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MAVIA HAILS PASSAGE OF CRIME BILL WITH BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS

Mothers Against Violence in America (MAVIA) hails the bipartisan vote in the Senate a few hours ago on the point of order which now allows the vote on the Crime Bill which is expected to pass.

Pamela Eakes, Founder of MAVIA comments:

"It took guts for many Senators to vote for this bill considering the powerful special interests which have been hard at work trying to have the ban on assault weapons removed from the bill.

The Senators who voted to pass this bill listened to everyday Americans who are raising their children in a violent society. The ultimate passage of this Crime Bill means that the Senators listened to mothers, fathers, police officers, gang unit interveners and others working in their communities to make society safer, and this bill will help them."

Mary Glenn, the mother of 15-year-old Shaun Proctor, who was murdered on New Year's Day with a semi-automatic weapon.

"The lawmakers listened to the voices of children asking for support to make their schools and play fields safer. The lawmakers listened to the peacekeepers, our police officers, who have the guts every day to face criminals with assault weapons."

Tammy Fernandes, whose daughter, Melissa, was killed at her high school in a drive-by on March 23, 1994, with a MAC 12.

"I thought they (lawmakers) thought guns were more important than our children, today they proved that children are more important than guns."

In praise
of crime
bill passage

File
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Against
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UNWANTED GUNS

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Federal Way, WA 98003
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State Firearms Laws

Department of Licensing
Business & Profession Division
Firearms Section
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SAFETY CLASS

King County Police provides classes in the safe handling and storage of firearms. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Unit at 296-2720.

This brochure was prepared by:

**Federal Way Police
Crime Prevention Unit**



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GET A GUN FOR
YOUR FAMILY'S
PROTECTION**



In King County, there were 398 deaths from guns inside people's homes over a six-year period. Only two of those deaths involved an intruder shot during an attempted break-in.¹

EASY ACCESS TO GUNS IS KILLING OUR KIDS

One in every five deaths of Washington kids is a result of a gunshot. When Seattle high school students were asked whether or not they could get a gun, a third of them claimed to have easy access to handguns. Teen suicides in King County have climbed steadily in the past 20 years, nearly doubling for males 15 to 19 years of age.

The facts are all around us, and they are chilling. Handguns you thought you would get for the safety of your home and family are actually more apt to be used to hurt your family.

Accidents. Suicides. Domestic violence. Children at deadly play. If you have a gun in your home, you need to take precautions now.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

- Every gun owner should carefully consider the reasons for having a gun. If there is no compelling need to own a gun, remove it from your home. A gun increases, not decreases, the danger to your family.
- Store guns unloaded, locked up and with a lock on the trigger. Store ammunition separately - and locked up.
- Store guns in places where family members and others cannot find them. Hall closets, nightstands, drawers by the outside doors of your home, and other traditional places are the first places where criminals, and curious children, look for guns.

- Remove guns from your home if you (or a family member) are experiencing high levels of anger, fear or depression.
- Never handle a gun when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Never leave a gun in your car. Criminals steal guns from cars.
- Teach children never to touch a gun and to immediately tell an adult if they find a gun.
- Know where your gun is at all times. You are accountable for your gun. You are responsible for your gun not being used against your family.
- All gun owners should receive training in the safe handling and care of their guns and ammunition.

AND . . . EASY ACCESS TO GUNS IS COSTING US BILLIONS²

There were nearly 2,000 firearm-related deaths and injuries between 1989 and 1991 in King County alone.³ While no amount of money can bring back those people killed, nor reduce the human suffering accidents and suicides produce, the cost of easy access to guns is staggering.

At least a billion dollars is spent annually on hospital costs associated with treating individuals who have been shot.

Firearm injuries result in tens of billions of dollars in medical costs and productivity loss due to gun wounds. These lifetime costs are skyrocketing.

Public funds pay for an estimated 80 percent of the hospital costs stemming from gunshot wounds.

Hospital costs. Lifetime productivity costs. Human costs. If you have gun in your house, you could be paying for it for the rest of your life.

DID YOU KNOW?

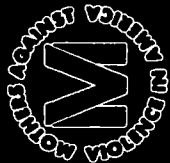
- A person needs to be at least 21 years old to purchase a handgun or get a concealed weapons license. (RCW 9.41.080)
- State law prohibits persons convicted of violent crimes and felonies, drug addicts, habitual drunkards and persons of unsound mind from legally possessing guns. (RCW 9.41.080)
- It is against the law to possess a handgun in public while intoxicated. (RCW 9.41.098)
- State and federal laws prohibit individuals from possessing firearms or any dangerous weapon on school premises or in a school zone. There are certain exceptions provided in these laws. (USC 921, RCW 9.41.280)

¹ New England Journal of Medicine; 1986

² Center for Disease Control; 1989

³ Washington State Dept. of Health; 1989-91

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How You Can Help Reduce the Violence

