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The Latest in the Violent Sexual Predator Residential Siting Issue

A bill (SB 6151) was finally agreed to during the second special session of the legislature that will place a 24-bed facility on McNeil Island. Persons who will travel off the island for treatment, employment or other training will occupy only 15 of the beds. The other 9 are anticipated to be filled by people who are not likely to be able to move off the island for the indefinite future. Some mention has been made that these 9 will be persons with developmental disabilities in addition to being violent sexual predators.

Despite the increased security precautions included in the bill, there remains a great deal of concern among the civilian population that resides on McNeil Island. They've grown accustomed to living with a prison as well as the Special Commitment Center but allowing residents from the SCC to reside in what they view as a less secure environment has them worried. Since they are civilian families with children they are particularly concerned about the sorts of crimes committed by the residents of the new facility. The cities immediately adjacent to the island such as Steilacoom, Lakeland, Tacoma, and University Place are also still gravely concerned since the 15 residents will travel to and through their communities.

However, both the cities and the county (Pierce) have decided to not file lawsuits at this time to halt the new facility. The state did agree to the 15-bed limit desired by both cities

and the county. According to John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive, they expect the state to continue to work with the locals in good faith during the implementation of SB 6151. Ladenburg indicated that he and his colleagues would reserve the right to litigate if cooperation failed to produce the desired results.

The new legislation pre-empts land use laws specifically in Pierce County. While it does not do so throughout the rest of the state, that weapon is held in reserve if negotiations over the next few years fail to produce the additional required 3-bed residential facilities. Central to the bill, is the creation of a Joint Select Committee made up of legislators, local elected officials, and local law enforcement, which is charged with working out what has been termed "fair share", an equitable distribution of such facilities around the state. The distribution will be based on the number of residents a county has in the Special Commitment Center. Counties and cities are also required to ensure that such facilities are included in the next update of their comprehensive plans and development regulations as essential public facilities.

And on the local front, Spokane County adopted tough new rules governing the location and operation of halfway houses for prison inmates and dangerous sex offenders in mid-June. The rules will make it difficult for the state to open such facilities in the unincorporated area

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We need your e-mail addresses....

As we stated in last week's publication, WACO and WSAC will begin e-mailing *the Courthouse Journal* August 1. However, at this time we **do not have everyone's e-mail address!**

Please help us update our database by sending us your current information to include

your e-mail address as soon as possible. Please direct your information to:

gpeppert@wacounties.org

or

khouts@wacounties.org.

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of the county. In Walla Walla County, several citizens have proposed a new trail be developed running through the area near the state penitentiary that would preclude siting in that location since such a facility would have to be a certain distance from a park or recreational area.

In U.S. District Court, hearings are underway to determine if the state has made adequate progress meeting the concerns and demands of Judge Dwyer and the Special Master assigned to the case. The Special Master noted the lack of a halfway house remained the most important piece of unfinished business. The attorney for the sex offenders who

brought the original case maintains the state should be fined additional dollars since the halfway house was supposed to be up and running by the July 9 date of the hearing. He maintains the McNeil Island plan is also inadequate. Even the Special Master voiced her concerns about the plan indicating that while a first step, it fails to provide the public interaction necessary for true transition back into the larger community. Judge Dwyer is expected to rule on the information presented at these hearings later this summer.

The full text of **SB 6151** can be viewed at the state's bill info site at www.leg.wa.gov. While quite a long bill, the pertinent parts to us are Parts 1

and 2. The balance of the bill relates to enhanced sentencing requirements for sex offenders and limited immunity for sex offender treatment providers. The required three public hearings for a facility have been scheduled. They will be held on July 17, 6-8 PM, McNeil Island Community Center Chapel (restricted to those who live and work on McNeil); July 19, 6:30-8:30, Lakewood/Steilacoom, Pierce College Performance Lounge, Fort Steilacoom Campus, 9401 Farwest Dr. SW, Lakewood; and July 24, 6:30-8:30, University Place/Tacoma, Curtis High School (Theatre), 8425 40th St. W, University Place.

