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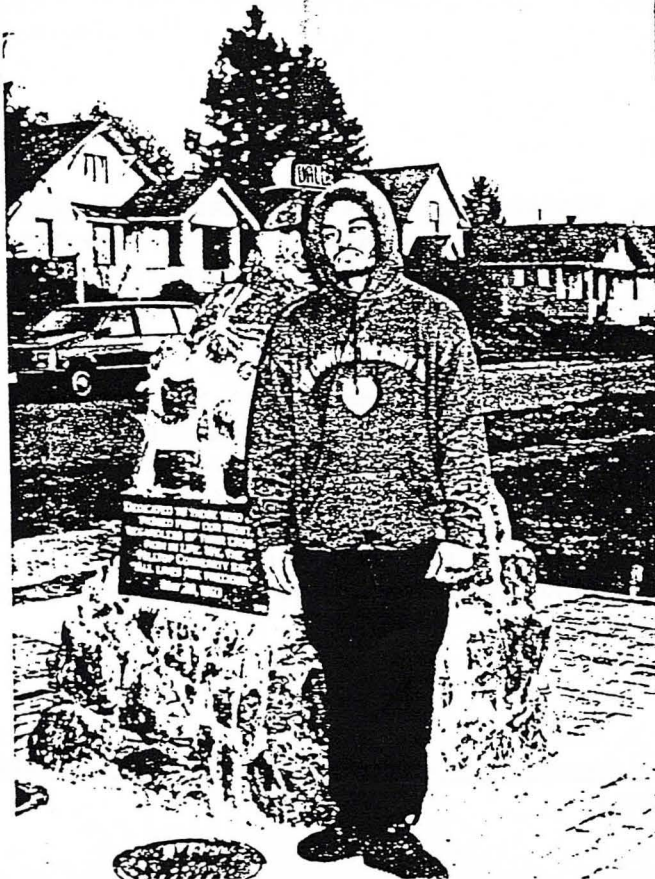
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IS THIS NEWSLETTER A SCAM OR WHAT?

The Editor

The last time I sat down to write this newsletter, I had just gotten married, my mother (Johnette Norman) had just passed away, and the young people in this community were becoming restless due to the lack of jobs and opportunity. As summer played out, I found that more and more young people were becoming "at risk". I don't need to tell you what the outcome of the last few months have been.

Many of us here in the community have been to numerous funerals, made countless hospital visits and sat through hours of court hearings. I can tell you, it is not fun!!! But in a nut shell, that's what I have been doing as well as trying to work, raise four kids, and be a husband.

The newsletter needs the support of the community. Currently, we have only twenty subscribers. We need toner, paper, a reliable copy machine and a computer. If you or someone you know would like to help out in any of those capacities, let us know. We want to keep everyone informed as much as you do, but we can't do it alone. Kick in!!

Lastly, I would like to again apologize to those who have already become paid subscribers. This is a monthly newsletter and we have not held up our part of the bargain. All I can say is that we are trying. Hopefully with more support, we can really get off the ground. But for now, if you can hold your mud and keep your powder dry, we may just pull this one out.

So sit back and enjoy. Let's take a peep and see what's really poppin' and hoppin' with Happenings On Hilltop...

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EDITORIAL

By Larry Norman

Violence, Violence, Violence!!! It's the same old story. Each day, we find ourselves poised for the morning addition of the newspaper to see what type of violent act has impacted our communities and neighborhoods. We have grown accustomed as a society to accept situations as hopeless when in fact, with a little effort by the powers that be, we can change this thing around.

But many have been asking, "What can I do?" You would think that with over 30 agencies supposedly serving areas such as Hilltop, that we should be closer to resolving at least some of the issues of violence that are plaguing us. All it takes is a drive down 23rd, 11th, K Street (yes, I said K st!), 9th or any number of current areas in the Hilltop Community. You will find that there are literally hundreds of people out in the street daily, crying out for help. Granted, what many of our neighbors have had to do just to survive has created violence in this community.

Instead of always focusing on the effects of this violence, can we discuss a few options (other than more police!) that could speak directly at the issues? Many people are tired of hedging around the issues anyway. Let's face it, this isn't about gangs, drugs, homelessness or any number of ;social ills. Violence exists because of the lack of non-violent activities. That's right, as simple as it may seem, if we are to curb the rising level of violence, we need more non-violent things such as jobs, recreational activities housing, preventive health care and education.