- Make a personal commitment to end violence in your family and in your community.
- Know your children's friends. Network with other parents to know where your children are and whom they are with.
- Model good communication and conflict resolution skills in your home. Reject anger or violence as a means of settling conflicts or solving problems.
- Don't own a gun. If you do, make certain that it has a trigger lock and that it is stored in a secure place where children cannot get access to it.
- Support legislation that addresses both the causes and manifestations of violence.
- Refuse to buy products made by companies whose advertising supports violent programming or violent images, and let them know about your decision.
- Find out about conflict resolution/anger management programs in your child's school. Are effective programs being used? Are teachers well trained? Are administrators supportive?
- Volunteer to mentor a child in the juvenile justice system.
- Let your children see you stand up against bigoted behavior or comments.
- Volunteer with programs providing services to survivors of violence.
- Become a member of MAVIA so that your voice and your choice strengthen those of hundreds of mothers and others across the state. Together, we can give childhood back to our children and let them dream about their futures.

Call MAVIA, (206) 343-0676,
for more information.

Mothers Against Violence in America

Because violence is destroying too many of our children, their dreams, and their futures...

It's time for an organization of mothers, working together to reduce the violence in our society and promote the safety and well-being of our children.

MAVIA Is Working to Find Solutions to Violence

Founded in December, 1993, MAVIA brings the power and perspective of mothers to the search for solutions to the epidemic of violence against and by American youth. We are mothers, fathers, students, and others concerned about this violence, which is threatening an entire generation of children. Together, we are building a strong, effective statewide network directed at protecting children from violence.

MAVIA Is Growing Community by Community

Local community and neighborhood groups, headed by volunteer leaders, provide the organizational foundation for MAVIA's statewide growth. These Satellite Groups work in schools, law enforcement, and community agencies to say loudly that the violence must stop. The mission of each Satellite Group is to assess the youth violence problems in their community, recommend solutions, and work toward making the solutions a reality.

MAVIA Helps Students Organize to Reduce Violence

MAVIA sponsors Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) chapters—student-initiated, school-based groups that empower kids to reduce the violence in their daily lives. SAVE helps kids find ways to develop their own leadership skills, create safer school communities, and promote community service. A network of MAVIA members is working with schools, PTAs, local officials, and community groups to help ensure that our children acquire these skills.

MAVIA Is Active in Specific Areas

Education MAVIA is committed to reducing violent behavior by fostering the development of strong family, school, and community skills in communication, conflict resolution, and anger management.

Family Violence Most violence against children happens in their homes, and is committed by people the children know and depend upon. MAVIA recognizes domestic violence as a significant problem and is dedicated to reducing its incidence.

Media Violence MAVIA is exploring ways in which we can exert more power in shaping the kind of programming that is produced and broadcast, both by discouraging violence and by encouraging programming that shows alternatives to violence.

Gun Violence MAVIA supports and advocates for legislation to reduce gun violence by and against children. We also promote education directed at parents about the dangers of guns in their homes and strongly encourage the use of trigger locks at all times in homes with children.

Legislation MAVIA is working independently and in collaboration with lawmakers and other organizations to create effective and comprehensive laws that address the above issues as they relate to youth violence. When legislation on which we have taken a position is pending, we activate our phone tree to inform our members so that they can make their voices heard in Olympia.

Won't you join us?



Mothers Against Violence in America

Join today!

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Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

Home phone _____

Work phone _____

FAX number _____

Please check areas in which you would like to become involved:

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| ☐ Education | ☐ Gun violence |
| ☐ Legislation | ☐ Justice |
| ☐ Media violence | ☐ Family violence |
| ☐ SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) | |
| ☐ Satellite Group leadership in: | |

(Neighborhood/community)

- ☐ Other: Please indicate any other special interests, skills, or expertise:

Membership categories:

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| ☐ Regular (\$20) | ☐ Student (\$10) |
| ☐ Senior (\$10) | ☐ Supporter (\$50) |
| ☐ Angel (\$100 or more) | |

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Dear Mr & Mrs And of Chelsie to.
I would of loved to have met you
the reason of my visit is sad but
the cause is good. It's been very
exciting and very beautiful. my
work has just begun with our
children. I still have 2 more
daughters to protect. God Bless
you all.

Jammy Hernandez

Dear President & Mrs Clinton,

This is my first visit to this wonderful
city. My reason for being here is a very good one.

I came here to ask for a ban on assault
weapons. I was part of the press conference today 4/26
as I lost my fifteen year old son "Shaun" on New
years morning in what was to be the first
murder in Washington State for "1994". I've decided
to turn my grief into action. I want to make a better
place for our children to live in. I still have a ten
year old daughter "Tiffany" and I've made her a promise
to make this a safer world. Anyone who knows me, knows
that I never make a promise that I can't keep. I've got
my work cut out and I know it's not going to be easy but
I've got to try.

