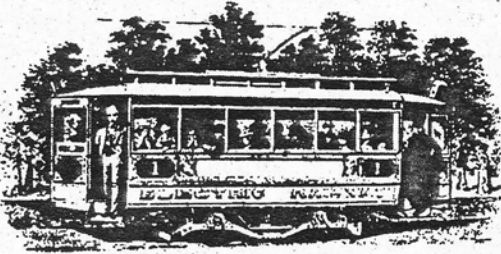


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Coalition Meeting to be Held in Evening

In an effort to reach more people, the April Coalition meeting will be held in the evening on April 11. It will start at 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Presbyterian. Many people are busy on the weekends or perhaps just want to sleep in on Saturdays (I don't blame them!) This provides an alternative and if we get more attendees in the evenings, we may opt to continue. Look to the Trolley Times for future meeting dates and times.

I have lived in the North End all of my adult life. With pride, my wife and I stayed year after year and watched renovation and even new construction contribute to the uniqueness of our North Slope neighborhood.

As I watch property values rise, crime rates lower, and neighbors' smiles broaden, I know that we made the right decision by staying here while so many others wait in line to cross the bridge.

I think of our neighborhood as a village. I think of Stadium High School as a castle and Wright Park as Sherwood Forest. It's fun to live here!

The first of the year, I was elected president of the Stadium Business District. The district offers a wide

variety of professional services as well as shops, restaurants, a great grocery, B&B's and much more, not to mention the best espresso bar in Tacoma!! I would love to hear from any of our neighbors about their feelings of how the North Slope families and the Stadium Business District could become more unified.

I have invited the NSNC to join S.H.A.G. by taking a booth at the Father's Day Street Festival. Next, I need help from the NSNC to raise money for a mural to be painted on the side of the Tacoma Little Theatre building. What about a summer barbecue party and performance in the park? There are so many things to do; together, a great neighborhood and a great business district will make us even more proud of ourselves.

Let's join hands and see what we can do!

Dennis Faker

Tickets on Sale for 2000 Historic Homes Tour

Tacoma Historical Society's 2000 Historic Homes Tour will be May 6 and 7, featuring nine North Slope homes, including a bed and breakfast. Advertising in newspapers and posters will begin soon, and tickets are available

The North Slope Neighborhood Coalition is made up of the people living between "T" and Grant Streets from Division to Steele Streets. If you live in this area as a property owner or tenant, please join us on Tuesday evening, **April 11** at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 9th & J St. Refreshments will be provided.

Volume I, *Tacoma, Voices of the Past*, written by Tacoma Historical writers, has been reprinted. It sells for \$19.95 and may be ordered by calling 752-7722. Twenty-three authors tell stories about homes, neighborhoods, schools and first jobs in earlier Tacoma days. Last year's edition, Volume II, is also available.

now at the Pacific Northwest Shop, Stadium Thriftway and several other locations.

People interested in being tour docents may call Ron at 984-7079.

For further information call 566-4995 or leave a message at 472-3738.



Adopt-A-Spot

Weather cooperated for us on February 6 while a North Slope Coalition crew picked up about 100 pounds of litter on North I, between Division and Steele. Tacoma Cares Adopt-a-Spot program sponsors our cleanups. Two new volunteers joined the group. Thanks Linda and Susan!

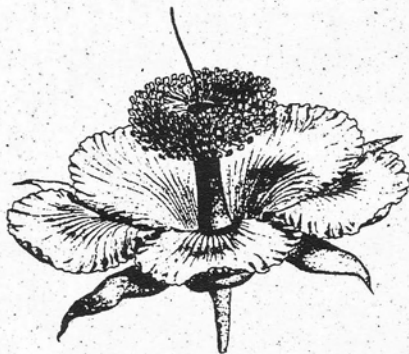
We will skip the April clean up because the coalition meeting is in the evening, rather than morning. We will continue the litter pick up in June. See you then!

Let's all be more diligent about picking up litter in our yards and sidewalks. Every little bit helps keep our neighborhood more attractive!

