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Dahlia garden forms floral kaleidoscope

By MELODIE STEIGER

Hanging off the east edge of Federal Way near a screaming corner a stone's throw from Peasley Canyon, Norman Hubner's dahlia farm blooms in joyful disarray.

Dahlias with leonine heads of purple and red and blushing pink jockey for sunlight on the swath of soil Hubner has prepared for them. Dahlias lean over Hubner's fence, nodding to traffic that rips around the corner onto 51st Avenue South. Dahlias flock close to the driveway that curls up and around the home Hubner shares with his wife, Fran.

Hubner may not have the biggest garden in Federal Way. He may not even have the best, as his flowers begin to fade in mid-autumn. But he has created one of the brightest surprises in Federal Way, an unexpected kaleidoscope of suburban color.

Hubner had not planned such a lush garden when he planted his first dahlia bulbs four years ago. He planted them in anticipation of his eventual retirement from Hubner Brothers Construction, hoping to find a hobby that will take up the weekdays he now dedicates to his 30-year-old Federal Way business.

The bulbs thrived in Hubner's soil, and Hubner has taken a shine to the thousands of flowers he guesses they've produced. Dahlias are the best flower, he says, because they take every opportunity to live. They sprout in early spring, show off their flowers through spring and summer and succumb only to the frost of mid-autumn.

The garden has gotten bigger every year. Hubner says that's because he hates to throw anything away.

"Whatever it is, I put it in the ground. It deserves to live, too," he said.

Hubner peddles his petals at \$3 per handful, with a few extra thrown in, "just to make people happy," he said. Selling his dahlias gives him a chance to share his garden, to talk about the deep purple variety that grows into soft balls of blossoms and the spiky red ones that customers like so well.

He doesn't have a shop to speak of. He just stalks out among the flowers, plucking whatever strikes your fancy, or his. If you like, you also could buy some salmon he sells for his Native American friends. If you ask, you could see the cabbage that has grown to a good 3-foot girth in his vegetable garden.

Hubner's not sure why the cabbage has grown so large, nor has he decided what to do with it. But then, Hubner's not sure why anything grows on his 14 acres at the corner of South 322nd Street and 51st Avenue South.

"People ask, but I have no advice to give," he said. "I put them in the ground and they grow, and I don't really know why it works."



photo by Rhonda Davis

DAHLIAS OF ALL shapes and sizes offer an eye-ful of color for Norman Hubner and his granddaughter, Sarah. Although Hubner's not sure what makes his garden grow, he lavishes love on the dahlias during his time off from his Federal Way construction firm. Flowers will be his main interest when he retires, he says.

New city loan is approved by county

By LYNN FRANCISCO

King County opened its purse to the new cities of Federal Way and SeaTac on Monday.

By a vote of 7 to 0, the King County Council approved a loan package that lets the new cities borrow up to \$600,000 to pay for the costs of starting a new government.

"I expect the city council will take advantage of this offer," said Federal Way City Councilman Jim Handmacher. "It's as good an offer as we could get anywhere."

Handmacher predicted that his city council would approve the loan agreement at last night's meeting, which took place after this newspaper's deadline.

Jeanne Masters, a member of the new SeaTac City Council, said she also expects her council to accept the loan offer.

UNDER THE measure, which was proposed by King County Councilman Paul Barden, the county will set up a line of credit for the new cities. The money would be available for such expenses as salaries, office equipment, stationery and telephones.

Barden said the cities could begin drawing on the account immediately, once they sign a formal agreement and authorize one individual to spend the money.

The new cities will pay approximately 9 percent for the loans, according to Barden. He added that the line of credit would be available until the new cities officially incorporate, which is expected to occur early next year. The agreement also gives the new governments two years to pay the loans back.

"I'm glad we've gotten started," said Barden. Now the cities can begin to acquire the things they need to do their job — a telephone and someone to answer it, and a lot of message pads."

No end in sight in mobile home park battle

By LYNN FRANCISCO

Residents of a Star Lake neighborhood came to the King County Council on Monday hoping for a resolution of their 10-year-long battle against the Cashmere Manor mobile home park. But they went away frustrated, once again.

The eight councilmembers

present split down the middle, voting 4 to 4 on a motion to approve a rezoning needed by the project.

Since the motion needed a majority vote to pass, and no councilmembers indicated they would change their minds, council chairman Ron Sims ordered another special meeting on the

issue for Oct. 23.

In the meantime, both sides will work to gain the votes needed to deny or approve the rezoning.

THE DISPUTE centers on the siting of a 132-unit mobile home park in what is now a single-family residential area.

Neighbors say the project will

decrease property values, increase traffic and bring in a transient population.

The developers, Robert Verzani and James Rigby, argue that the project would provide desperately needed mobile home spaces for lower-income housing.

Before Monday's council vote,

Jim Handmacher, attorney for the neighbors opposed to the project, argued that the neighborhood had "already done its share for affordable housing."

"There are four other mobile home sites within one mile of this site," said Handmacher, who also sits on the new Federal

Way City Council.

"It is not appropriate to put all mobile homes in one place. The burden should be shared by all of the county," he said.

BUT COUNCILMAN Paul Barden called the neighbors' arguments "a classic case of

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Victim's assistance fund needs help

By LAURA LUPPINO-WARREN

Nearly three years ago, doctors at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle didn't expect comatose Dawn Osborn, then 15 years old, to live.

The Federal Way resident was injured in a drunk-driving accident. Besides a broken neck, leg, ankle and several pelvic bones, Osborn also experienced a head injury creating extensive brain damage and a stroke that left the right side of her body paralyzed and her memory stripped away.

After five months in Harborview and a year of rehabilitation, wheelchair-bound Osborn returned to special education classes at Federal Way High School for several months. Osborn now goes to Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup three times a week for speech

classes and occupational therapy. Some benefit while others become bogged in bureaucracy

classes and occupational therapy.

Amidst all her tribulations, though, Osborn has benefited from a stroke of good fortune. She and her family have received financial assistance from the state's Crime Victim Compensation Program. Osborn is now regaining her memory, walking with the aid of a leg brace and learning to speak.

William Osborn, Dawn's father and a retired truck driver and boilermaker, says because he was retired money was tight and he and his wife worried about medical costs. But with the help of the program, all medical bills were covered.

"They were fantastic and did

everything they could. They saved the whole lot of us," he says.

OTHER VICTIMS of crimes haven't been as lucky as the Osborn family in receiving money for medical bills from the program.

Administrators and members of social agencies who work closely with crime victims say the program is riddled with problems, mismanaged and needs to be improved.

"If you are going to be a victim of a violent crime, do it in the first year, because they will run out of funds in the second year," says Patricia Tobias, president of Families and Friends, a non-profit group in Seattle that helps victims of

crime. The program is funded by the state biannually.

Tobias, a gunshot victim in her Seattle home in 1985, says this is an on-going joke about the state's poorly managed program.

Since 1985, she says, the program has never had enough money.

In addition to the \$18.8 million the 1989 Legislature appropriated for the next two years, the U.S. Department of Justice just awarded the program a \$1.5 million grant. The state decides the budget for the program based on the prior years' expenses, says Dick Kunkle, spokesman for the Department of Labor and Industries.

