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## State suggests widening highway

By LYNN FRANCISCO

Federal Way and SeaTac city officials will have final say over a proposal to widen Pacific Highway South, according to state highway engineer Jerry Schutz.

A long-range plan released last week by the state Department of Transportation recommended widening the often-clogged roadway from its cur-

rent five lanes to six or seven lanes, to accommodate expected growth in the next 20 years.

The recommendation includes the portion of the roadway from the Pierce County line to the First Avenue South Bridge.

THE PLAN alarmed Federal Way City Councilman James Handmacher, chair of the council's Land Use and Transportation Planning Committee, who

questioned the state's authority to make such a recommendation without city input.

But Schutz called the report "only a recommendation," which city officials can use when issuing building permits. He explained that cities often require a developer to pay for road improvements as a condition of granting the permits.

"This is a guide for the

future," said Schutz. "It allows us to deal with development when it's proposed."

"The state does not have the power to require this (widening)," he added.

Debra Ertel, Federal Way Mayor, said she wanted to see the state's proposal before passing judgement on it.

"We don't want to see a freeway going through

downtown Federal Way, but I suppose if it's done right, it could be O.K.," she said.

Ertel said the council plans to discuss the proposal at an upcoming meeting.

TOM GARD, manager of Sportsworld Lanes on Pacific Highway South, near South 272nd Street, welcomed the

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### Eye Openers

#### They said it

Federal Way Wafer and Sewer Commissioner Bev Tweddle, referring to a department of the utility offering supervisor training to all of its employees:

"There's a hell of a lot of chiefs and not a lot of Indians in that department."

#### City gritty

The Federal Way City Council will hold a public hearing on the city's proposed comprehensive plan, the document that will guide the city's land use, development and zoning.

The hearing will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at city hall, 31132 28th Ave. S. The council will have its regular meeting at 7 p.m.

The council will also discuss the city's 1990 budget and its intent to join the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). Several council members say PERS is the best pension alternative because it has the largest number of members, but other members say it's hopelessly underfunded and another system might give a better return on investment.

For more information, call city hall at 941-1696.

#### Just for fun

The Pantages Centre in Tacoma will host a performance of a family version of "The Nutcracker" at 4 p.m. today by Balletacoma. The Pantages is at Ninth and Broadway in Tacoma. For ticket information call 591-5984.

#### Bright lights

Want to know where to go to view the lights of Christmas? With a lot of help from our readers, we have compiled a list of some of the best and brightest homes and neighborhoods in the Federal Way area. See page B-1.

#### Traditions

Christmas means ornaments to Nancy Ise. The Marine Hills resident boasts thousands of ornaments of all shapes, sizes, makes, models and origins, and every one goes on the tree. It's a tradition begun several years ago, and one she hopes has been passed on to her children. See page B-1.

### Over Easy



photo by Ken Shipley

THREE WRIGGLY children on his lap don't disturb the placid expression on this Santa's face. Three-year-old Andria Hanes grins at the camera while her brother William, 4, looks at presents under the tree and Kevin, 6, fingers

an ornament. The kids had their picture taken at Frederick and Nelson in Southcenter.

## Just say ho! Santas enjoy job

By BECKY KRAMER

For John Harris, a santa suit has transforming power.

"When I get that outfit on, it'd be awfully hard for you to tell me there's no Santa Claus," says Harris, a volunteer Santa with the American Heart Association.

No matter how hectic his day, irritations always fade away when he puts on his suit and becomes a jolly, old St. Nicholas with twinkling,

brown eyes to eager girls and boys.

"It's kind of a selfish thing — I get so much joy out of it," says the Kent West Hill resident.

A bit of magic surrounds Santa, say two other men who assume the benevolent saint's identity during the holiday season. No matter how long the lines of kids, it's a job you don't get jaded doing, they say.

"Santa is very tired when he gets off the job, but he's elated too,"

says Don Neshim, who is on his fourth year of being Santa to hundreds of children at SeaTac Mall in Federal Way. Having a chance to give love and attention to children is the best part about playing St. Nick, Neshim adds.

IT'S WONDERFUL to give children something to believe in, chimes in another Santa, who dandles children on his knee at Frederick and Nelson in

Southcenter, while photographers snap a picture for mom and dad.

"Their faces fill with awe when they see Santa. Their eyes get as big as goose eggs," said the Frederick and Nelson Santa, who wasn't allowed to give his name because store officials want to keep his mystique intact.

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## Restaurants chip in to help TLC

TLC needs your help. On Wednesday, Dec. 20, four local restaurants — Marlene's, Peking Wok, Village Inn and Vince's — will donate a percentage of their gross intake to TLC's "Federal Way Cares" Day.

If you are unable to dine at one of those restaurants on Dec. 20, you may support TLC by sending a donation.

Roberta Macdonald is executive director of Teaching Lifetime Choices (TLC), Federal Way's newest full service non-profit counseling center. TLC is located across from Federal Way High School at 30818 Pacific Highway, South. Macdonald is a counselor and facilitator of



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self-esteem/self-awareness and support groups. Debbie Bernstein and Colleen Wass, TLC certified Chemical

Dependency Counselors, are also helping adolescents as well as adults.

TLC's dilemma is that it has helped hundreds of people in the last two years without financial sponsors or funding from other sources. Many of TLC's clients have financial difficulties of their own and cannot afford to pay, but desperately need TLC's help.

TLC reaches the kids — even hard-to-reach kids come back to be counseled. "Helping the young people in Federal Way is helping our own future," said Macdonald.

What makes TLC unique as a counseling center is its safe atmosphere, a positive philosophy and a caring, con-

frontive group of people who are reaching kids and adults. TLC helps each client see their own strengths and be aware of their own potential and their own formula for success.

"A donation to our new non-profit counseling center will help us to maintain until we are adequately funded," said Macdonald. Send your donation to TLC, P.O. Box 7584, Federal Way, WA 98003.

For further information, call TLC at 941-2124.

Dear Santa... Santa's assistants at Lakota Junior High are busy helping Santa get his mail answered

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## Hearing is chance to set new course

At 8 p.m. Tuesday, the same time "Who's the Boss?" comes on the tube, several dozen Federal Way residents — and probably more than a few out-of-town developers — will gather at city hall to help chart the community's growth.

A draft comprehensive plan for the city of Federal Way will be the target of their comments. When adopted by the Federal Way City Council in January, the plan will provide the foundation for writing ordinances and codes that will govern future development.

For residents upset about the course of development here under King County's comprehensive plan, Tuesday represents the first and best opportunity to offer suggestions for improvements.

We urge all interested citizens to attend the 8 p.m. public hearing at city hall, 31132 28th Ave. S. Instead of watching "Who's the Boss?" residents can show who's boss, at least when it comes to matters within our city borders.

## Newspapers should let the voters decide

Editor:

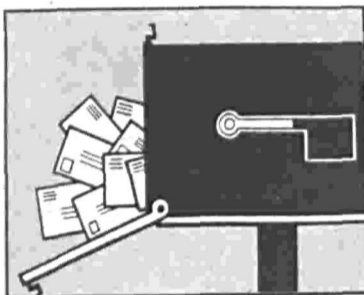
I would like to comment on Pat Watson's letter regarding city councilman Joel Marks' concern with the newspaper endorsement of specific candidates in local elections.

I believe he has put his finger on a practice which should be of great concern to all voters.

The growing concern which I have had is why should my vote be any less than anybody else's? I'm particularly irritated because I have made the effort to make a considered decision on whom to vote for based on knowledge gained through studying editorials and attending candidate meetings.

It is unfortunate, but there are some voters who will take wholly or in part the paper's recommendations as a basis of their voting. Without studying the issues and voting based on the endorsement list, they have acted as the paper's and editor's proxy, perhaps hundreds or more times.

I believe in the freedom of the press. I believe that the paper



### Letters

should print the facts and on an editorial page they have the right to express opinions.

What I do not like is the power of the press to manipulate public opinion particularly when it affects my rights as a voter.

My answer to Pat Watson is, yes, the paper should point out the differences in candidates and issues and should not pull punches when it has the facts to support an opinion. However, when it's time to vote, please, let the voter make his or her own decision!

Bob Kellogg  
Olympic View

## U.S.A. doesn't need another Flag City

Editor:

Why, oh why, should a city, still in swaddling clothes, have a need for a nickname when it has not been firmly determined as to its given name? It seems like putting the cart before the horse. It could certainly be a misnomer for our city when all the facts are known.

The local Soroptimists under the guidance of Lynne Schow and others have taken it upon themselves to nickname this neoteric city of Federal Way, Wash. "Flag City U.S.A."

They have had the name officially endorsed by our Secretary of State as well as having obtained interim approval from King County Public Works Department for placing flag poles along certain road rights-of-way. This procedure, prior to receiving approval from our new and striving city council or a mandate from the ballot box by the people, tends to infringe in part upon what our flag stands for.

Another item that has come to my attention during the past few days could, if proven to be a fact, show that the Soroptimists, in their haste to carry the idea forward, "jumped off side." How? By not researching the congressional records of the United States.

What for? Title: Flag City U.S.A. Where? Findlay, Ohio. When? On Flag Day 1968, 14,000 flags of the United States were

displayed throughout that city. Later, on May 7, 1974, a joint resolution was introduced in congress to designate Findlay, Ohio, as "Flag City U.S.A." This was House Joint Resolution 1003, 93rd Congress, 2nd Session.

A second item of utmost importance appeared in the Seattle P.I., Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1989: "Federal Way might appear on the surface to be an expanding dynamic new city of suburban commuters, housed in new sound-view homes and development. But it also is home to many 'working poor' families living on marginal incomes." The article continued with a statement from the Federal Way Food Bank Manager Shirley Karli: "Forty-one percent of the area's residents are close to or at the poverty level."

It is apparent that there are more immediate and pressing priorities facing our city than the purchasing of flags and flag poles at a cost of nearly \$50,000. That is the sum that the Soroptimists expect to secure from donations for that purpose. However, since our city can no longer be the first to have the connotation of "Flag City U.S.A.," will the Soroptimists be willing to donate whatever sum they obtain to aid the needy? With that start it might be the beginning of a "Loving and Caring" nomenclature for our city.