Sincerely,
Mary Glenn

To: Care, etc —

From: Paul Enkes

RE: Attached Letter
Tammy Fernandez and Mary Glenn
attached note —

Tammy's daughter, Melissa (16yr)
was murdered March 30 by a drive-by
at Ballard High School using a
MAC-12.

Mary Glenn's son, Shaun, was
murdered on New Year's Day after
he was taken from a convenience store,
robbed of all his clothes and shot
in the back with a SKS 7.62 assault
rifle w/ pistol grip.

Mary and Tiffany Glenn
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SeaTac, WA 98198

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 23, 1994

Contact: Pamela Eakes, 343-0676

COBAIN WEAPONS EXCHANGED FOR TICKETS IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE ---On behalf of Courtney Love Cobain , Mothers Against Violence in America turned in the guns which were the possession of her late husband, Kurt Cobain, at today's "Increase the Peace" guns-for-tickets exchange. The following weapons will be destroyed with all the other guns collected today:

1. 1 "Taurus" PT 58SS .380 cal. semi-auto pistol w/clip
2. 1 "Pietro Beretta" Mod 85Bb .380 cal. semi-auto pistol w/clip
3. 1 "Taurus" .38 cal. 5-shot revolver, 2" barrel
4. 1 "Colt" AR-15 Mod SP1 .223 cal. semi-auto rifle

"I'm trying to create value where there seems to be nothing but despair, " say Love Cobain. "I'm a mother and I want to do what I can to help Mothers Against Violence in America spread the message that guns in the home too often result in tragedy. I don't want guns to kill anyone else's loved ones and I hope I can influence people to protect their families from the ravages of firearms."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 22, 1994

Contact: Pamela Eakes, (206) 343-0676

GETTING RID OF GUNS IS BRAVE FIRST STEP FOR COURTNEY LOVE COBAIN

SEATTLE, WA. - In the days immediately following the suicide of her husband, rock musician, Kurt Cobain, on April 8th, Courtney Love Cobain has been looking for ways to deal with her pain and anguish. "I'm trying to create value where there seems to be nothing but despair," says Love Cobain. In this effort she has appealed to Mothers Against Violence in America (MAVIA) to rid her Seattle home of the guns her husband insisted he needed for protection, including the shotgun Cobain used to kill himself.

"I'm a mother and I want to do what I can to help MAVIA spread the message that guns in the home too often result in tragedy. I don't want guns to kill anyone else's loved ones and I hope I can help influence people to protect their families from the ravages of firearms. It gives me something positive to focus on.

"The police detectives told me I'd have to pick up Kurt's guns but I feel that if those guns hadn't existed in my household, I would still have a household. I'm doing this (with MAVIA) to protect my daughter Frances, because I believe (they are dangerous) and because I'm certainly not bringing those guns home!"

Love, who recently met with MAVIA founder Pamela Eakes, has authorized the grass roots group to have the weapons collected by the Seattle Police Department and turned in as part of an "Increase the Peace" guns-for-tickets exchange that will take place on Saturday, April 23rd, at the Kingdome and Tacoma Dome. For each gun exchanged, participants will receive a voucher redeemable on-site for two tickets to any of a variety of local events including Mariners, Sonics or Seahawks games, or performances by the Symphony, 5th Avenue Theatre, Pacific Northwest Ballet, MCA Concerts, or Best Of Broadway. A number of local merchants including The Bon Marche and Union Bay Sportwear, have also donated gift certificates which will be available as an alternative to event tickets.

MORE

The tickets received by MAVIA in exchange for the Cobain guns will be donated to Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), a MAVIA affiliated student-initiated organization working to promote nonviolence in schools and student communities.

"We share with Courtney the tragedy of her husband's death, and we applaud her efforts to assist in this nation's battle against gun violence. Millions of young people mourn with Courtney and her daughter Frances over the loss of Kurt Cobain. We hope that Courtney's message will be heard and will help reduce gun violence in America. MAVIA greatly admires the courage Courtney has demonstrated in this time of grief," said Pamela Eakes, founder of MAVIA.

Throughout this week, Love, who acknowledged to Eakes that she is in a state of numbness as she grapples with the reality of her husband's death, has been warning the fans keeping vigil outside her home about the danger of guns. Cobain, 27, who shot himself at the couple's Lake Washington home, was the lead singer, guitarist, and songwriter for the internationally acclaimed rock band Nirvana.

Susan Eastgard, MAVIA board member and Executive Director of Crisis Clinic in Seattle, emphasized the importance of Courtney's message. "Sixty percent of those who die by suicide each year use a gun to kill themselves," said Eastgard. "We know that most suicidal crises are transient and short-lived. If the suicidal person does not have a gun at home when he or she feels most intent on suicide, there is a good chance that the suicidal crisis will pass before another method becomes available. Suicide rates could be reduced with fewer guns kept in the home."