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Thurston County's Health Director Becomes President of NACCHO

Pat Libbey, Director of the Thurston County Health and Social Services Department, became president of the National Association of County and City Health Officials at the close of its annual conference in Raleigh, North Carolina the end of June. Pat has demonstrated leadership and vision in public health in Washington for many years and has been instrumental in the landmark work of creating the Public Health Improvement Plan in Washington State. Washington State has been recognized nationally as a leader in public health through its Public Health Improvement Plan efforts over the last 10 years. Additionally, Pat has been instrumental in the development and growth of the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO). It is only natural that these leadership skills and his strong pub-

lic health vision would be recognized nationally. He has demonstrated the same type of commitment and dedication to public health issues at a national level through his involvement with NACCHO. He will serve NACCHO and Washington State well as NACCHO president.

Washington Counties are providing strong national leadership. In addition to Pat's presidency of NACCHO, Jane Hague, King County, has served this year as the President of NACo, Gary Rowe, Jefferson County, is the President of the National Association of County Engineers, and Cathy Pearsall-Stipek, Pierce County, is the incoming President of the National Association of County Record-ers, Election Officials and Clerks.

NACo/NACCHO Partners Announce Wastewater Management Mini-grant

A recent article in the NACo publication "County News" announced a grant opportunity. Twenty-five percent of on-site septic systems are faulty with more than 500 communities reporting health problems as a result. Acknowl-

edging the gravity and impact of these statistics, EPA's Office of Waste Management has commissioned NACo and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), to

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identify and assist local government entities with problems related to septic management.

Grants ranging from \$5000 - \$9000 will be awarded to eligible local governments. Santa Fe, New Mexico County Commissioner and NACo President-elect Javier Gonzales stated, "This is not an issue that will just disappear on its own. Local governments must be proactive on vital issues such as wastewater management and this grant program will

serve as the extra encouragement that many counties desperately need."

The goal of the On-site/Decentralized Wastewater Mini-Grant is to provide technical assistance to local governments to improve on-site decentralized wastewater management. Grant money will assist local governments in conducting an assessment of their communities' wastewater management needs and create an action plan to address those needs.

NACo and NACCHO will docu-

ment grantees' experiences and share lessons learned with local governments around the country. In an effort to obtain a national representation of communities' on-site/decentralized needs, grant money will be awarded to geographically diverse local government agencies, including, but not restricted to small, rural and/or disadvantaged communities.

For more information, contact Jason Shedlock, NACo Environmental Asst at (202 942-4252 or jshedloc@naco.org).

Opportunity to Comment on Energy Siting Rule Changes

With so many of us feeling the effects of our state's current drought, many people are focusing on energy sources. The Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC), a "one-stop-shopping" permitting agency, has begun conducting a review of its Washington Administrative Code rules to update some of their rules to comply with recent legislation, and to make the rules fairer and more efficient. It is now in the process of seeking public

comment on how to conduct the review.

Outgoing Chair Deb Ross has drafted a white paper on the issues and scope of the review. Topics include making the application process faster, making an opt-in process for alternative energy facilities, deciding who should have oversight to do compliance monitoring, and deciding whether siting rules should reference the Growth Management Act. It is available on their website at www.efsec.wa.gov/rulerev.html and

people who want to give their comments should take a look at it.

Those who would like to comment on the review should contact EFSEC to get on their mailing list or their Interested Parties List. You can also file written comments by 5:00 pm Tuesday, July 31, 2001. Contact Mark Anderson, EFSEC Rules Coordinator, at 360-956-2170 or marka@ep.cted.wa.gov to get the format requirements for written comments.