This may sound like a long list of request, but when you look at the make up of a stable neighborhood, you see a balanced blend of each of those items I just mentioned. Many would argue that there are already facilities like that in the Hilltop Community. Yes, but one must also realize that when the Boy's Club was a foundation in the community, it was set up to accommodate the community. The People's Center use to be the Malcom X Center and a young person would have to wait his or her turn just to get in the front door.

Again, you had a community-run facility and people wanted to be there. This promoted non-violence. Young people were taught to respect their elders because of all the interaction. There was no need for many of the programs that exist today because people were involved in non-violent activity.

Also, when there were businesses owned and operated by people from the Black Community (Walker's Exxon, 24 Flavors, Mr. T's, Clarence Petit's 7-11, etc.), there were non-violent opportunities to make a living. Can you see what I am getting at?

Violence has truly gotten out of hand. If we are to win this battle for our children, community and way of life, we must take what available resources we have and create environments that will promote non-violent behavior and activity. You don't have to live on Hilltop to be effected by what happens here. So, if you or your community would like some focus and direction, maybe we can help. Give us a call!!!

DOING TIME

By C. B. Warren

This section of *Happenings On Hilltop* will be dedicated to the ones that are "Behind the Wall", (Walla Walla), taking a "View from the Bay", (Callam Bay), or "Chilling on the Island", (McNeil Island), or any other place where they are doing time. If you know of any person that is incarcerated and they would like to be put on the mailing list for *Happenings On Hilltop*, send their address and number and we will try to hook them up.

Hopefully, we will be able to print words of wisdom from the ones locked up, or maybe just a few words on what they are doing now. I know a few have finished high school and are working on college credits. Some have gotten married since they went on vacation. We will try and print addresses of the ones that would like letters so you can keep in touch. There are quite a few "Chilling on the island" right now, and a few taking a "View from the bay".

If you would like to send an open letter to the someone at any of the correctional centers, just send it to the Editor and we would try and put it in the *Happenings On Hilltop*. Don't forget, an open letter is one that everybody will be able to read so keep it short and clean. Well this is it for the intro of my column. I hope to hear from you or someone from "Behind the Wall", taking a "View from the Bay" or just "Chilling on the Island". I am out of here.

IS THERE....

UNITY IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY?

By Dangerous

Was the B.C.U.D., (Black Community Unity Day), successful in what it originally set out to accomplish? In some ways yes, in a lot of ways no. The Black Community Unity Day concept was initially derived from a rap show featuring the group Bloods and Crips. The group was scheduled to perform at Temple Theatre on September 19, 1993. But after the article in Sunday's News Tribune (September 12, 1993), public opinion was altered. Many people believed that the purpose of the event was to promote gang violence.

How could this be when the title of the event was "Unity"? Is not Unity a peaceful condition? By Monday afternoon the promoters went through various setbacks. After reading Sunday's newspaper, the insurer backed out of the event, the owner of the theatre received several threat calls, and since the City was not notified, they declined to support the event. In other words, the idea of bringing the Bloods and Crips together for a peace rally was somehow threatening and dangerous. The promoters had already discussed the event with local gang members (primarily the older ones) from both the Bloods and the Crips who were willing to volunteer their time as consultants and security.

The concert was only one part of an entire event which would have included keynote speakers from the Evergreen State College (Tacoma Campus), The Nation of Islam, and some local churches just to name a few. The fruit of Islam, Bob's Security Service, four off-duty police officers, and several local residents had agreed to help with the security. Some of our community artist works with the them "Unity" was planning to be on hand. The concert would have opened with a prayer lead by Rev. R. S. Brazil. Both the Bloods and the Crips felt this could help resolve some of their matters.

This event was an attempt to show the high risk Black Youth that we, as a diverse Black Community can come together for the common cause of saving them from street violence. So what if it was the newspaper article that informed people of the event, the problem is why it there was more negativism than support.

After having an up and down week, the promoters were determined to have the event no matter what. It ended up being an open forum of discussion amongst members of the community at the People's Center. No rap music, no keynote speaker, no Bloods, just a few Crips and a few local residents. This was very good in itself, it just needed more support to make for a larger turn out. Hopefully we will continue this event annually. PEACE!