Mothers Against Violence in America is a grass roots organization dedicated to reducing the violence in America against and by our youth and to promoting the safety and well-being of our children. MAVIA brings the power and perspective of mothers to the search for solutions to the epidemic of violence which is threatening an entire generation. In only three months, MAVIA has grown to over 1,200 members and 28 chapters in Washington state. In addition, MAVIA has founded nine Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) chapters in high schools in western Washington.

Representatives from MAVIA and Crisis Clinic will be available at Noon at Gate D at the Kingdome.

PHOTOS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

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A Personal Commitment Twenty Ways to Help End the Violence

1. Join Mothers Against Violence in America and ask others to get involved.
2. Don't own a gun, but if you do, place trigger locks on firearms in your home.
3. Store ammunition separately from firearms.
4. Support broad and comprehensive anti-violence public policy.
5. Express concern to advertisers who sponsor violent programs.
6. Help children in the neighborhood find safe passage between school and home and while at play.
7. Support legislation that addresses both the broad root causes and manifestations of violence.
8. Assess and address the level of violence in your personal relationships.
9. Let children see you stand up against bigoted behavior or comments.
10. Welcome community programs into your neighborhood that can help (rehabilitation services, child care, foster homes, group care).
11. Encourage local school to offer anti-violence curricula.
12. No longer use violent language, such as "I was so mad I could have killed him."
13. Take personal responsibility to end violence in your home and community.
14. Don't purchase violent toys or games.
15. Volunteer to mentor a child in the juvenile justice system.
16. Volunteer with programs providing services to survivors of violence.
17. Learn who your neighbors are and share responsibility for safety in your neighborhood.
18. Point out and discuss violence while watching television and listening to music with your children.
19. Hire youth for short or long-term jobs.
20. Volunteer with programs offering positive alternatives to violence.



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Mothers Against Violence In America - Fact Sheet

OVERVIEW - MAVIA is working to find solutions to violence.

- Mothers Against Violence In America (MAVIA, pronounced with a long A) was founded in December, 1993, in response to the staggering increase of violence committed by and against our American youth.
- MAVIA brings the power and perspective of mothers to the search for solutions to the epidemic of violence which is threatening an entire generation.
- In Washington state, MAVIA is building a strong, effective statewide network directed at protecting children from violence.
- In only three months, MAVIA has grown to over 1,200 members and 28 Satellite Groups. In addition, MAVIA has established nine Student Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) groups in high schools around Seattle, Washington.
- Founded by Pamela Eakes, mother of two teenage sons from Mercer Island, Washington.

STATEWIDE NETWORK - How It Works

- Local community and neighborhood groups, headed by volunteer leaders, provide the organizational foundation for MAVIA's statewide growth.
- To date, 28 Satellite Groups have been formed. These groups work in schools, law enforcement, and community agencies to say loudly that the violence must stop. The mission of each Satellite Group is to assess the youth violence problems in their community, recommend solutions, and work toward making the solutions a reality.

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BETTY PEDERSEN SEATTLE TIMES

Georgina Kvalheim and her twin sister, **Helena Peterson**, clasp hands during the first general membership meeting of Mothers Against Violence in America.

Kvalheim's 18-year-old son, **Shane**, died in 1991 from a misfired gun.

Hundreds drawn together by violence

Speakers urge group to push for gun control

BY HELEN E. JUNG
Seattle Times staff reporter

Georgina Kvalheim wears a sparkling silver and turquoise ring, so large that it covers much of her finger and so detailed that it tells her story.

A tepee occupies the center of the ring, flanked on the top and bottom by a turquoise stone; a feather connecting the two stones winds around the side.

The tepee, she said, signifies home.

The bottom stone represents her, and the top stone her son; the feather represents the long journey her son took when he was shot dead 2½ years ago.

A 15-year-old who had just bought a gun was playing with it when it misfired and hit Kvalheim's 18-year-old son, Shane.

Kvalheim, who lives in Wenatchee, has spent much of her time since her son's death urging Wenatchee school officials to educate their students about gun violence and the many forms it can take.

"It's not just in big cities, it's not just gangs," she said.

She made the trip to SeaTac last night to join 300 people who feel similarly about addressing and reducing youth violence at the first general-membership meeting of Mothers Against Violence in America.

Although most there did not have the experience of losing a child, there were a number of others who had similar stories to share.

Since Mercer Island resident Pamela Eakes founded the group in December, the organization has started 20 chapters and has a mailing list of

more than 1,000 people. Patterned after Mothers Against Drunk Driving, it takes a grass-roots approach to reducing youth violence in communities and is spreading statewide.

Speakers last night included Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., state Attorney General Christine Gregoire and Democratic state Sen. Phil Talmadge of Seattle.

And at times the meeting seemed more like a political rally, with some speakers calling for more gun control legislation and urging the group to become a force more fearful of legislators than the National Rifle Association.

