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## Truck-stop hop

THIS 18-WHEEL truck, owned and operated by Jerry Gilpin, rolled approximately 100 yards Monday morning, narrowly missing a menagerie of trucks before it jumped a 3 1/2-foot concrete barrier. It came to rest against a 1969 Ford Ranger parked behind KO Truck and Recreational Vehicle Wash at 1405 S. 348th St. in Evergreen Truck

Village. Gilpin said the truck had been parked at the truck stop since Friday night and he's sure he left the brakes set. The owner of the Ranger estimated damage to his vehicle at \$600. Gilpin thinks his semi is probably totaled. Above, an unidentified man inspects the damage before a tow truck arrives.

## Bus, carpool lanes could unclog roads

By VALERIE DROGUS

If wishes were dollars, South King County commuters would ride down the freeways on special lanes for buses, carpools and vans.

High occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes are a badly-needed piece of the Puget Sound area's transportation puzzle, the Puget Sound Council of Governments transportation forum heard Friday.

Funding for those lanes in South King County won't come until 1992, though, said Duane Berentson, secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation.

The state is committed to HOV, and doesn't view it as competition for light rail, Berentson said.

But federal money funds the construction, and currently more than half of the \$55 million the state has left to spend on freeways after other commitments is being pumped into finishing I-90 before the 1992 deadline, Berentson said. Most of the rest is used for maintenance.

When funding does become available, a stretch of I-5 from Southcenter to Fife will be on the state's top three priority list,

Berentson said. Bids on the first phase of the project are scheduled for October 1993.

The Puget Sound Council of Governments' regional transportation plan calls for about 150 miles of HOV lanes, but only 36 miles are constructed. All of those are in North King County.

About 29 miles are under construction, including a 3-mile stretch down I-405 between Tukwila and South Renton and nearly 2 miles northbound from South 180th Street to I-405.

Those that have been completed are successful. HOV lanes along a stretch of State Route 520 by Lake Washington carry 42 percent of the passengers, but only 7 percent of the vehicles, Marchione said.

"BASED ON the way they work on freeways, they should work on arterials," she added. Lanes that will give buses, carpools and vans priority to enter State Route 520 from Avondale Road are being built in Redmond now.

While state and local government officials are enthused about HOV lanes, private developer Judd Kirk put in a

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## Dialysis center approval expected

By LYNN KEEBAUGH

Hospital officials don't anticipate any trouble winning approval for a kidney dialysis treatment center for Federal Way's St. Francis Community Hospital.

The Puget Sound Health Systems Agency already has recommended the program be approved and the Washington Hospital Commission will meet Jan. 26 and is expected to do likewise, said Frank Fox, vice president of research and development at St. Joseph Hospital in Tacoma.

The six-station dialysis center, which would open in January 1990, would be administered at St. Francis by St. Joseph Hospital. The sister hospitals both belong to the Franciscan Health System based in Pennsylvania.

Fox said the St. Francis center will have the first hospital-based kidney dialysis program in South King County. Two others in Renton and Highline are run by the Nor-

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## State's newest city touts local control

By KURT HERZOG

If Federal Way votes to incorporate March 14 it will be only the second city in Washington in 18 years to do that.

The other, Mill Creek, voted to incorporate in September 1983.

Mill Creek is substantially different from Federal Way in size and substance, but the arduous task of starting a city from scratch is something that will be common to both communities if Federal Way incorporates.

"Be sure you go into it with your eyes open," is the advice

Mill Creek was able to cut taxes, too

that Mill Creek City Manager Joan Weber gives to Federal Way. The starting-up process is a difficult one, she said, and the smallest things can become items of controversy.

"When you start out you literally don't have a paper clip," she said.

However, since Mill Creek incorporated, there has been a change in state law that is likely to make the transition from county to city government easier. A new city now

has a year to elect a city council, hire a manager and start providing services.

Many of the services that Mill Creek provides also would be provided by a Federal Way city, though on a much larger scale.

Mill Creek currently has 5,262 residents and is growing at a rate of about 9 percent a year. The town is made up primarily of residential property and lies 20 miles north of Seattle in Snohomish Coun-

ty.

Federal Way's boundaries, as proposed by the pro-incorporation Federal Way First!, include about 58,000 people and makes the area the third largest city in King County and the sixth largest in the state.

Besides more people, Federal Way could draw on a much larger retail tax base than Mill Creek, which has a limited central business district. The largest portion of

Mill Creek's revenue comes from residential property taxes, which total \$1 million.

ACCORDING to a recently released summary of the Federal Way incorporation study performed by The Georgette Group, the largest portion of Federal Way's projected annual revenues exclusive from state-shared funds also would come from property taxes.

Property taxes would generate about \$7.3 million in 1990, according to the study; however, the retail sales tax

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## County joins growing list of incinerator foes

By ANN SEIDNER

Knowing that the wind knows no boundaries, the King County Council may add its name to a growing list of opponents to a garbage incinerator under construction on Tacoma's tidelands.

Councilman Paul Barden has written a resolution asking the city of Tacoma to order a more thorough study of the environmental effects of the plant. He plans to introduce the resolution to the full council today.

Though the resolution, if pass-

ed, could not terminate construction, Barden and other opponents are hoping to make the city and Tacoma Public Utilities, which owns the plant, bow to pressure to complete an environmental impact statement.

Barden and three other council members, Cynthia Sullivan, Greg Nickels and Ron Sims, wrote a letter to Tacoma Mayor Doug Sutherland in November, requesting an EIS.

"He wrote me a very con-

descending letter back saying the knowledge of the county council was abysmal and we should just let this go as planned," Barden said, laughing. "He was trying to warn us off."

The warning didn't work. Barden remains concerned about the environmental effects of the plant, scheduled to begin burning garbage, wood, coal and possibly tires by the summer.

"THE PREVAILING wind is going to send all the exhaust from that system into my

district," said Barden, who represents Federal Way, Redondo, Des Moines and other parts of Southwest King County.

Barden said he will present his resolution at 2 p.m. today to the council's subcommittee on solid waste management, for which he serves as chairman.

If the committee recommends passage, the full council will vote on the measure at its next council meeting Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Barden is confident the coun-

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## Sour drug deal sends two to hospital

Two Orting teen-agers wound up in St. Francis Community Hospital Friday night after an apparent drug buy went bad and a fight broke out.

King County police say the Orting teens told them they had come to Federal Way to go cruising. Once here they went to a video parlor inside SeaTac Mall where they met two Federal Way men and arranged to buy drugs.

The two Federal Way men, brothers ages 18 and 27, apparently took the Orting teens' \$50 but did not give them any drugs. Once outside the mall, the Federal Way men began to drive away and were chased by

the two teen-agers.

One Orting resident clung to the side of the vehicle and was dragged a ways before the car stopped and its occupants got out to fight. Both Orting teens were stabbed before police arrived.

The 17-year-old received two 9-inch gashes, one on his lower back and another on his lower stomach. His 18-year-old friend received a puncture wound to his lower back. They were treated and released at St. Francis.

The Federal Way men were booked into King County Jail for investigation of first-degree

assault.

Although the Orting teens told police they had come here to go cruising, Lt. Donna Nolan of the Federal Way substation said she would not characterize the incident as directly cruising-related.

"But it is the worst, most violent incident we've had up there," she said.

Police have put special emphasis patrols at the mall and across the street at Burger King to discourage cruising on private property there. There have been several fights and many incidences of underage drinking and vandalism since

cruisers began coming to Federal Way in large numbers a couple of months ago.

Nolan said the number of cruisers seems to be tapering off somewhat, although large numbers of young drivers and their friends still are gathering at Burger King and in its parking lot. Last weekend, two scuffles broke out as a result of snowball fights there.

Friday and Saturday's snow and related traffic problems kept officers busy and away from the cruising spot, she said. A decision on keeping the special patrol going through this weekend will be made this week, she said Monday.

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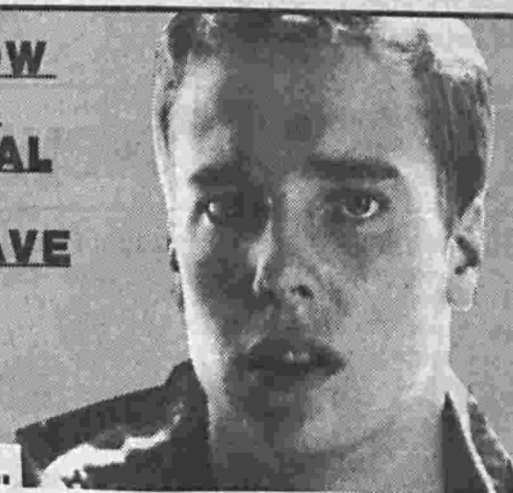
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## Cityhood asks you to trust neighbors

Opponents of cityhood in Federal Way have played on the fear of new taxes from the beginning. Despite a new study that shows incorporation makes fiscal sense, the bogeyman of a tax hike will not go away.

It will not go away because it involves a fear of the unknown. No study ever done addresses that. Cityhood advocates in 1985 even promised no tax hike during their campaign. It didn't matter.

Opponents of cityhood have said they will listen to facts, but facts are beside the point when the real issues of cityhood are examined.

Local control over development is still the central concern. It evolved from the obvious evidence: Our streets are overloaded. Our schools are stressed by growth. Our public services lag behind the increasing need.

But unchecked development favors hit-and-run investors and builders, who feed the fear of cityhood because they resent the regulations that limit their profits. For them, cityhood is downright un-American.

It is that attitude that has made our community a joke in some corners of the county. Ignoring the evidence, opponents imply that Federal Way can stay what it was, a free-for-all, unplanned crossroads with a mix of horse farms and swimming holes and gas stations. But those days are gone. This is an urban cluster.

The battle over cityhood is a modern version of the American Revolution. While the county continues to exploit the tax base here to fund services all over the area, local residents are ignored in critical decisions about open space, parks development and public safety.

New taxes? That threat is invariably raised, and it is a fair concern, but over-estimated in its importance. County taxes have risen consistently in any case. They are likely to rise again, without our ability to resist the votes of the (Democrat-dominated) King County Council. In fact, federal revenue-sharing would help the new city pay for various services, including the building of roads.