Association of County Human Services (ACHS) Meeting in Port Angeles

The bimonthly meeting of ACHS will be held from July 18 - 20 at the Port Angeles Red Lion located at 221 N. Lincoln. Driving time is approximately three hours from Olympia or less if you're coming from the north and crossing the Hood Canal Bridge. All meetings will be at the Red Lion.

The Developmental Disabilities Section will meet on Wednesday from 9:00-4:00. In the morning, the agenda will include reports from the Revenue Expenditure Monitoring Team (this may take the prize for most awkward name next to CODIAC), the Advocacy Coalition, and the county representatives to the Stakeholders' Group. There will be a brief update on the JLARC transition study and the OSPI WAC will be handed out. Sue Elliott, ARC, will be there about 11:00 to discuss the lawsuit by ARC and Parent to Parent advocacy.

In the afternoon David Lord from WPAS will make a brief presentation and Linda Rolfe, DDD Director, will give us an update on Olmstead implementation, transition issues including funding, the 2001-2003 budget and a relatively new term of art, "Natural Environments" which I suppose is not referring to the great outdoors. Mike Ahern will cover county plans, the process and WAC changes. Finally there will be a brief review of the Tim Brown meeting and "new" "No Wrong Door" DSHS initiative as opposed to the apparently forgotten original integrated crisis response system we all met about so long ago.

Thursday, July 19, the Mental Health Section will meet from 9 - 4. **Note: There will be a special meeting with Susan Lucas, MHD Budget Chief, Wednesday evening at 9 PM in**

the Red Lion lobby area to discuss items for the supplemental budget for the 2002 Legislative Session. The morning of the Mental Health Section is primarily devoted to an RSN/County discussion of the new contract and how we may individually and collectively respond to it.

The ACHS Business Meeting will run from 11:30 - 12:00 and cover the Tim Brown meeting of June 29, "No Wrong Door", site selection for 2002, and review of the nominating procedure.

The MH Section will resume at 1:30 and Cathy Gaylord from the Washington Community Mental Health Council will join us for continued discussion of common goals and objectives and improved working relationships. She will be followed by discussion on "No Wrong Door" and cross-system crisis response

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ACHS MEETING

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and reports from the Division on the state contract, the MHD staff retreat, and various updates as time allows on expanded community services, the prevalence study, outcomes work group, and the violent sexual predator residential siting bill. It is anticipated there will also be some discussion on the DMIO contracts and our various insurers' reluctance to assume liability for this group of clients.

The Chemical Dependency (CD) Section will meet on Friday, July 20

from 9 – 4. Friday morning there will be the usual work group reports – prevention, CODIAC, legislative committee, Title XIX, and ADATSA. There will be a Juvenile Rehab contracts update, a brief review of “No Wrong Door” and the Tim Brown meeting, the October 8 – 9 Planning Meeting between ACHS and DASA, and the new biennium's contract – questions or issues. The afternoon will be Central Office Updates from the vanishing Fred Garcia on Title XIX denials, treatment completion rates, gravely disabled project, revision of quarterly reports, the SSI pilots, and out

stationing project.

It looks like a busy schedule in a scenic town with hopefully perfect weather. In addition, the new DSHS liaison to local government, Tom Bristow, has indicated his intention to attend as much of the meeting as possible. For those of you who remember, this is kind of the new Greg Dohrn, a direct interface with the DSHS leadership, and a promising development from Secretary Braddock. (Article to follow)

DSHS Secretary Braddock Appoints New Local Government Liaison

In the spirit of working more closely with local government, who directly administers in the neighborhood of \$1 billion per biennium in DSHS program funds, Secretary Dennis Braddock has appointed a new local government liaison, Tom Bristow, to work with counties and cities. Some of us remember Greg Dohrn and his valued efforts to ensure a direct linkage with the Secretary's Office and willingness to work closely with local elected officials to sort out concerns and issues. Mr. Bristow will be fulfilling much the same role if not more.