Gregoire urged members to steer away from political rhetoric that takes a "lock 'em up" approach. She applauded the grass-roots nature of the organization, saying the burden should not be solely on government's shoulders to solve the issue.

"Youth violence is not a government issue. It is yours and mine," she said. "You are the power here who can do something about this issue."

MAVIA offers hope

A teenager gets gunned down for his clothes. Another is robbed at gunpoint in the parking lot of the neighborhood supermarket. What's our society coming to?

If you're concerned about increasing episodes such as these, there's something you can do.

Mothers Against Violence in America (MAVIA) has the grassroots support to make a tangible impact on the way we market, legislate and think about violence. Don't be de-

ceived by the title. The group welcomes fathers, brothers, sisters; anyone who cares and wants to work toward change.

It can be as simple as taking a minute to phone your legislator. It doesn't take much time. It does make a difference.

MAVIA organizers admit changing societal attitude won't be easy, but it can be done. They're in it for the long haul. If you want to help create a safer world for your children and grandchildren, why don't you join them?

The Seattle Times

WASHINGTON'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1994

Teens seek to show nonviolence is cool

By KEITH ERVIN
Seattle Times South bureau

DES MOINES — From the PTA meeting to President Clinton, it seems everyone is talking about youth violence.

About the only constituency left out of the discussion has been teens.

That will change this week as a group of South King County high-school students announces the founding of the first chapter of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE).

For these teenagers, there's nothing abstract or theoretical about the dangers of youth violence.

Travis Kirby, a senior at Mount Rainier High School in Des Moines, went to a New Year's Eve party with his best friend, Shaun Proctor, but

How to join

For information about joining Students Against Violence Everywhere or forming a chapter in your school, call 343-0676.

left early. The next morning, his father told him that Shaun was shot to death later that night by robbers who took his clothes.

Senior Amber Goodman also has seen too much violence. Her younger cousin was beaten by girls with gang affiliations, and her stepfather's nephew killed himself playing Russian roulette.

Mark McGill, who will be presi-

dent of the South King County SAVE chapter, was robbed by two men with handguns in the parking lot of a grocery store last August. The men — one of whom was later caught and sentenced to seven years in prison — took his gold necklace.

"The second the guns came out, I figured I was dead," McGill said. "I figured I would give them my necklace and they would shoot me."

McGill and Kirby are co-founders of the group that is a spinoff of the newly organized Mothers Against Violence in America. McGill's mother is an activist for the mothers group and an adviser to the student movement.

Meeting in homes for the past month, the group has drawn as many as 35 teens from seven schools in the Highline and Federal Way school districts. Future meetings will be held at Mount Rainier High.

SAVE will be introduced formally at a press conference at Mount Rainier High on Wednesday evening.

Organizers hope that, as membership grows, chapters will be formed in schools throughout the state.

Groups are being organized in Redmond, Issaquah and Mercer Island. No group has yet formed in Seattle.

The students don't have a detailed action plan, except to promote nonviolence and to lobby for creation of a youth center.

But their task is urgent, said Goodman: "A long time ago, not a lot of people encountered murders or have known family or friends that have been murdered. Today, in your lifetime, you're going to know somebody who's been murdered, I think."

These students may not make a dramatic change in the world, they admit, but they expect to have at least some effect in their own schools. Ronnie Arney, a Mount Rainier High senior who was once attracted to gun-loving classmates and was prone to get into fights, now has committed herself to being a force for nonviolence.

Her friends were surprised when she recently intervened to break up a fight.

That, said McGill, is what SAVE is all about. "We want people to know it's cool to be nonviolent."

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South End mothers join battle against youth violence

BY KERY MURAKAMI
Seattle Times South bureau

BURIEN — "I have a 3-year-old I'm afraid to get to school."

"When my 12-year-old son was assaulted at school, it really brought home the violence."

"I felt like I need to do *something*."

One by one, 70 times last night, parents of children in the Burien area spoke about not being able to simply watch the violence on the streets that threatens their children.

Some, like King County police Maj. Rebecca Norton, spend their lives dealing with crime.

"I want to see if my 8-year-old will grow up to have a better sense of security than my teenager," said Norton, who runs the police force's Burien precinct.

Others had lost children to violence.

"The boyfriend of my daughter was murdered last year," said one woman seated in the back of a packed room at the Burien Public Library.

"You mean Michael?" someone asked.

The woman nodded. A woman next to her said, "I'm Michael's mother."

Michael Justin Marcyes. Killed at age 17 on Dec. 6, when his friend pointed a gun at him and pulled the trigger. The friend said he didn't think the gun would go off. It did.

Mary Kay Glenn of SeaTac was also there last night. Her 15-year-old son, Shaun Everett Proctor, was the first homicide in King County this year. On New Year's morning, Proctor was found wearing only boxer shorts and socks, and was dead from gunshot wounds. Proctor and Marcyes were among six youths, current or former Tyee High

School students, who died from September to January.