Henry R. McQueen  
Buena

## Evergreen would be ever-perfect

Editor:

In response to A.L. Short on the name "Evergreen" to replace Federal Way (Dec. 3, "Evergreen? You've got to be kidding"), I notice he didn't offer a more appropriate suggestion.

I think the name Evergreen is perfect! What an image Evergreen, Washington, would give to the rest of the world. I love it.

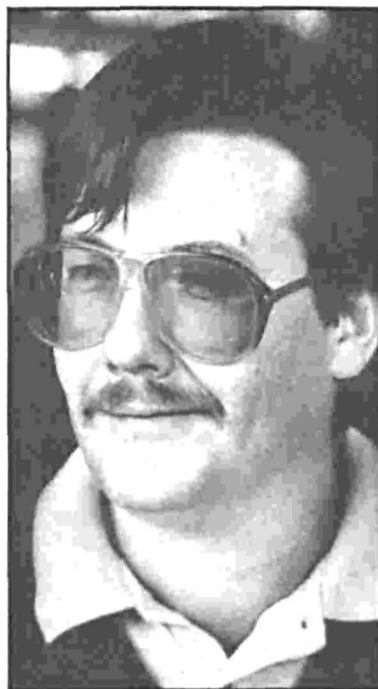
Ann Bohlin  
Lake Geneva

## Street Talk: Would you report your neighbor for violating woodstove ban?



Karen McCown  
(Housewife)

"It depends on if that's their only source of heat. I don't know who you'd call. I'm not using mine."



Larry Grohs  
(President of Harvey's Skindiving)

"Sure. It's illegal. Simple as that. It pollutes the air. If they say don't do it, why burn?"



Rachelle Bohlman  
(Student)

"Yeah. If that's the law, they shouldn't be burning their stove."



Bobby Norman  
(Student)

"Yeah, probably, because it's not right to do that (burn during a ban)."



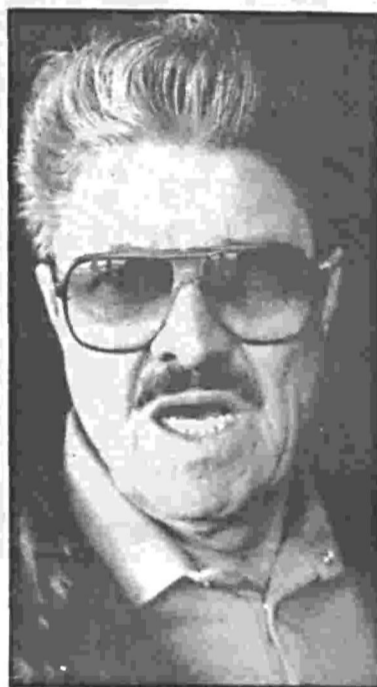
Lou Morris  
(Retail Clerk)

"It would depend. If that was their only heat, I wouldn't. (Otherwise) I would because they don't really need to burn it if they've got other heat."



Craig Andrews  
(Retired)

"I would ask the neighbor if they knew of the ban. I would inform them if they didn't know. I'd hesitate to report them without talking to them first. But I might."



George Daly  
(Marine Clerk)

"I wouldn't unless this whole country got polluted bad. And it's not to that point yet. I have a brother-in-law that was burning it. I wouldn't report him because he's retired and he isn't making enough money to live on."



David Nesson  
(Assistant Store Manager)

"No. The wood kind of smells good when they burn it, anyway. It kind of goes along with winter."

## Dear Santa, forget about the hardhat

I get a choked-up feeling this time of year.

Usually, I feel this way right after a major potluck at the office. When it happens I retire to my desk to contemplate the mystery of man.

But it has been happening more often lately, ever since I was named Facilities Manager of our company. A Facilities Manager encounters far more mysteries than most ordinary folk.

When I was first appointed Facilities Manager, I felt honored. But the impressive title turned out to have a far different meaning for most of my colleagues from the one it had for me. I saw myself in a dignified light. I saw myself reading proposals for building projects. I ordered a silver hard hat and sent away for a handbook, "How to Manage Your Facility."

Then I ran into the first of many mysteries. Before the handbook even arrived, I found a message taped to my office door. "Dear Facilities Manager," it read. "The light in the women's bathroom doesn't work, and we're afraid of the dark."

Nobody had told me I would be expected to address profound spiritual issues. A trained facilities manager would know what to do, but I wasn't sure. Should I schedule group therapy sessions or just replace the fluorescent bulbs?

While I struggled with my identity, someone came into



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my office to tell me she didn't like her chair. "Did you like it yesterday?" I asked.

She said it was fine yesterday, but she saw a bunch of new chairs sitting around in the sales department. It made her realize how much she despised her old chair.

She showed me that her chair could be jacked up with a handle that stuck out on one side of the seat. But during the day, as she sat there typing, the chair would let her down. "It gives me a sinking feeling," she said.

I was beginning to grasp that a facilities manager cannot be content merely to know how to read a bid on furnace repair or how to recognize the difference between good carpet and the stuff they make out of recycled weasel hair.

A facilities manager must

also know something about the human condition. I'm here to tell you, after only a few months on the job, the human condition is not good.

Before I could swap her chair for a model that would keep her spirits up, I got a call from someone in another office who said, "We've got a typewriter here that's blue. What are we supposed to do?"

I told her I would get back to her, and called a pal who is in the psychotherapy game. I said I was now Facilities Manager and wondered what he knew about blue typewriters. He said it was common, and that according to a study done by Olivetti, "gray is also common."

Still caught up in my new role, I strolled through the building, looking soberly at walls, floors and lighting fixtures. Someone from the circulation department caught me feeling a wall.

"Why are you feeling a wall when I still don't have arms?" she said. When I looked at the arms hanging out of her shirtsleeves, she scowled. "On my chair, I mean!"

She walked away, shaking her head, and I turned to see a guy with a lovesick look holding an empty coffee cup. "We're out of de-caf again," he said fearfully.

I pointed in the direction of the upstairs lunchroom, where I assured him there was another pot he could use. Suddenly I realized, I was

pointing with a roll of toilet paper, which I was still carrying after using it to protect my hand while I changed the fluorescent bulbs in the women's room.

He saw it, too, but by then I didn't care. I was inspired. I saw that a Facilities Manager is the modern equivalent of a village idiot. You see him standing on the corner. You hand him a gum wrapper and you walk away. He stands there waiting for you to return.

This insight fascinated me so much that I forgot where I was going. I must have looked a little dazed, one of the pasteup crew came over and said sadly, "It's the smoke." When I still looked stupid, she said, "They smoke outside, see, and it gets sucked back in by the air conditioner and we all have to breathe it." She suggested that our no-smoking policy be revised to read, "Smoking allowed only during western winds."

I saw that strolling around the building was dangerous for a facilities manager. So I tucked the toilet paper under my arm, like an important document. I bounded upstairs, hoping I wouldn't run into anyone with a purchase order.

I had to make it back to the women's room. I knew that any minute, someone would come to tell me that since the lights were working again, they could see what an ugly place it was, and besides, they were out of paper.

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## Map will tell where burglars are hitting

While you're away, either at work or at play, burglars are plying their trade.

Burglars don't discriminate between neighborhoods or types of homes — apartments and single-family homes are victimized in equal numbers, notes Dana Malone, Precinct 5 crime analysis officer.

Malone says he gets frequent calls from neighbors of victims, wondering if their particular neighborhoods are being hit by multiple burglaries. Sometimes that's the case, sometimes it isn't.

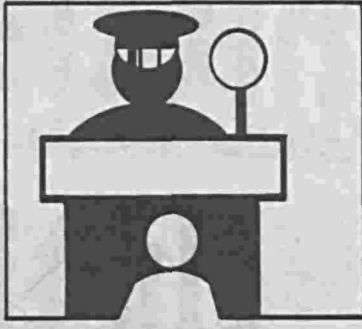
Malone plots burglaries by patrol districts, keeping track of residential and commercial victims. He uses multi-colored stickers to note the location of each on a large map of Federal Way in the precinct's roll-call room.

The Federal Way News will, beginning Wednesday, run a smaller version of that map. It will show Federal Way and its 10 patrol districts, and where burglars have hit in the past week. We'll keep track of burglaries — residential and commercial — for the week ending each Sunday.

Statistics for the current year, compiled through Sept. 30, show 718 Federal Way homes were reported victimized by burglars. Actual numbers never reported, Malone adds. Another 81 attempted burglaries were reported.

Commercial burglaries through September total 221, including a rash of 31 business break-ins during a three-week period in October. A special emphasis patrol was put in the business district, and the problem abated. Businesses have reported 27 unsuccessful burglary attempts.

In 1988, 1,052 residential burglaries were reported in



Precinct Watch

Federal Way, and 323 businesses were broken into.

Malone says the most active time for burglars is daytime, when most homes are empty because residents are at work or school. The most frequent method of entry is to simply kick in a door. Although it's noisy, kicking in a door is favored because it's quick, he explains. Fiddling with a lock or window takes time, during which the burglar might be spotted.

Residents can reduce their chances of becoming victims by taking part in block watch programs or alarming their homes. Doors and windows should always be locked.

Of the 939 residential and commercial burglaries reported through September, 257 were non-forced entries, meaning a door or window may have been left open, or a key used.

**Precinct Watch appears every Sunday in the Federal Way News. It includes information on crime trends, crime prevention and changes at the precinct. Call us at 839-0700 or 927-4353 if you have any questions or ideas about this feature.**

## Christmas house volunteers gifts

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before Christmas. The students have answered approximately 50 letters and hope to do more as the letters detour to Lakota on their way to the North Pole.

This is just one of the many activities of the Positive Bug Club at Lakota that was originated by Jerry Anderson, vice-principal. Anderson feels that by helping others, the club develops responsible citizens.

