

Attack on crack

Health rules fight crack houses

By LYNN FRANCISCO
King County health officials have developed a new way to fight the increasing use of crack cocaine. They've asked the King County Board of Health to approve new rules that would require

owners of crack houses to file a "plan of operation" with the health department, outlining how the crack house would eliminate health problems associated with crack cocaine use. They have also asked for

authority to levy a fine of \$10,000 a day against crack houses that don't submit an "acceptable" plan. Gary Irvine, the department's environmental health supervisor, said crack houses bring numerous health problems.

"Crack houses not only promote drug use and addiction, but they also expose people to toxic fumes used in the manufacture of crack. They help spread sexually transmitted diseases, through prostitution, and they promote violence and

neighborhood blight," he said. WHILE OFFICIALS admit they don't expect crack house owners to flood the department with plans for hygienic drug houses, they do believe the rules

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Eye Openers

They said it

Army Pvt. Chris Robinson, a Decatur High School graduate who recently saw action in Panama, describing the military effort there: "This is a lot more extensive than Granada. That was blown out of proportion. This was a war. A short war, but a war nonetheless."

City gritty

The full Federal Way City Council will not meet this week, but that doesn't mean council members are extending their Christmas vacations. A full slate of committee meetings are scheduled, topped by a meeting of the Budget, Finance and Insurance Committee at 7 a.m. on Tuesday at city hall. The committee will review the proposed 1990 budget, which will be the subject of a public hearing before the full council on Jan. 23. For more information drop by city hall, 31132 28th Ave. S., or call 941-1696. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. City hall will be closed Monday for New Year's.

Council close-up

Our series of close-ups on members of the Federal Way City Council continues today with a look at Bob Stead. Stead has lived in Federal Way longer than any other council member and was at one time a district court judge here. A self-confessed "bargain-hunter," Stead has one of the best senses of humor on the council. See page B-5.

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Office closed

The Federal Way News office will be closed tomorrow for New Year's Day. The office will reopen for business at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Over Easy



photo by Ken Shipley

POST-HOLIDAY fright sets in after mounting the scale New Year's morning. Weight watchers across the country will proclaim their diet resolutions in hopes of being slimmed down by spring or summer. Local weight-loss

clinics are gearing up for the onslaught of dieters as they seek help reaching their ideal weight.

Fat fight: Dieters seek allies

By JODI YANCER

Pictures of delectable food adorn the walls of the cheery waiting room. A stunning photo of weight-loss guru Jenny Craig hangs prominently above the counter.

One after another, thin-bound women arrive at the Federal Way clinic. Some speak briefly with the receptionist while others are whisked away by counselors cloaked in white.

Determination and high self-esteem seem to emanate from the hustle and bustle of the female clientele.

A new decade is dawning and these women vow to hail it slim and trim.

"This (December) is the quietest time of year right now," says Denise Zaratkiewicz, the manager at Federal Way's Jenny Craig Weight Loss Centre. "It's going to

get really busy next month."

Today, millions of Americans will stand on their scales and utter the same resolution — "I'm going to lose weight." For the people who work at weight loss clinics, helping others achieve their resolution is a full-time job.

Juliette Church, service coordinator at the Burien Weight Loss Clinic, has a slogan: "Nothing tastes as good as thin feels."

PEOPLE WILL make their resolution, but only those who are truly fed up with being overweight will stick to it, she says.

The new year represents a fresh start for many people who find dieting difficult during the holiday season.

"All the parties people are invited to with lots of food and

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New year rings in new promises

Welcoming the new year is one of the oldest and happiest customs celebrated the world over. People will be staying up late to watch the old year out and the new year in. Almost everywhere in the world church bells ring, horns toot, whistles blow and sirens shriek.

Since it marks the beginning of the year, New Year's Day is thought of as a good time to make New Year's resolutions — the resolve to do better in the year just beginning than you did in the year just ended. I asked some of our Federal Way citizens to share their resolutions with us. Here they are:

Ron Belknap, president,



Pat Rodgers

Federal Way Community Council — "One of my resolutions for 1990 is to balance activities between business,

civic and family and to maintain a sense of humor during the upcoming year."

Jean Marie Brough, state representative — "My overall personal resolution is to work for a balance in my life, a balance between family, work and friends and to maintain good health. My resolution for the Republican Party is to do all I can to work to make the party more responsive to the independent voter."