YOUNG LIVES

Young lives are taken from us everyday.
Not by natural causes but a very
different way.
By a knife or a bullet from a gun
'Their forgetting that's someone else's son.
Kickin it, hanging out, just having fun
You never know when you'll be the one.
Young lives are precious and so dear.
We shouldn't have to live our lives in fear.
We all want to live till we're old
Not laying in a box stiff and cold.
No matter what happens you don't deserve
to die young.
At tender 15 your life has really just begun.
Memories now will flood our minds
of all the good and bad times.
Andrae left us back in 1992
There's still pain from missing you.
Now we're back in 93
Scan you to will be missed as you can see.
Revenge isn't the answer not even a clue
Because the same thing could happen to you.
If the homicides decrease and decease
We've achieved a goal because we've
increased the peace.
To Andrae and Scan your life may be done
But remember you were second to none.
From all of us one thing we'll do
Is always have much love for both of you.
R.I.P. Andrea and Sean

Kathleen Boyd

In Memory of

SEAN EMMANUEL BUTCHER

Born in Bloomington, Illinois
June 27, 1978
Passed Away in Tacoma, Washington
October 21, 1993

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Memorial Services in
THE VALLEY CHAPEL
MOUNTAIN VIEW FUNERAL HOME
4:00 P.M. Monday, October 25, 1993

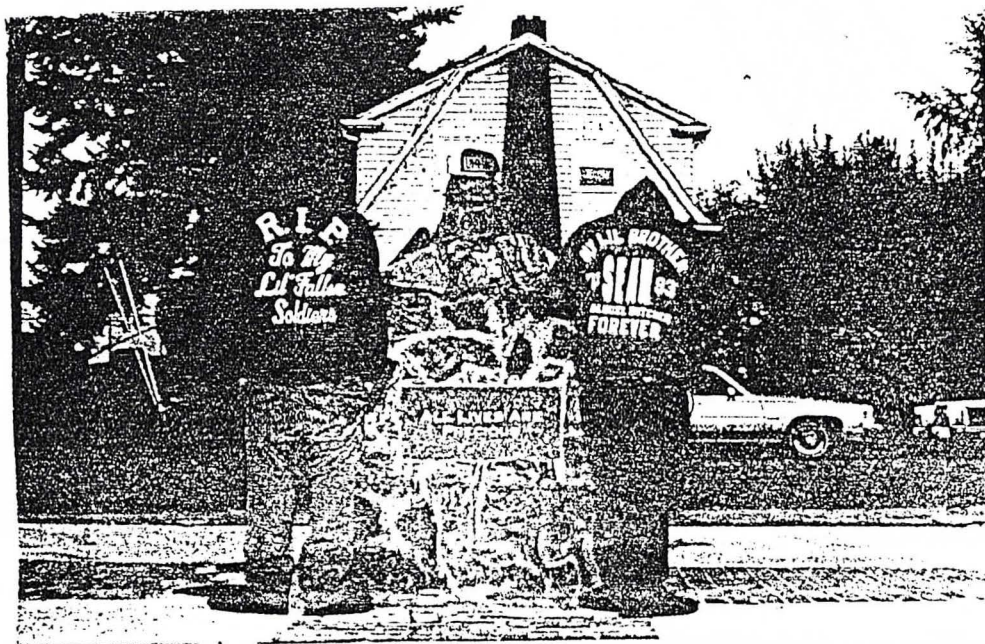
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MR. PATRICK EPPRIGHT, *Officiating*
Lakesha Edwards, Soloist
"So Alone"
Kathleen Boyd, Poem
"Young Lives"

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MOUNTAIN VIEW MEMORIAL PARK
Tacoma, Washington

*Following the service a reception
will be held in the Forest Room
Main Office Building
Mountain View Funeral Home*



Minister/Dr. Khallid Abdul Muhammad
(The National Assistant To The Honorable Louis Farrakhan)

Speaks on:

Malcolm X:

**The Man
His Mentor
His Message
His Meaning
His Murder
The Movie**

You've Heard Him With
Ice Cube
Public Enemy
X-Clan
Sister Souljah
In Depth With The Mighty F.O.I.