Finally, the debate comes down to personal philosophy. The study shows that financial risk is modest. To balance its budget and provide adequate services, the new city would have to be managed like a good small business, with close attention paid to overhead and best of all, to the demands of customers.

Perhaps as customers, Federal Way voters will appreciate the ideal of those who urge cityhood. We now have a government that seems preoccupied with other matters, and is reluctant to pay us any mind. Shall we continue to tolerate it, or build our own government right next door? That's the question to consider, on or before March 14.

## Homicidal drivers could be neighbors

Last week, at least three South King County drivers went home humbled by the hostility of other drivers. The incidents they witnessed were not reported, but will sound familiar.

In one case, two women paused as they looked for a parking place in a major mall. They were suddenly jolted by the motorist behind them. The jolt sent an intentional message: Get out of my way, I'm in a hurry.

In another case, a driver waited at a stoplight, and was flashed by the car following. Assuming the other driver was in a hurry, the first driver accelerated when the light changed. As he moved to the right lane to let the second car pass, he saw its owner going berserk, shouting, leaning halfway out of the car to make threatening noises. It was never clear how the first driver had offended the second.

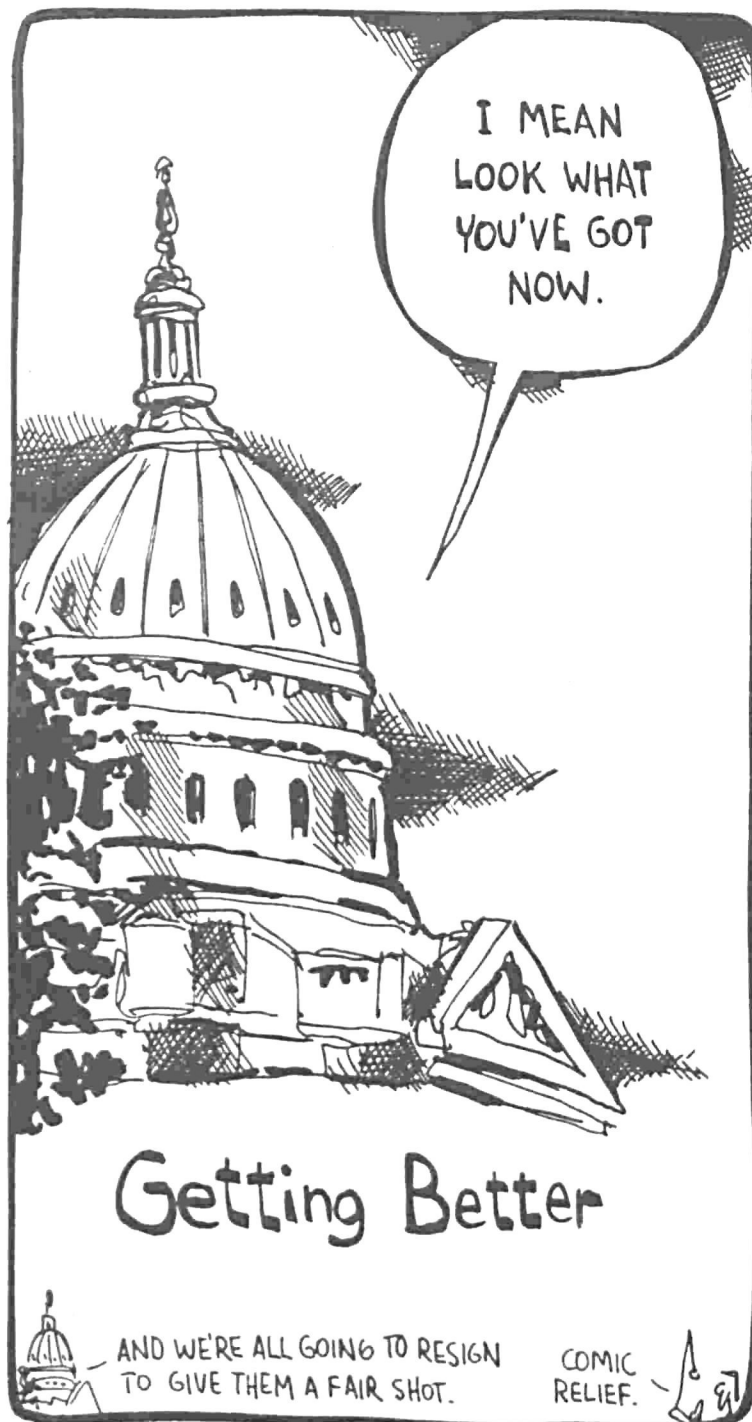
In a third incident, a driver at a fast food restaurant was about to order a cheeseburger. The driver behind him hit the horn, a long, loud blast. He paused and tried again. Again he got the horn. Irritated, he left his car and walked to the car behind, where he angrily asked the driver to knock off the honking.

When he returned to his car, the other driver followed, waving a baseball bat. He notified the waitress, then turned to face his attacker, who ran to his car and raced away.

These incidents will never make the police blotter. They involved no injuries, no premeditated hostility. But they are duplicated in our community every week, and in growing numbers. In a few cases, they lead to physical assault.

Even when they don't, they show the way a community can rot as population pressures rise. They wear on all of us, eroding our comfort, our trust, and our tolerance of neighbors. They help to explain the uneasy feeling we have, just driving through familiar streets.

This is not a plea for more police protection. We suggest instead either armored cars or driver recovery islands if this trend continues.



## Kids are only as dumb as we make them

While we wait for pizza at the restaurant, my six-year-old son works on his alphabet.

A-B-C, he labors over the letters, his pencil wobbling, his eyes wrinkled with concentration. His capital B looks like the mouth on a cartoon horse. His S is backwards. His J might be Chinese.

His clear delight at learning these simple shapes touches me. But I wonder, will he feel the same eagerness when he tackles American history, or the sine and cosine tables of trigonometry?

The current crop of students worries me. I heard they don't know history beyond last Tuesday, and that they appreciate *Days of Our Lives* more than they do *Huckleberry Finn* or *The Red Badge of Courage*.

Maybe it doesn't matter. I mean, we've just survived eight years under a president who didn't know what was going on in his own basement.

But I'd like to think our high school graduates could answer the ten following questions:

1) Why did America fight a



Mike Robinson

Civil War in 1861, and how did it affect national politics and events before the turn of the century?

2) What important civil rights legislation was passed in 1964? Why was it necessary, and how did Americans react to it?

3) Why did we fight in Viet Nam? Compare the impact of that war on America with the impact of our own Civil War.

4) What did we learn from the scandal surrounding

Richard Nixon and Watergate?

5) What is the Freedom of Information Act? Would a similar law be allowed in the USSR? Why or why not?

6) Describe the economic and social conditions of America during the Great Depression. Are we safe from a similar disaster today?

7) Describe how Congress passes legislation, and what is the role of special interest groups?

8) What was the Holocaust; who were its victims, and why? Could it happen today?

9) What caused all the protest and student unrest in America in the '60s? Were they wrong?

10) In America today, what is our most urgent problem: Homelessness; drug abuse; poverty; child abuse; alcoholism; or corruption in government? Why?

Even if our high school kids can't answer these questions easily, I think they are worth asking, because as citizens, most of them will pay more attention to new cars than they will to foreign policy.

They will rarely be asked to think about anything more significant than making change, working in the uneventful jobs the service industry of the future is expected to generate. Why should an ice cream clerk care what happened in Viet Nam in 1972? To someone who programs computers, what difference does it make whether a newspaper reporter has access to federal documents about IRS procedures?

Teachers have always told us it is important to know something. But kids have always suspected it was only teacher talk, and only useful when taking a test. They have never understood what good it was to know history after graduation.

I'm not sure I can tell them. But I'd rather live in a world where my neighbors know something besides what time their favorite sitcom comes on.

If that makes sense, ask your own kids to answer those questions. (Even if your own kids are over 40). If you can't answer them yourself, spend a night at the library. Skip the sitcoms. You'll survive.

## Pastor's column left me worried

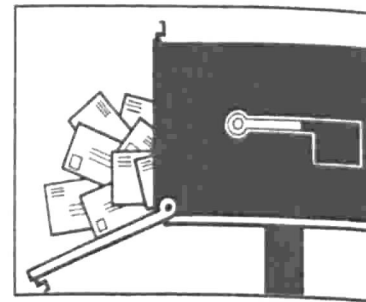
Editor:

My spirit has been distressed since reading the Dec. 30 Pastor's Corner. Guest writer Rev. Thomas Coates of Unity Church of Christianity presented some disturbing interpretations of scripture.

While I am very much in support of and admire Rev. Coates' call to a loving, working relationship with God, his motivation frightens me. Using Bible verses taken out of context, Rev. Coates makes the case that because we are created in God's image, we are "in essence and nature the same as God."

He states that by using the power of God within, we gain "authority and dominion over all things without limitations" of self. He explains that the way to do this is by releasing "the negative sinner complex, accept the truth of our being spiritual beings with the great potential of God" and then employ "image-action" to "achieve new altitudes in our attitudes." By using this method of meditation, he implies we can visualize our way to having power over all of life's circumstances.

I believe God would be very much opposed to Rev. Coates' methods. This is currently a very popular theory that leads many away from God. The very



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book Rev. Coates is using in his defense, the Bible, can and does disprove (what) he gleans.

The original Hebrew word for image is *tselem*, meaning an illusion or resemblance. Any mother can tell you that while her children may resemble each other, they can be as different as night and day. Resembling God's image does not give man God's authority...

How are we to release "the negative sinner complex," when the first three books of Romans tell us repeatedly that a sinner is exactly what each of us is? Only through Jesus can we be delivered from sin...In exchange for freedom from eternal death, we ask God to be in control of our lives. Seeking God's power for personal gain is not only not

on the agenda, it's a very dangerous game...

Robbi Yates  
Brigadoon

## You can't be Christian without Bible

Editor:

Concerning the article on "New Age" (Friday, Jan. 6), our country was founded on certain rights, one of which is freedom of religion. For this I am grateful. However, the Rev. Thomas Coates of the Unity Church of Christianity made some comments that were incorrect concerning "mainline Christianity" with which his church has no affiliation.