Dr. Jim Burbidge — "I don't believe in making New Year's resolutions. A person should strive to make whatever changes they feel are necessary at the time those changes become ap-

parent."

Elaine Cook, president, American Association of University Women — "I resolve to work with the AAUW on the March 17, 1990, Expanding Horizons project to interest junior high girls in science and math; to appreciate my family even more; to enjoy my travels; and to become more involved in St. Lukes Lutheran Church."

Mary Gates, deputy mayor, Federal Way City Council — "My resolution for the city is that we will have a skinny budget and fat revenue. I also

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City cops top of year's news list

Unlike last year, the Goodwill Games Pool in West Campus does not head our list of Top 10 local news items for 1989. In fact, the Goodwill Games Pool didn't even make the cut this year. While construction on the pool rolled along just fine through '89, other events were brewing in Federal Way. And the 10 we've listed came to a boil.

A year ago, we also hinted that incorporation might make our list in 1989 should residents of Federal Way vote in favor of cityhood. This year, that incorporation did happen and it indeed tops our list. And in fact, the second-biggest story of 1989 was the choosing of council members to lead that city.

And now, without further ado, our list:

1 Incorporation — Not only the story of the year, this is the story of the decade, perhaps the biggest story in the history of the community. After balking on three previous occasions, Federal Way finally declared itself a city on March 14, 1989, when the unofficial tally from the vote-by-mail election showed incorporation had passed overwhelmingly. The final vote totals were 10,973 yes and 4,967 no. About 75 people gathered in a small banquet room below Verrazano's Restaurant to await the election results. "It feels like a great weight has been lifted off my shoulders," said incorporation leader Maryann Mitchell after learning the results. "It's been so long." Not all of what is commonly thought of as Federal Way is contained within the new city's 19.9 square miles. Everything east of Interstate 5 remains unincorporated. At the time of the election, the city's population was estimated at more than 58,000, making it the sixth largest city in the state.

2 Council election — If you're going to be a city, you need a city council, right? Thirty-seven people filed for the seven positions on Federal Way's first city council, with 14 of them surviving the May 16 primary to do battle in the Sept. 19 general election. The final races made interesting news because in several cases they pitted community activists more accustomed to working on the same side of an issue than against each other. The final, certified vote totals for each race were: Pos. 1 — Mary Gates, 4,166; Bill Shortt, 3,556; Pos. 2 — Joel Marks, 4,162; Mark Freitas, 3,470; Pos. 3 — Debbie Ertel, 5,827; Jo Asbury, 1,544; Pos. 4 — Jim Webster, 4,686; Elaine Cook, 2,857; Pos. 5 — Jim Handmacher, 5,101; Bob Wood, 2,332; Pos. 6 — Bob Stead, 4,889; John Ridley, 2,641; Pos. 7 — Lynn Templeton, 3,970; Phil Watkins, 3,687. One of the new council's first acts was to ask for, and receive from the county council, a construction moratorium on everything except single-family housing until the new city legally incorporates and has in place its own comprehensive plan and zoning codes.

3 School district growth — More than 17,200 students, about 900 more than last year, reported for school this fall. School district staff likewise grew by 284, including 155 new teachers. Smart money is on continued growth — district fortune-tellers are foreseeing more than 18,300 students next year and even more after that. The Federal Way School Board began this year to plan in earnest for new schools. The 26th school in Federal Way, Silver Lake Elementary, is now under construction near Twin Lakes. In addition, the school board approved in November the building of the 27th new school, another elementary, in West Campus near the Goodwill Games Pool, which is still under construction. The school board also approved the reopening of the 20-year-old Mark Twain Elementary School near Star Lake, which was closed 14 years ago for lack of students and money. The as-yet unnamed West Campus school will open in fall 1991, although students and staff will meet this fall at the old North Lake Elementary School. Mark Twain also will reopen in fall. The school board will choose an east Federal Way site for the district's fourth new school early in 1990.