But \$20 million may not solve the problems plaguing the pro-

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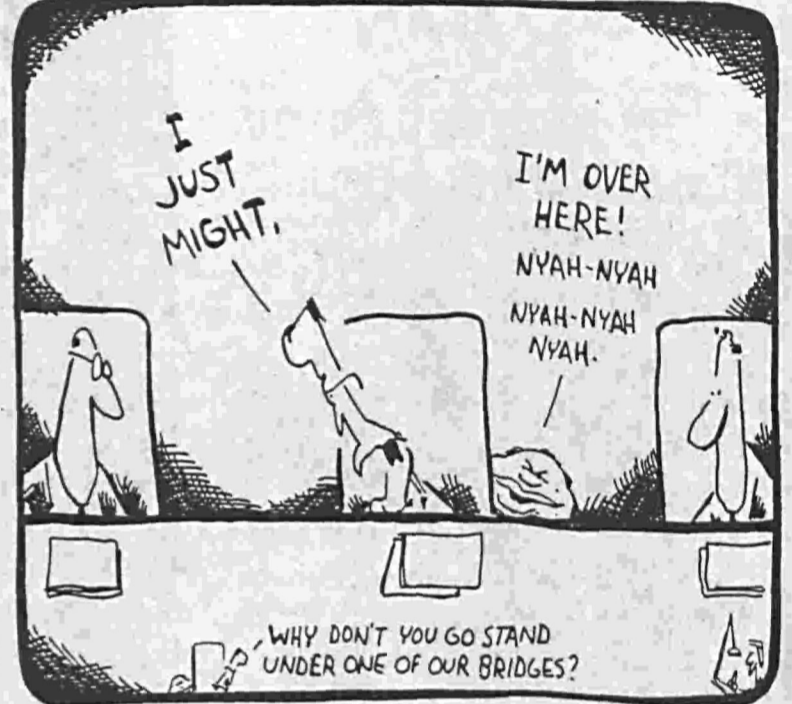
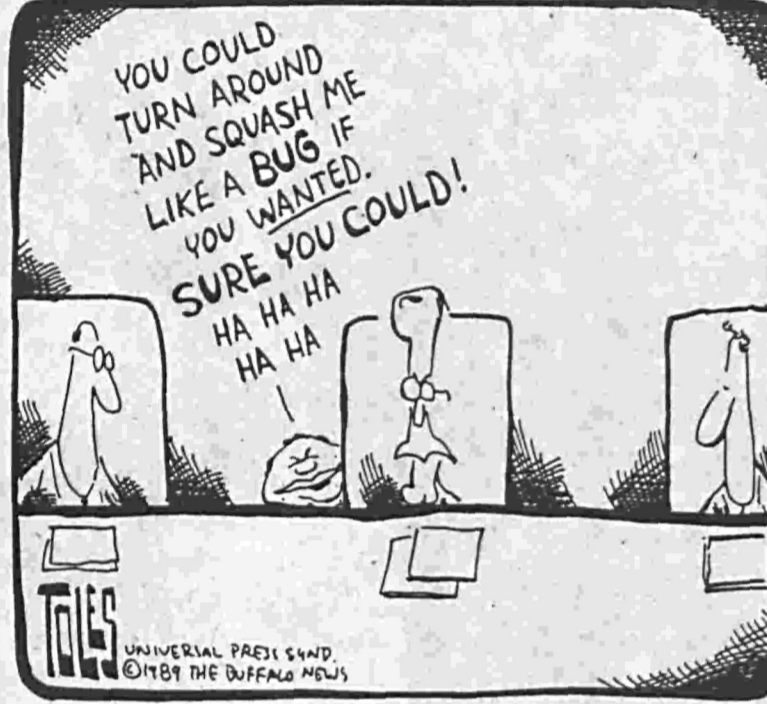
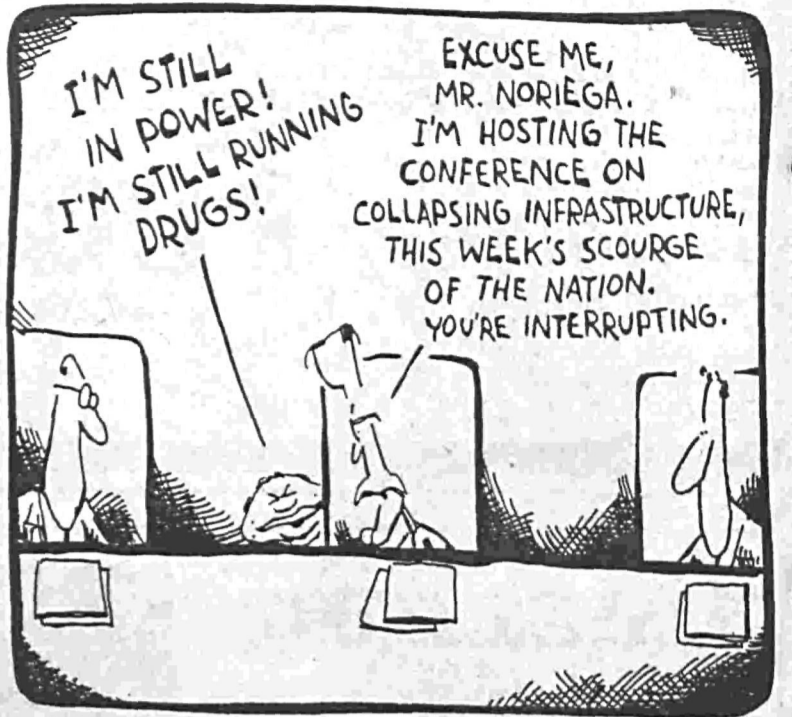
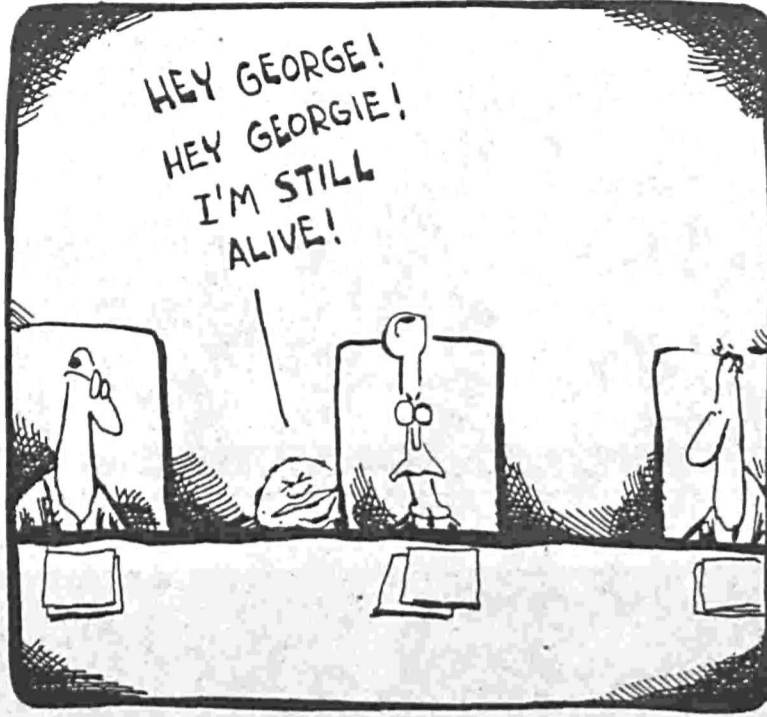
St. Francis Community Hospital continues to chip away at the stone wall that has been in its path where King County Medical-Blue Shield is concerned. There's reason to cheer the latest advance, the announcement that St. Francis has been approved as a preferred provider for Boeing employees.

Until this door opened, Boeing (which covers some 200,000 employees statewide) could not get full coverage for services at St. Francis. Only "preferred providers" got that. With King County Medical serving some 600,000 across the state, the approval for Boeing employees is a welcome boost for the local hospital.

It is also reassuring to others who have already used the hospital for treatment and couldn't figure out what kept King County Medical from giving St. Francis the go-ahead. While outpatient services have been covered by King County Medical for more than a year, the Boeing contract is the first major break where full coverage is concerned.

Meanwhile, the hospital has not let such obstacles deter it from becoming more involved in the community. For the second year, a golf tournament/fund-raiser was held in September, and many health education seminars are offered throughout the year to area residents.

As the hospital builds a history of use, it will become the kind of community fixture any hospital aspires to be. With 896 babies born there in the last year alone, it shouldn't take long.



Seattle shelves its annexation study

I think the folks at City Hall figured we'd forget, or hoped we would anyway.

But, geez, how could anyone forget the quaint way the school districts north and south of Seattle bared their fangs last year and snarled, "Back off!" at City Councilwoman Jeanette Williams and the rest of the council?



Dan Portman

And who doesn't remember those heady days of incorporation/annexation fever when true visionaries believed we could create a brave new county in which every square inch of land falls within some city limit?

It was about this time a year ago. Seattle was going through its annual budget process and things were getting dull. Meanwhile, the people of Tukwila, Federal Way, Sea-Tac and Woodinville were eagerly waging battles to create or enlarge their cities.

Like a schoolgirl forced to listen to some long lecture on economics while other girls are skipping rope outside the classroom window, Jeanette must have had a hard time concentrating on the budget. Drumming her fingers on her desk, she decided she wanted to play too.

Suddenly, before you could say imperialism, Williams raised her hand and asked the City Council, "Could we please study annexation now?"

Oh, the fireworks that one caused. "Send our kids to Seattle schools?" screamed the parents of Shoreline schoolchildren. "Not on your life."

And Highline School District officials chimed in with a forceful "Right!", even though inside they probably were a little hurt, knowing that in fact Seattle didn't want White Center and Burien, it was just interested in the tax base north of the city.

As Jim Durigan, a budget analyst for Seattle's Office of Management and Budget, put it, "There was a furor that just wouldn't quit."

But Williams held firm and sure enough, the City Council appropriated a whopping \$25,000 to study annexation in its \$1 billion 1989 budget.

So, after all that uproar, whatever happened to Seattle's controversial plan to spend a few cents studying annexation?

According to Durigan, Seattle's point man on the project, the money kind of got distracted.

"When \$25,000 was put in for the 1989 budget," he told me recently, "we had no idea what King County was doing."

What King County was doing was watching Sea-Tac and Federal Way becoming cities and Tukwila swallowing a couple bites of

previously unincorporated county areas.

What King County was doing was thinking about lost tax revenues from the newly incorporated areas and saying, "Uh oh."

What King County was doing, eventually, was preparing its own study on incorporation and annexation.

By May of this year, the county released its study on annexations. Officials from Seattle and the Suburban Cities Association of King County reacted almost as violently as those Shoreline parents had lashed out at Seattle's talk of annexation.

A June 7 letter from Seattle budget director Kenneth Bounds to King County Council chair Ron Sims critiques the county's study in words stronger than I thought government officials were capable of.

"Our review takes exception..." says the letter. "...is very one-sided..." it continues. "We feel strongly..." it goes on, building up steam. "We are surprised at the very narrow definitions.... The City of Seattle takes strong exception..." On and on. Great stuff.

The upshot of all this? "We decided to put our own study on hold," said Durigan. Seattle and the suburban cities have asked King County to join them in a three-way study of annexations and incorporations.

And the \$25,000? "We may end up this year sucking it up out of the departments (of the city)," he notes. That means the time Durigan and any other city employees spend working on the new three-party study will be charged against the money Williams worked into the budget.

And that's what happened to the proposal that had all those people frothing at the mouth last year. I figured you might like to know.

Dan Portman is the managing editor of the West Seattle Herald and White Center News, which are sister papers of the Federal Way News.

Wanted: a crew to sail with Columbus

Nobody knows who discovered Federal Way, though we are pretty sure it was either Dick Balch or a grizzled trapper from the Hudson's Bay Company.



Mike Robinson

We know it was not Peter von Reichbauer, who came here only around 1980. Others dropped in briefly — Capt. Vancouver at Browns Point in 1792, and Dr. Tolmie of Ft. Nisqually in 1833 or so. But aside from Indians, mainly the Puyallup and the Klickitat, overland exploration was tentative.

During the week we celebrate Columbus Day, it is fitting to note that most of those who explored the area have been developers looking for cheap land or car dealers hoping find natives willing to turn their wampum into station wagons. Rumor has it that Balch, a self-described madman, would swap a car for a pepperoni pizza. But Balch was never really crazy, just zany. There is a certified madman in our past, one Edward Moore, who was described by Seattle's Doc Maynard as "a stranger, and insane besides."

According to local

historian and writer Murray Morgan, Moore may have been the first settler to seek title to land in this region, a piece of view property somewhere between Des Moines and Poverty Bay. It would be only 130 years before he was followed by the first MacDonald's — though Manca's In 'n Out got here first, and served a better burger.

These humble facts may be underestimated by those who associate exploration with creaky ships or river cross-

ings.

For most of us, though, the history of Seattle and Tacoma has no more significance than the history of Spokane or Bellingham or Astoria. It is interesting the way old tools are interesting, as artifacts.

To see our own time as someone's eventual history is a trick of the mind. The recent cityhood campaign showed how true that is. While a few candidates and their camp followers saw beyond the moment, voters were concerned mostly about traffic and too many neighbors. It is easy to be facetious about Federal Way, or about any of the crossroads communities nearby and sprouting east of us.

But someday we will be an elder among the cities of this rapidly growing state. We will have a genuine history. It will involve more than the first businesses, the first parks, the first buildings. Though we are young yet, citywise, someone will someday write a guidebook to Federal Way, the kind written for Chicago or New York or San Francisco.