I would like to clear this up. Coates said, "Reincarnation is a forgotten staple of mainline Christianity." This statement is absolutely false. Reincarnation has never been taught and is a non-Christian ideology. The Bible says in the letter to the Hebrews (9:27), "And as it is appointed for man to die once, but after this the judgement." This is Christian theology.

Coates also stated, "Jesus knew who He was. We have forgotten who we are." After reading his statements, I believe this is accurate. Coates doesn't know who he is. He also stated, "As the church's name implies, Unity is a Christian church, steeped in the Bible (though not exclusively)." You cannot be Christian and accept any teachings that are contrary to the Bible.

Christianity is not an emotional or manmade belief. It is based solely on the Bible which is fact, not feeling. No one can truly denounce this.

Coates was correct, Jesus said (John 14:6), "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Coates needs only realize who he is.

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# Mill Creek taxes dropped after incorporation

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would generate about \$3.7 million.

Cityhood opponents argue that taxes would rise for Federal Way residents if incorporation is approved. Because there would be another layer of government, residents would naturally pay more, they say.

However, the study predicts Federal Way could provide the same level of services as King County without raising taxes.

Proponents point out that a large share of the money currently paid by taxpayers of unincorporated areas to the county would go to the newly created city.

In Mill Creek, because of comparatively high property values, residents were paying more into the county than they were getting back in services.

Now, those same services in Mill Creek are being provided for by a smaller property-tax rate.

Mill Creek property taxes actually went down 19 percent after the city incorporated. The lowering of property taxes was an issue that incorporation supporters promised to institute.

Because of that promise, incorporation was supported by Mill Creek voters by a margin of 59 to 41 percent.

Mill Creek has kept those property taxes down and hasn't raised any other taxes, Weber said. In fact, the city has not enacted business and occupation taxes or utility taxes, which are available to cities.

The Mill Creek-area school and fire districts were unaffected by incorporation and haven't raised their tax-levy rates either, Weber said.

**BUT AN** even larger issue than tax rates, according to Weber, was residents' concerns about controlling local development. Residents felt that the Snohomish County bureaucracy simply wasn't looking out for their interests, Weber said.

Residents were worried that the lack of control over development could lower the property values of their homes. Mill Creek is an affluent community. Home prices range from the rare \$100,000 home up to more than \$1 million.

In fact, the community is so affluent that none of the city government's 18 employees live inside the city limits. They prefer to live in less-expensive areas outside of the city limits, Weber said.

Because of the large investment in their homes, Mill Creek residents wanted more stringent controls on development, Weber said. Immediately after incorporation, the city council adopted Snohomish County development ordinances. However, the county council and the city planning commission soon made those ordinances and covenants more strict than the county's.

In Mill Creek's case, the development has always been stringently controlled. The entire area was originally owned by United Development Corp., a mammoth Japanese corporation, and all projects were controlled and planned by the corporation, much as West Campus is overseen by the Quadrant Corp.

**THE CORPORATION** still works closely with the city. Mill Creek's logo was originally designed as a corporate promotional logo that was later given to the city.

Local control is an issue often mentioned by Federal Way incorporation supporters: control over development, control over roads and control over other services such as police protection, which was ranked as the most important city function by a survey of 100 Federal Way residents.

Weber is encouraging on that count. Incorporated government



photo by Paul T. Erickson

**MILL CREEK** City Manager Joan Weber has a constant parade of development drawings and blueprints pass through her office. The Snohomish County community became a city in 1983, but the area was growing rapidly even before that. The difference now, according to Weber, is that Mill Creek residents can control that growth themselves, instead of relying on distant county bureaucracy.

is a lot closer to home, she said, and is a lot more responsive to residents.

"People really have a say in government," she said. "People can walk in my door and come to the council meetings."

**HOWEVER**, Federal Way cityhood foes say it is too late to control growth in Federal Way.

"Federal Way probably should have been incorporated," said incorporation critic Ray Tomlinson. "But it should have happened about nine years ago."

"Now we need the experts to take care of our traffic problems."

Incorporation supporters counter that it was the "experts" that created the mess in the first place; experts who didn't care about the Federal Way area.

Also, supporters say it's not too late to save some areas of Federal Way from more high-density commercial and residential development.

Rich Greiling lives in Mill Creek and is head of the city's planning commission. Greiling was against cityhood and actively campaigned against it.

However, now he thinks incorporation was a good idea for Mill Creek and he supports it.

"The benefit of incorporation is that we have much more control of developers," Greiling said. Greiling's main reasons for opposing incorporation was that no one knew enough about what the costs would eventually be when the election was held. Because of his training as an engineer, Greiling said he felt uncomfortable voting for something that he hadn't been able to research and understand completely.

"There was very little we knew about maintenance of the infrastructure," he said. "There was going to be street resurfacing, a new city hall...We're still struggling as a community for playgrounds...Where is the money coming from?"

If incorporation is going to pass this time in Federal Way, supporters have to be able to show to voters how they're going to be better off, Greiling said. Primarily, people have to be convinced they're not going to pay more in taxes.

"If you can't convince people in the pocketbook, you're not going to convince them," he said.

**IN WEBER'S** opinion, residents of Mill Creek do have a lot more control over local matters than they did before in-

corporation.

"The quality of life and planning is better," Weber said. "There was a belief that Snohomish County didn't care about the environment."

The city of Mill Creek has one city planner and one building inspector. It needs more to handle development, Weber said. It also needs more to keep with the demand for services, she said. However, the seven-member city council has made a concerted effort to keep staff costs low.

Regardless of those efforts, as Mill Creek grows, so does its need for services and the need for people to provide those services. The city budget will rise from \$3.9 million in 1988 to \$6.3 million in 1989 primarily to pay for the completion of a new city hall building. The Mill Creek Council used its discretion to sell \$1.8 million in councilmanic bonds to pay for the new building. Such bonds are financed by existing city revenues, not

new taxes.

The shell of the building has already been built, but the interior must be finished, according to city officials.

City government continues to outgrow its quarters and has moved four times since 1983. It will move into the new building in July. The current city offices are packed and it's impossible to walk across the office when someone must use filing cabinets.

Weber, 35, might have an obvious bias, nonetheless she strongly recommends the council/city manager form of government which is the most common form of city government and is the identical form of government that Federal Way would have if it incorporates.

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## Clarification:

City would have surplus

An article in the Sunday Federal Way News ("Study shows new city here viable") stated that according to a county study, the total amount of revenue available to a new Federal Way city would be \$17 million, equal to expenditures. To clarify, the new city would have a \$1 million surplus, which would likely be held in reserve.

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city is just too complicated for an elected mayor who has no training or background in administration to manage a city, she said.

Also, city managers are required by their accrediting association to stay out of politics. City managers oversee the provision of services on an apolitical basis, she said.

**MILL CREEK** clerk Michele Schutz has been with the city from its inception and remembers the enormous amount of work and planning that needed to be done.

The various tasks are taken for granted by most people, she said. Even the smallest thing can become a major catastrophe with city officials if all the routine tasks aren't completed.

For instance, some of the things that might not occur to elected city officials but are critical include: the creation of a planning commission; adoption of building codes; management of claims and payroll funds; establishment of interim zoning codes; setting of salaries; setting budgets and council meeting times; handling of tax income with the state and federal governments; and providing retirement policies, insurance and even such obvious things as arranging mail and phone service.

Also, city officials must decide who will provide such services as fire protection, garbage collection, police, storm-sewer planning and maintenance, library service and road maintenance. Mill Creek contracts with others for fire protection, garbage collection and library services but provides the other services, including police protection, itself.

Residents of Mill Creek were particularly concerned about crime from nearby Bothell. The Snohomish County Sheriff's Department was taking up to 45 minutes to respond to calls, Weber said, and residents wanted better protection.

Now the city has six police officers. Though only one officer at a time is on the street covering Mill Creek's 21 square miles, Weber said.

Police service is the most expensive service Federal Way would provide. About 24 percent of Federal Way's projected \$17 million budget would pay for police, regardless if the city decided to form its own police force or contract with the county.

## Local study on its way

Photocopies of the complete Federal Way incorporation study were released to the media yesterday, but published, bound copies won't be available to the general public until about Jan. 17. Anyone may obtain a copy of the study as soon as it is available by calling the BRB at 296-7096. Copies will be mailed out to those requesting them.

Also, several copies will be placed in the Federal Way Library. A summary of the study was released to the media last week.

The complete study is about 300 pages long and will cost about \$17 per copy.

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# Threat of incinerator pollution spurs Barden to act

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will support the resolution. "You have to remember that we decided unanimously not to have an incinerator anywhere in our county. There's not much difference between having one in the county and having one just outside the county line," he said. "I DON'T think the council will reject the motion."

Sutherland declined to comment on Barden's proposed resolution.

"I'd just assume that we cross that bridge when we come to it," he said.

If the council does pass the resolution, incinerator opponents can add the council to their "list," which already includes the Fife City Council, the Puyallup Indian Tribe, the Federal Way Community Council and about 1,000 vocal residents, mainly from Northeast Tacoma.

All of those parties support completion of an EIS for the incinerator, known as Steam Plant #2. The Northeast Tacomans and the Puyallup Indian Tribe have even threatened to sue the city if an EIS is not ordered.

So far, however, the city has

not agreed to undertake the costly and time-consuming study.

Instead, the city council and the Public Utility Board agreed in November to hire an outside consultant to answer many of the questions and concerns voiced by residents about the plant's environmental effects. The two councils will share the \$30,000 cost of the study.

A COMMITTEE charged with choosing the consultant for the study met yesterday to review about 70 proposals from firms mainly in the Puget Sound area.

Committee members, selected by Steve Klein, power manager for the utility's light division, include representatives from the city, the Public Works department, Public Utilities, the Pierce County Health Department, the Tacoma/Pierce County Chamber of Commerce and environmental organizations.

Klein said he didn't know how soon the committee would select a consultant, but the study is scheduled to begin sometime in February.

Linda White, a Northeast Tacoma resident who has been spearheading the local drive for an EIS, said she and other

residents in the area declined to serve on the selection committee because the study falls short of a full-blown EIS.

Frank Hruza, a professor in urban planning at the University of Puget Sound, also thinks the study will be too little too late.