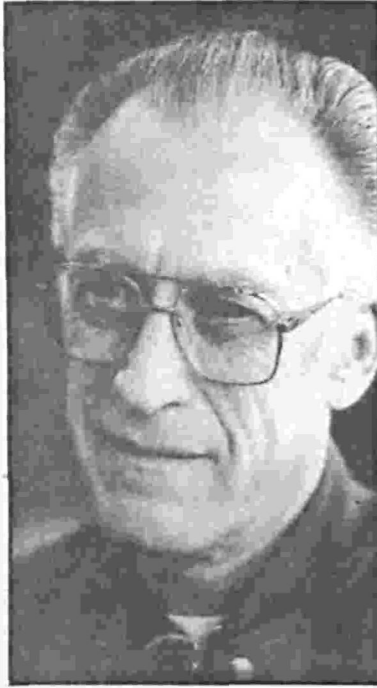
4 DIRE — Most people don't get excited about land-use issues until the bulldozers hit their back yard. Not so the members of DIRE (Development Impact Resistance Exercise). Consisting of such veteran community activists as Debbie Ertel (now mayor of Federal Way), Dick Burris, Jim Cron and Ilene and Frances Marckx, DIRE waged legal war on developments it deemed detrimental to the community. The group successfully appealed several projects that otherwise would not have been required to prepare an EIS. In fact, DIRE's reputation for winning appeals has grown to the point that developers are approaching the group before they seek county permits. As further proof of its strength, earlier this month DIRE gave to the school district \$30,000 it had procured from developers to offset the effects of their projects on already crowded schools. DIRE's future role may have lessened with Federal Way's incorporation, but so far the group has remained active and interested in helping the city on land-use questions.

5 Fred Meyer — Persistence paid off for Federal Way residents opposed to construction of a new Fred Meyer store at First Avenue South and Southwest 312th Street. "We don't want to put ourselves in a position where everyone is mad at us when we build a store," said Cheryl Perrin, vice president of public affairs, announcing in early May that the company had changed sites. Fred Meyer now plans to build its 159,000-square-foot store in West Campus at Southwest 336th Street and 21st Avenue Southwest near Albertson's. Although store officials have said they could return to the Mirror Lake site if the West Campus proposal runs into opposition, plans for the second site recently cleared the county's environmental review process with no appeals. A plat hearing is next.

6 Strikes — 1989 was a year of labor disputes. The first was a summer-long grocery-workers strike that affected most major stores in the area, including Albertson's, Safeway and Johnny's. The stores stayed open, but business fell at striking stores as pickets kept customers away and relationships grew strained between management and workers. Overlapping the grocery-store walkout was a somewhat less dramatic strike by Group Health nurses, which lasted 5½ weeks. Saving the biggest

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Street Talk: Do you make New Year's Resolutions? Do you ever keep them?



Ken Mitchell
(Boeing Inspector)

"No — I usually don't make them because I know I won't keep them."



Karen Westerdahl
(Unit Secretary)

"No, I don't keep them. I probably said I was going to exercise more and then I was too busy or something like that."



Gina Broten
(Medical Assistant)

"I've made a lot of them and I've never kept one. To stop biting my nails — I make that one year after year but I can't stop."



Frank Ortiz
(Flohrt Metals Employee)

"Yes, I have kept one — to read the Bible every day for a year and I did it."



Greg Sletager
(Check Printer)

"I don't remember that I have kept one. I know better than to make them."



Chris Taylor
(Steel Worker)

"I never have kept one. One I make is to stop drinking and it never works out, especially on New Year's."



Esther Smith
(Cocktail Waitress)

"I kept one for a year. I quit smoking for a year. But the next year, it was like (my resolution) was to start smoking again. That was easy."



Mary Delaney
(Camelot Music Employee)

"No, I've never kept one. I always make one but I never keep it."

Sorry, Janet, we'll get it right next time

A friend of ours got her name in the paper, and now she can't live it down.

Looking back over a decade, that's what stays with me. We have covered the birth of a new city, the passage of several school levies, and the Green River murders. Our reporters regularly attend meetings at the water and sewer districts, the King County Council. We have done stories on drug abuse, teen suicide, and the Boeing strike.

They were important stories. We did them well, I believe. But we made a simple mistake in a story about new teachers hired at a local elementary.

We got the facts right — listing all the new faculty — but we spelled our friend's name wrong. Her name is Janet. Somehow in our computerized haste, we let a stray B replace the N.

Now her pals call her Jabot. It didn't destroy her. The teasing may even have helped her make friends among her new colleagues. But our error bothered me, anyhow. I tell this humble tale to illustrate that even a casual mistake can have a public impact, when it happens in a newspaper.

Now and then our friend hints that I may have arranged the whole thing to torment her. I know she's kidding, but her comment betrays a wariness of newspapers that is common to Americans, and probably healthy.