What goes in it is up to us. We have the perspective of history and the errors of others to help us avoid the passive attitude that could turn us into another Nothingville.

We will also need something of the spirit that moved Columbus and Vancouver, a curiosity mixed with daring. Those who discovered the New World came partly in the same speculative spirit that drives developers today. They did not know how the journey might end, and could not know how their deeds would shape our lives, centuries later. They faced uncertainty without a map.

When you decide where you fit in this motley crew, you may have some ideas about what to do next. Sign up at city hall. We sail in the morning.

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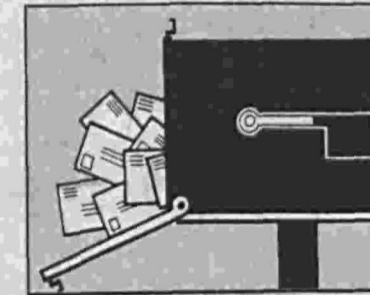
If name were Goatville, change might fly

Editor: Not in the Federal Way News, but buried way back in the F section of the Seattle Times on Oct. 3 was an article headed, "100 seek new name for Federal Way."

Just what is wrong with the name Federal Way? If we had a name like "Pumkin Center," "Whisky Flat" or "Goatville" there would be some sense to this move, but why meddle with a good thing? The people I talk to like the name.

There is real quality and distinction to the name Federal Way. Unlike many other cities, the name is unique and has no counterpart anywhere. It was well-chosen since a federal highway passes through the community, giving the name real meaning.

It is obvious that the seekers of a new name have given little or no thought to the upheaval and cost of a name change, nor of the lack of any constructive purpose. Few, if any, would be hit with the cost or inconvenience or they never would have signed this misbegotten petition.



Letters

Some 200 companies, institutions, places, etc. use Federal Way in their name, and of special note, our one and only tri-weekly newspaper. Letterheads, billheads, outdoor signs and advertising and much more would have to be changed at a cost of tens of thousands of dollars. It is highly doubtful that any of these costs would fall on any of the petitioners.

Until these petitioners can tell us what is wrong with the name Federal Way, can tell us just what useful purpose can be achieved by changing the name, they should withdraw their

devisive petition and turn to the real important issues that will help build the infrastructure of the new city.

It is so easy to disrupt and cause actions when the cost falls

on someone else. It takes honest effort and constructive thinking to build.

Federal Way? We like the name. Let's keep it.

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gram, say those who work with it, such as Barbara Dow, an Everett resident and a member of the state's Crime Victim Compensation Panel. Two years ago, Dow's 21-year-old stepson was killed by a drunk driver.

"The whole thing is a mess. The reason the fund is broke is due to gross mismanagement. They have bills backed up for three years that haven't been paid to doctors. There is too much paperwork and not enough money allotted by the Legislature. The claims they are way over and above what they projected. And nothing is computerized, so nobody knows where the money is going.

The Crime Victim Compensation Panel consists of 24 citizens who have a tie to the program or a crime victim, and investigates and reviews the program, Dow says.

Because the program lacks funding, the 1989 Legislature put an immediate \$150,000 cap on benefits an individual can receive on a claim. And to cut expenses the program also is pressuring the Department of Social and Health Services to pay for some victims' medical benefits, Kunkle says.

Jeanette Greenfield, administrator for King County Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in Seattle, says \$150,000 barely scratches the surface for victims' needs.

"If you look at a major head injury or quadriplegic injuries, the medical costs could be \$250,000 to \$500,000 in the first year alone. The program is not to the benefit of the victim."

Modifications to living space and vocational rehabilitation are just some of the expenses a victim might incur, she adds.

THE GOAL, adopted by the state in 1973 and regulated by the Department of Labor and Industries, is "to provide benefits to innocent victims," says Rich Ervin, program supervisor.

The original plan was to have convicted criminals fund the program with court-imposed fines. But this presents a problem, as the program has in some instances granted costly benefits to victims in cases in which the perpetrator wasn't convicted of the crime, thus taking money from the fund and never replenishing it, Dow says.

Accidents involving drunk



drivers present even more problems to victims. A drunk driver must be convicted of vehicular homicide or vehicular assault, causing a serious or permanent disabling injury, before the victim can receive benefits.

"Part of the frustration is some people aren't eligible for benefits because there is no driving-while-intoxicated felony, Greenfield says.

Because of this rule, many victims spend valuable court time trying to get a conviction that entitles them to benefits. In the meantime, medical bills and other expenses add up and victims don't know if they will receive benefits, Greenfield says.

In the case of Federal Way teen-ager Dawn Osborn, the drunk driver in the accident was convicted on three counts of vehicular assault, making Osborn eligible for compensation, says her father.

The program, also funded by federal grants and penalties collected by the courts, aids other victims of crime such as sexual assaults.

Benefits may include medical and mental health expenses, compensation for time loss from jobs, pension and disability reimbursements and burial costs and death benefits to survivors. Loss of property isn't covered.

TO RECEIVE compensation, an individual must report the

crime to police within 72 hours, cooperate with police, prosecutors and the judicial system (if courts decide to prosecute) and be an innocent victim of the crime.

After the initial report to police, victims have one year to apply for benefits. The program works like an insurance company and pays benefits secondary to health insurance.

Prior to the \$150,000 cap, the program operated as an entitlement. Anyone was eligible and benefits were unlimited as deemed needed. The cap changed the nature of the program into one based on eligibility.

An individual's economic standards now influence what benefits a victim can receive, says Mike McElroy, assistant director of the King County Victim Assistance Unit in Seattle.

In addition to the cap, the Legislature also wants the program administrators to work harder to get the state Department of Social and Health Services to pay for more of the benefits.

After the victim fills out the initial two-page form, a claims adjuster from the program reviews the information. If the victim qualifies for public assistance or if equivalent services needed by the victim are offered by the Department of Social and Health Services, the victim fills out a 23-page form to

establish eligibility for benefits. Tobias says filling out the form compounds victims' frustration and trauma. She describes the system as "revictimization of the victim."

"Victims are being shuffled between two government departments — Department of Labor and Industries and the Department of Social and Health Services — and benefits are being determined by economic status."

IN RESPONSE to the complaints, Ervin, the program supervisor, says the Department of Labor and Industries cannot disregard the Legislature's cap or laws pertaining to payment of benefits.

"We will not pay benefits should the benefits be available for folks through Department of Social and Health Services," Ervin says.

He adds, "The program is funded by the public safety and education account, and a number of other programs and agencies receive monies from that account. The fund can't provide money it doesn't have."

If filling out the forms and receiving authorization for benefits isn't difficult enough, many medical and social agencies turn away victims on public assistance because the state is

slow to pay bills. "There has been much foot dragging. Bills don't get paid on time. We're talking years, not months," Tobias says.

McElroy says the changes in the program also have created problems when his clients look for health providers.

"Many of them are no longer accepting crime victims as clients. Crime victims have a harder time getting help. Their lives just explode because of the trauma in the accident," he says.

While many are unhappy with the changes in the program, Ervin defends it.

"It compares nationally to other programs. It is one of the best programs in the nation, and it's known as one of the best programs. The benefits for Washington have been much

more comprehensive. Claims are handled in a more timely fashion," he says.

Ervin stresses that Victim Witness Assistance Units, which assist victims of crime, operate in all 39 counties, and the Department of Labor and Industries also has 18 offices throughout the state that provide information about the program.

Ervin says the word is out about the program and services are available, but McElroy says the program needs more political support and should be returned to the entitlement structure.

"I'd like to see legislators vote on changes in the program so their constituency can see if they are for or against funding the program. If the number of crime victims goes up, the fund should be expanded to meet the need."

STATE REP. Jean Marie Brough (R-30th) believes the program adequately serves crime victims and defends the \$150,000 cap.

"I think the program is marvelous. I can't understand what people are truly complaining about. The Legislature put the cap on the program this year to share a resource as broadly as we can," Brough says.

State Rep. Dick Schoon (R-30th) disagrees with Brough and says he is disappointed with the program and admits it is plagued with problems.

"We've established a program that isn't serving people as far as rehabilitation. We need to find out where the bureaucratic hang-up is that prevents funds from being distributed," he says.

Laura Luppino-Warren is a former student in the University of Washington News Laboratory.

Lakota Creek cleanup Oct. 14

The Hylebos and Lower Puget Sound Basin Citizen Advisory Committee and King County's Surface Water Management Division will sponsor a stream cleanup along Lakota Creek beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday.

reducing litter that can cause pollution, fish migration problems and even local flooding.

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Decatur calls grads back for ceremony

All right you alumni, Decatur High wants you.

Oct. 20 is homecoming for the Gators, and band director Jeff Cohn is hoping to make this year's event reminiscent of days of old, when homecoming was more of an alumni activity.

Decatur never has gotten into that spirit, Cohn said, and now's as good a time as any to start.

"All the activities have been aimed at the students, nothing for the alumni," Cohn said.

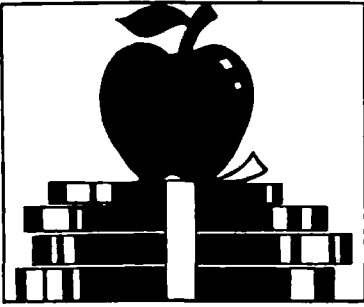
Harking back to his own homecomings at Mercer Island High School, Cohn recalls events that highlighted students of old. He wants to invite past class officers and homecoming courts back to Decatur for its homecoming assembly, as well as any other alum who wants to attend.

Cohn also hopes each of Decatur's past graduating classes will be represented in the homecoming parade at halftime. Any class that wishes can build and enter a float in the parade.

Past pep band members are invited to show up with their instruments to help encourage the Gators as they take on Spanaway Lake in the homecoming contest.

And alumni are invited to Decatur's past pregame spaghetti dinner. The first graduating class of 1973 will receive a special invitation, Cohn said.

To top homecoming



Our Schools

festivities, alum also are invited to the Oct. 21 homecoming dance. A special invitation goes out to all past homecoming courts.

"What we're trying to do isn't anything special. Just getting the alumni involved sort of brings homecoming back to what it was intended to be. Homecoming is for the alumni," Cohn said.

Cost for advance tickets to the pregame spaghetti feed is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students and \$50 for kids 7 and under. Add 50 cents to each price if you plan to pay at the door.

Tickets for the dance are \$7 for singles and \$12 for couples. For more ticket information about the dinner or the dance, call Judy Lischer at Decatur, 838-3530.