USING THE conflict resolution concept of ACBD — Always Consult Before Deciding — Hruza said the council should have written a report in a form people can understand.

"They needed to show us in no uncertain terms just what is going to be done and what won't be done as far as pollution from that incinerator, as justification for not having an EIS," Hruza said.

"We (Tacoma) just can't seem to face a problem until we're up to our buns in alligators," he said. "I think the council is in the dark."

The steam-producing plant needs the go-ahead from the Pierce County Health Department before it can open its doors this summer.

Public Utilities has hired a Bellevue consultant to conduct a separate, \$40,000 health risk assessment which will outline the incinerator's health risks to

humans. The health department will review the study before it decides whether to issue a solid waste facility permit.

THE HEALTH risk assessment is now in its second draft and should be ready for public scrutiny by February or March, said Doug Pierce of the health department.

Plant managers are also

waiting to hear if the state Department of Ecology will agree to designate the ash produced from the plant as a solid waste instead of a hazardous waste.

This designation would allow the ash to be disposed of in a local landfill instead of in a special landfill designed for hazardous waste.

Also, the DOE has granted preliminary approval of a grant for the experimental burning of shredded tires at the incinerator, said Catherine Leone, who has been working on getting the necessary permits for the plant.

The grant, which will be written for less than \$100,000, Leone said, is not yet final.

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## Traffic forum touts HOV lanes

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negative vote. "People don't believe in HOV," he said. They like the idea that someone else will take a bus and thin out traffic, but few people will opt to hop on that bus themselves, he added.

Besides HOV lanes, local government officials heard reports on commuter rail, light rail and ferries as possible means to lessen traffic congestion in the Puget Sound area.

William Millar, executive

## St. Francis expects OK for kidney dialysis center

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thwest Kidney Center. St. Joseph also has a dialysis center, with 22 stations working 24 hours a day. A number of the patients using those machines commute from South King County, Fox said. An additional 10 dialysis stations are likely to be approved for St. Joseph when St. Francis gets its six stations, he said.

The six new stations at St. Francis will eliminate the need for South King County patients to commute to St. Joseph, Fox said, and alleviate some of the bottleneck at that hospital's 22 stations.

Working the dialysis machines 24 hours a day is not efficient, Fox said, and causes scheduling problems when mechanical difficulties arise.

"We have no down-time at all when we need to use the

director of Pittsburgh's transportation authority, injected a sour note on commuter rail from his city's experience.

Pittsburgh loses about \$7 a ride on commuter rail, which runs along B&O Railroad tracks, and is planning to fold the operation this spring, Millar said.

King County Metro will go to the state Legislature this session and ask for an increase in the motor vehicle excise tax that would raise \$195 million in King County between 1990 and 1999. It would pay for a commuter rail

project, as well as bus and car-pool lanes.

The commuter rail under study would run along Burlington Northern tracks from Puyallup to downtown Seattle with several stops between.

machines that much," he explained.

The dialysis center has long been in the plans for St. Francis. Fox said when the hospital's initial plans were being made seven years ago, it was thought a dialysis center would be one of the health services eventually offered. The actual paperwork and approval process began about four months ago and should be finished by February, he said.

If the hospital commission approves the St. Francis proposal as expected, the Department of Social and Health Services will review the plan and make the final decision. That step usually takes one month after the hospital commission approves a proposal.

"We don't expect any problems at all with getting this approval," Fox said.

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## Redondo RID fails, wires stay

By VALERIE DROGUS

Gene Achziger says his Redondo Beach property looks like a "spaghetti factory" with a telephone trunk and electrical wires for two service districts crisscrossing the skies.

For the time being, Achziger will have to suffer the "obnoxious" view.

Owners of eleven pieces of Redondo Beach property pulled their names off a petition to the King County Council to form a road improvement district and tax themselves to bury the wires, leaving the petition short of the required signatures.

and charge property owners for only 10 percent, leaving owners to pay only \$2,900 per lot.

The confusion about the real cost to property owners caused petitioners to pull out, Achziger said.

**OTHER REDONDO** residents told the council Monday they opposed the project because they wouldn't benefit from the powerline burial but would have to pay for it, however.

Scott McFarlane told the

council he couldn't see the lines from his house, and felt an assessment was unfair.

The water and sewer district plan to begin construction by April 1 and have already been holding the project for a decision on the powerline burial, Achziger said.

Since it would take 10 weeks to get another petition together and through the council, he doesn't believe there's time to reopen the issue, he said.

## Barden withdraws name from federal position list

King County Councilmember Paul Barden said he has withdrawn his name from a list of possible appointees to federal posts in favor of remaining on the county council for the time being.

News of an impending appointment that might have taken Barden to Washington, D.C. for a top post in the Navy or put him in a federal administrative position in the Northwest caused a flurry of county-council hopefuls last week.

That included State Representative Jean Marie Brough, who

said she'd seek Barden's post by appointment if he left.

Barden said he decided to withdraw his name before he was offered a specific position and did not turn down an offer.

He said he is looking forward to continuing his work on the solid waste committee and seeing the incorporation votes in his district through, and does not want to leave King County at this time.

Barden's council seat is up for election for another 4-year term in November.

The council sent the ordinance back to committee Monday, effectively tabling it.

Lucille Ferron, who owns two Redondo lots, said the project's cost changed her mind.

Not only would she be assessed \$6,000 to bury the wires and complete roadwork, but she found out last week the power company would also charge a \$438 reconnection fee when the work was done, she said. The costs are steep for a retiree, she added.

Ferron said the two power poles in front of her house don't bother her much.

"(Redondo Beach) is a little fishing community. Nobody wants to change it," she said.

**THE PETITION** to bury the wires began when the Federal Way Water and Sewer District announced it would dig a trench along Soundview Drive for water pipes, Achziger said.

The idea was to dovetail the powerline burial and save residents the cost of repairing the road, which was to be picked up by the water district, Achziger said.

But water and sewer commissioners decided if residents were to benefit from the powerline burial, they should also pay 50 percent of the road repair costs. That made assessments for the project soar to more than \$4,000 per lot, Achziger said. Residents would pay \$8,000.

Last week water and sewer district officials agreed to pay 90 percent of the road repair costs

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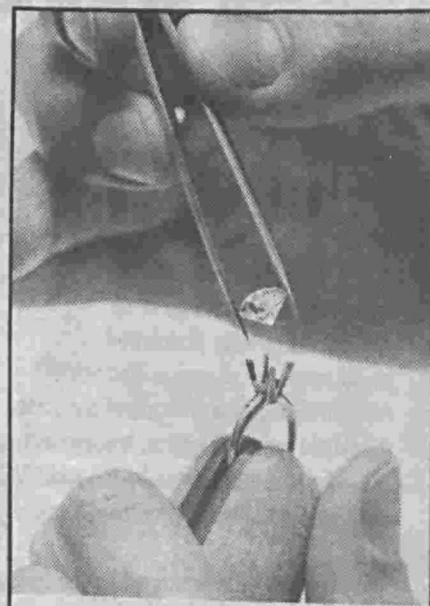
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# Army won't pay into Redondo seawall, road project

By KURT HERZOG

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has decided not to participate in the reconstruction of the aging Redondo seawall and roadway.

King County Public Works officials had hoped the Army would chip in \$500,000 to help with the \$3.7 million replacement of the seawall and widening of Redondo Beach Road.

Corps officials had warned the county a year ago that the seawall could collapse during a major storm. The corps often helps out with emergency projects and the county applied to the corps for assistance.

The corps agrees there is a problem with the seawall, but the county's plans for widening

the road and adding sidewalks on both sides of the road precludes it from being an emergency, according to Lester Soule, emergency projects manager for the corps.

"We've done a pretty extensive evaluation," said Soule. "We agree there's a problem. But they're building a wider road. That kind of takes it out of the realm of emergency assistance."

COUNTY officials are hoping to get the corps to change its mind and come up with the money. County public works officials will meet with the corps in about two weeks to try to get assistance with the project.

"Things are really up in the air right now," said George Wannamaker, a county design engineer.

Meanwhile, the county has been keeping an eye on the aging seawall, which was built in 1952 and is made of timber.

"The situation is still the same," Wannamaker said. "If the right storm came it could take a piece of the wall out."

The county currently plans on building a concrete seawall with a 3- to 4-foot-high splash wall. The road would be widened to 28 feet with two traffic lanes. Most of the existing road is only 22 to 24 feet wide.

Plans also include an 8-foot-

wide sidewalk on the sound side of the road, a 5-foot-wide sidewalk on the land side, and 6-inch-wide curb and gutter on both sides of the road.

The county currently has \$2.2 million in the budget to pay for most of the seawall and \$980,000 to pay for the road and sidewalk.

County officials say they will meet with Redondo residents

before construction starts. Many residents oppose widening the road at all.

A wider road would only encourage more traffic and would create an Alki-beach type of atmosphere, according to residents.

Depending on whether the corps assists with the project, construction could begin in early

1990, Wannamaker said. Without the funds, the project is limbo, he said.

The corps is doubtful the county can convince it to contribute to the project, but officials are keeping an open mind.

"It doesn't look favorable (for the county)," said Soule. "(But) maybe there's some new information."

## Correction:

Utility budget presented Jan. 17

A story in the Friday, Dec. 30, edition of the Federal Way News ("Utility budget goes under the knife") stated an incorrect date for possible adoption of the Federal Way Water and Sewer District's 1989 budget.

The budget will be presented to the utility's board of commissioners for possible adoption at the board's Jan. 17 meeting.