Pleading innocent won't help, anyhow, when the accusations are generic. Community newspapers may be



Mike Robinson

given some slack by readers, but all newspapers stand accused of the crime of publishing "bad" news. If we spell names wrong, who knows what other creepy tactics we would sink to?

It doesn't help that newspapers also are suspected of sensationalism. It is an old suspicion. Once it was true, but neither crime is common in papers today. Streetcorner hawkers have vanished, along with trolley cars, in most cities. So have gory headlines, except in those sleazy checkstand rags.

Most newspapers are sold by subscription. Carriers deliver them. In community newspapers, while we don't ignore crime and catastrophe, the grim news that sometimes makes national headlines is rare. You won't read here about Romanian lynch mobs.

Our most common story in

the past decade was about land use planning. You have yet to see a headline that reads, "Hundreds killed by zoning upgrade." Another common theme here has been school funding. But when have you seen a headline here that read, "Superintendent runs amok, slaughters 12 line items in budget?"

I have been looking over the shoulders of reporters for a decade now. They sometimes spell a name wrong, or forget to mention the time and place of a meeting, but no reader has ever griped about their most common crime. They rely too much on official sources for their stories.

Almost every issue will have a story on some thorny problem like transportation planning, airport noise or open space. They are about as much fun to write as prescriptions. Not many readers have expertise in those areas. We are obliged to turn to county officials, city managers, planners or engineers for comment.

The answers tend to be dry, technical, uninspired. This wears on reporters the way doing laundry wears on housewives. When they corner some citizen at a sewer district meeting to extract a few opinions, the citizen often clams up.

Reporters would much rather write a feature about a homeless family, a recovering cocaine addict, or a retiring teacher. Those stories live and breathe. They would rather interview a plainspoken mother who is

angry about school bus routes, than do one more predictable piece about sewer treatment.

Reporters in that sense are like a Red Cross shot squad, giving inoculations to prevent some disease nobody understands. They do it out of duty, for readers who may grudgingly accept it. But neither reporters nor readers seem eager about it.

No matter how much we cover those important issues, we have learned that readers react most when we spell some soccer player's name wrong, or don't endorse their favorite school board candidate. When our teacher friend called to say we had goofed on her name, I wasn't surprised.

Having had this lesson over and over, I appreciate its importance. We have an obligation to be accurate, careful and sensitive. We try to be all those things, every time we publish. If we sometimes stumble, and readers let us know, I believe that is part of the bond we have with them.

As we enter the decade, we will cover the new city and the changes it will bring. We will cover local law enforcement, local schools, local utilities. We will write about problems in health care, social service delivery, and changes in the church community.

Mainly, though, we will keep the commitment we have always felt to our readers, to getting your names right, and producing a local paper that honestly reflects what happens here.

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Czubin flagged for Rose Bowl duty

Local coach to work Bo's final game

By CHUCK MINGORI

When Michigan and Southern Cal line up for the kick-off of tomorrow's Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, a familiar figure also will be down on the field.

Chuck Czubin, a Highline High School teacher and the head coach of the Federal Way girls' basketball team, is one of seven officials selected to work the Rose Bowl game.

Czubin, a Pac-10 official since 1973, has worked other post-season college games, such as the Holiday Bowl in 1986, the California Bowl of 1985 and the East-West Shrine games of 1983 and 1988. But this is his first appearance in the granddaddy of them all.

Officials who work the Rose Bowl game are selected through a combination of seniority and merit, Czubin explained.

"Our crew was rated number one last year, almost to a man by position, so that had a great deal to do with it, I'm sure," said Czubin. "And I'm the senior line judge now, I hadn't had it before, so it was a combination of things."

The Rose Bowl officiating crew is divided between referees from the Big-10 and Pac-10. This year, the Pac-10 has three officials — the line judge (Czubin's position), the side judge and the umpire. The Big-10 will have four officials — a line judge, referee, field judge and back judge. Each year the Pac-10 and Big-10 switch those positions.

THE CHANCE TO work the Rose Bowl game is a big enough honor in itself. But with this being Michigan coach Bo Schembechler's final game, Czubin has the opportunity to be on the same field during a living legend's farewell appearance.

Czubin has worked games Schembechler has coached in before, however, having previously officiated the 1983 Michigan-Washington game in Husky Stadium and the 1983 East-West Shrine game in which Schembechler, Jackie Sherrill and Paul "Bear" Bryant were all coaches.