### The Giving Tree

Thanks to the efforts of more than 100 volunteers, Christmas will be special this year for many Federal Way children and senior citizens. The last few weeks, sometimes as late as midnight, volunteers handed out gift tags at the SeaTac Mall Giving Tree. Each gift tag contained an item needed by a child or senior citizen in our community.

Last Friday was the last day gift tags were passed out, but it

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is still not too late to donate a gift. Betty Long, coordinator, said board games, gifts for boys ages 7-12 as well as curling irons and hair dryers are some of the items needed.

If you can help, bring your gift to the SeaTac Mall information booth or the Federal Way Food Bank by Wednesday, Dec. 20. These gifts are distributed within the Federal Way community. For more information, call the food bank at 838-3111.

### Federal Way Christmas House

"Last Christmas over 1,000 needy Federal Way children and senior citizens received gifts thanks to all the volunteers and organizations that support the Christmas house," said Betty

Long, coordinator.

Christmas house (located at Steel Lake Presbyterian Church) will open its doors once again to those in need of assistance in the Federal Way community. Parents who have received a toy pass from the Federal Way Food Bank will have the opportunity to get gifts for their children Dec. 18-22, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Christmas house.

Long said she was touched that many who had received gifts from the Christmas house last year returned this year with gifts to offer. Many felt their year was good and were eager to return a kindness given during their own time of need.

### Christmas Tea

What fun! The Women's Club of Federal Way held its annual Christmas tea last Wednesday. Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance and the Federal

Way Swing Choir, under the direction of Larry Belz, performed a medley of Christmas music. They are a talented group of students.

Delores Seay, president of the Women's Club, thanked the members for their continuing support and contributions to our community.

### Federal Way VFW

The VFW of Federal Way is proud to announce that Amy Martin of Woodmont Elementary won first place in the annual VFW essay contest. She will now go on to compete at the state level. Good luck Amy!

**Pat Rodgers is the community correspondent for the Federal Way News. Her column is devoted to news about Federal Way residents that might otherwise go unnoticed. Let her know what you and your neighbors are up to. Call her in care of the Federal Way News at 839-0700 or 927-4353.**

## Santa lives on in gift-giving hearts

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The kids run up to you with their arms outstretched, the Santa continued. "Then they're up on your lap, telling you what they want for Christmas. They're so excited it sometimes takes two or three tries for them to get it out.

"Then you look up and see the expression on their parents' faces — see the love written all over it," the Frederick's Santa concluded with satisfaction.

At least that's how it works most of the time, the Santa said.

All three men have had their share of howling babies, pushy parents, little girls who tug on their beards and boys who announce they don't believe in Santa Claus.

**BUT THOSE ARE** the exceptions, say the three Santas.

Harris testifies that being a Santa has turned his outlook on life around.

Three years ago, he was newly divorced and expecting a lonely Christmas. One day he was looking through the paper and noticed ads for the American Heart Association's Santa With a Heart program.

People volunteer to be Santas and the Heart Association collects \$50 for every visit they make. The money benefits heart research.

Harris called the Heart Association right away. He took the Santa training class, was issued a red suit and went to work. His volunteer visits start the first week of December and don't end until Christmas eve, but he wouldn't have it any other way.

"Last Christmas eve, when I got home at 11 o'clock, (after

four Santa calls) I didn't want to take this suit off. If I did, then I'd know it was over for a whole year," Harris says.

When you bring joy to a child, it rubs off on you too, he adds. Since his father died of a heart attack and his mother recently had bypass surgery, he also feels good about contributing to heart research.

**THE FREDERICK AND Nelson Santa**, who is a retired school teacher, got his job when one of the store's Santas died suddenly and the store needed a replacement in a hurry. Since the man's wife worked at the store, he offered to fill in temporarily.

That temporary job has stretched out 12 years.

"It's the best job I've ever had," adds Neshim. "How can you turn down a job that's all about love?"

Neshim remembers one incident that has made his Santa experiences particularly worthwhile.

One little girl who sat on his lap told him she didn't want anything for Christmas.

"Tell Santa what you want," he coaxed.

"Nothing," she whispered. "A dolly?" he asked. "New clothes?"

The girl insisted she wanted nothing. Sensing something was wrong, Neshim kept her on his lap longer than necessary and gave her an extra hug. Later her mom came up in tears and thanked him. Her daughter was dying of leukemia.

"I said, 'Thank you, Lord, for giving me a chance to give a little more affection to that child,'" Neshim recalls.

**UNLIKE THE** little girl, most

kids have huge lists of gifts they want for Christmas. In fact, that's often the way you can tell which kids believe in Santa and which don't, one Santa said.

The believers confidently rattle off what they want. The non-believers hesitate before answering.

It takes nimble wits to temper the children's expectations and keep their faith in Santa, too, the three Santas say.

"You have to be careful not to make promises to them that others can't keep," Harris says.

Some kids could ask for a car and it would be a realistic wish, he notes. But other kids' parents might not even be able to afford a pair of roller skates.

Sometimes Harris goes home from a party wondering which kid might not get anything for Christmas, and whether there would be a way he could possibly get a gift to that child.

When asked for a specific gift, the Santas reply that they'll do the best they can, but explain that lots of kids need toys, and the sleigh fills up pretty fast.

"Where's Rudolph and the rest of the reindeer?" is another common query the Santas dodge.

"On the roof," says the Frederick and Nelson Santa.

"Up north — eating grass or lawns," says Neshim.

**"AT THE WOODLAND** Park

Zoo," says Harris, who goes on to explain that Santa has an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration. Normally when he comes into the Seattle area he stables the reindeer at the zoo so they don't interfere with the airplanes. On Christmas eve, most flights are cancelled so the reindeer can get through, Harris tells the kids.

Confrontations with children who say "Santa Claus isn't real" are a bit tougher to handle.

But over the years, Neshim has developed a never-fail reply.

"It all depends on your attitude," he'll tell a belligerent kid. "Santa represents the spirit of giving, what the good Lord told us to do in the first place. If you look at it that way, Santa is very much alive."

Yes, Santa Claus is real, agrees the Frederick and Nelson Santa.

Linking Santa with Christmas advertising has distorted his true meaning, he adds. Jolly old St. Nick really stands for love, thoughtfulness, friendliness, generosity and kindness, the Frederick and Nelson Santa said.

"That's the way I like to think of the spirit of Santa Claus," he adds.

## City would have last word on wider road

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possible widening of the highway.

"Something needs to be done. It's so congested now," he said.

Gard said that his customers often complain about the traffic congestion when they try to pull out of his parking lot onto Pacific Highway South.

Jack Flesher, who owns Country Vittles Restaurant at South 142nd and Pacific Highway South, called the possible widening "nothing but good."

Flesher, who also serves as president of the Southwest Chamber of Commerce, said that King County is growing at such fast pace that street revisions are inevitable.

"But we like the growth, so it (the widening) should be good for us," he said.

Flesher's only concern was

that the widening might take space he currently uses for parking.

Schutz, the state engineer said the recommendation to widen Pacific Highway South came from statistics that predict a dramatic jump in traffic volume in the next 20 years.

Schutz said that state planners expect a 28 percent increase in traffic at the intersection of South 312th Street and Pacific Highway South, from a current count of 31,000 vehicles per day to 43,000 by the year 2010.

Further north, at South 188th Street and Pacific Highway South, a similar jump is expected, from the current 44,000 vehicles per day to 62,000 by 2010.

Officials say the widening project could use rights of way already obtained by the state.

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# Plan seeks cure to city's growing pains

By KURT HERZOG

Federal Way residents who want a say in how the new city will grow should come to a public hearing Tuesday on the city's proposed comprehensive plan.

The public hearing will be at 8 p.m., following the Federal Way City Council's regular meeting at 7 p.m. at city hall, 31132 26th Ave. S.

"The comprehensive plan is the framework for all the ordinances that will control land use," said Kay Shoudy, a senior planner with Wilsey and Ham Pacific, the firm the Federal Way City Council hired to help with land-use planning. "This will influence zoning... development, and the budget."

"There are some significant changes in this plan." Copies of the plan are available at city hall free of charge. Unlike zoning codes and other legal documents, the comprehensive plan is easily readable.

"If people want to have input, the time is now," Shoudy said.

"We're encouraging the public to attend," said Mayor Debbie Ertel. "What we're look-



Jim Handmacher

ing for from the public is what they like and don't like."

Perhaps the most radical departure from King County in the city's plan is the control of apartments. As reported earlier, the council would like to

decrease the ratio of apartments to single-family homes.

CURRENTLY 45 percent of the housing units in Federal Way are multi-family. The council would like to decrease that ratio to 35 percent. That can't be done without rezoning some of the city so that eventually less apartment development will occur.

Much of the council's preliminary discussion has suggested limiting all apartment development to the city's central business district (CBD) where city resources can be focused to reduce traffic problems there.

If the council does decide to allow more apartments outside of the CBD, it has discussed allowing only low-density projects near major arterial intersections convenient to freeways and shopping centers.

Surprisingly, the plan also includes a policy recognizing mobile homes as an acceptable form of housing in the city. Mobile homes have been strongly criticized by Councilman Jim Handmacher, chair of the council's Land-use and Transportation Planning Committee, the

natural vegetation on undeveloped sites. The council hopes to eventually draft an ordinance that will control the grading of undeveloped sites before building permits have been issued for those sites.

On commercial and industrial land uses, the plan includes a provision that would limit the size of development allowed on land currently zoned neighborhood business (BN). Council members have complained that the county's BN zone allows commercial developments that are too large for neighborhoods. The council hopes to establish an ordinance limiting the size of businesses allowed in neighborhoods.

It also hopes to preserve land for industrial uses. Pressure from developers to rezone industrially zoned land to allow commercial uses is intense. The land-use committee wants to attract more industrial development, rather than just more commercial development, primarily because industrial jobs are usually higher paying.

THE PLAN states that the most critical development in Federal Way will be to upgrade the roads in the CBD to accommodate higher development densities.