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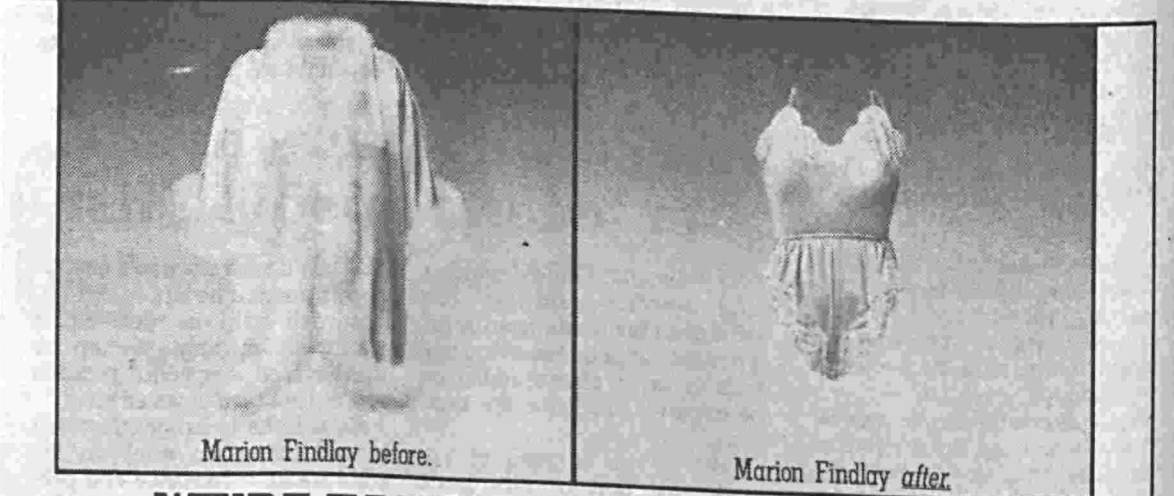
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A Federal Way woman walking back to her apartment after shopping at a neighborhood store was hit over the head, injected with something that knocked her out and raped Sunday evening.

The 24-year-old woman told King County police she was leaving Secoma Market at Pacific Highway South near South 333rd Stree at about 5:30 p.m. when two men who had approached her on her way in came up behind her, hit her on the back of the head and jabbed her in the leg with what she believes was a hypodermic needle.

She said the last thing she remembered before passing out was someone trying to shove something into her mouth. She came to more than seven hours later with blood on her gloves, shirt and jeans. She was left near her apartment and made her way home. Her boyfriend



Police

called police.

The woman was taken to St. Francis Community Hospital where testing showed she had been raped. Police reports said she was too groggy to be immediately interviewed, but she said later the two men she remembers speaking to her were white and both were dressed all in white.

# Family argument ends with gunfire

An argument between an estranged Federal Way couple led to gunfire and a minor injury for another Federal Way man early Thursday morning.

The wife told King County police her husband walked into her home at 1:30 a.m. armed with a pistol. He pointed the weapon at one of the two men who was visiting her and said he was going to kill him.

An argument ensued, during which two shots were fired into the floor near the man the husband had threatened. One of the bullets or a splinter from the floor grazed the man, lacerating his shin.

As the husband fled the house,

he fired two shots into the car of the man he had threatened, and fired two more shots at the car of that man's friend.

Police were arriving as the husband left, so he abandoned his car and fled on foot to a nearby convenience store where he called a friend to come get him, reports say.

Police followed and apprehended the man shortly after his friend arrived.

Police found .44 caliber slugs in the floor of the residence and in the first man's car. The husband was booked into King County Jail for investigation of two counts of first-degree assault and two counts of malicious mischief.

# Severed hand isn't a human's after all

A Federal Way man who had been away from home for six weeks found an unusual welcome upon his return Saturday.

The man's friend came to his home to clean it for him and discovered what at first was thought to be a severed human right hand in the garage. The hand was mostly decomposed, but it at first was thought to be human because witnesses

reported seeing a middle-aged man staying at the house who was missing his right hand.

Forensics experts, however, determined the hand was not human but probably an animal paw, said Capt. John Beard of the Federal Way substation. "They're not saying what it is, they're just saying what it isn't," he said.

Also accompanying the hand was a photo of a severed hand with a decaying finger.

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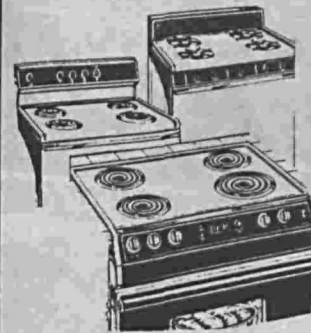


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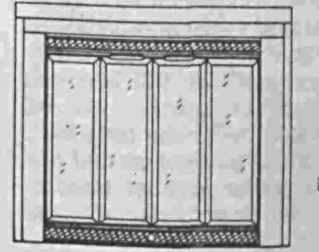
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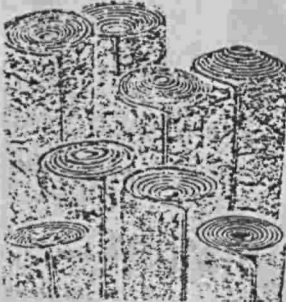
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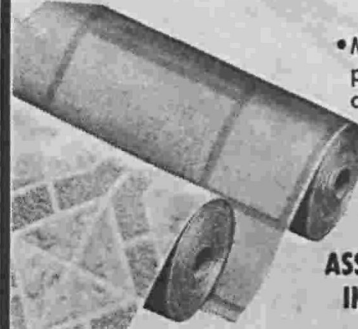


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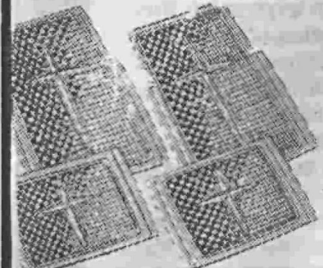


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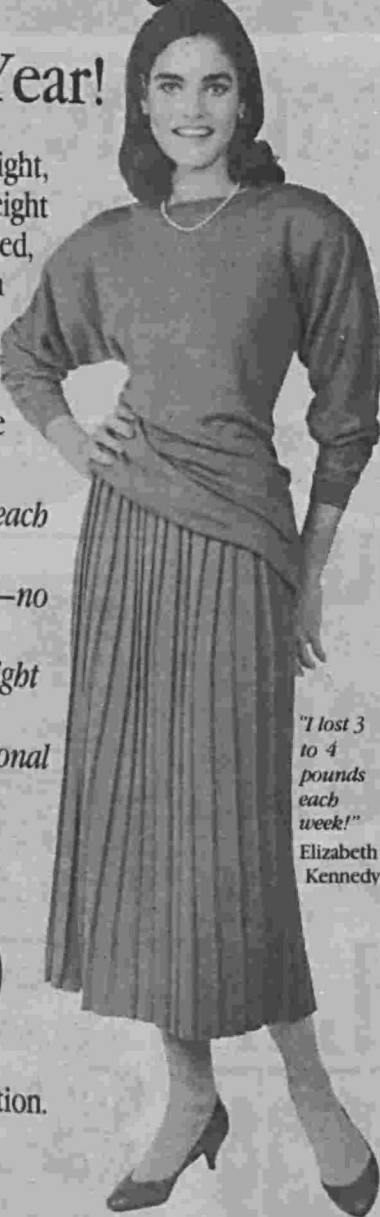
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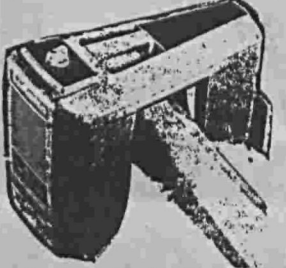
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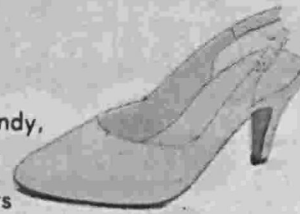


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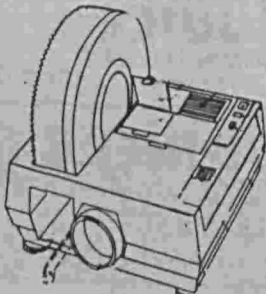


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# Living

## Spraying now prevents summer bugs and diseases

If you look real hard you may be able to see signs of life out in the garden this week — a few brave crocuses poking up or some pussy willow buds starting to swell. These signs are an encouraging reminder that winter doesn't last forever.

Take advantage of any mild winter weather to get outside and do some pruning and spraying. This is the time to dormant spray fruit trees and roses. You must wait for a windless day when the temperature is above freezing but the plants are still dormant.

Dormant sprays kill overwintering insect eggs and disease spores. If the bugs hit your garden hard last summer, or if disease has a choke hold on your fruit trees or berry bushes, then make a trip to the nearest garden center now and ask for advice on what type of dormant spray would be best for your problems.

Q. A few years ago I planted tulips in a large trench and they bloomed just fine. The problem began last spring when I noticed fewer flowers in the tulip bed. Most of the plants just had one or two leaves and no blooms. What is destroying all the blooms?

A.A., Vancouver

A. Blame the birds and the bees on your tulip troubles. Those tulip bulbs are just going about their duty of reproducing and all the little baby bulbs that they have formed are too young to bloom yet.

Of course, this means the original bulbs you planted are on maternity leave and have no extra energy for the frivolity of flowering. You can stop this bulblet baby boom and get more flowers if you dig and divide all the bulbs in the bed this June. Wait until the foliage that does show up has yellowed and then use a pitchfork to dig up all the bulbs.

Gently remove the young bulbs clinging to the side of the mother bulb and throw out any soft or hollow bulbs.

The very small bulblets you harvest need two or three years of growth before they'll reach blooming size. Either replant, spacing them all four inches apart from one another and wait for them to mature, or throw in the trowel and buy fresh tulip bulbs next spring. The bigger the bulb, the bigger the bloom.

Q. I enjoy growing plants from seed and am considering using a row covering to give more protection to my seedlings this spring. What have you and your readers experienced with these coverings?

J.T., Seattle

A. I am going to assume that by a row covering you mean one of the fabric-like materials that gardeners use to protect young plants. These are made from spun polyester or a plastic material and sold under the name "Remay" or "Agro-net" or "Plant Protector."

Row coverings can be used to protect new seedlings as well as tender transplants and bedding plants from a sudden frost. If you don't mind the looks of a blanketed garden, you can just leave the covering in place day and night.

Sun, rain and air circulate through but cold and insects won't penetrate. You can order these plant protecting fabrics from the back of seed catalogs or check them out at the local



Marianne Binetti

garden center.

One reader wrote me to recommend "Agro net" and I have had good luck with "Remay." It is rather heart warming to cover your young plants with a cozy blanket of protection after setting them out. They're only young once you know, and soon they'll be grown and on their own and have no need for your tender, loving care.