Rose Bowl officiating crews normally are not the same as the crews that work together during



photo by Paul T. Erickson

CHUCK CZUBIN, a school teacher at Highline High School and the head girls' basketball coach at Federal Way High

School, is a Pac-10 official who was selected to work in tomorrow's Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, Calif.

the regular season, Czubin said. But surprisingly this year the three from the Pac-10 are fellow crew members.

Czubin is not the only Seattle-area resident selected to be in an official's uniform during the 1990 Rose Bowl game. Also picked was Gary Hirst from Mercer Island. Hirst and Czubin are long-time friends who broke into officiating together.

Czubin explained that he was sort of a "Maverick" who "just walked in off the street" when he first got into officiating in 1961. Czubin had graduated from high school in 1961 and he began working in the post office in the summer while getting ready to attend the University of Washington.

A couple of co-workers at the

post office were involved in officiating at the time and Czubin and a friend by the name of Ernie Olson, who is now principal at Evergreen High School, were asked to join them.

"I was secondary," said Czubin. "They really wanted (Olson), so I went along with them. Ernie never did get into it, I did. I worked my way up through Saturday morning 6, 7 and 8-year-olds through high school."

Czubin eventually stepped into the collegiate ranks in 1973. He explained that the Pac-10 had a large group of officials who were approaching the then mandatory retirement age of 55, so a wave of younger officials was brought in over several years. Czubin was one of them.

"I WAS REAL fortunate because the Seattle-Tacoma area was noted as being really the hotbed of excellent football officials," he said. "I had a couple of individuals who kind of helped me along and they were in the Pac-10, so I was able to move in that direction."

Czubin said he's never had any ambitions to work the pro level, although he explained that NFL officials do make good money and have a good retirement plan. As a Pac-10 official Czubin earns \$380 per game with airfare and a day's expenses paid for. He will receive \$450 for working the Rose Bowl game.

"I just don't have the desire to do it," said Czubin, regarding the professional level. "It's a job, whereas with our of-

ficiating, it's an avocation in which you take a lot of pride in what you do, but you can also have a lot of fun. There's a lot of camaraderie, you're always doing something as a group, playing golf, going out to dinner after the game."

Czubin and his wife, Jeanne, were scheduled to leave for Palm Springs for a couple of days last Tuesday, but he was expected to be in Pasadena on Thursday to begin taking part in the "Rose Bowl Experience," which includes a long list of activities for the officials and their families.

"It's really a pomp and pageantry and experience I guess you'll never forget,"

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Morning Line

Keeping track

Decatur High School graduate Toby Weymiller saw some action with the San Diego State University football team this past fall in only his freshman year of eligibility. After redshirting his first year, Weymiller was on the first team outside kick receiving squad and on the second kick receiving and kickoff teams. He was also a backup wide receiver and saw some action there. He played three quarters in the Aztecs' homecoming game against Pacific University, and caught his lone pass of the season for eight yards and a first down in a third-and-six situation. "It was real exciting to make a catch. It made me realize what I'm doing all this for," he said. Weymiller also recovered an onside kick in a game at Utah. As a member of the traveling squad, he also got to play at Miami of Florida, Hawaii, Air Force and the University of Texas at El Paso. The Aztecs, who went 6-5-1 overall this year, will open fairly close to Weymiller's friends and family at Oregon Sept. 8. He expects to see even more time next fall, especially on special teams, and get his best shot at a starting receiver's job the year after.

Wendy Bogle, who graduated with Weymiller in 1988 and was a cross country runner at Decatur, will play in the Orange Bowl tomorrow — as a member of the University of Colorado marching band.

Thomas Jefferson High School graduate Todd Murray, a member of the Raiders' 1988 boys' soccer state championship team, is now a sophomore in college attending Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla. Murray led his college men's soccer team in scoring this past fall with nine goals and three assists. He also was named to the All-South All-America team. The All-America team for the entire nation for NCAA Division II teams has not been named. Murray also was selected to the All-Sunshine Conference team and the Florida team, which includes players at the NCAA Division I, II and III and NAIA levels. Murray plays center midfielder.

Decatur High School graduate Amy Allmann has graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in communications and is now the assistant coach for Santa Clara University's women's soccer team. Allmann, a 1984 Decatur grad, also is a goalkeeper on the United States women's national team. Allmann, 24, is enjoying her new position at Santa Clara. She is the first full-time assistant for a women's soccer program in the country. "I just happened to be in the right place at the right time to get the job," she said.