"I thought that if I loved my son enough and did all the right things, this kind of thing wouldn't happen," Glenn said. "I'm here to tell you that it did. And I'm going to make sure it doesn't happen to my little girl."

On and on, the voices followed one another for 15 minutes.

The meeting was the first of the Burien chapter of Mothers Against Violence in America. But they were mothers and dads and uncles and grandparents that came here out of fear:

"My 24-year-old brought home a gun."

"My son told me someone pointed a gun at him."

Pamela Eakes, a Mercer Island mother of 12- and 17-year-old sons and the founder of the

organization, told the audience she was just like them, afraid for her children. "Each day I read about what children are doing, killing, getting killed, waking up every morning and being afraid," Eakes said.

"I felt a responsibility to get involved, as part of a generation that lets things get too far."

The group met for the first time in December in Seattle. About 35 people

came. As of yesterday, 20 more chapters had opened up. Many of them are in South King County: in Federal Way, Des Moines, Renton, Kent and now Burien. Eakes credited Burien parents Diane Brissenden and Mary Soderlind with starting the newest chapter.

As its membership grows, the group wants to become a force against violence as Mothers Against Drunk Driving was against another killer.

It wants to encourage schools to teach kids how to resolve conflicts without violence. And it wants to encourage people to act more safely, from not keeping a gun in a house with children, to locking up guns if you must have one, to even looking at the violence we casually use in our language.

But Eakes' immediate concern was the anti-violence legislation the Legislature was expected to debate today. She urged parents to call legislators this morning, urging them to pass bills raising the minimum age of buying a gun, and banning assault weapons.

For more information

To learn more about Mothers Against Violence in America, call 343-0676.

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PAMELA EAKES

Mercer Island mother of two teenage boys and founder of Mothers Against Violence in America

Eakes named 'hometown hero'

Pam Eakes is a hometown hero. And now she's got an award to prove it.

The Mercer Island resident and founder of Mothers Against Violence in America (MAVIA) was named a KOMO TV 4/PEMCO Financial Center "Hometown Hero" as part of the KOMO Crime Crackdown. KOMO's Brook Stanford presented her with the award at the MAVIA headquarters in Seattle recently.

Disinayed by reading crime articles involving children, and tired of living in fear for her children every day, Eakes decided to fight back. She formed MAVIA. "I felt a responsibility to get involved, as part of a generation that lets things get too far," said Eakes. She dedicated her time and efforts to provide a forum for mothers to work together to re-

duce violence in our communities, to promote the well-being and safety of our children.

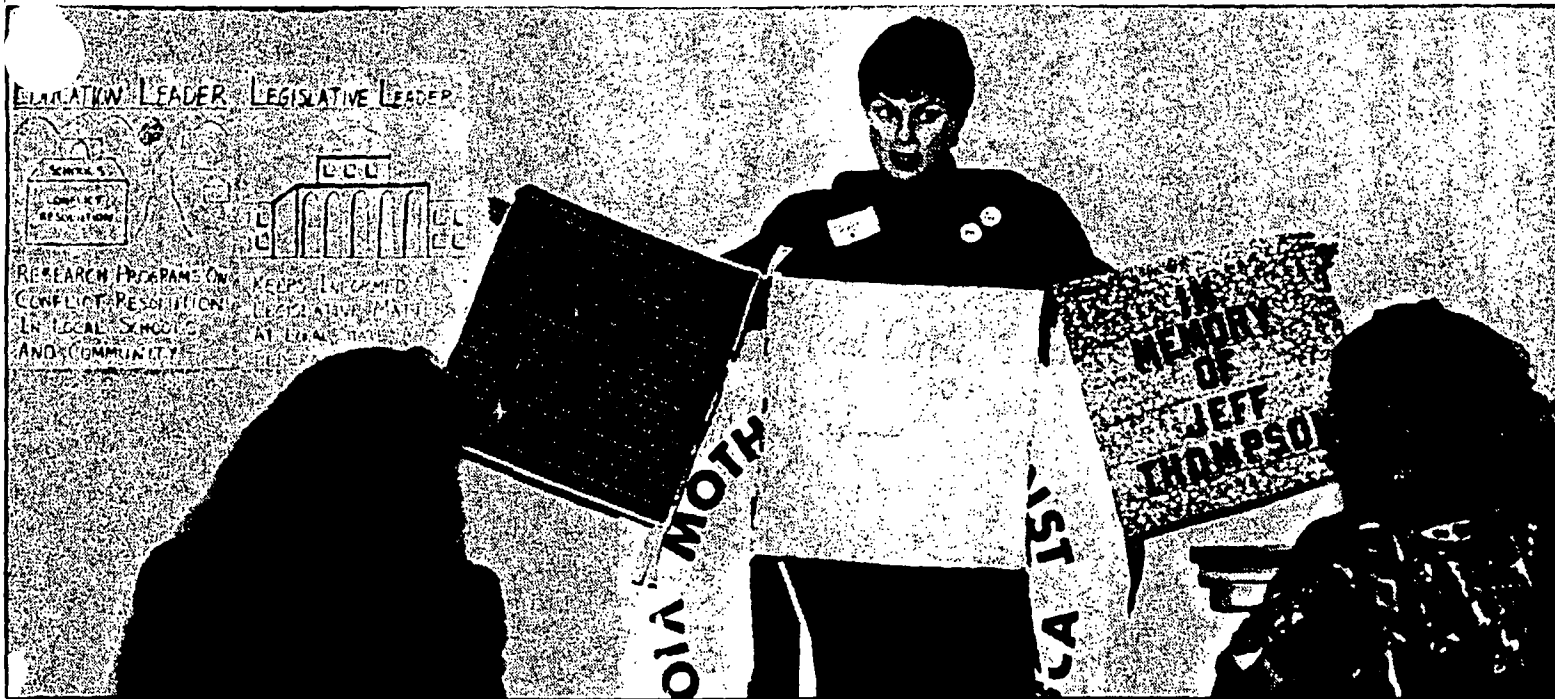
Eakes held her first meeting in December, and has since established 14 chapters in Western Washington. She attends two or three meetings a week, coordinating core groups to take action on issues involving violence.

