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND FACILITATING DURING A THREE DAY RETREAT FOR HILLTOP YOUTH, TO PRESSURE WASHING AND PAINTING WHAT WILL SOON BE THE NEW HOME OF SOL/HTCS (STARTING OVER WITH LIFE/HILLTOP COMMUNITY SERVICES). THE FOLLOWING ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY JOBS AND ACTIVITIES HTCS EFFECTIVELY HAS CREATED AND WILL MAINTAIN TO SUPPORT BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND THOSE WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO REDIRECT THIER LIVES.



HOUSE GIVES "THE HOUSE" A BATH.



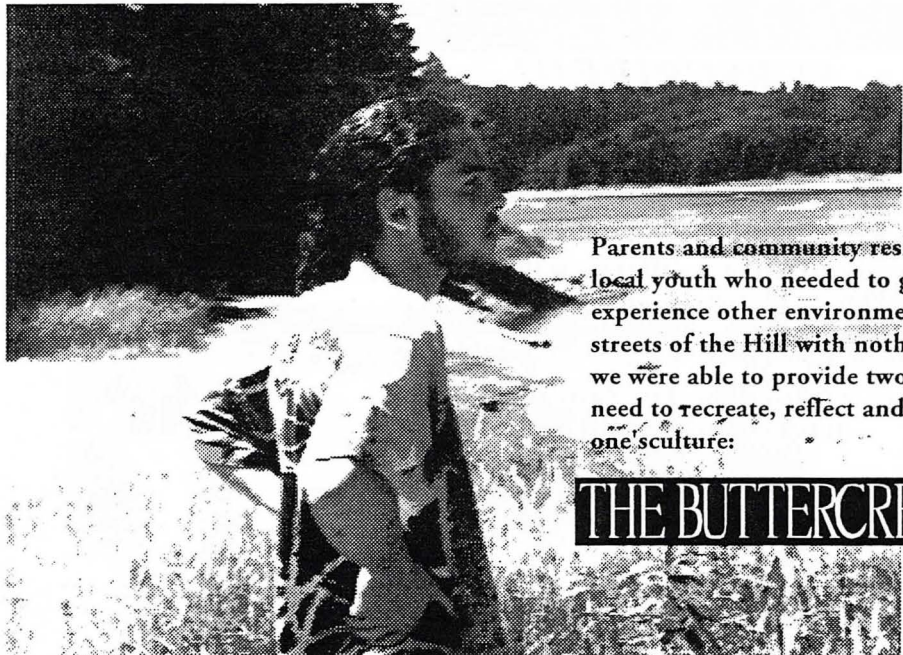
L-R. L. NORMAN, D.WALLER AND R. FLETCHER ARE ALL SMILES (AND A BIT RELIEVED) AFTER BRINGING BKJ JEFF DOWN OFF THE MOUNTAIN TOP.



STEPH LEWIS KEEPS YOUTH IN LINE DURING AFRICAN HOLCOST RETREAT IN YAKIMA.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS BY PROVIDING RESOURCES AND THOSE WHO ARE TAKING THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS SERIOUSLY. YOU ARE GIVING US ALL SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Parents and community residents were concerned that many local youth who needed to get away from the area and experience other environments, were going to be trapped on the streets of the Hill with nothing to do all summer. Fortunately, we were able to provide two activities that addressed both the need to recreate, reflect and the opportunity to learn about one's culture:

THE BUTTERCREEK/YAKIMA REPORT

On July 8, we set out from Sheridan St. Church with a bus load of area youth and adult facilitators to Buttercreek Lodge in Packwood, Washington. Young Life was gracious enough to rent the facility. Many people had to donate food, resources and cash to make the trip a reality. After a brief prayer from Rev. Fletcher, we were off.

On the way there, the bus stopped and everyone was allowed to get out, stretch and reflect. It felt good to many of the young folk to be out with adults they had come to respect. Many opportunities presented themselves for each person to share his feelings about many different issues that effected their life and their community. There were all types of activities such as fishing, hiking (yea, that was a joke!), writing and group discussions. During the group sessions, many youth expressed their anger and frustration with current conditions in the 'Hood and amongst the homies. Jim Knight (dir. UTRA) came up, Roy Fletcher (dir. Peoples Center) and Al V. (Young Life) came up to offer their support and words of advice and encouragement. There were opportunities to express yourself with a camera, the video camcorder and even the "mike." All in all, we got a lot out of this experience. There are even plans for future events. Mucho thanks to everyone who kicked in and to the young people who attended. Your ideas and input are needed in order to build a strong future and community for those who will follow us.

The following week, we took 6 young children and Steph (a community service worker) to Yakima for the Rituals of Remembrance and the Enshrinement Ceremony at the African Village. Though it was hot (real hot!) and flies were big enough to whisper in your ear, it was a wonderful experience indeed. The ride over the mountains allowed the kids to stop along the road and "taste" nature. Once there, we were allowed to learn a bit about our culture. There was no need for a watch, because drummers let you know what event was starting or stopping. There were lectures as well as activities for the children to participate. There were so many beautiful, black faces. All seemed eager to take something back to their homes (villages) to share. Mother Roho is to be commended for her vision and strength to keep the dream of a homeland here in America alive. Others from the Hilltop community are planning to make frequent visits back, so we will keep you informed. PEACE

OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THE POLK AND STEVENSON FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN OBSERVENCE OF THEIR RECENT LOSSES. OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO YOU.

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