Parties greet Orange Bowl players

Monday night in the Orange Bowl, Tye High graduate Jim Hansen and the undefeated University of Colorado Buffaloes battle Notre Dame for college football's national championship.

In the third of a series of articles, he recounts his adventures in Miami Beach last week and details Colorado's preparation for the biggest game in school history.

By JIM HANSEN

When we left Boulder, it was eight degrees below zero. We left at 6:45 a.m. and, despite a police escort, the cold and snow set us an hour and a half behind.

We were given a big send off at the airport, and that surprised me because it was so cold.

We were welcomed to Florida four hours later with a band, some pretty girls, orange juice and rain. We were in the middle of the same system that dumped a foot of snow on us a few days earlier.

Florida governor Justin Martinez declared the day "Colorado Day," and Coach Mac (Bill McCartney) was given a key to the city. It may have been raining, but at least it was warm.

THE POLICE escort in Miami was the real deal. We got here during rush hour, but it didn't matter. The cops had us driving on the shoulder, down the wrong side of the road, through red lights and all over the place. Motorists and merchants welcomed us by yelling and shooting us the bird.

The people of Miami are kind of stuck between a rock and a hard place. They all hate Notre Dame, but they want us to lose so if Miami wins in the Cotton Bowl they'll win the national championship.

We pulled into the Miami Beach Bal Harbor Sheraton that afternoon, and the first thing

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most of the team did was check out the Lambourini that was parked outside. That gives you an idea of what kind of area we are in.

We got into our rooms and just a bit later had a full team meeting. Coach Mac laid down two rules: Don't embarrass the team, and don't be late...for anything. If you embarrass the

ed the Orange Bowl, saw downtown Miami and Coconut Grove. I attended my first party in Miami that night and was accosted by people who wanted to know all about football at CU. A lot of them were from the University of Florida and they couldn't believe it when I informed them our players never received nice cars or answers to tests before they are given, and that we run a drug-free program.

The next day, Dec. 23, practice began. It was a pretty good one. They woke us up at 10:30, and we were given brunch, went to meetings, got taped and went off to practice.

Our practice facility is in Tropical Park, a good 35 minutes from our hotel in light traffic. We were given a police escort and got there with no problem at all.

Practice consisted of a lot of special-teams play, and we

didn't do much heavy hitting. **WE GOT** A bunch of new practice gear just for the bowl, including an athletic supporter with "Orange Bowl" printed across the front. Well-spent money in anyone's book. We got shirts and shorts with "Orange Bowl" on them and new practice jerseys with Orange Bowl patches on the sleeves.

We lifted weights after practice and I was allowed to leave straight from there with Rey. It was so cold that night—35 degrees — that the entire town pretty much shut down. We ended up simply making ourselves some dinner and going bowling.

A wild night on the town, to be certain.

The evening did provide some excitement when Rey got lost on the way back to the hotel, and I was certain I'd miss curfew. Luckily, Rey figured it out, and I made it back with a little bit of time to spare.

Practice on Christmas Eve was tough. There was a lot of heavy hitting going on with the offense, and we scrimmaged at the end of the day.

We had a mandatory dinner

that night, and the only notable things about it were that it took us 40 minutes to get there, and it was at the top of some building in downtown Miami.

Coach Mac extended the curfew to 3 a.m., so a bunch of the team took advantage of it by going to a club by the hotel called "Facade."

It was a lot of fun, thanks to the fact that the night before a bunch of guys were there with

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Raider swimmers outlast own alumni squad, 86-83

The Thomas Jefferson boys' swimming team edged a combined team of Raider boys' and girls' graduates Wednesday morning, 86-83.

"It was a real fun meet," said TJ head coach Warren Kleist. "The alumni were tough to the end. There were a lot of good swims for both sides."

The current Raiders won the 200 medley relay in 1:59.80 to start off the meet, with Bruce Robertson, Guillermo Garcia, Rick Osborn and Dimitri Platanius taking part.

Gary Hughes, Russ Garman, Chris Cushing and Mike Lindbaugh of the alumni were second at 2:01.95 and teammates Jamey Sing, Mike Cushing, Carol Garman and Stu Spencer third at 2:23.01.