The council also hopes to increase pedestrian access to the CBD as well as the rest of the city. Design standards for commercial development need to be more stringent to make the CBD more appealing, the plan states.

Many residents have long complained that the city has far too little open space. To remedy that, the council is considering requiring that developers leave a certain percentage of land as open space as a requirement for obtaining building permits.

The council could also require developer payments in lieu of

setting aside land. Another option is to set a goal of no net loss of wetlands.

Because of Federal Way's fast-growing demand for water, the council is considering not allowing any development in aquifer-recharge areas. The city plans to identify where those aquifer-recharge areas are.

While the land-use committee will continue to discuss the plan at its 7 p.m. Monday meetings, officials advise that Tuesday's

public hearing is the prime opportunity for citizens to tell the council what they think about proposed land-use policies.

Officials anticipate there will be a lull in city activity during the next couple of weeks, but after that council progress on land use will move even faster.

After Tuesday's public hearing, the land-use committee will work on revising the plan. The council hopes to adopt the plan Jan. 9.

## Codes, laws to hinge on city's comp plan

After the Federal Way City Council adopts its comprehensive plan on Jan. 9, consultants will begin work on transforming the plan into law.

The city's planning consultant, Wilsey and Ham Pacific, will work with an attorney to write the ordinances that will govern land use.

The comprehensive plan will also be used to draft the city's zoning ordinance, the document that states what kind of development will be allowed in each area of the city.

The council will hold another public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance on Feb. 6. Final adoption of the zoning code by the city council is expected on Feb. 20.

The city needs to have the zoning code and land-use ordinances in place by the time the community officially incorporates. The council plans to incorporate the community effective Feb. 28.

Without a zoning ordinance, or

other land-use ordinances, the city would be wide open to any kind of development in any area. The council could have just adopted the existing King County zoning and land-use ordinances, but widespread dissatisfaction with the county's land-use management convinced the council the city needs new ordinances.

The comprehensive plan that will be adopted Jan. 9 is a rather cursory examination of the issues, cautions Councilman Jim Handmacher, chair of the land-use committee.

The council will go back and re-examine many of the issues after official incorporation when it has more time to do a thorough job.

Indeed, the land-use process will never be over, council members say. As development pressure continues, the council will continue to examine rezoning various parcels of land to accommodate or control development.

## Water and sewer budget will not include rate hikes

By WENDY CULVERWELL

Federal Way Water and Sewer District ratepayers can breathe a little easier — increases in both water and sewer rates have been deleted from the proposed 1990 budget.

The board of commissioners will vote on the \$23.7 million budget at Tuesday's board meeting.

District management originally predicated the 1990 budget on rate hikes of 7 percent and 8 percent for water and sewer, respectively.

Jim Miller, the district's manager, attributed the water hike to inflation, and the sewer hike to the increased cost of running the upgraded Lakota treatment plant.

The hikes were withdrawn, however, because the 1990 budget has since been trimmed by nearly 8 percent.

SOME OF the items removed from the 1990 budget include the public information officer requested by the administration,

conferences employees wanted to attend, and a project to lay dry sewer lines along Southwest 356th Street during a county road widening project.

Commissioner Bev Tweddle, a vocal opponent of rate hikes, is pleased they have been eliminated, but says there is still room for trimming.

"I think the budget could be a lot tighter," she said, citing a training budget that allows for \$800 in expenses per employee. Also, the budget assumes a 5 percent salary increase for each employee for the entire year.

Salary increases are awarded on employees' anniversary dates, not at the beginning of the year, she pointed out.

Major expenditures include:

- Construction of the Lakota secondary sewage treatment plant continues to be one of the district's biggest expenses. Almost \$31 million of the plant's total \$34.1 million cost has been paid out, with the balance of \$3.1 million due in 1990. The plant is

more than 80 percent complete, and the contractor, Pease and Sons Inc. of Tacoma, expects to have it on line by March.

• Finding water is a big priority for the district in 1990. Well development and production projects rated "critical" total almost \$9 million.

• A plan to protect ground water, considered "essential," will cost the district \$250,000.

• The district will pay developers to build larger than currently necessary sewer lines in anticipation of future development to the tune of \$1.5 million.

• Sewer pump station upgrades will cost the district \$4 million.

• \$3.5 million will go toward servicing outstanding bonds.

The board of commissioners will vote on the 1990 budget at Tuesday's board meeting, which will start at 6 p.m., at the Water Operations Building, 31627 First Ave. S. No public hearing is scheduled.

## Police identify shooting victim

The man shot and killed by an Auburn police officer Thursday has been identified as Samuel Johnson, 41, of Tacoma.

Johnson and another man were fleeing police after a witness reported they had burglarized an Auburn Way North Radio Shack shortly after 2:30 a.m.

Their van skidded off the road on Mountain View Drive near Yahn and Son Funeral Home, and the chase continued on foot, with officers in pursuit.

Officer Robert Michnick caught up with Johnson and ordered him to stop, but Johnson instead turned on the officer and raised his hands in front of him as if he was holding a gun, said Officer Bill Waldroop, a department spokesman.

Waldroop said Michnick again ordered Johnson to stop, but he

kept coming. That's when Michnick drew his weapon and fired a single shot, hitting Johnson in the neck. He died at the scene.

Waldroop said a search of the area did not turn up a gun that could have been used by Johnson. The King County Medical Examiner's officer referred questions about Johnson's cause of death to Auburn police, who are saying only that he was struck once in the neck by a bullet. They are not saying from which angle the bullet struck Johnson.

Michnick is an 11-year police veteran who joined the Auburn Police Department one year ago, said Waldroop. He previously worked in California. Michnick is on administrative leave pending the outcome of a psychological evaluation. A

departmental firearm review began Friday and should be completed this week, Waldroop said.

Waldroop confirmed that Michnick was involved in a shooting with another department, but added he has no details of that incident and does not know if it will carry any weight in Auburn's review.

Waldroop said Johnson has an extensive criminal history dating back to the early 1970s, and was convicted on robbery charges. He had no outstanding arrest warrants at the time of the shooting.

His companion, a 34-year-old Tacoma man, however, is a suspect in a similar Radio Shack burglary in Pierce County. He is in the Auburn jail pending charges for burglary and felony flight, Waldroop said.

## Man charged with boy's death

By LYNN FRANCISCO

"This is the first bright spot in our lives in a long time," said Ken Corbett, when he learned on Friday that vehicular homicide charges had been filed against the man who struck and killed his step-son, Jason Richards, in mid-September.

"Perhaps justice is being served here," he said. "We feel it is the proper charge to make."

King County Deputy Prosecutor Michael Hogan said on Friday that the driver, Thao Dinh Tran, 22, of White Center, faces one count of vehicular homicide, a charge that carries a sentence of 15 to 20 months in prison, if Tran is convicted.

NINE-YEAR-OLD Jason, a fourth-grade student at

Cedarhurst Elementary School, was fatally injured as he crossed what many area residents call a dangerous intersection at South 128th Street and Second Avenue South. The boy lingered in a coma in the hospital for six days, before he died on Sept. 20 of severe head injuries.

Hogan said that another car had stopped for Jason as he entered the crosswalk, but that Tran drove through the intersection at 32 miles per hour, "making no effort to stop despite the crosswalk signs and the presence of another stopped vehicle."

"Tran's gross inattention to the signs and the other car stopped at the crosswalk led to his heedless disregard for the safety

ground rules for using the telephone.

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of children, who must be expected under such clearly visible conditions," he said.

The prosecutor added that Tran had no driver's license, but that he was carrying an expired learner's permit.

Tran has been released from the King County Jail on condition that he not drive a motor vehicle. He is scheduled for a court appearance on Dec. 26.

"Something will be done," said Madden.

In addition, King County Councilman Greg Nickels said that the 1990 county budget contains \$250,000 for safety improvements in Burien and White Center. Nickels said the tragic accident that took Jason's life convinced county lawmakers that the money was needed in that area. He expects a portion of the funds will be used to improve safety at the dangerous intersection.

JASON'S DEATH brought a renewed clamor for safety improvements at the busy intersection. Area residents have been demanding better markings for the crosswalk for some time.

