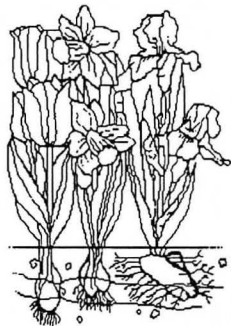


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A Newsletter from your HAC Area Representatives

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Think Spring!

This is the time of year that we begin to Think Spring. Springtime means pretty flowers and Spring clean-up. Area #10 will be having an area-wide clean-up on Saturday March 16. The clean-up crew (YOU, fellow Area #10 neighbors) will

meet at 9:30 at Irving Park, 25th and Hosmer. This park is the largest recreational location in our area. It seemed like a good place to meet, and also we want the park to be cleaned-up for our Easter Egg Hunt on the following Saturday, March 23. From this central location crews will divide up to clean up litter and debris from the streets and alley-ways.

Sounds like a big project? You bet! That is why we need your help. Those of us who participated in a similar clean-up last year on 25th and Ash had a really good time, shared laughs and had a clean area to show for our work. What a good way to get to know your neighbors! The clean-up will be assisted by the Boy Scouts of Troop 104. They will be working on merit badges for assisting with this project. Let's show them the kind of pride we have in our neighborhood. Come prepared with rakes, brooms, shovels, and any other cleaning utensils you might need. Trash bags will be provided.

If you would like to assist but feel that you are unable to get out and beat the brush, please consider bringing coffee, soft drinks, or snack items to Irving Park or meet the crew along the way. If you have any questions contact your area representatives. Think Spring- Think Sun!!

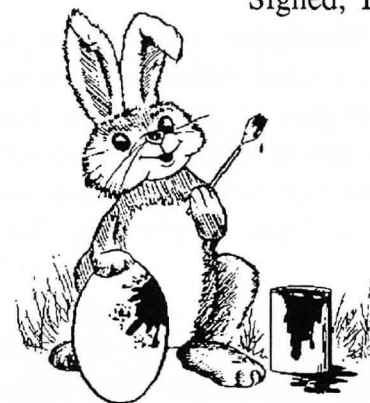
Easter Egg Hunt

Hop on over to Irving Park, 25th and Hosmer, on Saturday, March 23 at 10:00 am for some fun! Area #10 will be having its first Easter egg hunt for children. The children will be divided into three age groups with prizes being awarded for each age category: 1) Preschool, 2) Ages 5-7, and 3) Ages 8-10. Bring your own basket for collecting! A coloring contest and judging will also be part of the festivities. The following rules apply for the coloring contest:

1. The child must be a resident of Area #10.
2. Contestants will be judged on neatness and originality.
3. Prizes will be awarded in the age categories listed above.
4. Only one entry per child.
5. Additional entry forms are available from your block leaders or area representatives.

A special thank-you to the 11th St. Safeway, your local Hilltop grocer for their donation of eggs for the hunt! We would also appreciate any donations of Easter candy. Contact your block leaders or area representatives if you are interested in assisting in this project. See you there!

Signed, E. Bunny



Phoebe House Needs Your Help!

By Larry Norman

Mary East had a vision. That vision was to "see that no woman would have to be on the street and that no child would go without food, clothing or shoes." In 1990, that vision became a reality. She established the Phoebe House at 601 So. K St. Since then, women who have no where else to turn, have come to Phoebe House.

Marie Fuller, 63, says that she was in the I.C.U. at Tacoma General when she heard about Phoebe House. "I had been living in other people homes for fifteen years, taking care of them. Now I have people to talk to and can come and go as I please." Cheryl Carlson, 34, found Phoebe House through a social worker at Puget Sound Hospital. "I feel that being here, I'm now able to work through my problems."

The Phoebe House is set up to house twenty women. Aside from her full involvement with Phoebe House, Mary still finds the time and energy to feed the hungry down on 15th and Commerce every Monday.

Due to lack of financial support, Mary's vision is facing a crisis. A leaking roof, rent, utility bills, replacement of fixtures and numerous other shortages, may mean the closure of Phoebe House, and the end of hope for a lot of women.