Alumni Sing won the 25 freestyle in 12.59 with John Hildebrand of the current team second at 12.82 and Kris Strickland third at 12.94, with graduate Mike Cushing fourth (12.95). Chris Monson was fifth for this year's Raiders at 13.27.

Chris Cushing of the alumni team was the winner of the 100

individual medley at 1:05.22 in front of teammate Tony Lyon (1:08.88) and '89 Raiders Rick Osborn (1:10.24) and Brian Dryer (1:11.30). Cheryl Nordness took fifth for the graduates at 1:18.07.

The current TJ team swept the 50 freestyle, with Marcus Hayett posting a 25.64 time to finish ahead of Platanius (26.67) and Robertson (28.04). Russ Garman was fourth for the alumni at 28.88 and Lindbaugh fifth (31.30).

SING picked up a second win for the alumni in the diving event, followed by current Raiders Bryan Clark, Strickland and James McCartney.

Russ Garman of the graduates took the 50 butterfly in 31.07 ahead of '89 member Dryer (31.08) and graduate Nordness (33.02). Garcia of the current team was fourth at 34.44 and Maik Wandres fifth (37.40).

Alumni Chris Cushing added a second personal victory in the 100 freestyle with a 57.88 time ahead of '89 swimmers Goodwin (1:04.64) and Hildebrand (1:06.54). Lindbaugh was fourth

(1:08.28) for the grads and Monson fifth (1:08.33).

Lyon took the 200 freestyle for the alumni in 2:09.49 ahead of Hayett (2:14.7), with Nordness third (2:25.09) and Andy Campbell of the current team fourth (2:25.96).

Spencer took the 50 backstroke for the grads in 31.02 and was followed by Platanius (30.60), alumni Gary Hughes (32.4) and Robertson (32.67).

Garcia was a winner for the current Raiders in the 50 breaststroke at 33.08, ahead of alumni Mike Cushing (38.07) and Lindbaugh (39.22). Wandres of the '89 team was fourth (41.92) and Carol Garman of the grads fifth (58.14).

Dryer, Hildebrand, Osborn and Hayett combined to win the 300 freestyle relay in 1:47.51, ahead of the alumni's Spencer, Chris Cushing, Russ Garman and Hughes (1:48.2). The graduates' "B" team of Sing, Lyon, Mike Cushing and Nordness was third (2:04.09) and Monson, Campbell, Strickland and Goodwin of the current team fourth (2:14).

Czubin to officiate in Rose Bowl

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Czubin said. Working as a football official can be risky business. Czubin recalls the time he got knocked out cold during a Washington junior varsity game when a tight end and cornerback hit him at full speed over the middle when he was working as an umpire. But side judges usually are not as susceptible to such dangerous collisions, he said.

Czubin has known some officials who have been hurt much worse, though, such as the one who had to have five screws and three pins put in his leg after an accident on the sidelines when the official tripped over a television cameraman's extension cord.

OFFICIALS ALSO have to occasionally take some heat from coaches. But Czubin hasn't known any to hold a serious grudge.

In addition to working as a Pac-10 official, Czubin also works the chains at Seahawk home games and as an official at Northwest small-college football games. Czubin has refereed in two national NAIA championships as well as a pair of state high school championship games, although he no longer works prep games.

While working his way through the officiating ranks, Czubin can remember some crazy experiences as an official. He can recall one game when he threw a flag up in the air and had it land on the quarterback's "bird cage," obstructing his view. He can also remember times when he worked two or three games a day.

"That's when you learn," he said. "You hopefully made your mistakes then."

CZUBIN IS BOTH proud and honored to be selected as a Rose Bowl official.

"This is as high as we can go," he said. "This is our Super Bowl."

Winter karate classes offered

King County Parks is now accepting sign-ups for winter session karate classes. Registration is available through Highline Community Center, 425 S.W. 144th.

Winter classes begin the week of Jan. 8 at the Glendale Site, 1201 S. 104th. Michael Shintaku, fourth degree black belt, will teach beginning through advanced classes for ages 10 to adult Monday and Wednesday evenings.

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Decatur survives off-shooting night to down TJ

By CHUCK MINGORI

The Decatur and Thomas Jefferson girls' basketball teams returned to the hard-wood floor Wednesday for non-league action during holiday break, and the Gators got the best of their district rivals, 40-28.

The low-scoring game can be attributed to each team having some time off for the holidays.