Marilyn Torgerson
627-4537

The Tacoma Police Department is currently accepting applications. Anyone interested in police work may call 591-5421 for information.

People interested in volunteering for Park Watch in our Metro Parks system may call 305-1061 for additional information.



*Mother's Day
Sunday, May 14*

National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week

April 3-7 was the "National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week", promoting greater public appreciation for the hazards encountered in roadway construction zones and educating motorists and workers about behaviors that improve their safety. It's a good reminder for all of us to stay alert, *listen* to the signs and "Give 'em A Brake!" After all, they're trying to do their job and ask that we allow them to do that while maintaining their safety.

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*Next Coalition Meeting @
Immanuel Presbyterian Church:
April 11, 7:00 p.m.*

Join us for an informative evening! Meeting begins at 7:00 and promptly ends at 8:30. On this month's agenda:

- Curtis Kingsolver, City of Tacoma Traffic Engineer
- North End Neighborhood Council Update
- Treasurer's Report
- Historic District Expansion Hearing Update
- Progressive Dinner Funds: How the funds will be used

What Every Grandparent Should Know About Money (and Parents, too)

Albert Einstein SHOULD have said, "The compound interest equation is the most important equation this side of a worm hole." In short, compound interest is the phenomenal process of making money make money. The compound interest equation is simple, having only four parts. TIME is the most important part, and Einstein knew about time! The other parts deal with money and rate of return.

Getting started now allows "time" to take over and do its magic. Grandparents, invest \$2,500 for a grandchild before they are three years old, and you will have created a millionaire. That's it! A one-time contribution (or several small ones to get to \$2,500) is all it takes. Well, that and another 60 years! By the time your grandchild is 63, the \$2,500 initial investment will have grown to \$1,000,000. Our grandkids are on the way to becoming million-

AGE	VALUE
3	\$2,500
18	\$12,174
21	\$16,381
26	\$26,866
53	\$388,475
63	\$1,044,849

Pierce County CSA's

I just wanted to follow up on the Trolley Times article about Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs). The article was a great rationalization for this type of direct farm marketing to urban folks. The part

aires, are yours?

Parents, take note. You must do your part to keep the money growing. Money for a child put into a custodial account for a minor, becomes the property of the child as soon as he/she becomes an adult. And it seems that minors become adults right at the time a new red car is wanted! So, as parents, you must keep telling the child the money is for something; it's not just invested, but invested for a goal.

We told our children to save it and keep it growing so they would have money for a down payment on a house. Our children heard this enough as they were growing up that our goal became their goal. I hope that the "down-payment goal" becomes our grandkids' goal, too. By the time they turn 26, a gift of \$2,500 given at age three, will have grown to \$26,866 - that's a nice down payment for a house!

In conclusion, to take advantage of compound interest, you, as a grandparent, must get started. An investment over three years of \$2,500 will make a lot of "cents" for your grandchild.

Jay Turner
383-2329

COMMENT
START
College?
Grandchild becomes an adult
House down payment?
50 years of TIME
Millionaire

of the article that was missing was contact information for Pierce County CSA's. There are currently two. Terry's Berries is on the River Road, heading toward Puyallup at (253) 922-1604. This farm is certified organic and features u-pick fruit and eggs. The other CSA is the Guadalupe Gardens, a project of the Guadalupe House and Tahoma Food System at (253) 687-7457

Litter, Litter Everywhere — Will Anyone Pick it Up?

Have you noticed the quantity of litter on the streets, parking strips and alleys of the North Slope? It seems to have really increased over the last four or five months. Maybe we could all pick up a little to spruce up our streets and alleys.

One of the causes could be the nature of the automatic pick-up garbage and recycling trucks. These trucks don't pick up anything they drop! I witnessed one truck's trip down an alley and picked up 1/2 a plastic sack of debris as I walked behind it. When I called the recycling office, I was reminded that extra recycling is FREE. Anything that will not fit in the blue bin may be put in PAPER BAGS or CARDBOARD BOXES beside the bin.