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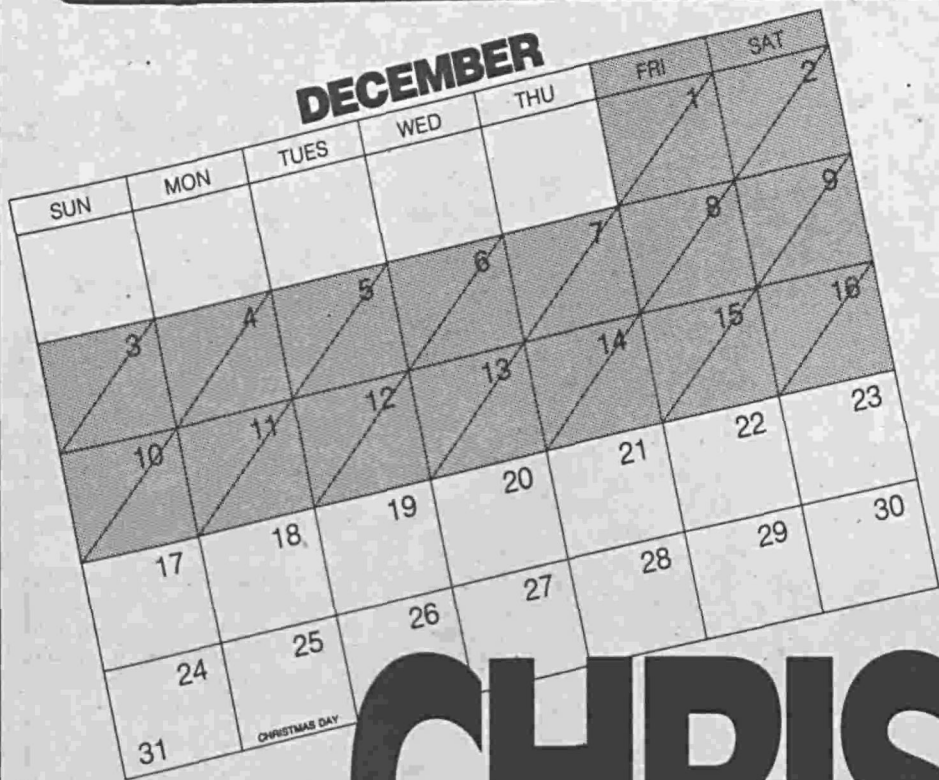
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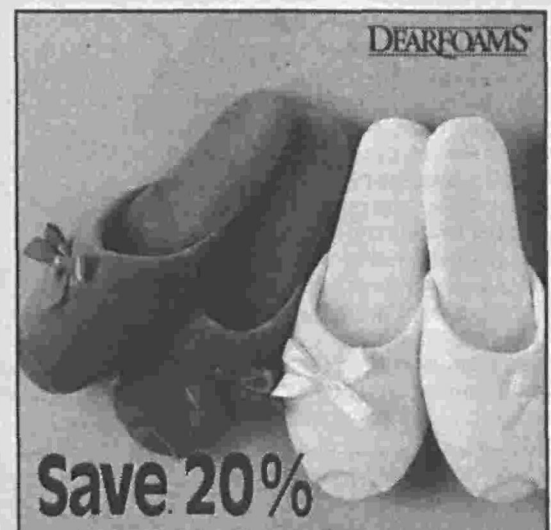
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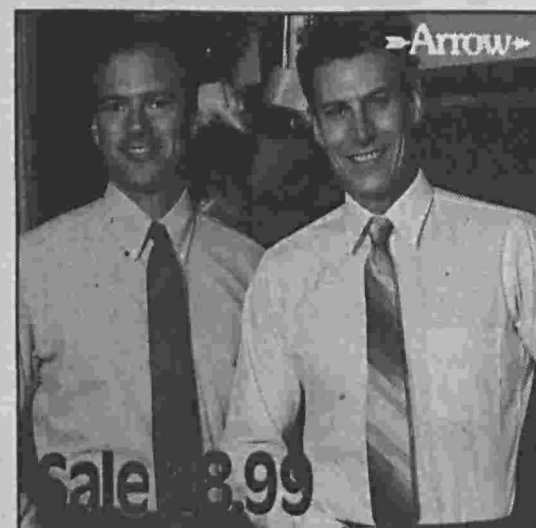
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## Would-be rapist changes his mind

A would-be rapist aborted his assault after finding out his intended victim did not have any condoms with her.

The 30-year-old Federal Way woman said she was leaving the House of China early Saturday morning when a man dragged her into his car and drove away southbound on Pacific Highway South.

After about 20 minutes he pulled off the road into a secluded area and forced the woman to undress. He began undressing himself, and asked if she had any condoms, the woman said. When she said she had none, he put his pants back on and allowed her to get dressed, she told police.

The man then drove around for another 15 minutes and stopped at a gas station/convenience store in Fife. While he went into the store the woman fled the car and hid behind the building. She said she ran into the store when



### Police

the man left it, and told the clerk to call police.

Fife police responded, and determined the attack probably happened in King County, and took the woman to Federal Way's Precinct 5.

The abductor is described as white, in his 20s, 6 feet 2 inches tall and 170 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes and wore a tan jacket. His car is a tan, older model two-door Peugeot.

## Intruder wanders through apartments

An intruder entered seven unlocked apartments in the Southridge House low-income senior housing complex Sunday, but apparently only one resident lost anything.

Police reports say the man may have been "buzzed in" by an unwary resident, or entered through an unlocked emergency door. Once inside the security building, the man entered apartments he found unlocked. He was challenged in four units by

residents who were at home. Each time he said he was looking for the apartments' manager.

The intruder made his way into three unoccupied apartments, but only one resident reported a loss.

The intruder left when a resident told him police were on the way. He is described as black, 30 to 35 years old, 6 feet tall and 160 pounds with a beard. He wore jeans and a jean jacket.

## Woman bites man in freeway fight

Police cited a 26-year-old Federal Way woman for assault Sunday after she bit her husband twice during a fight.

The husband was driving southbound on Interstate 5 as the couple argued, and just south of South 272nd street, his wife turned off the ignition. The car rolled to a stop alongside the freeway and the man tried to leave.

But his wife struggled with him, and in the process, bit him

on the bicep hard enough to break the skin. To retaliate and escape, the husband told police he pulled his wife's hair. He managed to get out of the car, but she followed, and bit him on the back.

The husband showed evidence of the bites, and his wife complained of a sore neck and broken fingernail, reports stated. She was cited into Federal Way District Court for fourth-degree assault.

## Four car prowlers caught by police

Four Seattle youths were arrested early Wednesday morning after a man noticed strangers in his neighbor's car.

The man said he heard a noise in his apartment parking lot at 1:16 a.m. and looked out to see three strangers inside his neighbor's car, apparently removing the stereo. He called police and responding officers stopped two teens in their car while still in the parking lot.

They told officers they had two accomplices, and that pair was caught a few blocks away.

Police searched the first car and found several pieces of stereo equipment as well as a radar detector with a serial number matching that of one stolen in Everett, reports state. Police also found two other cars in the parking lot that had been broken into.

All four youths, ages 15 to 18, were arrested.

## Bank isn't fooled by forged check

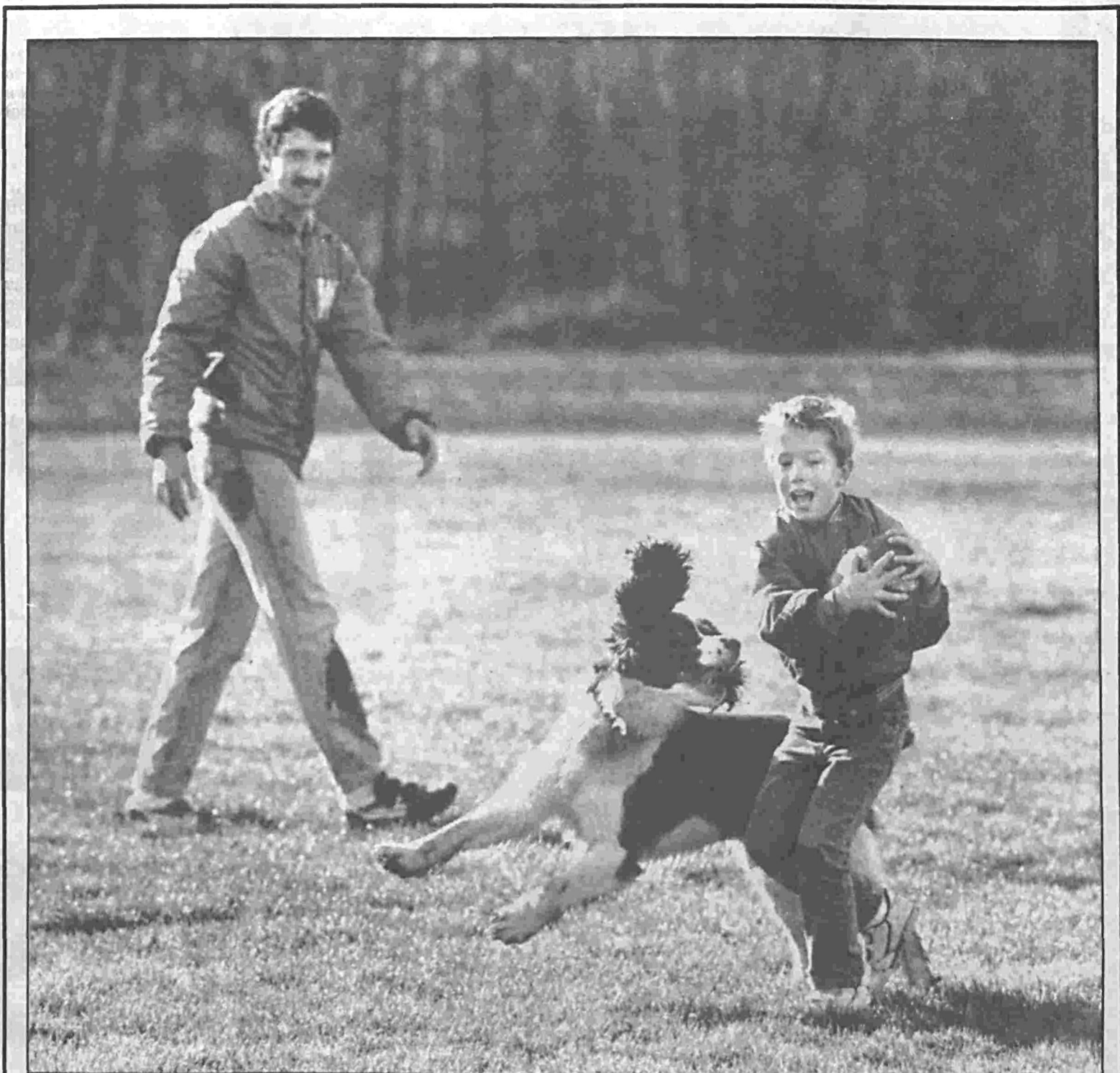
An alert bank teller saved a local businessman more than \$3,000 when she became suspicious of a man trying to cash a check.

The businessman who wrote the check said he put it in his mailbox with several other bills Saturday, and on Monday another man brought the check into the bank and tried to cash it. The teller thought the check appeared to have been altered, and notified her supervisor.

The bank refused to cash the check, and the bearer grew nervous and left, leaving the check

behind. But the teller already had obtained his driver's license and Social Security numbers. A check of those numbers, however, showed they belonged to a 16-year-old boy from Tacoma. Bank employees said the person trying to cash the check was at least 25 years old.

The would-be forger is described as white, 6 feet 1 inch tall and 185 pounds with brown hair and a thick mustache. He wore a brown coat and jeans and drove a white late-model Mazda RX-7.