Q. We usually grow lovely carrots, but this fall the carrots we harvested were ugly and misshapen. Many had multiple roots and looked like some strange vegetable from another planet. We planted the variety Danvers half long, as we always do. Can you solve this carrot-growing puzzle?

H.A., Tacoma

A. The key to this puzzle is the weather. If you have had carrot success for years and you treated this year's crop the same as you always have, then either the seeds or the weather contributed to the carrot disaster. Assuming you used fresh seeds, we can deduct that the unusually hot dry summer is to blame for those crazy carrots so an early crop harvested before the heat of August grows true and straight.

Real Life Home Gardens:

We have a pair of hoya house plants that just refuse to die. These two have been with me for more than 15 years and have survived many moves and murder attempts. You have to

understand that these are not lush, blooming hoyas with glossy vigor. They are a sad-looking couple that I purposely ignore, hoping they'll wither so I can have an excuse to get rid of them.

They not only survive every winter but insist on sending forth new shoots and sometimes a fragrant flower or two. This miraculous recovery happens every time I harden my heart and get ready to plant them in the garbage can. I only water once every two months and never fertilize.

This winter I felt sure the heat of our wood-burning stove would do them in. I plotted the betrayal with all the secret evil of premeditated murder. I would

wait until the next trip we made to the city dump and simply pile the two plants, pots and all on top of the rubbish. I'd send them on a one-way trip up the river, and never have to look at their drooping leaves again.

Curses! Foiled again! My matched set of horrible hoya plants are beginning to bloom. The flowers are not only gorgeous on a hoya, but fragrant as well. My murder plans must wait. I have too much respect for any plant that survives neglect and then has the good humor to bloom in spite of it.

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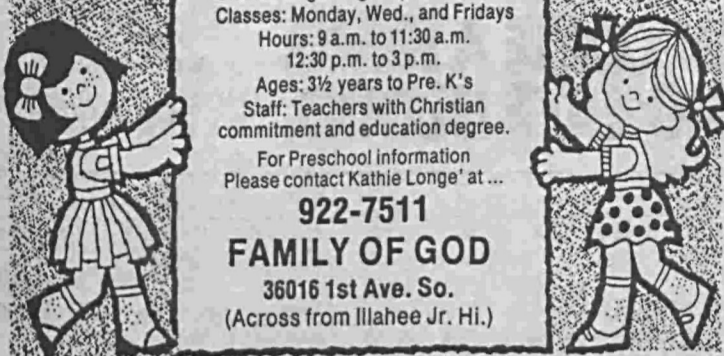
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the facilities and curriculum and to speak with teachers and board members. There will be children's activities.

The school is in Family of God Church, 36016 First Ave. S., near Illahee Junior High School. For more information, call the church at 874-5232, or Kathie Longe, at 922-7511.

**Baumgartner, Narlock wed**

Kim Narlock and Bob Baumgartner exchanged wedding vows Oct. 1 at Fauntleroy Community Church. Reverend Paul Pruitt performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Carol and Richard Narlock of Des Moines. She graduated from Evergreen High School in 1983 and South Seattle Community College in 1984. Patti Landry was her maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Brenda Oglesby and Jill Narlock.

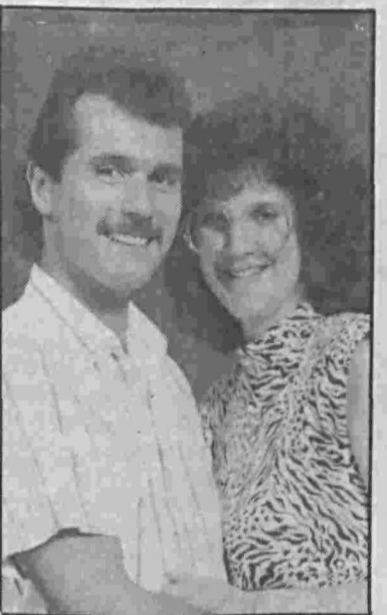
The groom is the son of Mary and Robert W. Baumgartner of Burien. He is a 1979 graduate of Highline High School and a 1983 graduate of South Seattle Community College. He works at Quality Auto Electric in Des Moines. Mark Baumgartner was his best man and Tim Szender and Lee Kibbe were the groomsmen.

The couple will make their first home in Des Moines after a honeymoon in Waikiki, Hawaii.

**Couples**



Kim and Bob Baumgartner



Gene Patterson and Brenda Raney

**Patterson-Raney will be married**

Carolyn and Richard Patterson of Kent have announced the engagement of their son, Gene Patterson, to Brenda Raney. The announcement was made Nov. 16.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Pat and Jim Raney of Prosser. She graduated from Prosser High School and earned a degree in food science from Washington State University. She works in the USDA Western Wheat Laboratory in Pullman.

Her fiancé is a Thomas Jefferson High School graduate and holds degrees from both Washington State University and the University of Maine. He is employed in Environmental Health Services at WSU.

The wedding will take place in May 1989 in Prosser.

**Hospital group examines death**

Marcelle Dunning, M.D., will discuss the legal aspects of death from a physician's view at the next meeting of the "50 Plus...Healthier Us" group at St. Francis Community Hospital. The meeting will begin with a 12:30 p.m. lunch, and the program beginning at 1:30 p.m. It will be held in the hospital cafeteria.

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**PRE-MENSTRUAL SYNDROME** — The class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Jan. 12, at St. Francis Community Hospital in the cafeteria. Dr. Barbara Levy will discuss the disorder. Call 952-7910 to register for the Health Forum. Space is limited.

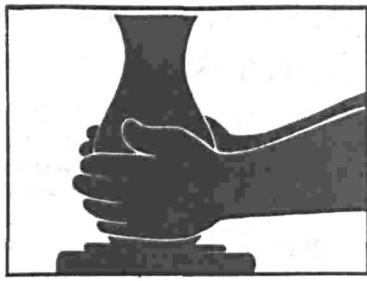
**LIBRARIES CLOSED** — In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, all King County libraries will be closed Jan. 16.

On Jan. 17, the Federal Way Library will begin a two-part program on homeschooling. Part one, which starts at 7 p.m., is a workshop examining the option, and discusses and advantages and legal aspects of teaching children at home. The second part will take place Jan. 31. Call 839-0257 for more information.

On Jan. 18, the library will present three preschool movies beginning at 1:30 p.m. Call to register.

**KING COUNTY CLASSES** — Fitness classes for youngsters begin next week at local elementary schools and at the Federal Way Community Center. For complete information, call 941-0655, or visit the center at 2645 S. 312th St.

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**AMERICAN HERITAGE** — Margaret Engleton, recent of the Washington State Chapter of the

Daughters of the American Revolution, will speak on "Expressing Pride in Our American Heritage" at the 10 a.m. Jan. 14 meeting of the local chapter of the organization. It will be held at the Auburn Public Library and all are invited. Call Donna Grothaus at 243-8057 for more information.

**UNIVERSITY WOMEN** — Nancy Robertson of the Federal Way School Board will discuss the district's thinking in curriculum development and censorship at the next meeting of the Federal Way branch of the American Association of University Women. It will begin at 8 p.m., Jan. 12, at the Federal Way School Administration Office, behind Azteca Restaurant on Pacific Highway South. Call Anna Swartz at 927-8767 for more information.

**Baha'is review faith's history**

Frank and Leslie Edwards/Hill of Auburn will show slides of the Baha'i Holy places on Mount Carmel in Haifa, Israel, at a Baha'i dinner and fireside program at 6:30 p.m., this evening.

They will also discuss the history of the Baha'i Faith, which began in Persia in 1844. Call 839-5822 for directions and information.

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**College plans ski excursion**

An evening ski trip to Ski Acres will be sponsored Friday, Jan. 20, by the Student Events Board of Highline Community College.

The trip is open to HCC staff, faculty, currently enrolled students and their guests. The trip will be from 3 p.m. to midnight.

Cost for transportation and lift tickets is \$8.50. Registration is required by Thursday, Jan. 19. To register, call 878-3710, ext. 537.

**Obituaries**

**Grady L. Hammon**

Grady L. Hammon, 67, died Dec. 30 in Puyallup. He had lived in the Federal Way area since 1950, moving here from Texas. He was born Jan. 19, 1921, in Oklahoma.

He worked as a salesman for Puget Sound Fence Company in Tacoma and belonged to Holy Trinity Church in Kent.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He is survived by three sons, Jim Hammon, Fife, Bill Hammon, Glendora, Calif., and Don Hammon, Kent; one daughter, Collette Fisher, Federal Way; and 12 grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 5 at Holy Trinity Church under the direction of Price-Helton Funeral Home, Auburn. Memorials are suggested to the church's memorial fund, 2009 S. 260th St., Kent, Wash.

**Alexandre C. Chouery**

Auburn resident Alexandre Chouery, 68, died Dec. 23. He was born Oct. 1, 1920, in Cairo, Egypt.

He was in the seminary of St. Anne in Jerusalem, Israel from 1933 to 1944 and attended St. George College in Patriarcel, Cairo, Egypt.

He worked as an accountant for Caltex and Shell Oil Company in Egypt. He moved to the United States in 1968 and attended the University of Washington, where he earned a teaching certificate. He was fluent in five languages: Greek, Latin, Arabic, French and English.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Chouery, Auburn; his sons, Raouf Chouery, Seattle and Farid Chouery, Seattle; his daughters, Rosette Reagan, Mill Creek, and Evelyne Melki, Seattle; his brother, Constantine Chouery, Montreal; his sister, Marie Daoud, Helopolis, Egypt; and seven grandchildren.



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## Federal Way skater takes aim at Olympics

By **CHUCK MINGORI**

Beth Buhl is a young girl with big ambitions.

The 13-year-old Federal Way resident dreams of making it big in ice skating, perhaps some day landing a spot in the Olympics or on the World Team as an ice dancer.

She and partner Tony Darnell, 18, of Bothell, danced their way to finish in a 10th-place Junior Dance competition at the 1989 Pacific Coast Championships last week in Edmonds at the Sno-King Ice Arena, the training site of 1984 Olympic Silver Medalist Rosalynn Summers.

Beth, a former student at Panther Lake Elementary whose family lives right next to Illahee Junior High, is no newcomer to competition. She once made it to nationals as a roller skater from Pattison's West in Federal Way.