Thus, one anti-litter weapon is NO OVERFLOWING blue bins - just put extra stuff beside the bin in paper or cardboard.

Recycling Hotline is 565-5955.

Julie Turner

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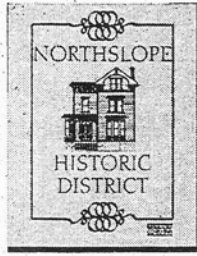
This one is in the Hilltop downtown area which does not use any pesticides or artificial fertilizers. It is farmed as a low-income/homeless cooperative.

Steven Garrett
WSU Cooperative Extension & Tahoma Food System

Historic District Signs Go Up

The sign department at the Traffic Engineering Department has put up the North Slope Historic District signs on the perimeter of the current district. Ron Johnson of Traffic Engineering says that the department will fill in on J, K & L as time permits.

"Hopefully we will have all the J, K & L signs up before it's time to start putting them up on the new expanded part," says Julie Turner, coordinator of the sign project. "My first reaction to the signs on I Street was that they had shrunk. They were small." But as she walked the perimeter, she decided "they were okay - tasteful and low-key. I hope the rest of you agree!"



Turner said that the size had to do with the cantilevered mounting, which she chose over a center mount, and would not have been double-sided. "This project's success is directly related to the cheerful help from Ron Johnson. This was truly a collaborative project and would have been nearly impossible without the advice from Mr. Johnson," says Turner.

Historic District Expansion Hearing Over; Vote April 4

On March 21, many North Slope residents went to the final hearing for the Historic District Expansion. The City Council's approval vote will be on April 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the

City Council chambers.

If you care to comment on the expansion, you may send a letter to:

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Tacoma, WA 98402-3721

E-Mail:
eanderso@ci.tacoma.wa.us

Velda McDonald
627-4192

North Slope Home Featured in Victorian Magazine

Two years ago, the Easley family at 912 North I Street, was busily preparing to be on the Tacoma Historical Society Tour of Homes. At the same time, they were hosts to a national magazine reporter and photographer.

In the March, 2000 issue of "Victorian Decorating & Lifestyle", the Easley home is featured. In it you will find stunning photos of the decorating style and expertise of Jane & Skip Easley. It was 1985 when the Easley's bought the 1889 house built by Henry Geiger. They began to realize how much the house had been neglected and how much work they had to do!

The article, written by Brian Coleman, tells the story of the Easley's 15 year odyssey of fix-up, restoration and decorating. Color photos, by Linda Svendsen, show off the beauty of Skip and Jane's home, full of Victorian flavor and antiques. The wallpaper and ceiling paintings alone are awesome!

The Easley's are currently working to open their home as a bed and breakfast. "Victorian Decorating & Lifestyle" should be available at local stores for \$3.99 a copy.

Julie Turner

Sector 2 Police/Community Meeting

Sector 2 Tacoma Police/Community meeting was held on March 9. Detective John Bair from the auto theft division discussed Tacoma's present situation, precautions to help prevent theft and carjacking, and tips about what to do if your car is taken. Right now, Honda Civics are particularly easy to steal - in January, 50 were stolen from the Tacoma Mall parking lots, usually between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m.

about prevention steps and various devices. A lot of us forget about simple things like locking doors, putting all packages in the trunk, keeping license tag and vehicle identification numbers in wallet, not leaving title in the car. One out of every 153 cars nationwide is stolen - don't let it be yours!

The next quarterly police/community meeting will be May 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Metro Park Headquar-

"Car owners need to be educated about prevention steps and various devices."

Last year Tacoma had 2,200 auto thefts, averaging a value of \$5,000 per car. Thefts are classified as joyrides, transportation or to use to commit other crimes, commercial and salvage cut and strip shops. There are many reoffender thieves, about 40% adult and 60% juvenile.

Car owners need to be educated

ters at 4702 S. 19th. Plan to attend for an informative evening. The last three meeting topics have been sex offenders, meth labs, and auto theft. All Tacoma residents need to be better informed on criminal issues.

Liaison Officers are PPO Kothstein (591-5290) and PPO Stark (591-7837).