An article was written in the Sunday (March 3, 1991) Tacoma News Tribune about Phoebe House. I read it and acted. I spoke with Mary and some of the residents at the shelter. I informed Mary that I would do what I could. As I was doing my laundry at a nearby laundromat, I began talking to a gentleman whom I had never met. We started talking about Phoebe House.

Jim Weddington (Buttons) was moved by Mary's situation and indicated that he had a freezer full of food he could donate. Monday evening, we loaded up my Volvo station wagon and made two trips to Phoebe House with food. "God Bless you" was Mary's reply. Thank you, Buttons!

What can you do? Here is a list of things needed at Phoebe House. You can donate money or items. We have an opportunity right now to

make a difference. Lets not let it pass by. Someone less fortunate than you, needs your help. Are we up to it? I know we are! Let's lend a hand!

Items needed:

1. Roof
2. More furniture
3. New floors
4. Sheet rock
5. Outside painted
6. Bathrooms fixed
7. Counselors
8. Food
9. Finances (\$8-10,000)
10. Pest Control
11. Washer and Dryer
12. Dishwasher
13. Peep Hole in front door
14. Blankets
15. Part -time secretary

For further information call: 383-7791

P.S. If you can't send money or materials, why not call Mary and given her and the women your moral support? Remember, prayer changes things.

Business is Good on Hilltop

by Larry Norman

If you have driven past 19th and Wilkerson, you can't help but notice a large facility called Jones Glass and Used Materials. For those of you who have ever tried to find a window or replace a door frame, you know how expensive and at times difficult a task this is. Mr. Jones seems to always have just what people need.

Mr. Jones started his resale business thirty-two years ago at 210 E. 30th. In 1979, the city decided to build the Tacoma Dome and relocated Mr. Jones' business to its present sight at 1912 South Wilkeson. Mr. Jones has lived here since 1946. He says he likes the location. "there's easy access for my customers. We have customers who come from all over." Mr. Jones carries glass, doors and frames, lumber, fixtures and just about anything you can think of. Thank you, Mr. Jones, for choosing Hilltop as a location for your business.

Crosswalk Light Plight



Have you ever noticed when you cross the street at 19th and Wilkeson that you can only get half-way across 19th before the "Don't Walk" light starts flashing? The "walk" light stays on for only '7' seconds before it changes. What about the safety of the children going over to Al Davies Boys

Club or the children crossing to and from school? When the cross guard is on duty it takes '15' seconds for the guard to get to the middle of the street and then safely get the children across the street. At least '11' seconds are needed for children to cross by themselves.

As you can see '7' seconds is not enough time to walk across this busy intersection. We need your help! We ask that you call the Traffic Department at 591-5262 to complain about this stoplight and let them know that we need to "walk" light set to '15' seconds. We also will have petitions for you to sign through your block leaders, or at the office of Stanley School, or at the corner of 19th and Wilkeson while a crossing guard is on duty. Please sign only one petition and help us all get across 19th street more safely.

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived. . . . This is to have succeeded."

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Boy Scouts of America Troop 104 Tacoma, WA

Have you ever wondered what it feels like to sleep under the stars with a dozen close friends? Have you ever taken a moment to stop and really appreciate our environment? Have you ever constructed a bridge, or table, with only natural materials?

Troop 104 has been serving the youth of the Hilltop for over one year and is providing a positive alternative to the young men of our community. Partners with Al Davies Boys & Girls Club and meetings sponsored by the St. Leo's Kids Place, the leaders of the troop provide training for these "Scoutcraft Skills" along with a "Brother to Brother" relationship with every boy of the troop.

Scouting membership starts when a boy reaches the age of 11, has completed the 5th grade, or has earned the Arrow of Light award from the Webelos Scout program. Until they reach their eighteenth birthday, they are working through six ranks, or levels of advancement, concluding with the prestigious Eagle Award. A young man who can attain this goal has demonstrated leadership ability, researched several different job opportunities, and built life long friendships.

If you are interested in more information about our Scouting program, please visit our meetings on Tuesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Kids Place, 1411 So. Yakima, or contact either Lynn at 572-4989 or Mark at 272-2150. For information about other Tacoma Troops or the Cub/Webelos Scouting program, contact Mt. Rainier Council at 752-7731.