Secretary Braddock is aware not only of the direct role counties play in administering DSHS programs, but also the huge economic impact of nearly all of DSHS' \$15.5 billion biennial budget flowing through the local community at both the county and city level. In recent

years, we have been missing a direct contact and presence at the leadership level of DSHS who can interact with local officials and department heads at home in the courthouse and through WSAC and ACHS events to meet their concerns and needs. Mr. Bristow has the background to provide that link. He is a former two-term Ferry County Commissioner and three-term state legislator from the 7th District. He has served as the Governmental Relations Director for both DSHS and the State Department of Health. He preceded Dean Judd, WSAC past-president and ex-Adams County Commissioner, as the director of the Governor's Timber Team. He has most recently been employed as a contract lobbyist for a variety of health care-related concerns, higher education, and local government. In his other life, Mr. Bristow has been a farmer and cattle

rancher in Ferry, Lewis, and Kittitas Counties and hopes to continue those activities in the future. This has given him an intimate understanding of the pressures faced by the agricultural community in eastern Washington and the natural resource-dependent areas of rural Washington.

He brings a wealth of experience to the task at hand, is always a pleasure to work with, and admirably suited to the tough challenges of the coming few years. Over the next few months, he hopes to become familiar with our issues and begin meeting our concerns by attending WSAC and ACHS events as well as visiting many of the courthouses and city halls throughout the state. He can be reached at DSHS at 360-902-7552 and through WSAC staff, Bill Vogler and Jean Wessman.

Agencies on Aging Announce Advocacy Training

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Seattle-King County Aging and Disability Services announces their “Advocacy in Action 2001” training. The workshop will occur on September 14 from 8:30 – 3:00

PM at the Kent Senior Activity Center, 600 E. Smith, Kent. It will be focused on mobilizing grassroots support for home and community-based options, which continue to grow. For more information, call 206-684-0490.

Governor Locke Signs Legislation Expanding Medicaid Eligibility for the Disabled

As reported by the Governor's Office:

Gov. Gary Locke today signed legislation that will enable low- and moderate-income people with disabilities to work without fear of losing their Medicaid benefits. The governor signed House Bill 2230 at a ceremony at Microsoft's Redmond campus. The legislation will implement the federal "Ticket to Work" program that permits people with disabilities to earn up to 450% of the federal poverty level yet still retain Medicaid health coverage.

"Today is a watershed moment for our citizens with disabilities, and we all have reason to celebrate," Locke said. "It's difficult to fathom – nearly four decades after the Civil Rights Act -- that we continue to tolerate barriers to employment for Americans with disabilities. But today you and I resolve to right this wrong, to set forth on a new course, and to enhance the lives of our working citizens with disabilities," the governor continued. Rep. Eileen Cody, prime sponsor of the legislation, joined Locke at the bill signing. "I'm gratified we've finally taken the handcuffs off disabled people who want the dignity of working and paying taxes without losing their Medicaid coverage," Cody said. "The unemployment rate among the disabled hovers at 70 percent, not because most disabled folks can't work, but because the system has been set up to punish them if they do."

The program will be administered by the Department of Social and Health Services and will become available early next year. "This is a positive bill because it gives people with disabilities the financial incentive to improve their lives through their own creativity, enterprise and hard work," said Dennis Braddock, DSHS secretary. "At the same time, it continues to provide the Medicaid safety net they need."

Representatives Kathy Lambert, Al O'Brien, Cheryl Pflug, Laura Ruderman, Helen Sommers and Steve Van Luven and Senators Pat Thibaudeau and Darlene Fairley also joined Locke at the ceremony. Locke thanked Cody and other bill supporters for their work in getting the legislation passed. The governor noted that other companies should look to Microsoft as an example of equal and fair employment for people with disabilities. "Innovative corporations such as Microsoft recognize the value and importance of Americans with disabilities," said Locke. "Just as lawmakers sweep clear some of the bureaucratic obstacles, I hope that the business community steps up to emulate the Microsoft model of equal and fair employment. It's the right thing to do, and it enriches and ennobles the lives of all Americans."