## Dogged defense

DESPITE BEING hounded by a roverback named Chase, Rich Peabody maintains a firm grip on the football during a game of catch with his dad, Bill, last Sunday at Lakota

Park. Rich's mother (not pictured) also participated in the family's weekly outing.

photo by Rhonda Davis

## Robinson won't rebid on Ranger contract

Robinson Publishing Corporation President Joseph Blaha has informed the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis that Robinson Publishing will not submit a new proposal seeking to become civilian enterprise printer of the Fort Lewis newspaper.

Last September, the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis awarded Robinson Publishing a contract as civilian enterprise publisher of the fort newspaper. The award was contested by the former contractor, leading to a court ruling that the Army did not comply with its own procedural matters. The Army voided the contract with Robinson and issued a new and revised request for proposals.

"Under the terms being offered by the Army, it appears to us that just about anyone can publish a newspaper for the fort, so we question the value of having a contract," Blaha said.

"We're very disappointed that our good-faith effort in bidding

on a contract, and winning the contract award, resulted in futility. Based on our signed contract with the Army, we made financial commitments on

equipment, facilities and personnel. We will lay claim to recover these costs." Robinson Publishing is publisher of six award-winning community

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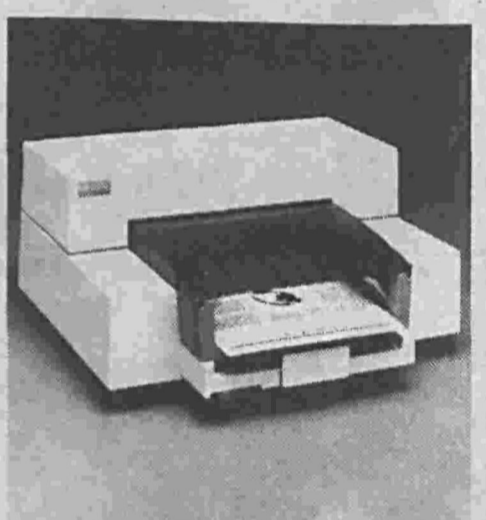
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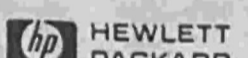
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## Holiday decorations light up community

### Christmas is a time to put on the glitz

What does it take to string a mile-and-a-half of Christmas lights around your home?

Chrystal Hartrick of the Kloshe Illahee neighborhood says it takes about a month of evenings, combined with a desire to make strangers happy. Chrystal and her husband, Jim, hope the lights of their home at 2500 S. 370th St., No. 147, make passersby smile and forget their troubles for a while.

The Hartricks go to quite a bit of trouble to make others forget theirs. The couple starts stringing lights late in November, when Jim is home from his job at Midwest Motor Express. They use old lanterns, planters and hubcaps to get the effect they want, and bury the light cords as an extra safety measure.

The Hartricks have already spent one evening under dripping skies, stringing lights 'til midnight. But Chrystal says they are rewarded by smiles.

Christmas-display searchers can't miss the Hartrick place, or Kloshe Illahee, for that matter. The entire neighborhood lights up at Christmas for all to see.

A SEARCH for displays throughout the community turned up light shows, painted windows, cardboard Christmas figures and even the famed Seven Dwarfs.

Several homes on 41st Avenue South are decorated, but the Don McMurrin home at 28840 41st Ave. S. outshines them all. A lighted Santa and reindeer have landed on the roof, and thousands of lights have brightened their landing pad.

The Dinkel home at 28415 15th Ave. S. is a perennial favorite of lightwatchers, and this year is no different. The Dinkel home sparkles with more than 15,000 lights, a nativity scene, a Santa display, lighted signs and more.

Bob and Susan Strong say they have adorned their home with lights, too, and painted plywood figures, to boot. Anyone who wants to see Santa in his sleigh, a snowman, candy canes and other Christmas figures are in-



photo by Paul T. Erickson

SEVERAL NEIGHBORS of the Kloshe Illahee area in south Federal Way dress up their homes for the holidays, and Chrystal and Jim Hartrick are no exception. The Hartricks use lanterns, old hub caps and more than a mile of

lights to get the effect they want. When passersby see their home at 2500 S. 370th St., they smile and forget their problems for a while, said Chrystal Hartrick.

vited to take a look at their home at 32664 39th Pl. S.W.

JIM AND KATHY McCullough didn't stop with lights. They put up animated figures, including teeter-tottering teddy bears and moving reindeer. More than 10,000 lights illuminate their home and trees at 36727 Ninth Ave. S.W. Jim McCullough warns lightwatchers to take Sixth Avenue Southwest off South 356th Street. "After that,

you can't miss it," he added.

Nancy and Harlen Ward's yard Santa has a special message — come by and read it, they urge. The Ward home at 32909 51st Ave. S. also boasts 5,000 lights, a sleigh and reindeer and a neon Christmas tree, handmade by nephew Ar-jay McLees.

A neighbor of the Randazzo family of West Campus called to say the Randazzos have turned

their yard into a cozy old-time bed-and-breakfast establishment for passersby to see. The address is 33102 10th Pl. S.W.

David and Linda Purcell, 33209 32nd Pl. S.W. have combined lights and story figures for their holiday display. The Charlie Brown gang, Seven Dwarfs and Flower the Skunk all prance around their front yard under a blaze of lights.

Paula and Jeff Hardwick, 3609

S.W. 338th Pl., report that they have lights on display for all to see, and Robert Augustine, 29301 45th Pl. S., has set out 4,500 lights and 11 Christmas displays.

For fans of painted windows, Regie and Janice Marshall have a country Christmas window that is a must-see, a neighbor reports. The Marshalls are at 32141 S.W. 32nd Ave. in Twin Lakes. And the Good Used Fur-

niture shop at 29500 Pacific Highway S., Suite O, also sports festively painted windows.

And on your way to Grandma's house Christmas Eve, drop by Ron Wieland's home at 29929 Fourth Ave. S.W., just off Dash Point Road. Wieland has it on good authority that St. Nick himself will stop by that night between 6:30 and 9 p.m. to hand out candy canes to the children of Federal Way.

## With computers, one guess is as good as another

It's almost the 1990s. Do you have a computer in your office or business? It's amazing to me how much this combination of rectangular box, color TV and typewriter has become vital to our operation.

When I arrived on the scene several years ago, the chamber was right in the middle of considering a computer system for the office. A committee was formed (not unusual for a chamber of commerce) and solicitation of ideas and help was underway. Amazing how many brother-in-laws worked in the computer business and could make you a great deal. But this doesn't compare to the apparent surplus of used computer equipment you could pick up for 10 cents on the dollar from someone's friend.

Everyone's concerns were well intentioned, but time was of the essence.

After receiving more information than a person could possibly need or want, it was



Bob Green

time to make the decision. The software was chosen, the system was designed and we spent a bunch of dollars on something that will probably be obsolete sooner than I would like.

Did we make the right decision? I still don't know. We've had the system for over a year,

but according to a number of my colleagues, I could have done better.

"Why didn't you buy Apple instead of IBM Compatible," they say.

Or, "I wouldn't use the word-processing program you purchased."

And, "If I were you, I would of bought Word Perfect instead of Microsoft Word."

It doesn't end there. So several months ago I made a decision. Like politics and religion, I've decided never to discuss computers in public.

I do feel OK, however, about my computer decisions. We have three people in the office who use the two computers. The one person out is always complaining about needing the use of the computer. In little over a year, we have become dependent on the micro-chip.

If you haven't had the privilege of living through this process of choosing a computer

system, I want to warn you: The tough management decisions don't start or end there. After listening to Tom Peters on PBS last Saturday and having everyone I talk to wanting me to FAX them something, there's no time to slow down.

**What's coming up**  
Goodwill Games Organizing Committee Executive Director Kathy Scanlan will speak at the chamber Jan. 4 membership luncheon. Topic: Goodwill Games update.

The chamber's Legislative and Transportation Committee is meeting every Thursday morning, 7:30 a.m. at Coco's starting Jan. 4. On the agenda will be:

Jan. 4 — Legislators briefing (Sen. Peter Von Reichbauer and Reps. Dick Schoon and Jean Marie Brough).

Jan. 11 — Briefing from the Association of Washington Business.

Jan. 18 — City issues.

Jan. 25 — Legislative con-

ference calls.

How do you profit from the Goodwill Games? The Small Business Council is working a program to answer that very question. You'll hear how to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity.

"Team Building," a seminar, will be presented Jan. 16. Professional Phil Iserino and Brock Taylor will help you create a winning team in your business.

Career Day 1990 will be held Feb. 1 at Federal Way High School. If you are interested in speaking to the students about your profession, let us know.

Congratulations to CIDI Committee Chair Jerry Pischel of US West Communications and Economic Forecast Breakfast Chairman Ken Kilbreath of Cushman Wakefield for a great event. More than 130 people attended the breakfast to hear from Mayor Debbie Ertel, King County Councilman Paul Barden and U.S. Bank

Economist John Mitchel. Federal Way is ready to "Dive into the '90s." If you weren't able to attend but want the great economic profile offered to the attendees, additional copies are available for a small charge.

All Night Printery and the Federal Way News were instrumental in the success of this event. Rick Randall of All Night and Joe Blaha and Mike and Tim Robinson of the Federal Way News deserve a special thanks.

I know that the holiday season is upon you and you don't have everything done, but I would like to hear from you. Take a few moments in your busy schedule to give me a call. I want to tell Federal Way about you and your business.

Bob Green is the chief executive officer of the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce. If you have a business-related bit of information, call him at 838-2605 or 927-2556.

### Traditions Shared

## Family connection found in Ise ornament collection

By MELODIE STEIGER  
One slip of the fingers and a box of ornaments came crashing down.

Nancy Ise couldn't bear to look in the box after it had been dropped on its way to storage last year. Only this year, as oodes of Christmas ornaments were pulled from the ill-fated box, was she able to assess the damage.

Four ornaments broken. Hundreds more were intact. Still, "Things were a little weepy around here," said Ise.