Anyone wanting information about participating in any of the other homecoming activities can call Anne Ferrari at Decatur, 838-3530.

Weekend sale aids school drill team

More than 20 families have contributed items to be sold at a rummage sale held this weekend to benefit the Federal Way High School drill team.

The rummage sale will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13 and 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Federal Way High School cafeteria. All proceeds from the sale will help offset drill team expenses for upcoming competi-

tion and performances. Home-baked goods also will be sold.

Rummage-sale supporters warn that the high school is under construction, so shoppers must enter the school from the back parking lot of Federal Way Memorial Field. Signs will show the way.

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PTA pushes

A BANNER ON THE Pacific Mutual Savings Bank at South 320th Street and Washfic Highway South will continue to urge Federal Way residents to join the PTA through the end of October. The Federal Way PTA Council, which includes PTA units from most local schools, is conducting a membership drive. The council includes about 4,400

members, but President Donna Frey (left) hopes to hit 5,000 when membership is tallied in early 1990. Helping to hang the banner last week were council Vice President Sonya Krehbiel (center) and membership chairwoman Terry Englehardt (right). Information about the PTA can be obtained at any local elementary school.

Elks transfer liquor license

Federal Way Elks Lodge 2431 has applied to the Liquor Control Board to move its existing Class H license to 33919 Ninth Ave. S, from 1200 336th St. S.

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Construction company uproots the homeless

Hospital forums to begin

By JODI YANCER

The kitchen was the meeting place for a handful of Fountain Center residents to gather for their weekly Bible study.

The men listened intently to Owen Bing preach about the evils of materialism. Outside, workers from the Skyline Construction Company cleared debris in preparation for the bulldozers that will soon arrive to replace the Des Moines center with a 39-unit apartment complex.

Some would call it progress, but Herb Jennings doesn't.

"We don't have anywhere to go at the moment," says Jennings, associate director for the Fountain Center on 30th Avenue South. "It's really a shame. Many of the guys just got their backs turned around and now we learn that the property has been sold and it's time to move."

The Fountain Center is a Christian facility providing shelter to displaced people who may be unemployed or have drug or alcohol dependencies.

The building, an old school warehouse, is presently home for 13 people, including a family of four who live in a school bus on the center's lot.

According to director and founder Al Sholin, the center has sheltered people for nine years but has only since occupied the warehouse 1987.

REPRESENTATIVES from Skyline Construction Co. visited the center last week to inform Sholin and Jennings that the company had purchased the site and was preparing to build soon.

"They said we had to be out by Friday," says Sholin. "But I talked to the new owner and we have about 30 days to find a new location for the center."

According to Skyline superintendent Bob Speights,

the company had secured a building permit and was planning to begin construction as early as next week.

"We were planning to start bulldozing by this Tuesday," said Speights last week, explaining that financing of the apartment project was contingent on starting construction as soon as possible.

Lydia Panasiuk, owner of Skyline Construction Co., could not be reached for comment.

The new apartment complex will be the second phase of the 44-unit Heritage Court Apartments located next door to the Fountain Center.

Speights says Skyline's preliminary work would consist of demolishing the old warehouse buildings, stripping the land and laying utilities.

"I DON'T take pleasure at all in telling people they have to leave," says Lon Thrall, Skyline spokesman and manager of the 44-unit phase one complex.

"It's not as devastating as it sounds," says center resident Hugh Nielsen. "We'll find a place to move."

NIelsen LEARNED about the Fountain Center last winter after reading a newspaper article. The unemployed mechanic visited the center, fixed its van and stayed on.

According to Jennings, newcomers are housed for four days and then evaluated on their needs and work ability.

"In order to stay here, our residents have to commit themselves on three levels," says Jennings. "They have to commit themselves to Christ, to working and to the goal of becoming self-sufficient enough to afford more suitable shelter."

About half of the center's residents currently hold jobs in the area. But relocation of the



OWEN BING (under the clock) preaches the word of the Lord to residents at the Fountain Center in Des Moines. The residents must commit themselves to Christ if they stay at the center for more than four days.

center may mean changes in transportation or loss of employment for the residents.

"The only place we refuse to move to is downtown Seattle," says Jennings. "That would mean putting our people right back in the environment they came from."

Another resident says he will continue to pray in hopes of find-

ing a new home for the center. Jennings encourages local residents who may know of a suitable location for the Fountain Center to call him at 824-3566.

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The following proposed constitutional amendments will be submitted to voters on the November 7, 1989, state General Election ballot. The following ballot titles and explanatory statements were prepared by the Office of the Attorney General. This is a legal publication as required by law from the Office of the Secretary of State.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8200
Official Ballot Title: Shall the State Constitution be amended to provide that victims of charged felony crimes shall have certain basic fundamental rights?
The Law as it now exists: The Washington State Constitution does not contain any provisions specifically relating to victims of crime nor does it create any victims' rights.
The effect of SJR 8200, if approved into law: This measure would amend the State Constitution to declare certain basic fundamental rights for victims of a crime which is charged as a felony. A felony is now defined as a crime punishable by one year or more of imprisonment. A victim would be entitled, after giving notice to the prosecuting attorney, to be informed of, and subject to the discretion of the court, the right to: (1) attend trial and all other court proceedings that the defendant has a right to attend; (2) make a statement at the time of sentencing and any proceeding where a defendant's release is considered. Such statements would be subject to rules of procedure.
If the victim is deceased, incompetent, unable to attend, or is a minor, a representative can be designated to exercise the victim's rights.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8202
Official Ballot Title: Shall the State Constitution's provision creating the Judicial Conduct Commission be revised to more explicitly describe its process and authority?
The law as it now exists: The Judicial Conduct Commission, which consists of nine members, four of whom are non-lawyers, is empowered to consider complaints against judges. However, sanctions against a judge can only be imposed by the State Supreme Court. The commission first conducts an initial proceeding, which is confidential, to determine whether sufficient reason exists to conduct a hearing. Hearings after the initial hearing are open to members of the public. If the Commission, after a hearing, concludes that a judge should be censured, suspended, removed from office or required to retire, the matter is then referred to the State Supreme court. If the Commission recommendation is removal, the judge is suspended immediately with salary until a final determination is made by the Supreme Court.
If the Supreme Court removes a judge from office, that person is ineligible to reassume judicial office until eligibility is reinstated by the Supreme Court.
The effect of SJR 8202, if approved into law: The Judicial Conduct Commission would be increased to eleven members, adding two additional non-lawyers. The Commission, in response to complaints or upon its own motion, is to investigate judicial conduct. An initial proceeding, which is confidential, is to determine whether probable cause exists to proceed to hearing. The Commission is directed to notify the judge of the existence and the basis for the initial proceeding. If a hearing is then held, the hearing is open to the public and all of the records of the initial proceeding that provided the basis for the Commission's conclusion are to be made public.
If the Commission censures or reprimands a judge, the judge has the right of appeal to the Supreme Court within thirty days. If the Commission recommends suspension or removal, the matter is referred to the State Supreme Court. If the Commission's recommendation is removal, the judge is suspended immediately with salary until a final determination is made by the Supreme Court.
If the Supreme Court removes a judge from office, that person is ineligible to reassume judicial office until eligibility is reinstated by the Supreme Court.
The Commission is authorized to adopt appropriate rules in compliance with the general laws governing state agency adoption of rules, unless to do so would conflict with this constitutional amendment. The Commission is further required to employ one or more investigative officers having appropriate professional training and they are to report directly to the Commission.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8210
Official Ballot Title: Shall the State Constitution permit local governments to finance, from the revenues of water sales, private efforts to conserve water?
The law as it now exists: The Washington State Constitution prohibits local governments from providing or loaning public money or credit to private persons other than the poor and infirm. However, an amendment to the Constitution permits local governments, as authorized by the Legislature, to finance, with public money or credit derived from the sale of energy, the acquisition by private persons of materials and equipment for energy conservation.
The effect of SJR 8210, if approved into law: This constitutional amendment would permit local governments, as authorized by the Legislature, to also finance, with public money or credits derived from the sale of water, the acquisition by private persons of materials and equipment for water conservation.

Remember to vote November 7, 1989. For more information on voting, call the Secretary of State toll-free Voter Hotline: 1-800-448-4881.

Horseshoes Anyone?

Federal Way farrier keeps equines well-heeled

By RHONDA DAVIS and WENDY CULVERWELL

Rich Domzalski had a horse before he learned to shoe it.

Now that he can shoe it, though, Domzalski doesn't have time to own a horse.

In an area better known for its apartments and high-density housing complexes than its pastures and meadows, Domzalski, 45, has carved a surprising niche for himself: shoeing horses.

A full-time construction worker and part-time farrier, Domzalski just doesn't have the time necessary to care properly for a horse of his own. He had to sell it.

Although growing up on Chicago's south side didn't give Domzalski much opportunity to fall in love with horses, being transferred to Washington by the Air Force and ending up on a 2-acre lot in eastern Federal Way did the trick.

Domzalski's first horse was ill when he bought it and had to be nursed back to health. Once he accomplished that task, the new horse owner discovered a new challenge: His horse was afraid of water. His solution was to trot the animal through puddles after a rain storm. It worked.

"ONE THING about horses is you can usually outsmart them," he said.

He began to learn about horse care after being laid off from his construction job during the 1980 recession. Tired of sitting around the house all day, he decided to learn how to shoe his own horse.

He took a 14-week, 40 hours a week, class at Olympia Technical Community College to learn the farrier trade. The course covered everything from horse anatomy to making shoes from blocks of soft steel.

When he graduated, he built a forge at his home on Military Road South. Horse-owning friends soon learned of his new talent and asked for his services. By dropping business cards off wherever he saw a horse, he developed a clientele of about 30 of Federal Way's equine residents — more than enough to occupy his spare hours. Domestic horses must be re-shod every six weeks to three months, depending on how often and where they are ridden.

LIKE PEOPLE shoes, horse shoes come factory-made in a variety of sizes. The modern-day farrier's job is to fit the pre-made shoe to the horse's hoof, which

grows in much the same way as a human fingernail.

Though Federal Way's horse population is higher than the casual observer might guess, Domzalski said the area is running out of places to ride and some owners are moving their horses to the country in search of more open areas.

The best riding space in Federal Way used to be under the power lines, he said, but with all the construction, that is becoming increasingly difficult.