Janice Hertz, director of Microsoft's Accessible Technology Group, joined Locke and the legislators at the bill sign-

ing. "Technology is eliminating some of the barriers people with disabilities face when entering the workforce and because of this, we at Microsoft will continue to evolve the accessibility of our products to ensure more opportunities in the future," said Hertz. "With House Bill 2230, the governor and the Legislature have taken an important step in eliminating another barrier faced by people with disabilities who want to enter the workforce."

As a result of this legislation, people with disabilities will be able to earn more money and purchase Medicaid coverage for an amount based on a sliding income scale. Four hundred and fifty percent of the poverty level is an annual income of \$38,664 for an individual and \$46,386 for a couple. The budget allocates \$620,000 in state funds plus approximately \$1 million in federal funds for fiscal year 2002 and \$1,380,000 for fiscal year 2003 for the new "Medicaid Buy-In" program. The funding is expected to double in fiscal year 2003. Medicaid is a state- and federally-funded health care program that serves about 700,000 low-income, aged and disabled Washington residents. Contact: Governor's Communications Office, 360-902-4136 or visit the governor's homepage at www.governor.wa.gov.

Tacoma and Pierce County Struggle with Alcohol-Impact Area

Following the attempt by Seattle and King County to deal with chronic public inebriates by a voluntary "Good Neighbor" policy restricting the sales of low-cost, high-impact malt beverage, Tacoma and Pierce County implemented a similar policy in downtown Tacoma and the Hilltop area. Unfortunately the voluntary effort has met with limited success. Of 56 merchants who would be impacted, only 26 have signed the voluntary agreement and 30 have declined. The ordinance asked merchants in the Alcohol-Impact Area to not stock forti-

fied malt liquor, beer and wines; not to sell beer and malt products by the bottle,; and not to sell any alcohol between 6 AM and 9 AM when street alcoholics search out the first day's drink. The restrictions would be voluntary for the first 6 months after which the city can petition the state Liquor Control Board for the authority to make them mandatory.

On Oct. 1, the city council will evaluate the success of the voluntary phase and decide what to do next. The Tacoma News Tribune's opinion is that they should seek a mandatory law.

Pierce County has decided to take its own stand regarding the failure of many of the merchants to sign the agreement. On June 26, Executive Ladenburg directed county departments to not do business with merchants who refuse to sign. The County-City Building and other buildings housing county offices are located within the AIA. He invited county employees to join the effort and not do any shopping at the merchants who refused to sign and immediately asked the affected businesses to cease the sale of the restricted products.

Housing Vouchers Awarded

Federal funds totaling nearly \$3.4 million have been approved for housing vouchers in Everett and Snohomish and Island counties. The HUD aid is intended to help assure affordable housing for more than 500 elderly, disabled and low-income individuals and families. More than \$2.3 million was

awarded to the Housing Authority of Snohomish County, \$935,000 to Everett Housing Authority and \$87,701 to the Island County Housing Authority. The vouchers are a guarantee of monthly checks to help pay rental costs. The amount varies according to a tenant's income and the renter pays the balance

of the rent. To qualify, families or individuals can make no more than 50% of the median income in the county, establishing the threshold at \$36,100 a year for a family of four in Snohomish County. While the funds will help, there are waiting lists of more than 2,700 in Snohomish County.

Thurston County Narcotics Task Force Wins Award

The Thurston County Narcotics Task Force has won the 2000 Western Washington Agency of the Year award from the Western States Information Network. Captain Jim Chamberlain of the Task Force notes that drugs are not just a law enforcement problem. "It's a health problem. It's an environmental problem." In Thurston County the task force includes nine sworn officers from local jurisdictions, several deputy prosecutors, a Child Protective Services case manager, and members of the

county health department. Chamberlain notes, "The problem isn't going away. It's growing and we need to be creative in dealing with it."