While hard work and dedication may lead a roller skater to nationals, it is not yet approved as an Olympic event.

Ice skating, however, can be a glamorous sport for the most talented and hard-working in-

dividuals. And Beth seems to fall into this class.

"She does have an Olympic vision," said her mother, Wanda Buhl, who along with her husband, Chuck, donates a great deal of time and money into their daughter's dream. "She works very hard."

**BETH IS ENROLLED** in a home schooling program, the Christian Liberty Academy Satellite Program, which allows her to study at home for three to five hours per day and also to train four or five hours per day in ice dancing.

Her coach, Jonathon Thomas, is a former Canadian Olympic skater who along with his partner went to two national championships. The Vancouver, B.C., resident was 11 years old when he started skating and didn't reach the junior level until he was 17.

Because of Beth's early start, good looks and dedication, her chances of making it to the Olympics are good, her coach said.

"There's a lot of promise for

her," he said, "but if she stays committed now, she has a good shot at becoming an Olympic skater some day."

Although Beth and Tony didn't place as high as they had hoped to (they needed to place in the top four to earn a trip to the National Championship in Baltimore, Maryland, Feb. 7-12), this is just their first year at the Junior Dance level, while most of the other 13 couples were in their second and third year and in the 18 to 20 year old range.

**LAST YEAR**, Beth and Tony competed in Novice Dance. They've only been together for 1½ years. The two became a team after meeting at the Sno-King Ice Arena, where they were attending a seminar. They both had done singles figure skating before and they both also had known each other through rolling skating at Pattison's West when they had qualified to nationals.

Beth, who had qualified to the

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photo by Paul T. Erickson

**BETH BUHL**, 13, of Federal Way and partner Tony Darnell from Bothell perform a Charleston ice dancing routine while competing at the 1989 Pacific Coast Championships Thursday at the Sno-King Arena in Lynnwood.

## Eagle girls dunk Raiders

By **GERARDO BOLONG**

Intensity and control. These two ingredients measured in to give the Federal Way girls' basketball team a surprisingly easy 44-28 shellacking over crosstown rival Thomas Jefferson Saturday night.

"We played with a lot more intensity than in practice," a satisfied Eagle coach Chuck Czubin said. "The girls played under control."

"We were able to get good post play from all four players we used at center and our guard tandem played well."

On the other hand, the Jefferson Raiders were listless and threw up wild shots from all angles.

"The intensity wasn't there," a surprised Raider coach Sam Mitchell stated. "Our team can play two or three times better than this."

"As underdogs we still needed to make Federal Way prove they were better on the court. We didn't do anything to force them to deal with our best. Against a fine team like Chuck's (Czubin) we had to play much better."

Federal Way's win kept them tied atop the South Puget Sound League's North Division at 4-1 as they prepared to host Curtis Monday (after press time).

Jefferson's league record fell to 1-4. The Raiders were at home to host Lakes Monday.

**FEDERAL WAY'S** defense stifled Jefferson's inside game in the first quarter as the Eagles came up with numerous steals. The Raiders pressed Federal

Way, but the Eagles' continually extending full-court defense took charge.

The Eagles jumped on top, 6-0, following baskets by Shannon Sehlin, Kelly Czubin and Cyndi Shahan. Jefferson's first points did not come until 2:25 remained in the quarter. Senior guard Karen Mingus scored her only two points of the game on an outside shot to make the score 6-2.

Jenny Mahlstedt's driving lay-in capped a 5-1 Federal Way run to give the Eagles an 11-3 margin after one quarter. Jefferson was 1 for 12 from the field in the quarter, while Federal Way was 5 for 9.

Federal Way's stingy zone defense allowed only four points by Jefferson in the second quarter, while the regularly substituting Eagles continued to steal the ball and score on high percentage shots. Brooke Edwards' left-handed hook from inside sent the Eagles to intermission with a 23-7 lead.

**THE EAGLES** continued to extend the lead in the third quarter while trying different lineup combinations. Junior forward Sehlin opened the third quarter scoring for Federal Way with a bucket from the baseline. Shannon Skorupa answered for Jefferson on an outside shot.

Mahlstedt swished a shot from the left corner to send Federal Way off to the races again. At the :28 mark, Brooke Edwards banked a right-handed hook shot in to give the Eagles their biggest lead of the game at 36-13 before Jefferson's Skorupa

scored a three-point goal from downtown to end the quarter at 36-16.

Both benches saw a large amount of action in the fourth quarter. Skorupa and Darcy Neil helped TJ close the final deficit to 44-28.

Mahlstedt scored 10 points with four assists and three steals for Federal Way. Her backcourt partner, Janelle Oakeley, added nine points. Edwards, a 5-11 junior, came off the bench to score 10 points, while Evans hauled in six rebounds in a relief role.

Skorupa paced Jefferson with 10 points on some nifty outside shooting in the second half.

For the game, Federal Way was 20 of 44 from the field for 45 percent. Meanwhile, Jefferson made 10 of 43 for 23 percent.

In a spirited JV game, Jefferson eked out a 27-26 victory.

Tonight, Federal Way travels to Lakes for more SPSL action but doesn't play again until next Thursday when it travels to Spanaway Lake. Jefferson's next game is next Tuesday at home against Spanaway Lake.

**FEDERAL WAY (44)**  
Saheli 0-0-0, Mahlstedt 5-0-0, Shahan 2-0-4, Sehlin 3-1-2, Czubin 1-0-2, Oakeley 3-3-7, Edwards 5-0-0, Evans 1-0-1, McGraw 0-0-0, Chany 0-0-0, Woodworth 0-0-0. Totals: 20-41-44.

**JEFFERSON (28)**  
Oswald 1-1-3, Skorupa 4-1-1, J. Hering 1-0-2, Beesley 1-2-4, Mingus 1-0-2, Neil 1-0-2, Kikuchi 0-0-2, Weiss 1-0-2, McDermott 0-3-3, R. Hering 0-0-0. Totals: 10-7-28.

**Federal Way** 11 12 13 9-44  
**Jefferson** 3 4 9 12-28  
Three-point shot-Jefferson, Skorupa, 1, FG-Federal Way 20-44 (45 percent), Jefferson 10-43 (23 percent).

## Highline women open with a pair of wins

The Highline Community College women's basketball team opened league play with a pair of victories last week to run its season record to 10-7.

Angie Pellecchia (Kennedy) scored 29 points Saturday night at Edmonds to lead the Lady Thunderbirds to an 89-65 Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) win.

Mary Force (Mount Si) was the catalyst in Highline's 76-67 victory at Everett last Wednesday, as she hit 7 of 8 three-pointers for 21 points. Pellecchia added 17 points in that T-Bird victory. Nancy Geisler (Decatur) scored 13, Marylynn Walbaum (Evergreen) 10 and Kelly Anderson (Fife) nine.

Highline not only outscored Everett on Wednesday, the Lady

T-Birds also outrebounded the Trojans, 58-33, as Missy Reimer (Auburn) grabbed 14, Pellecchia 13 and Anderson 10.

Highline concluded non-league play by winning the She Devil Tourney at Lower Columbia Dec. 30.

The Highline women, defending champions of the NWAACC Northern Division, have a bye tonight but host Shoreline at 6 p.m. Saturday.

## Around Town

### Sonics

Seattle will host the Dallas Mavericks for a 7 p.m. game in the Seattle Center Coliseum tomorrow, before going to California for two games.

The Sonics are at Sacramento for 7:30 p.m. action, before visiting Golden State at the same time Monday. Both games can be seen live on KIRO-TV Channel 7.

Seattle then comes home Tuesday to play the Los Angeles Clippers at 7 p.m.

All Sonics games are carried on KJR-Radio 950.

### Stars

The Tacoma Stars will be playing back-to-back games with the Baltimore Blast this weekend.

Baltimore visits the Stars at the Tacoma Dome at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and stays in town for a rematch at the same time and place Saturday.

Tacoma games can be heard on KTAC-Radio 850.

### Pac-10 hoop

Washington's men will host Stanford for a 7:30 p.m. game tomorrow, and the Huskies get a visit from California at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Washington State entertains California at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, with Stanford coming to Pullman at 3 p.m. Saturday. Both games can be seen live on Northwest Cable Sports.

### Community colleges

The Green River Community College women's basketball team will get a visit from Grays Harbor for a 6 p.m. game today, followed by a men's game between the same two schools at 8 p.m. That will be the Gators' only action for this week.

Highline will wait until Saturday for its only games of the week. Both Thunderbird teams are playing host to Shoreline, with the women's game at 6 p.m. and the men's action at 8 p.m.

## SportsWatch

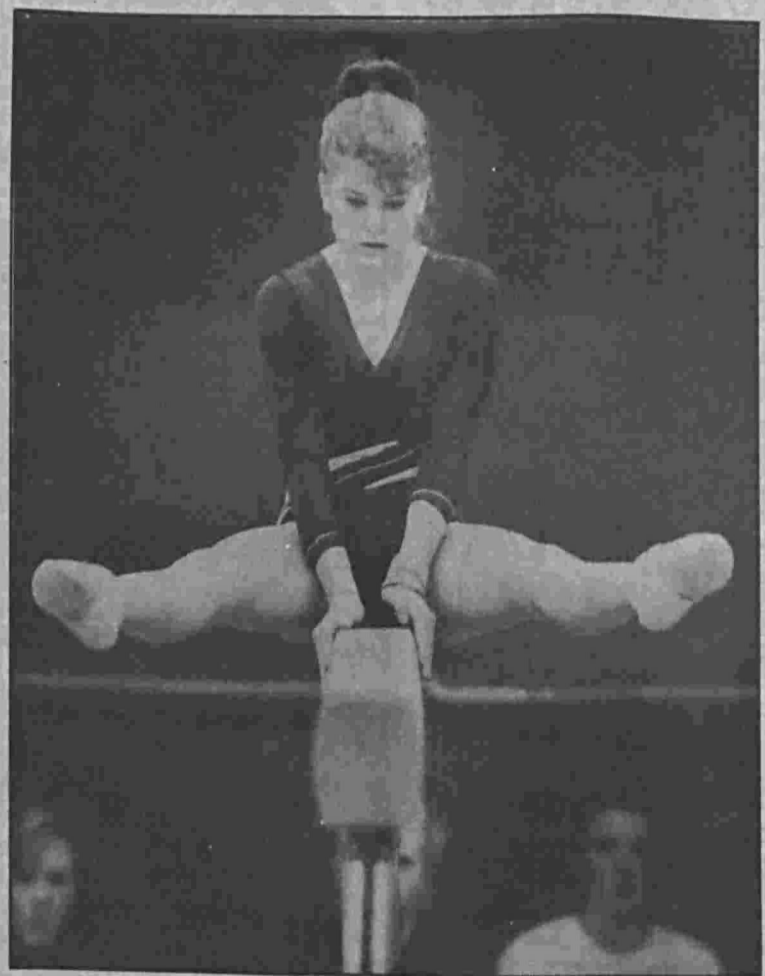


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**CYNTHIA WATSON** of the Decatur girls' gymnastics team will take part in a meet at Decatur tomorrow night at 7, as the Gators host Rogers, Thomas Jefferson and Olympia.