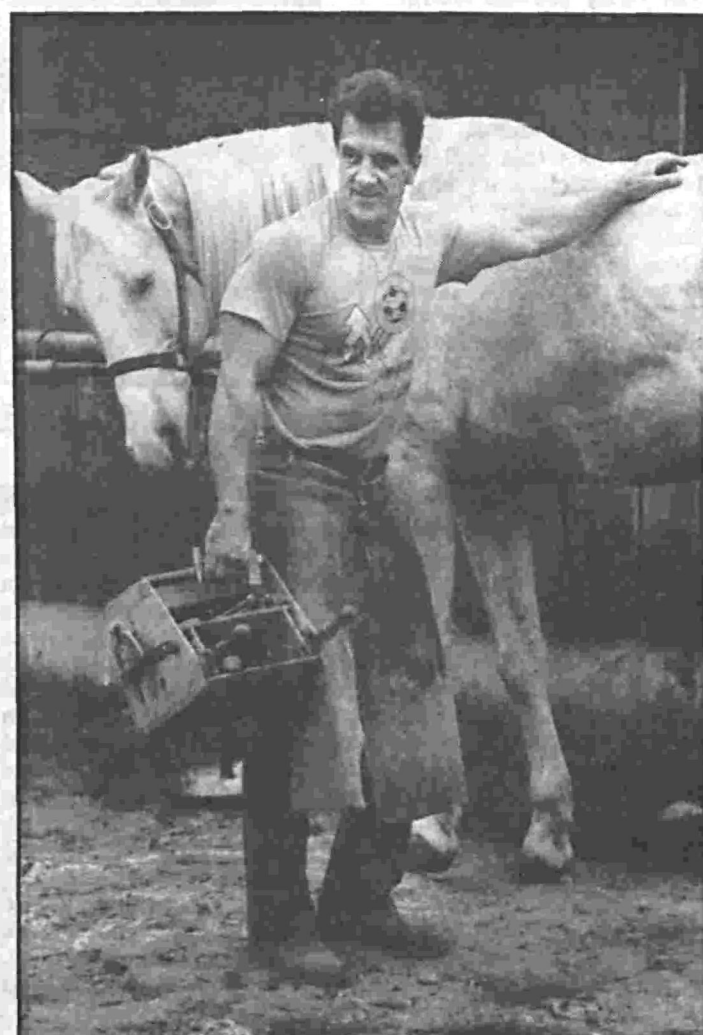
"It's slowly being used up by the developments and that's a shame," he noted.

Women own most of the horses Domzalski shoes, in keeping with the Henry Weinhard's beer commercial where a mysterious stranger "predicts" that, "Someday, only little girls will ride horses."

He speculates that women and girls are made "horse crazy" by the prospect of controlling all the power a horse offers.

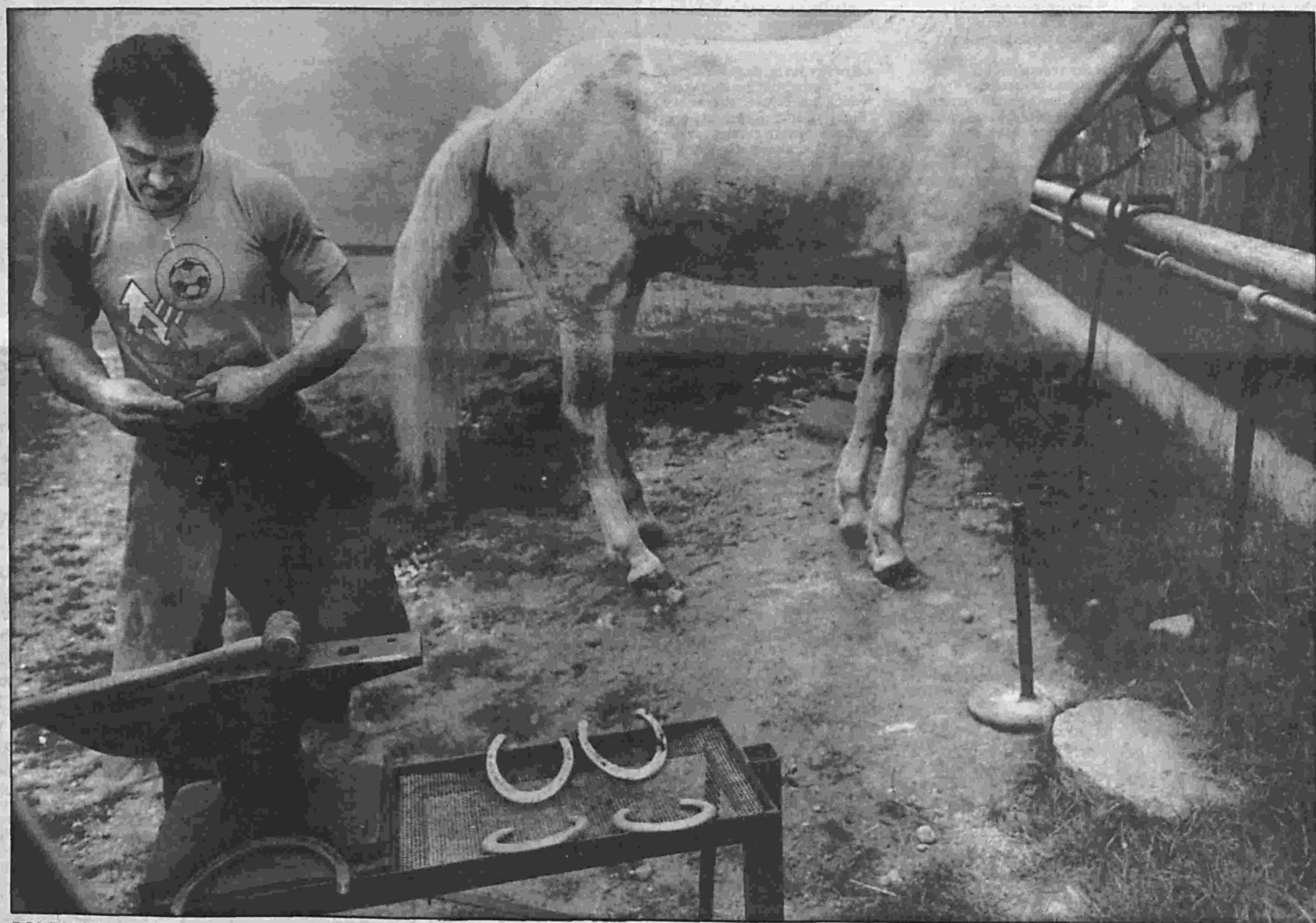
"It's a thrill to be able to control all that power and be able to do it with a mere two pieces of leather," he said.

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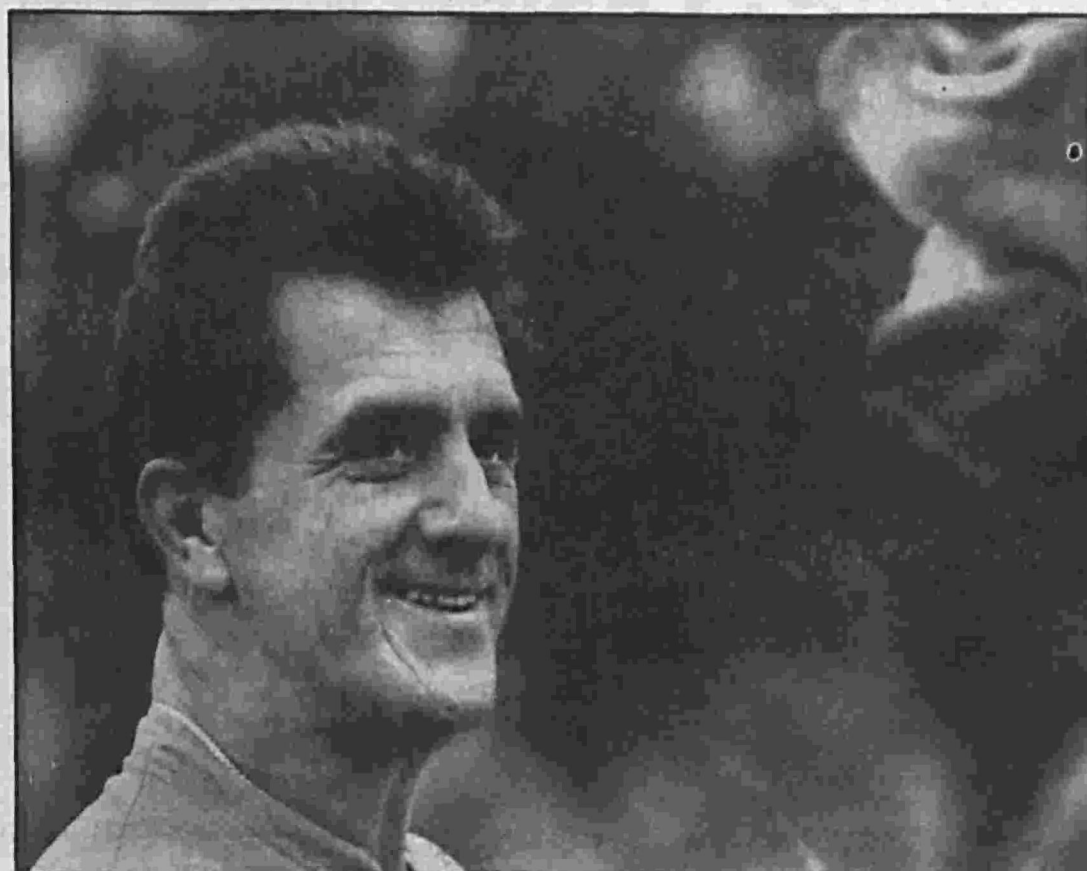
RICH DOMZALSKI talks to a client while his four-footed subject, Warsaw, inspects his horseshoeing tools.



DOMZALSKI adjusts a factory-made horseshoe to fit Warsaw, a horse he used to own.



DOMZALSKI is careful to place a nail into the horse's hoof so the shoe won't be off center and make the horse run to one side or the other.



AFTER GETTING her nose rubbed, Tara Mar shows her teeth to an amused Domzalski.