Some of the group's current issues include working with the state Legislature on bills involving gun control and gun safety, making the legal age to own a gun 21, and banning automatic weapons.

A former Chicago advertising

executive, Eakes has successfully promoted MAVIA as a growing statewide organization aimed at stopping violence by and against our youth.

The Mercer Island chapter of MAVIA will hold its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, in the Community Center at Mercer View, 8236 S.E. 24th. For information, call local coordinators Kristin Knight, 232-2322, or Ruth Hansing, 232-2537.



Adam Worcester/staff

Pam Eakes, founder of Mothers Against Violence in America, demonstrates a "Chain of Remembrance" for victims of gunshot deaths. MAVIA members plan to make a similar chain with Washington victims for a May 8 rally at the Seattle Center.

MAVIA meeting draws big crowd

People pack the Burien Library to 'face the issues and move forward'

By Adam Worcester
ASSISTANT EDITOR

They came from Seattle, SeaTac, Kent, Des Moines.

Mothers. Fathers. Grandmothers. Grandfathers. Even a single man who just wanted "to see what's happening."

More than 70 people packed a Burien Library conference room Thursday for the initial meeting of the Burien-Normandy Park chapter of Mothers Against Violence in America (MAVIA).

The turnout overwhelmed chapter co-founders Dianeenden and Mary Soder—who said they expected as few as 30 people at most.

"It really speaks to the caring we must have for our youth," Brissenden said. "People are ready to face the issues and move forward."

Burien resident Kathy Korpela, a former nurse at Harborview Medical Center, said she came because of an alarming rise in neighborhood violence.

"It's really surprised me how bad things are even around here," she said.

Another woman said she was tired of just "yelling at her TV" about violence and wanted to get involved.

Still another said she was scared for her 2-year-old son to grow up. "I want to do whatever I can."

MAVIA founder Pamela Eakes thanked people for coming despite the wet, stormy weather. After her opening remarks Mary Glenn, whose son Shaun Proctor was murdered New Year's Day, addressed

the crowd.

"I used to think if I loved my son enough, and did all the right things, this kind of thing couldn't happen. I'm here to tell you, it didn't matter how good a mom I was. It happened," Glenn said as her eyes welled with tears. She vowed to protect her 9-year-old daughter from a similar experience.

Next Eakes showed an emotional videotape of the story of Jenny Wieland, whose daughter's accidental shooting death inspired her to start MAVIA.

Later she showed another short video on Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), a group started by Mount Rainier High School student Mark Shappart after he was robbed at gunpoint in the Des Moines Safeway parking lot.

"Our children are living in an environment that has to

change. It's not fair to them," Eakes said. "Children want our attention, whether they're 8, 10 or 13. We've let it go far too long."

People can participate in MAVIA several different ways, Brissenden and Soderlind told the audience — including phoning legislators, organizing neighborhood Block Watches, researching school programs that deal with violence.

By the end of the night, the pair had generated a mailing list with more than 60 names.

"This is something we've got to have," said one woman who did want to be identified. "If we get serious and work on some things, we can make a difference."

The next meeting of the Burien-Normandy Park MAVIA chapter will be at 7 p.m. March 3 in the Burien Library.



MAVIA members meet to stuff envelopes. They include (sitting, left to right) Ann Adams, Susan Tappan, Paulette Miller, Maroot Blacker and Maureen Holding.