Christmas ornaments aren't just pretty trinkets to the Ise family of Marine Hills. They represent trips taken, locations lived in and people, some now gone, who have loved and been loved by the Ises.

With the help of her son, Tony, she pawed through this year's stock. The Santa's head made of an old-fashioned flashbulb was brought to light — that one's from high school, she said. A satin Santa from China was pulled out. Colorful trinkets from Ecuador emerged.

Ise, a former member of the Federal Way School Board, dangled an angel ornament before her eyes. Angels are her favorite, and this one was made by her late mother.

"Some are even more special than others," she said, carefully setting the angel back in its tissue.

Some of these belong to two children who still live at home, Tony and Audrey. The

children will take them away when they move out, as older daughter Gretchen did recently.

"It was kind of sad last year when we made up the tree and a whole group of ornaments was gone," Ise recalled. "But we spent some of Christmas with Gretchen in San Francisco, and there were her ornaments on the tree."

Nancy Ise grew up in Texas, where Christmas trees had to be trucked in and children made "forests" out of discarded trees after the holidays. They would play among the trees until the needles fell, Ise said.

Now, Ise and her children purchase a 12-foot tree that

grazes the ceiling of their home. Ise is very picky about the placement of her ornaments on that tree — as picky as she is about the ornaments themselves.

"They should mean something. I will never have a pig on my Christmas tree," she said.

But anyone who puts his or her heart in the search knows what to get Nancy Ise for Christmas.

"You can never go wrong getting mom an ornament," said Tony Ise.

*This is the latest in a series of stories describing holiday traditions of Federal Way families that will run between now and Christmas Eve.*



photo by Rhonda Davis  
NANCY AND Tony Ise eye ornaments amassed by the family over the past couple of decades.



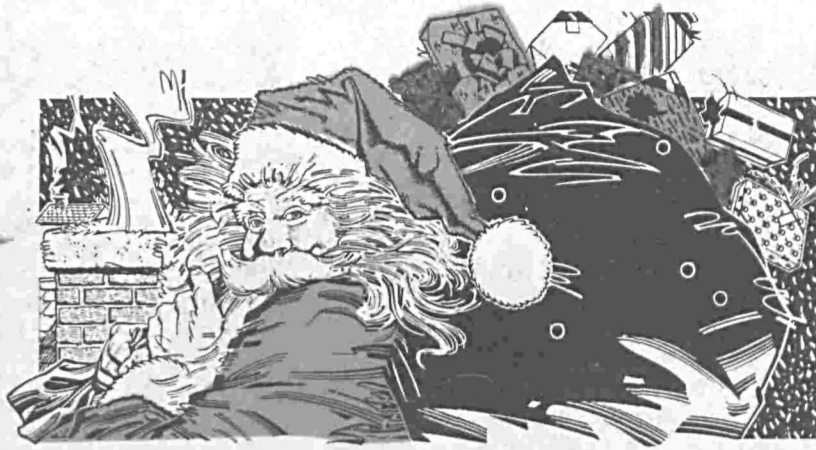
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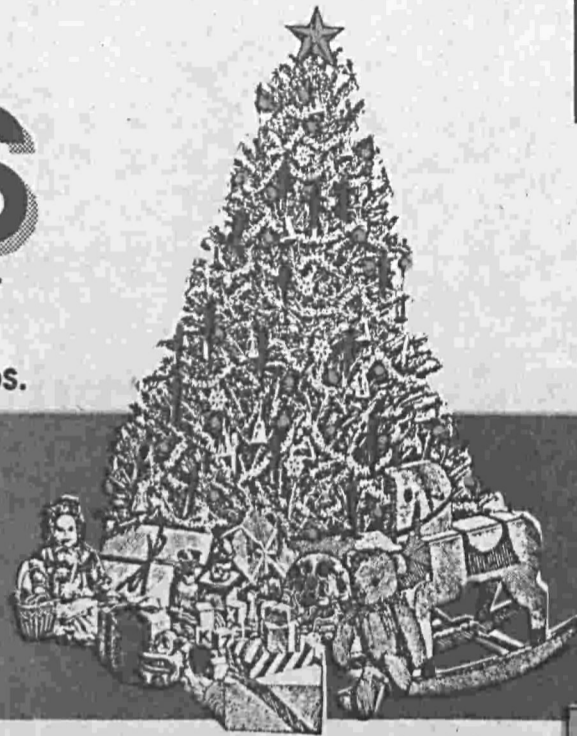
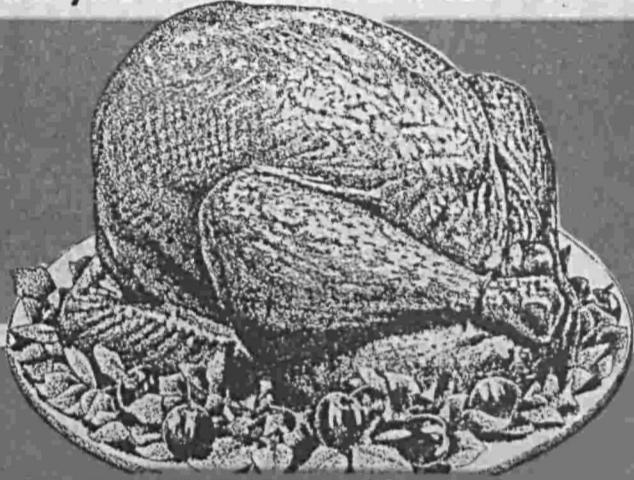
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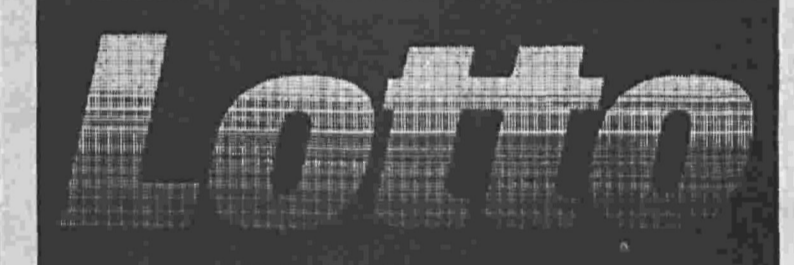
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# HUD can help sellers in sluggish real estate markets

**D**id you mean to shoot your neighbor's dog, or just frighten him out of your yard? Intent makes a whale of a difference.

Dear Mr. Campbell: My wife and I are attempting to sell our house as we are moving to another state. The economy and, consequently, the housing market for sellers has been very sluggish here for some time. It is very possible that we could be forced to sell at a loss, which we cannot afford to do. Therefore, we are searching for other alternatives to the normal route of selling our home.

One method we are considering is a "Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure." I have been frustrated in my attempts to obtain information about this procedure from both our mortgage company and the local FHA office; each claims the other is responsible for the decision and handling of the matter.

How does this work and who is responsible for accepting and handling the change of possession? What are the benefits, disadvantages and repercussions? How will this affect our credit rating if we attempt to finance a house in our new location?

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percent. Our monthly PITI (principal, interest, taxes and insurance) is \$600. We have owned the home for 2½ years and thus have paid very little on the principal. We have no trouble making the monthly payment and have never been late with a payment, but do not have the reserves to absorb a \$2,000 loss.

Mr. L.M.H., Denver, Colo.

Answer: Let's say that the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, which administers FHA loans, is — in this sort of position — a sort of umpire with teeth. While the ultimate decision as to whether to accept a Deed in Lieu of

Foreclosure or not is in the hands of the lender, HUD can strongly advise the lender on the matter. Believe me: The advice is heeded.

So, where does that leave you? Your best bet is to get HUD's blessing first and you should contact either the Director of Development or the Director of Management in your local HUD office, my source within HUD recommends.

But don't expect smooth sailing here, necessarily, because the key consideration with HUD is your intent in seeking the Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure — simply put, a quit-claim deed turning the home back to the lender and keeping a foreclosure off your record.

But there's a problem here, my source indicates: If you are wanting the Deed in Lieu as a convenience — to spare yourself a loss on the sale of your home — HUD isn't likely to go along with the idea.

"If he's been transferred on his job and the only alternative is to walk away from the house," my source adds, "then we would probably advise the lender to give the Deed. But I don't see much evidence of that here. If he does simply walk away from it, of course, then he's going to have real problems establishing

credit somewhere else.

So, that's where it stands. Go back to HUD and explain your options. If you can convince it that a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure is the only way out — short of walking away from the house — then it will pass that one to the lender. But, if you're simply trying to duck a loss (FHA has had plenty of that, itself), it's going to be rough going.

Dear Mr. Campbell: We are considering building a home and in the course of interviewing builders one of them said to me: "Don't waste your money on an architect." But if I do this how will I know what the house is going to look like? If I wanted to try my luck at doing my own subcontracting, and overseeing the project, is there any book you would recommend?

Mr. B.H., Bethany, Okla.

Answer: Do you want every architect in the country hanging me in effigy from lampposts? Frankly, I wouldn't build a house without consulting an architect any more than I would attempt setting my own broken leg.

Significantly, perhaps, I have yet to run across an author with the temerity to write a book for the do-it-yourself home-builder. Don't get me wrong, though,

I've known people who have, indeed, built "from scratch," acting as their own general contractor — and with apparently no problems. But, without fail, they have also been people with extensive experience on a smaller scale, first — designing and subcontracting room additions, and the like.

Dear Mr. Campbell: We would like to buy from a private seller when we move back to Illinois. We really need the seller to carry the mortgage. I recently read that there are certain benefits for the seller. Do you

have any suggestions to help us find such a seller? We own a home here that we bought this way and it has worked out great.

Mrs. K.P., Miami, Fla.

Answer: How did you find such a seller in Florida? Watch the real estate advertisements and look for the tell-tale "OWC" notation (Owner Will Carry). Also, all real estate brokers have lists of such sellers. Yes, there are definite advantages to sellers who don't need their equity out in a lump sum. Why should professional lenders have all the fun — and profits?