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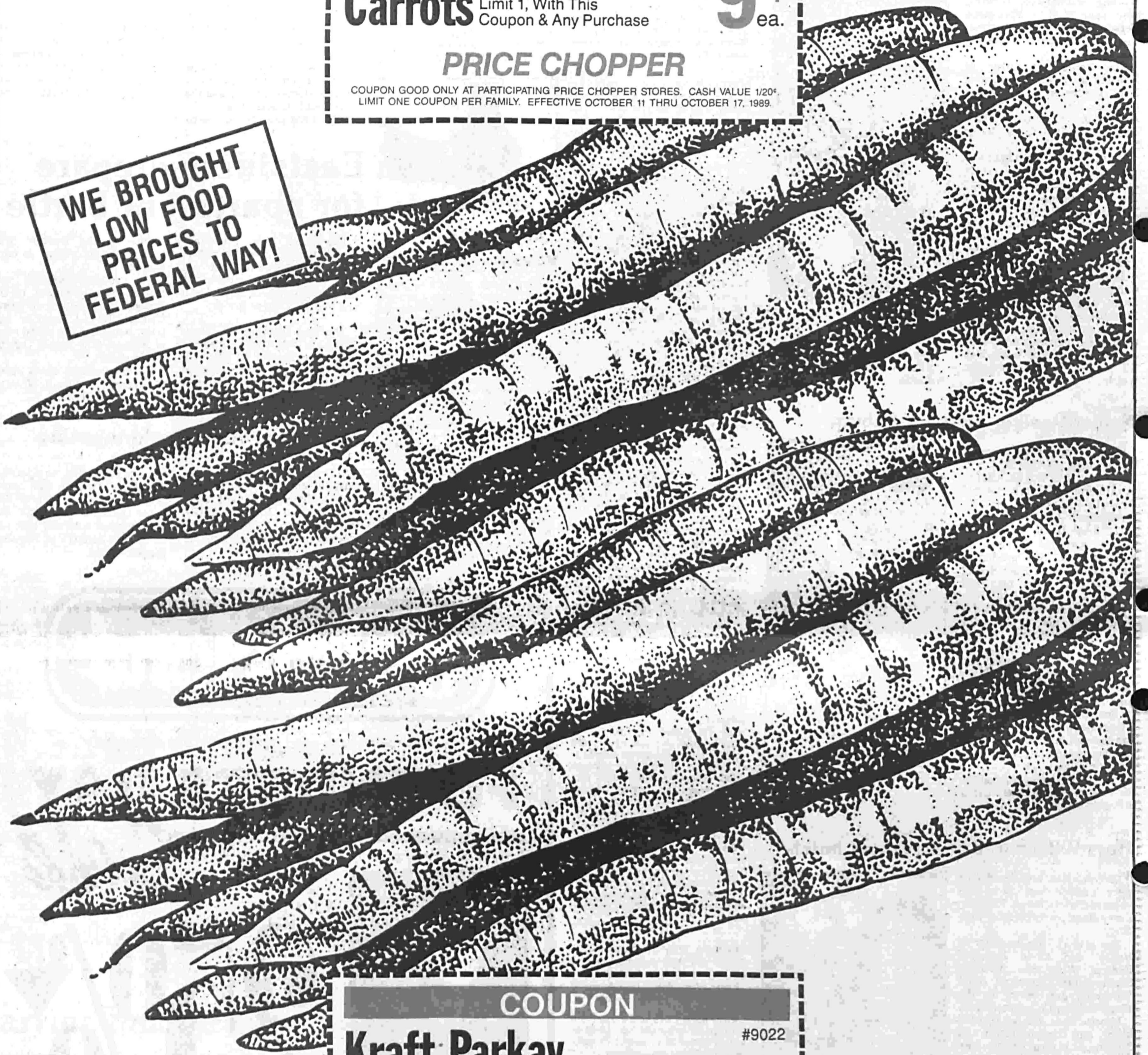
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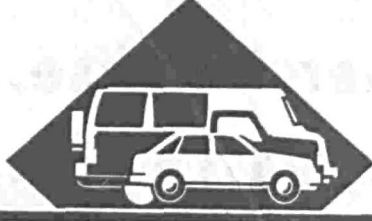
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Opera singer tackles TJ coaching job

By CHUCK MINGORI

On the surface, there may not be a lot of similarity between singing opera and coaching football. But Laird Thornton has found some common ground.

Thornton is a first-year teacher, dividing his time as a concert and swing choir instructor at Thomas Jefferson High School with teaching general music to students at Star Lake and Nautilus elementaries. He's also an assistant line coach for the Thomas Jefferson football team and an opera singer.

Thornton has done "about 50 operas" and performed various opera roles, from the four villains in the "Tales of Hoffman" to Falstaff in the "Merry Wives of Windsor" to the Count in the "Marriage of Figaro" as well as Geronimo in "The Secret Marriage."

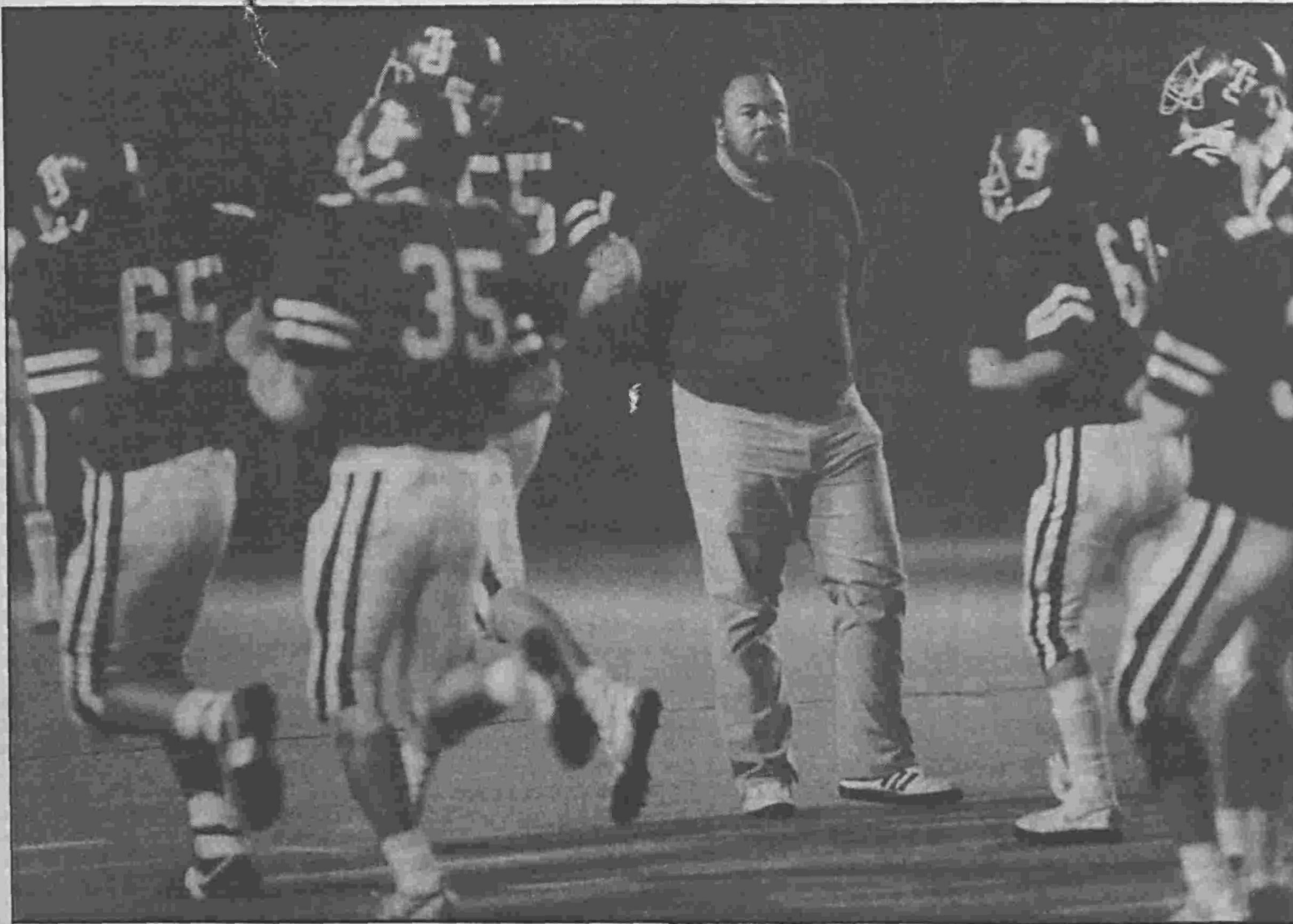
He's now tuning up with the University of Washington opera and rehearsing for an upcoming performance in Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte," a comical opera that will be performed in Meany Hall Nov. 2-5.

The busy baritonist has found his work as an assistant line coach at Jefferson to be both a humbling and enjoyable experience.

"I must say I'm not anywhere near the Sam Beesleys and his first assistants, but I know enough and am learning enough to be a model of someone who takes the game seriously and takes what it teaches the kids seriously," said Thornton.

ALTHOUGH SINGING in the opera and coaching football seem to be two diverse fields, Thornton has discovered that such words as "team" and "discipline" are common in both areas.

Thornton hasn't played football since college, but he has remained interested in the game during the interim as a fan. Thornton, a Renton resident who is married and has seven children, was an all-league offensive tackle at Dorsey High School in Los Angeles in the ear-



LAIRD THORNTON (center) has found some common ground between being an opera singer and working as an assistant football coach at Thomas Jefferson.

photo by Paul T. Erickson

ly 1970s.

After attending high school, Thornton chose to begin attending college at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., where he played football and entered school as a pre-law major.

Somewhere around his sophomore year in college after singing in the choir his freshman year, Thornton was asked to take voice lessons from the instructor.

"I think what really happened that made me turn into a music major was that the vocal in-

structor asked me to do a musical with the stage," said Thornton.

He became so engrossed with singing that Thornton switched from pre-law to a music major his junior year. Thornton later studied voice and technique at the University of Southern California and also did quite a bit of opera work there. He also branched out from USC to the Los Angeles Opera and other "offshot operas" in the Southern California area.

Thornton had an early op-

portunity to show off his singing talents at Jefferson just prior to the start of the school year when he sang the national anthem at an orientation for sophomore students.

HE IS NOW maintaining a hectic daily schedule that has kept him away from his family. His day begins at 6:40 a.m. at Jefferson and it doesn't end for him until around 6 p.m. at the end of football practice.

Then he has opera rehearsal at 7 p.m. Monday through Satur-

day at the UW or with his own church choir (he's also director of music at St. John's Lutheran Church).

"There's not a whole lot of money (in singing opera), but you tend to stay busy, keeping your art sharp," he pointed out.