## Home Teams

### Boys' hoop

Federal Way will be the only local team in action Friday, as the Eagles entertain Lakes at 7:30 p.m.

Decatur's home game against Curtis will be played on Saturday at the same starting time, while Thomas Jefferson has a bye.

Tuesday Federal Way has a bye, with TJ at Spanaway Lake and Decatur going to Lakes.

### Girls' hoop

Decatur will be playing on the road at Curtis with a 7:30 p.m. start today, while Federal Way goes to Lakes.

Tuesday the Gators come home to face Lakes, and Spanaway Lake visits Thomas Jefferson.

### Gymnastics

Federal Way goes into action today, visiting Capital at 7 p.m. along with Puyallup and North Kitsap.

Decatur will be at home at the same time tomorrow, taking on crosstown rival Thomas Jefferson as well as Olympia and Rogers.

### Other action

Decatur gets a visit from Clover Park at 3:30 p.m. today in boys' swimming at the Federal Way Pool.

Federal Way is home against Sumner tomorrow, as Thomas Jefferson travels to Lakes.

Tomorrow in wrestling at 7:30 p.m., Federal Way hosts Puyallup and Decatur goes to Lakes, while TJ has a bye.

Friday the Gators entertain Spanaway Lake and TJ goes on the road to Rogers. Federal Way already took on Sumner in a match that was originally scheduled for Saturday.



# Highline men down two opponents

The Highline men's basketball team opened league play with a pair of wins last week.

The Thunderbirds outlasted Everett by an 83-76 score Wednesday, then blew away Edmonds Saturday, 95-64.

Both of those games were on the road, but Highline will come home to play Shoreline at 8 p.m. Saturday. The Thunderbirds boast a 13-3 overall record.

"We're playing aggressively, and our defense and rebounding are the keys to what's going on here," said Highline head coach Fred Harrison.

Federal Way graduate Jerry Bush scored a game-high 26 points and hauled down 15 rebounds to lead the way in Wednesday's victory at Everett, and Tom Turcotte contributed 19 points.

Bethel's Trent Menees scored

16 points and had 11 rebounds and Kentridge's Jeff Colston hit nine points. Paul Clark, a Kennedy graduate, had eight points and 10 rebounds, and Bethel's Mark Schelbert had three points while dishing out 10 assists. Eric Weber scored two.

**TURCOTTE** led the Thunderbirds with 17 points against Edmonds Saturday, and Bush and

Menees scored 15 each. Bush led in rebounds with nine.

Colston scored 13 points and had seven rebounds, and Stadium graduate Eric Christiansen hit 12 points with seven rebounds.

Rainier Beach's Gerald Suggs tossed in eight points, followed by Schelbert with seven points and eight assists.

Clark scored seven and Weber scored two along with Chief Sealth's Rob Graviett.

# Raider swimmers post non-league victory

The Thomas Jefferson boys' swimming team splashed to a 112-57 non-league victory over Mount Tahoma Thursday.

The Raiders started off by taking the top two places in the 200 medley relay.

Jody Wallingford, Bryan Dryer, Guillermo Garcia and Jim Aubrey won that event with a 2:01.45 time, and Erik Rominger, Mike McCullough, Marcus Hayett and Dimitri Platanias were second at 2:09.90.

Rick Osborn placed second in the 200 freestyle at 2:13.61, and Erik Johnsen was fourth (2:32.65) with Cameron Goodwin fifth (2:42.74).

Gary Hughes won the 200 individual medley in 2:23.38 ahead of teammate Ryan Farmer (2:36.34) and John Hildebrandt was fifth (2:53.95).

Aubrey took the 50 freestyle at 26.79 and Rominger was second in 26.99. McCullough placed fourth (28.85).

Geoff Nelson finished second in the diving competition with 122.0 points, with Bryan Clark (112.95) and Scott Harmon (73.85) following in order.

Winning the 100 butterfly in 1:05.47 was Hughes and Hayett was second in that event at 1:12.63. Dryer was fourth (1:19.16).

Garcia placed second in the 100 freestyle at 1:02.94 and Platanias was fourth (1:03.75) with Johnsen fifth (1:06.04).

Farmer finished second in the 500 freestyle at 6:23.42 followed by Osborn (6:28.86) and Jan

Rischmuller (7:17.5).

**WALLINFORD** won the 100 backstroke with a 1:10.66 effort and Aubrey was second (1:19.77). Hildebrandt came in fifth (1:32.39).

Winning the 100 breaststroke in 1:17.19 was Garcia, and McCullough was second in 1:17.92.

Hughes, Hayett, Dryer and Wallingford were first in the 400 freestyle relay at 3:58.77 and

Rominger, Platanias, Johnsen and Osborn second (4:13.94).

The Raiders' next action is tomorrow, when they visit Lakes for a 7:30 p.m. meet.

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# Former local star shines for Hawaii scout team

By **CHUCK MINGORI**

Travis Sims redshirted his first season of football at the University of Hawaii, but that hasn't stopped the 1988 Federal Way High School grad from enjoying his first year of college.

After earning All-South Puget Sound League first-team honors as a running back for two years in a row at Federal Way and then playing in the East-West all-state game, Sims packed his gear and headed for the tropical paradise.

He spent the first season on Hawaii's scout team as a red-shirt, but was impressive enough to earn player of the week honors out of some 40 to 50 scout players on one occasion and also was honored as player of the scrimmage another time.

Sims has taken a liking to the warm surroundings in Hawaii. "It's great," he said while home for the holidays. "The program there has really picked up the last couple of years. The people are great, the support from



Travis Sims

the fans. There's no pro teams. The stadium is great. We packed it."

**SIMS, WHO** stands 5-10 and now weighs 210, started out at third string behind two seniors, but moved down to fifth string when the decision was made for him to redshirt, which leaves him with four more years of eligibility.

Next season could be a big year for Sims, who holds four SPSL records, including most touchdowns in one game (five), most points scored in one game (30), most rushing yards in one

game (333) and most rushing yards in a season (1,233).

"They say I'll be playing a lot if I just have a good spring and keep working hard," said Sims. "So it looks really good."

When he returns to Hawaii Jan. 15 for the second semester, Sims will be tested in the 1½-mile run, the 40-yard dash, his flexibility, his vertical jump and his bench and leg press strength to see how his conditioning is holding up in the offseason.

Playing football at the NCAA Division I level is pretty much a year-round proposition for Sims, but he said, "I really don't mind. It keeps me busy."

**SCHOOLWORK HAS** kept him busy, too, but it's gone well so far.

"We have tutors for everything so it makes it fairly easy," he said, noting there is one tutor for every four football players, with study sessions held four nights per week.

Incoming freshmen and all of those football players who can't keep a 3.0 grade-point-average are required to have a tutor, he said. Once an athlete has shown he can get a 3.0 GPA, he can work on his own.

Sims said he has not seen his report card from the first semester, but said he will have at least a 3.2 while taking biomed, sociology, astronomy, political science and geography classes.

When he's not playing football

or studying, Sims more than likely can be found surfing, body surfing, playing volleyball or riding his Honda Elite 80 scooter around the island. He's also considering taking some scuba diving classes.

Sims' roommate this year is Jason Elam, the only true freshman on the team to see playing time. Elam led the nation in kicking for part of the season and wound up among the top 10 kickers in the country, Sims said.

**SIMS IS LOOKING** forward to spring ball, which begins in March.

"They say that's when you really make your impact," he said, "so that's when I'm really going to have to buckle down."

Meanwhile, he's enjoying his time home after being away for four months.

"I think I've put a 1,000 miles on my car already in two weeks," he said.

Sims said Hawaii's offense is similar to the one he played when he was at Federal Way, except there's only one back. "It's a real good offense," he said. "We were the only 9-3 team that didn't go to a bowl game."

Hawaii opened the year with a victory over Iowa and closed it with a 41-17 rout of Oregon. In between, Hawaii's only losses were to BYU, UTEP and Wyoming, all three of which landed bowl berths. Hawaii tied BYU for third place in the Western

Athletic Conference at 5-3 behind first-place Wyoming and runnerup UTEP.

**HAWAII COULD BE** just as good next year with 16 of 22 returning starters along with the kicker and punter.

"It gives us a better chance for a bowl bid next year," said Sims of his team's successful 1988 season.

"I can't wait until next year," he added. "Though sitting on the bench was no fun."

Sims, who was highly recruited as a high school football player by such schools as Oregon, Boise State, Idaho, Montana State and Washington State, said he decided on Hawaii because of the chance to see more playing time early in his college career.

"I wanted to play early on at a Division I level," he said, while also adding that the warm climate had a little to do with it,

too.

Coaches at Hawaii have been impressed with Sims' speed in the 40 yard dash, as he was timed on three different occasions at 4.31, 4.37 and 4.42.

"Nobody believed it," he said. "Nobody ever does."

Sims' speed also could have a say in whether his career in football lasts beyond the college level and lands him a spot in the professional ranks someday.

"The coaches encourage me," he said. "They say just keep the legs healthy."

**HEADING INTO** spring ball, Sims said it will probably be between him and another running back to see who earns a starting position.

"It's just whoever has the best spring will probably be starting," he said. "At least I'll have second string. They said I'll be playing. But it could all change. It's up to me really."

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