Saturday
November 20th, 1993

Temple Theatre
47 St. Helens St
(Downtown Tacoma)

4:00 PM
(Doors Open at 3:00PM)

Tickets only \$5.00

PRESENTED BY
SISTER NIKKI AND ASSOCIATES
MASUNDA
YISRA-EL STUDY-GROUP

Excepting donations of coats and or non
perishable foods to aid community programs

Ticket Locations in Seattle
Black Bird Books 31st and Madison
Ticket Master
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Now Thysself Bookstore 12th & Martin Luther King
Shabazz Barber Shop 56th & Portland Ave
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WORDS OF WISDOM

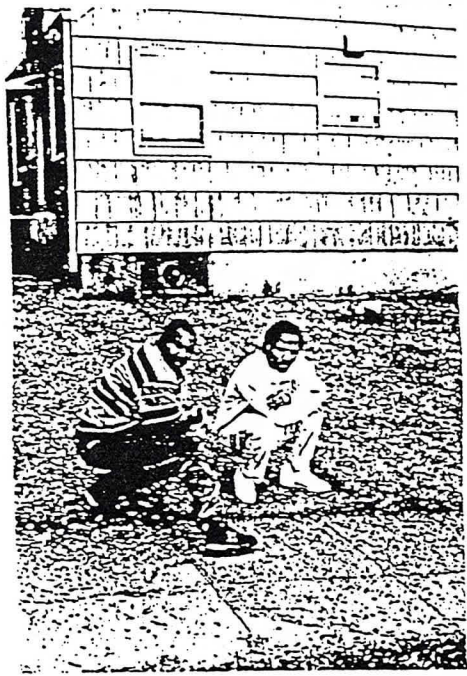
Anonymous

Don't be a sitting duck. Take a few minutes to think. A sitting duck is one sitting in plain view. Don't hang on corners in plain view of anyone driving by in a car. Don't hang out late at night, you are not able to see things clear. If you do decide to hang out be careful of cars driving too slow or too fast. Stay on your P's & Q's. If you don't see anything, try and see the license plates of the car. There should be a plate in the front and one in the back. Either you can see it coming or going. Please remember, a sitting duck can be a dead duck.

SHOTS FROM THE HOOD

"THEY SAY THAT I'M NEGATIVE,
BUT THEY'RE NOT BEING POSITIVE."

-CHUCK 'D'



LI'L HOMMIES AND HOMMETTES

The following poems are the creativity of our future leaders, so sit back and enjoy reading the true feelings of those young individuals who see and love this community.

SCHOOL IS COOL

By Shardé Baumann

Don't be a fool, stay in school.
Or you will not be cool.

Cool people stay in school.
If you say school is not cool,
you are wrong, school is cool.

Now here is my song....

"School is cool, School is cool
And I'll always love school."

"Your the coolest thing on earth
So if you want to be smart, go to
school because school is cool."

"If you want good grades, study, 'Do,
Re, Me, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do.'"

"There are different subjects in
school like music, art, library, and
other things."

ON THE HILLTOP

By Keyarri Sanders

On the Hilltop, it is fun.
There is not much shooting.
Sometimes we have parties at the
people next door, Or at our house.
I think it's fun.
If you don't live here,
You are missing it all!
Down from Tacoma.

COOL! COOL! COOL!

By Rodney Sanders

Cool, Cool, Cool....
Hilltop is cool.
Don't be a fool,
Stay in school.
You will not be cool if you
drop out of school.
Stay in school
And you will be cool.
Down from Tacoma.

DON'T DO DRUGS!

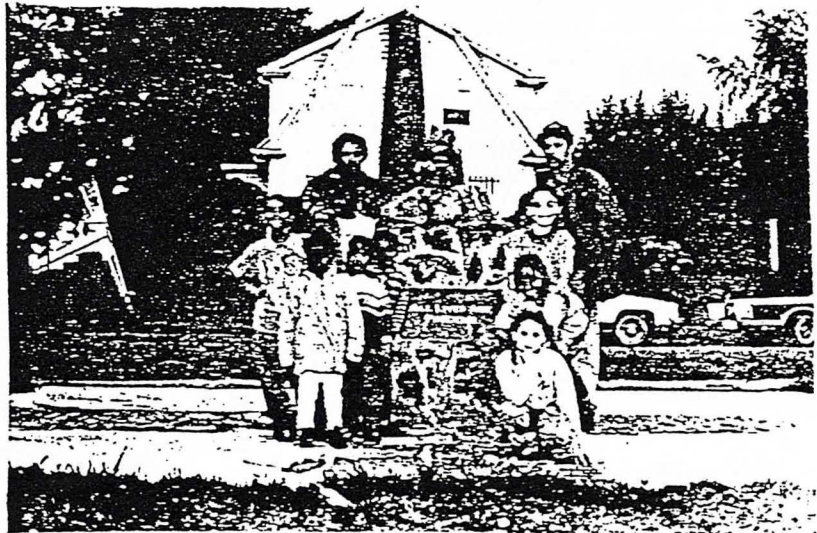
By Rodney Sanders

Don't do or smoke drugs,
You will not be cool.
Don't do drugs in school,
You will get kicked out.
Have fun and party,
But don't do drugs cause
It stanks and you could
Die from it.
Down from Tacoma.