When Thornton first moved to this area, he was a social concerns coordinator at St. Mary's Catholic Church and also was on the executive board of the King County Food Coalition and the Seattle Food Committee. He also chaired the public relations

and media committee and was very active in the advocacy of food and shelter.

Thornton also took a position as a baritone soloist at the Gethsemany Lutheran Church when he first moved to the area.

THORNTON ALSO started doing choral clinics to become better known with his first at Bothell High School. Denny Berrens of the Northshore School District is the one who piqued his interest in teaching.

"He kind of gave me my first nudge, saying maybe you should be doing some teaching," said Thornton.

Thornton later earned his teaching certificate after attending the University of Washington.

Thornton said when it was first suggested that he apply for the assistant coaching position at Jefferson by principal Ann Gentle, he was "taken back." But as he discussed the possibility further, Thornton said he became more intrigued with the idea of being seen in a different light.

He enjoys having the players aware that he is someone who takes the opera seriously, "But who also can get on them and get after them about the discipline and the heart that it takes to be a team player."

Thornton, who works mostly with the junior varsity, noted the Raider coaching staff has "helped me a great deal to rekindle the fires of the game in my mind so that I could be a little more helpful. They've made it easy to become involved in the program and been very kind and understanding with my hectic schedule."

Through the first two months, everything has worked out well.

"I do enjoy the things I'm doing, I think the kids are great here," he said. "Everything has been a plus since I've been here. I'm looking forward to every day, and I guess that's what it's all about."

Federal Way swamps Auburn

Federal Way splashed to a 112-60 victory over Auburn Thursday, putting the Eagles at 2-0 in South Puget Sound League girls' swimming action and at 5-0 overall.

The Eagles started off by winning the 200 medley relay, as Kari Van Pool, Diane Corey, Denise Butts and Jana Foster crossed the finish line with a 2:02.86 time.

Jessica Bunt placed second in the 200 freestyle at 2:15.88, followed by teammates Elizabeth Fuller (2:21.76) and

Shannon Ormsby (2:28.06). Corey won the 200 individual medley with a 2:20.98 effort and Van Pool was second at 2:34.77.

Denise Butts took the 50 freestyle in a state-qualifying 25.95 time and Foster was third (28.85) with Jessica Anderson fifth (29.72).

Melissa Neuman was first in the diving competition with 164.05 points, ahead of Tracie Bonilla (146.85) and Sarah Nagae (122.45) for an Eagle sweep.

Wendy Kesler led another

Federal Way sweep in the 100 butterfly at 1:02.77, followed by Megan Sather (1:08.99) and Stephanie Fuller (1:11.84).

BUTTS captured first in the 100 freestyle with a state-qualifying 56.15 time and Foster was second at 1:01.18 with Libbi Presti fifth (1:05.07).

Bunt was the winner of the 500 freestyle at 6:11.46. Elizabeth Fuller was third at 6:24.98 and Michelle Andrews fourth (6:34.97).

Kesler took the 100 backstroke

in 1:07.61 and Van Pool was fourth, 1:16.74, while Corey won the 100 breaststroke with a state-qualifying 1:12.63 time with Presti fourth (1:19.99) and Ormsby fifth (1:28.19).

Elizabeth Fuller, Sather, Bunt and Kesler combined to take the 400 freestyle relay at 4:16.13 and Joanna Mead, Kristi Iyall, Andrews and Anderson third at 4:35.17.

Federal Way will meet Thomas Jefferson for 4 p.m. action at Highline Community College tomorrow.

Gator swimmers post first victory

The Decatur girls' swimming team posted its first victory of the year Thursday, edging Puyallup in a road meet, 91-80.

The Gators got off to a quick start, as Karen Seymour, Kristi Kahler, Mandy Major and Suzanne Yee combined to win the 200 medley relay in 2:10.1.

Ali McDougall took the 200 freestyle in 2:19.75 and Yee was fourth (2:38.26) with Julie Gheem fifth (2:40.37).

Laura Sycamore was the winner of the 200 individual medley in 2:21.72 and Kahler was third (2:41.38) with Julie Friedenbergh fifth (2:55.21).

Danielle Russo captured first in the 50 freestyle at 28.6 and Major was second (29.76) with Jenny Smith sixth (34.69).

Cynthia Watkins placed second in the diving competition

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SportsWatch

Around Town

Seahawks

The Seattle Seahawks were humbled at home by the Kansas City Chiefs Sunday, 20-16, and now must go on the road to San Diego to play the Chargers.

The action will start at 1 p.m. and be televised on KING Channel 5 with radio coverage on KIRO 710.

Both teams enter the ballgame at Jack Murphy Stadium with a 2-3 regular season record, with San Diego coming off only a 16-10 loss to Denver.

The two teams are 10-10 against each other in the all-time series, although the Seahawks have won eight of the last nine except for a loss down there last year.

Huskies

The University of Washington football team has come across hard times of late, dropping its last three games including a 24-16 loss to USC in Los Angeles Saturday.

The Huskies will bring a 2-3 record into Saturday's action against the University of Oregon Ducks at Husky Stadium, which will get underway at 1 p.m. and be carried on KOMO-Radio 1000.

Oregon stands at 3-2 after losing its second Pac-10 game of the year Saturday, falling to the Washington State Cougars, 51-38.

Washington holds a 49-28-5 overall advantage in the all-time series with the Ducks, but has lost the last two meetings, both of which took place in Eugene.

The UW men's soccer team is taking part in the Pilot Fall Classic in Portland this week, playing St. Mary's at 1 p.m. Friday and the University of San Diego at 12 p.m. Sunday.

Cougars

Washington State is riding high with a 5-1 season record, and the Cougars are coming off a convincing 51-38 win over the Oregon Ducks.

This week the Cougars will come home to Pullman to play Stanford in a 2 p.m. game.

Stanford is 1-4 on the year, but only lost to top-ranked Notre Dame by a 27-17 score this past week. The Cardinal holds a 22-18-1 advantage over WSU in the all-time series.

Cougar games are aired on KING-Radio 1090.

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Home Teams

Football

Thomas Jefferson and Decatur will both go into action on the road tomorrow, with TJ's Raiders visiting Sumner and the Gators going to Puyallup.

Both games start at 7:30 p.m., as does Federal Way's home game against Rogers at Federal Way Memorial Field Friday.

Girls' soccer

A girls' soccer twin bill is scheduled at Federal Way Memorial Field tomorrow, as Decatur hosts Bethel at 5:30 p.m. and Federal Way gets a visit from Puyallup at 7:30 p.m. Thomas Jefferson is at Curtis, also at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Federal Way entertains Lakes at 7:30 p.m., while TJ goes to Spanaway Lake at 5:30 p.m. and Decatur to Rogers at 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Decatur is at Rogers for a 7 p.m. match tomorrow and Thomas Jefferson at Kentwood, with TJ coming home to face Clover Park Tuesday and Decatur hosting Puyallup. Federal Way is at Kent-Meridian Tuesday.

Other action

The regular cross country season ends tomorrow for the South Puget Sound League, with Decatur hosting Federal Way and Thomas Jefferson at 4 p.m.

Federal Way visits TJ at the same time in girls' swimming at Highline Community College and Decatur entertains Curtis at 3:30 p.m. at Federal Way.

TJ is at Federal Way for a boys' tennis match at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow and Decatur hosts Puyallup, and Monday TJ hosts Auburn with the Gators at Kent-Meridian and Eagles at Clover Park.

Golf teams will enter crossover action tomorrow, with who plays who dependent on where teams finished in their division of the SPSL.

DANNIS HENRY (right) and the Decatur Gators will be out to stop the Puyallup Vikings at Sparks Stadium tomorrow, as Joey Sonnenfeld (left) and the Thomas Jefferson Raiders visit Sumner.

Invest time, not money while making vacation plans

For most people, that piece of vacation property, ski condo or recreational vehicle represents a major financial investment and a decision not to be taken lightly. Most of us buy these items for fun, but we'd also like to consider them a good use of our money.

That's why it's important to look beyond the fun. In today's fast-paced society, everyone's trying to make a buck — banks, dealers, developers, manufacturers — and it only makes good sense to treat your vacation spending just like any other household expense.

Whether it's buying that dream property or just plunking down a few dollars for a decent place to spend your weekend getaway, financial experts say these expenditures should all get thorough research. In other words, invest your time before you invest your money.

Here are a few suggestions for how you can get the most from your vacation dollar:

When you consider buying an RV, boat, vacation condo or waterfront property, the decision on what type of property to buy is only part of the picture. Just as important is choosing your lender. As a recent article in Adventure Northwest Magazine points out, there are thousands of dollars at stake when you roll the dice on just any lender.

The experts say that the same type of people who would wait for a mattress to go on sale to save \$200 often don't bother to shop around to get the best rate for financing a major real estate purchase. Yet those people could save thousands dollars if only they could shave a fraction of a percent off a long-term finance contract.

According to Robert Arnold, an expert with Waddell & Reed Financial Services, payments for discretionary items — including credit card purchases — should not exceed 10 percent of your income. He recommends that you set up a special savings account earmarked for that leisure-time purchase and feed that account on a regular, systematic basis.

Most people, however, still must rely upon a lender to help them with a large purchase. Few of us have set up that vacation account early enough — and fed it often enough — to come up with the money you need today even to buy a modest motorhome.

When you decide what kind of purchase you want to make, look at what payment you can afford. Your interest rate may be fixed



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by Cary Ordway

or variable. Since the variable rate is tied to some sort of economic index (such as the prime rate), seek advice about any particular trends in the market before you commit to the variable rate.

You can secure your loan with a savings account or CD and get a rate that is 1 to 2 percent lower. Another common method of "financing fun" is the home equity loan or second mortgage. You can often get an equity line of credit in which a certain amount of money is made available for any purpose — and that amount is secured by the equity in your home. Most lenders want you to leave 20 percent equity in your home.

Tax laws sometimes seem to change with the wind, but the experts say that current laws allow you to deduct only 20 percent of the interest on personal loans and that next year it will be only 10 percent. By 1991, no deduction will be allowed. Again, the second mortgage looks attractive because you can deduct interest on a loan up to \$100,000 as long as it is secured by your primary or secondary home.

The best way we've discovered to save money traveling is to become flexible. True, most parents of school-age children are slaves to a rather rigid school-year calendar. But, for most everybody else, off-season vacations are a practical objective.