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Federal Way Water and Sewer District  
Notice of Intention to Provide Street Lighting

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Federal Way Water and Sewer District Resolution No. 89-391, the District intends to provide and levy a charge for street lighting for the following area, to wit:

1. All lots within the plat of Adelaide Forest Estates, King County, Washington.

Notice is further given that the Board of Commissioners of Federal Way Water and Sewer District will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on December 19, 1989, at the Water Quality Operations Building at 31627 - 1st Avenue South, Federal Way, Washington, to hear public comments.

Notice is further given that a street lighting system shall not be established if, within thirty days following the decision of the Board of Commissioners, a petition opposing the street lighting system is filed with the Board and contains the signatures of at least forty percent of the voters registered in the area to be served by the proposed system.

Present average charges for street lighting is \$2.25 per month, per residence.

Federal Way Water and Sewer District, King County, Washington  
By: /s/ Robert A. Piquette  
Secretary and Commissioner  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF KING**

**FEDERAL WAY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT**, of King County, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, Petitioner,  
vs.  
GRACE E. MCLEAN, as her separate estate, JOSEPH M. SHERIFF and CHARLES T. CRAIN, Respondents.  
NO. 89-2-17675-1  
SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION (60 DAYS)  
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, TO: Grace E. McClean, Joseph M. Sheriff, Charles T. Crain, Respondents.  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 26th day of November, 1989, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Federal Way Water and Sewer District, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney(s) for said plaintiff(s), at his/her (or their) office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court.  
A brief statement of the object of the action is as follows: Petition For appropriation of certain properties necessary for the installation of a system of sewers.  
Steven H. Pritchett  
OF: Bock & Pritchett  
Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s)  
422 East Main  
Auburn, WA 98002  
County: King, Washington  
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## Durante delightful as 'Frosty' narrator

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players. But the camerawork is strictly routine TV-concert-style, and the editing at one point permits Dame Kiri a too-amazingly quick gown change.

The idea behind "Christmas with Flicka" is a promising one: following American mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade on a Christmas-week visit to the Alpine Village of St. Wolfgang in Austria. But the execution is almost unrelentingly boring. Von Stade may look lovely and her voice on the soundtrack may be beautiful, but the charmless script and plodding direction work against her most of the way.

Worse yet, the carols and songs she sings were obviously

### Video Review

either prerecorded or dubbed — and not always well lip-synced. Most of the villagers enlisted for the production seem self-conscious and stiff before the cameras, especially the children. Melba Moore is wasted in a cameo, and Austrian-born American maestro Julius Rudel proves he should stick to conducting instead of acting.

Among the program's few worthwhile moments: von

Stade's haunting version of "Silent Night" with just a simple guitar and flute accompaniment.

Roy Hemming

"Frosty the Snowman" (Family Home Entertainment cassette, 30 min., HI-FI mono, \$14.95)

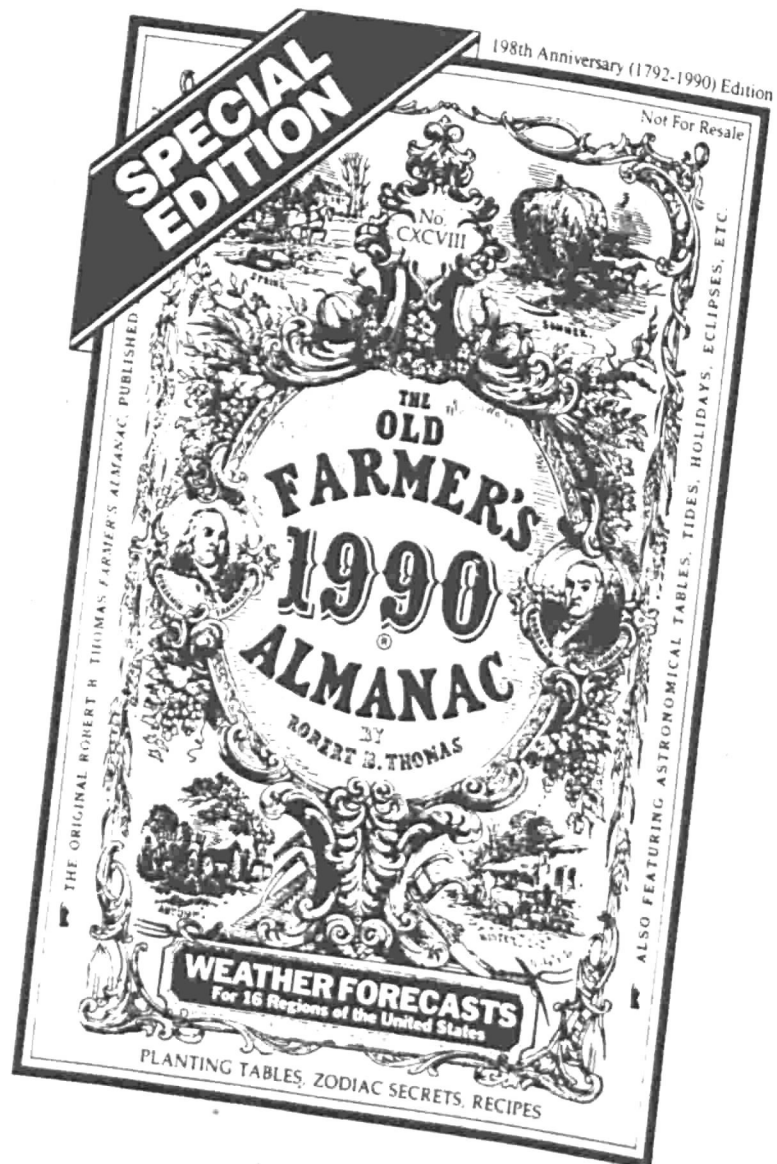
Jimmy Durante is the delightful narrator for this account of Frosty, the snowman accidentally brought to life. Frosty and the town's children know he'll be safe only at the North Pole (melting is imminent!), but getting there

presents unexpected complications. Hocus the Rabbit and Frosty protect Karen, the little girl traveling with them, as the intrepid trio to escape the clutches of evil Professor Hinkle.

Although regularly aired on TV during the holiday season, this is a charmer of a children's tale that will delight youngsters all winter long.

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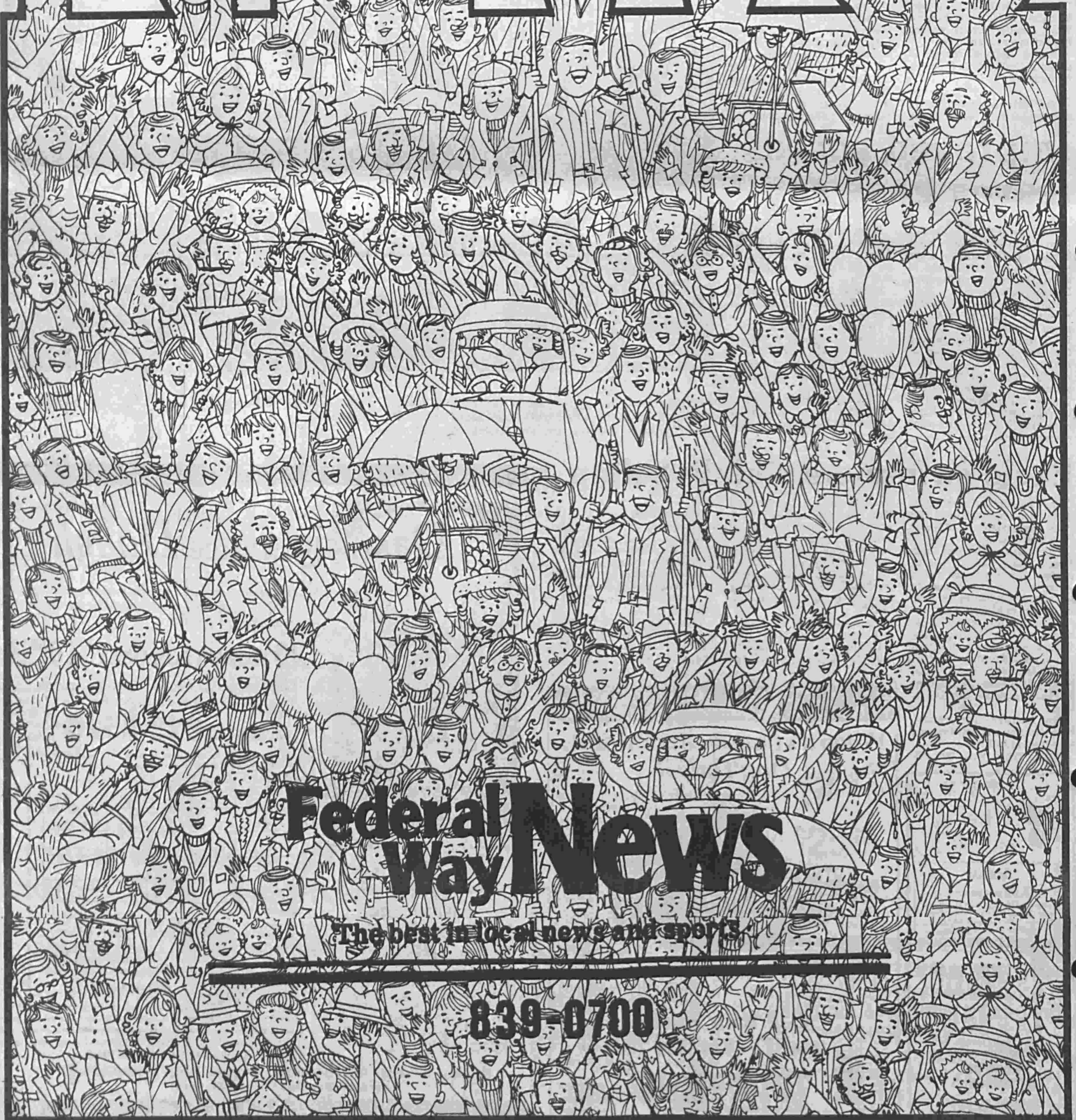






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