The task force attempts to address the damage drugs can inflict on society. There is someone trained to work with children, the innocent victims. That is why Thurston County began charging and prosecuting adults for child endangerment as well as the drug charges if children were found inside methamphetamine labs. And there are a lot of

labs. Thurston is third in the state behind only King and Pierce counties. Captain Chamberlain also realizes that prevention is paramount. The task force has spoken to a dozen community groups about drug issues in the last year. "So many people dealing with the narcotics issue completely miss the fact that there is a lot more involved than a person using drugs or a person making drugs."

Good Things...

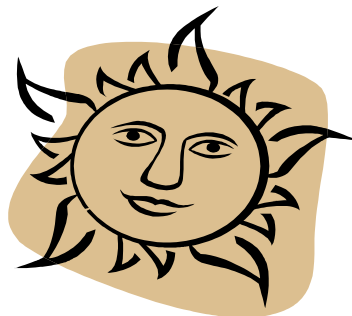
The Late Patrick D. Sutherland honored by Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Olympia recently renamed their annual law enforcement award in honor of the late Patrick D. Sutherland, Thurston County Prosecutor. Pat Sutherland helped establish the original award that has been given annually for the past ten years to honor those law enforcement officers in area local agencies who make a difference in their communities and their departments.

Deputy Tom Tinsley of the

Thurston County Sheriff's Department was selected by his peers in the department and the Kiwanis Club to receive recognition for his work with the child car seat program. Along with fellow officer Joe Vukich, Tinsley developed the Sheriff's Office program to help parents install and use child car seats correctly. The statewide Safety Restraint Coalition credits Tinsley with building incredible community support for his efforts.

Patrick Sutherland, the award's namesake, was a former WACO President and served as Thurston County Prosecutor from 1974 to 1995. Prior to that, he served in both the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives. Pat is missed and is fondly remembered for his terrific sense of humor and endless politicking.



County Position Open on Emergency Management Council

The recent resignation of Mason County Commissioner Mary Jo Cady leaves open a county position on the state Emergency Management Council, which advises the governor on state and local emergency management issues. The governor will appoint a new county representative from nominees submitted by the Washington State Association of Counties.

County officials interested in filling this position should contact Sophia Byrd

of the WSAC staff (sbyrd@wacounties.org; 360-753-1886) by August 15, 2001. The WSAC Board of Directors will select two or three nominees and will forward these applicants to the governor's office for his final appointment.

Pursuant to RCW 38.52.040, the Emergency Management Council develops specific recommendations for the improvement of emergency management practices statewide. It also advises the governor on statewide

emergency preparedness relating to various issues, including hazard mitigation, seismic safety, floods, and hazardous materials.

The Council meets every other month, usually at Camp Murray near Tacoma. The term of service on the council is indefinite. Commissioner Cady reports that regular attendance is important due to counties' integral role in almost all matters relating to emergency management.

State Working on Criteria, Process for Local Jail Grants

As was reported in the WSAC/WACO budget wrap-up, the state capital budget includes \$3 million for grants to local jurisdictions for jail capacity expansion projects. The money is included in the budget for the state Department of Corrections (DOC), which now must determine how to administer these grants.

Section 265 of the capital budget provides \$3 million of the state building construction account for local jails and includes little direction on how to dis-

tribute the grant funds, except that grants shall be limited to \$500,000 per jurisdiction. It is important to note that this money is completely separate from the federal "violent offender incarceration/truth in sentencing" (VOITIS) grants that also are administered by DOC.

DOC director Joe Lehman will meet soon with a small group of stakeholders representing counties, cities, sheriffs and police chiefs to initiate a discussion about appropriate criteria and processes for distributing the grant funds. As more

information becomes available we will report it promptly in the Courthouse Journal.

County officials also might be asked to participate directly in the DOC stakeholders group and contribute to the development of grant criteria. Please let WSAC know if you want to participate in the group. In the meantime, suggestions for grant criteria may be sent to WSAC staff Sophia Byrd (sbyrd@wacounties.org.)