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Moms tackle violence

'MAVIA' wants to make youngsters safe

By Breck Longstreth
Special to the Journal American

A little over a year ago, Jenny Wieland buried her only child.

Amy Ragan was just 17 when she was shot in the head by an acquaintance who was high on wine and fooling around with a stolen gun. Her killer will be eligible for parole in two years.

This week Wieland will tell her story at one of a series of meetings organized this week and next by Mothers Against Violence In America (MAVIA). Founded a month ago by Mercer Island resident Pamela Eakes, MAVIA is a growing statewide organization aimed at stopping violence by and against youngsters.

and other concerned people to reduce violence in their communities and promote the well-being and safety of children.

"One mother can only give her point of view, but an organization that represents several hundred can have an impact," said Eakes. "It's going to take a combined effort of every segment of our community to change attitudes. I think this is going to be a 20-year or more battle ... We're here for the long haul."

MAVIA wants to build a strong network that is responsive to legislation aimed at reducing violence, such as gun control and gun safety. It also plans to promote programs that will get at the source of the problem.

"Our primary focus in the long term will

MAVIA: Wants to organize student groups that would promote nonviolent ways of addressing conflict

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be educational," Eakes said. "The organization will be de-centralized in terms of management. Individual groups can be responsive to their own community's needs."

"I think it's going to take so much more than just pure legislation," agreed Wieland, a founding member of MAVIA who has become an activist since the death of her daughter. "If there's not education and a change in the media, it's not going to

work."

Wieland said the group will work to close loopholes in the present gun laws. But she believes prevention and intervention are also extremely important, from kindergarten on up.

"We have people growing up to be adults without knowing how to deal with conflict except in a negative and aggressive way. We need to give children tools early on to deal with conflict. We need to teach them how to have relationships that aren't over-reactive," Eakes said.

MAVIA wants to organize student groups that would promote nonviolent ways of addressing conflict.

EAKES, THE MOTHER of two teenage sons with a long commitment to civic service, did not found MAVIA because she or a family member was victimized by an act of violence.

The catalysts, she said, were many. Last March she heard a speech at the YWCA by Alene Moris, who talked about how women need to take a more active role in dealing with violence in society.

Then in August, Eakes talked with U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, who was the first member of Congress to propose a significant increase in fees for those licensed to sell guns.

"She and I talked about putting together an organization that could be supportive of her efforts," said Eakes.

MY FAMILY ... MY SELF
"Healing the Adult Child"

A Seminar on Intimacy and Relationships

Mothers Against Violence in America (MAVIA) will hold a series of public meetings this week and next. They include:

■ Tonight at 7 p.m. at Pine Lake Middle School in Issaquah; contact is Andrea Martin, 557-9679.

■ Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Panther Lake Elementary School in Kent; contact Melissa Sweeney, 850-1828.

■ Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Mount Rainier High School in Des Moines; contact Colette Shappart, 878-8287.

■ Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center at Mercer View on Mercer Island; contact Ruth Hansing, 232-2537, or Kristin Knight, 232-2322.

■ Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Redmond High School; contact Jeanne Smith, 869-7167.

Meetings are being planned elsewhere around the state. For further information, MAVIA can be reached at 343-0676.

The organization has opened an office in donated space at Chandler's Cove on Seattle's Lake Union, at 901 Fairview Ave. N., Suite A140. MAVIA's mailing address is P.O. Box 444, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Murray has since agreed to be on MAVIA's advisory committee, which will include authorities in areas such as medicine, teen outreach, education and law enforcement.

Finally, on a trip to Chicago last month, Eakes said she read the local paper, which keeps a running toll of children killed by acts of violence. "I

saw that number rise every day," she said.

After news reports of Eakes' early efforts to organize MAVIA, she received hundreds of letters of support. She also received many phone calls from people wanting to help.

Colette Shappart is one struck by what MAVIA hopes to do.

The Des Moines resident will be on hand at a MAVIA meeting Thursday to tell how her 16-year-old son was accosted by a man who held a semi-automatic, fully loaded handgun to his head in a crowded Safeway parking lot. He was attempting to steal the St. Christopher's medal and gold chain hanging around her son's neck.

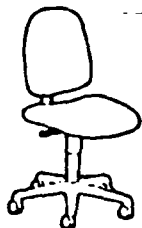
"You read about it happening in Los Angeles or on Rainier Avenue, and think, 'It can't happen here.' That's what I thought, too," said Shappart.

"Violence knows no social or economic barriers. It touches all of us," added Jenny Wieland. "The last thing I ever thought could happen to Amy is that she would get shot. We discussed drugs, alcohol, AIDS, but guns were not an issue. I was under the false impression that it was an urban problem, or one for at risk children."

Amy, who lived with her mother and stepfather in Marysville, spent lots of time riding horses in shows and ran around with a good group of kids, her mother said.

"I don't want there to be any more victims," she added. "I don't want any more mothers to have to go down this path."

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