As you begin booking those Caribbean and Mexican vacations, you realize at once that there is a "high season" and a "low season." In the Washington tourism industry, those distinctions are used as well, except they're called "summer" and "the rest of the year."

Most Washington resorts,

hotels, RV campgrounds and other overnight tourist facilities have no trouble filling rooms and spaces during the summer — and, therefore, those rates are higher. The "shoulder" seasons of fall and spring are becoming more popular vacation times, but rates still can be as much as 50 percent lower.

Another prime example of off-season savings is the RV rental business. Business is so slack in winter that you can find these

units available for little more than half the summer-time rental rate. If you're a storm-watcher and love going to the beach in the winter, that's a great deal.

Another way to save money in the off-season is by looking for package rates. Many resorts and hotels are putting together attractive combinations of rooms, meals and sometimes transportation for one low rate. And look for special mid-week

packages which can also offer big savings.

You can also save money getting to your vacation destination. The AAA is one example.

About 470,000 Washington residents are members of the American Automobile Association, a longstanding organization with an excellent reputation for value and savings. Technically, it's a non-profit organization that channels all membership money back into

services for its members.

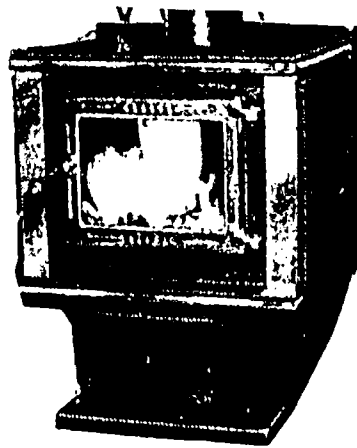
The basic membership is \$30 a year plus an initial fee of \$9. For that you get five miles of free towing, trip routing and various discount packages.

While it's the oldest, the AAA is not the only travel club offering such services. Allstate Motor Club (associated with the insurance company) and Sam Club, with its emphasis on RVs, also offer towing and other features.

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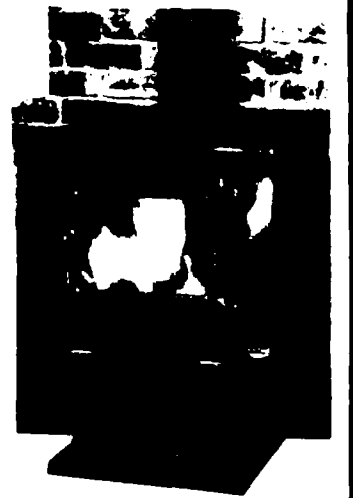
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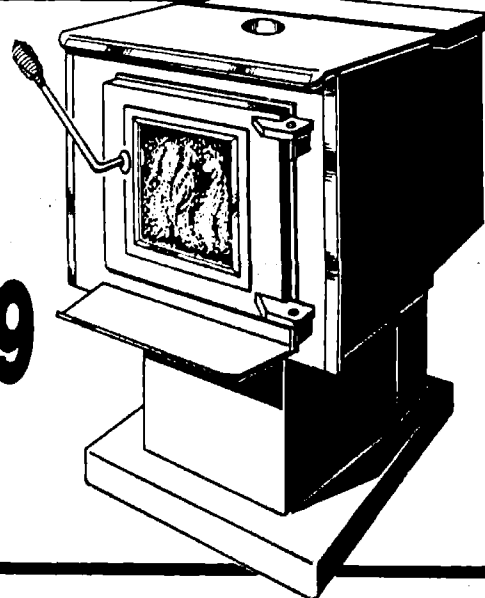
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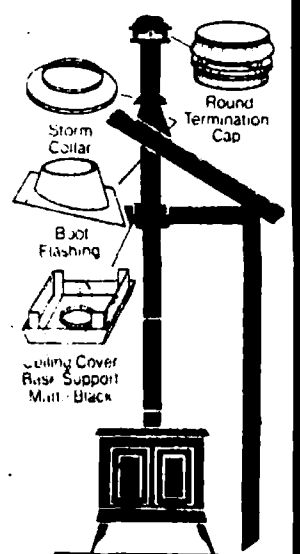
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OPEN GYM — Decatur High School is hosting an open gym for basketball and volleyball every Sunday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The public is welcome. Admission charge is \$2.

SKI SWAP — The biggest ski swap in the Northwest will be held Friday-Sunday at the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall. The ski swap is sponsored by the Crystal Mountain Volunteer Ski Patrol. The swap is held in conjunction with the 1989 Seattle Ski and Winter Sports Show. Hours for the swap are 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call the swap hotline at 634-2754 for further information.

VOLLEYBALL — White Center Park has open volleyball Friday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Teams are also welcome at this time. For more information, call White Center Park at 296-4542.

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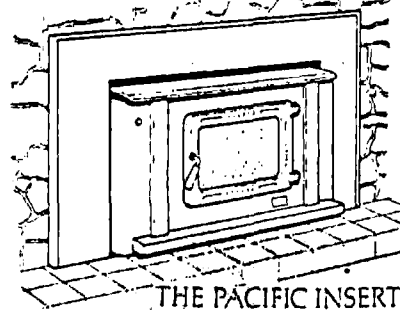


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are open weekdays, 3:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 296-4542 to make reservations. White Center Park also has beginning, intermediate and advanced racquetball lessons available. **DROP-IN BASKETBALL** White Center Park also has open gym for basketball at a cost of \$1 per visit. For more information on the open basketball schedule, call 296-4542.

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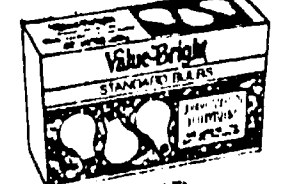
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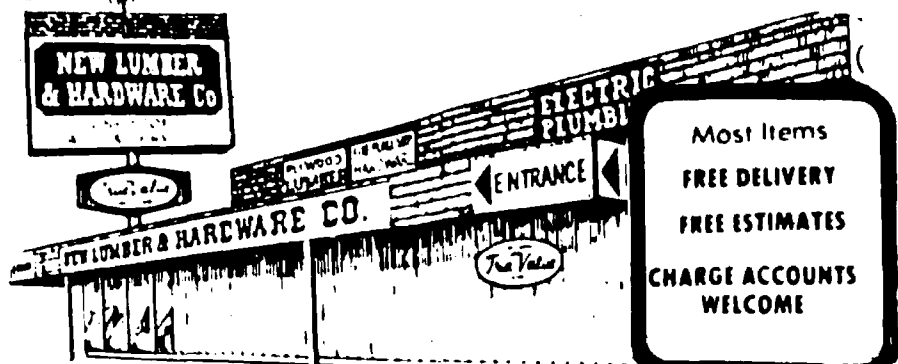
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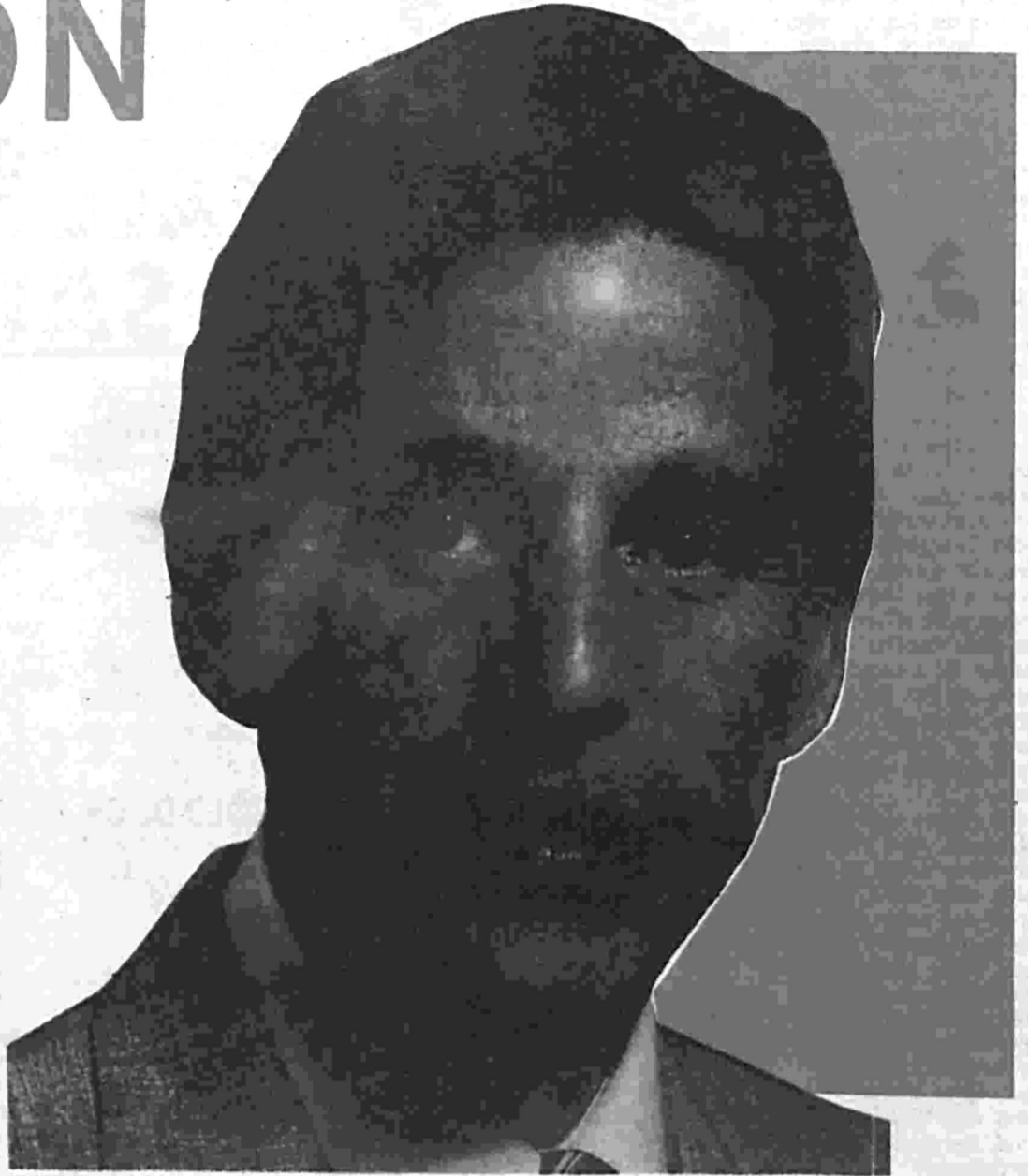
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