Chelan County gets new phone numbers

Chelan County has changed all phone numbers. Area code remains the same (509). Prefix is 667-.

Assessor's office:	667-6365
Auditor's office:	667-6800
Clerk's office:	667-6380
Commissioners' office:	667-6215
Coroner's office:	662-1511 X 2570
Prosecutor's office:	667-6202
Sheriff's office:	667-6851
Treasurer's office:	667-6405

Coming Events

July 13-17

NACo Annual Conference, City & County of Philadelphia

July 17-20

WCRP Annual Summer Conference, WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park, Spokane

July 18-20

ACHS (Association of County Human Services) Meeting, Port Angeles

July 19-20

CRABoard Meeting, CRAB Offices, Olympia

August 27-30

Washington State Association of County Assessors' Annual Conference, Enzian Inn, Leavenworth

September 9-12

International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) Annual Conference, Miami, Florida

September 10-11

Washington State Assn of County Treasurers' Legislative Meeting, Summit Inn, Snoqualmie Pass

September 19-21

Washington Finance Officers Association Annual Conference, Wenatchee

September 19-21

ACHS Meeting, Ellensburg

September 27-28

WSAC Eastern District Meeting, East Wenatchee

October 1-5

WACO Annual Conference, Port Ludlow Resort & Conference Center

October 11-12

WSAC Western District Meeting, Long Beach

October 18-19

CRABoard Meeting, CRAB Office, Olympia

November 14-16

ACHS Meeting, Silverdale

November 12-15

WASPC Annual Fall Conference, Doubletree Hotel, Pasco

November 14-16

WSAC Fall Legislative Conference, Silverdale Hotel on the Bay, Silverdale

November 14

WCIF Board Meeting, in conjunction with WSAC Fall Legislative Conference, 10 am - 12 pm

Employment Opportunities

Records Manager, Spokane County, Spokane

—Seeking professional for management of Recording functions within the Spokane County Auditor's Office. Successful candidate will also provide technical support pertaining to records for other County offices. \$3,004- \$4,053/monthly plus excellent benefits. Closes 7/20/01, 5pm. Complete description and application materials available at Human Resources, West 1229 Mallon, Spokane, WA 99260; (509) 477-5750, TDD; www.spokanecounty.org; Equal Opportunity Employer.

Environmental Health Specialist 1 - Skagit County Health Dept—

The Environmental Health Specialist 1 ensures compliance with local and state

rules and regulations related to the assigned environmental health programs. Conducts field inspections, interprets results and takes necessary action to enforce health codes and laws. Issues and renews permits and licenses and reviews applications for permit issuance. Responds to questions and complaints regarding environmental health programs. Education and Experience: Bachelor's degree in environmental health sciences or related field; one year work experience as a professional environmental health specialist, or any equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the skills, knowledge and ability necessary to perform the work; registration with the Washington State Board of Registered Sanitarians or the National Environmental Health Association as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist is preferred, valid Washington State driver's license. Contact the Skagit County Health Department

for more information: (360) 336-9380.

Land Use Attorney—Office of the Mason County Prosecuting Attorney

—Mason County Prosecutor Gary P. Burleson is accepting resumes through July 31, 2001, for the position of a Land Use Attorney. Must be a member of the Washington State Bar Association and have 3 years land management experience. Salary range is \$4,207 to \$4,735 depending on qualifications. Main duties will be to provide legal representation in all areas involving land use, including but not limited to: GMA, ESA, and Shoreline matters, and any other duties assigned by the elected prosecutor. Mail resumes to Gary P. Burleson, Mason County Prosecutor, PO Box 639, Shelton, Washington 98584.

Note address Change:

Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney's office no longer uses their PO Box 1160. Please address any future correspondence to their street address of 1016 North 4th Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301.