TO HILLTOP

By Alex Waller

I hope you stay here.
Do not leave me.
I love Hilltop.
Stay here.



THE DANGER ZONE

By Dangerous .

What's Up Locs! This is the "G - Dangerous" coming to ya straight out of the Hilltop with the latest from the underground. Yea, the homies World Wide Mafia been busy laying tracks at the studios.

I had the privilege to hear four cuts from the upcoming tape and I'll let 'cha know right now the tape is complete dope. Nowww, that's real doe, I'm talking about some of that ghetto splash stuff! They hope to have it pressed and dropped in the hood around December.

The baddest coach in the history of football is back! That's right, Eugene Mobley is back coaching for the Al Davies Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Mobley has inspired many youths from this community through the sport of football. For over 10 years he coached, producing players such as Torri Huynter and Singora Mobley of the W.S.U. Cougars (which the latter is coach Mobley's son). Let's get out there and support Coach Mobley and our youth.

Yo, check this. Ronderia Duncan was elected as this year's poster child for the Washington State Sickle Cell Association. Ronderia and her father, Reginald Duncan, attended a banquet in her honor.

I spoke to Micky Satterwhite the other day and he was telling me about an African book study group. The group will be meeting at the People's Center on Saturdays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. Besides book study, the group will have open seminar on key issues that affect African-Americans today. For more information call 591-5321.

If some of you locs missed Minister/Dr. Khalid Abdul Muhammad when he spoke at the Evergreen State College (Tacoma Campus), last June, well guess what? You get one more chance to see and hear this great speaker. You don't want to miss this! I saw him the last time he was here and I'll let 'cha know right now, the brother is deep. He gets straight to the point with the serious cold facts, and that's real. For more information, look for the ad in this issue or check with your nearest outlet. On the Hilltop its, Know Thyself Bookstore on 12th and K, (Martin Luther King Jr Way), and on the eastside it's Shabazz Barber Shop on 56th & Portland Avenue.

What's up with the cameras on the poles? I heard alot from both sides of the issue. Write and tell us your views on this issue, we might print your comments.

In closing, I'd like to send my condolences out to the families of Mark Dixon, Sean Butcher, Maurice Bolden and Somboun Poth. I know that no matter what they have done, one thing is in common, the loss of a loved one. Also, Fredrick Brown, my brother, we are all praying and pullin for ya!

This is Dangerous saying, "Things can only get better if you make them better."

PEACE

Happenings on Hilltop can be found at the following locations starting the first week of each month:

Location	Address	Location	Address
Safeway	11th & Sheridan	7-11	19th & K Street
A.M./P.M.	19th & K Street	Kentucky Fried Chicken	6th & Sprague
Maytag Laundromat	6th & Sprague	Pinches Deli	6th & Division
K Street Bar & Grill	11th & K Street	Lucky 7	9th & K Street
Sam and Terry's Barber Shop	17th & K Street	Northwest Dispatch	1108 South 11th Street
UTRA	1023 So. K Street	Your Fish House	1814 So. K Street
Silver Screen Video	2024 #G 6th Ave.	Southern Kitchen	6th & Sprague
MLK Center	1424 Tacoma Ave. So., Suite A.		
University of Puget Sound, Cafeteria		Tacoma Community College, Cafeteria	

* Indicates new arrivals.

If you are a business, or organization and would like to have Happenings on Hilltop for your customers, call Larry Norman at 272-8133. We will be more than happy to get you started. Please note; the views contained in some of the articles in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the staff of Happenings on Hilltop.

Important Phone Numbers

Here are some important phone numbers to help you in the event that you are experiencing problems. Cut them out and keep them Handy.

EMERGENCY (POLICE, FIRE) - 911
 Crack Hotline - 475-CRAK
 Hilltop Action Coalition - 597-4808
 Safe Streets - 272-6824
 Crime Prevention - 591-5883
 Abandoned Autos - 591-5926
 Refuse Department - 591-5544
 Recycling Department - 565-5955
 Larry Norman (Editor) - 272-8133

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 2320 South Wilkeson
 Tacoma, Washington 98405

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