"It was kind of expected that both teams would have a little trouble shooting because of time off," said Decatur coach Gary Baker. "We showed our being away with our poor free-throw shooting and I don't think our field-goal shooting was very high."

Despite the off shooting night for the Gators, Baker was happy with other areas of his team's performance.

"I was very pleased with our effort, enthusiasm and intensity and all those things you have to have when the shooting eye isn't there," he said.

Both coaches were pleased with their teams' defensive effort, but Raider coach Sam Mitchell said his team has been playing pretty well defensively throughout the season.

"I was pretty pleased with the defense, not too happy with the offense. That's been our bugaboo all year," said Mitchell. "I think we just didn't shoot very well and we threw the ball away too many times."

BAKER ATTRIBUTED early steals by Decatur's forwards — Kathy Laky and Nicole Adkins — to the defensive work of center Shannon Barrett in the middle.

"Sometimes Shannon doesn't get all the statistics, but her presence in the middle makes

all the difference in the world," said Baker, explaining that her ability to plug up the middle allowed the Gator forwards to take chances by going for steals on the outside and it forced Jefferson into taking more outside shots.

The Gators also did a good job of holding the Raiders to only one shot on offense, Baker said.

Kathy Laky, who scored 12 points and pulled down six rebounds for Decatur, got the Gators off to a good start with a three-point play for the game's first points.

Jennifer McDermott, who led the Raiders with 10 points, countered inside for Jefferson, but guard Tara Beckett, who also reached double figures scoring with 10 points, scored back-to-back baskets for the Gators to give Decatur a 7-2 lead.

Jefferson guard Julie Kikuchi fed guard Cacey Zimmer for a layin to cut the lead to 7-4 and then Kikuchi took a pass from Zimmer for a layin to make it 7-6. Kim Houston, who tallied 11 points for Decatur, hit a shot from the corner to bring the first-quarter score to 9-6.

Laky made one of two free throws following a steal and a foul to open the second quarter for the Gators and then Houston buried a three-pointer from the right to put Decatur on top, 13-6.

Barb Beesley, whose seven rebounds led Jefferson, hit a pair of free throws to narrow the deficit to 13-8, but reserve guard Heidi Bertch nailed a three-pointer from the top of the key to allow the Gators to double the Raider score at 16-8. Decatur eventually held an 18-10 lead at halftime.

Three consecutive baskets by Laky in the third period, with the last two hoops coming on passes from Amy Stiles, boosted the Gator lead to 26-14. Kikuchi of Jefferson and Houston of Decatur exchanged baskets from there as the Gators held a 28-16 lead going into the last quarter.

The Raiders hung tough in the last quarter after Laky's jumper gave Decatur an early 32-18 lead in the final period. Jefferson fought back to trail by only eight on a short-range bank shot by Gina Mobley to make the score 36-28 with 2:10 remaining.

But TJ could get no closer the rest of the way as Houston's running banker on the right side and Beckett's banker off the glass in the key rounded out the scoring.

Jefferson, which owns a 1-3 South Puget Sound League Puget Division record and is 2-5 overall, played Renton Friday (after press time). Decatur, 1-2 in the Sound Division and 4-4 on the year, met Foss last night (after press time).

Jefferson resumes Puget Division play Thursday at Rogers starting at 7:30 p.m., while Decatur hosts Curtis at the same time.

THOMAS JEFFERSON (28)
 Kikuchi 3-0-6, Beesley 2-2-4, Neil 0-0-3, James 0-0-0, McDermott 5-0-2, Zimmer 2-0-1-4, Mobley 1-0-0, Breyer 1-0-1.
 Totals: 13-2-9-28.
DECATUR (40)
 Laky 5-2-9-12, Houston 5-0-0-11, Beckett 5-0-0-10, Adkins 1-0-0-2, Barrett 0-0-0-0, Stiles 0-0-0-0, Bertch 1-0-0-3, Roper 1-0-2-2, Rupp 0-0-0-0, Werner 0-0-1-0. Totals: 18-2-12-40.
Jefferson 6 4 5 12-28
Decatur 9 9 19 12-40
 Three-point field goals—Decatur, Houston 1, Bertch 1. Rebounds—Jefferson 22 (Beesley 7), Decatur 32 (Adkins 7, Laky 6). FG—Jefferson 13-45 (29 percent), Decatur 18-57 (32 percent).

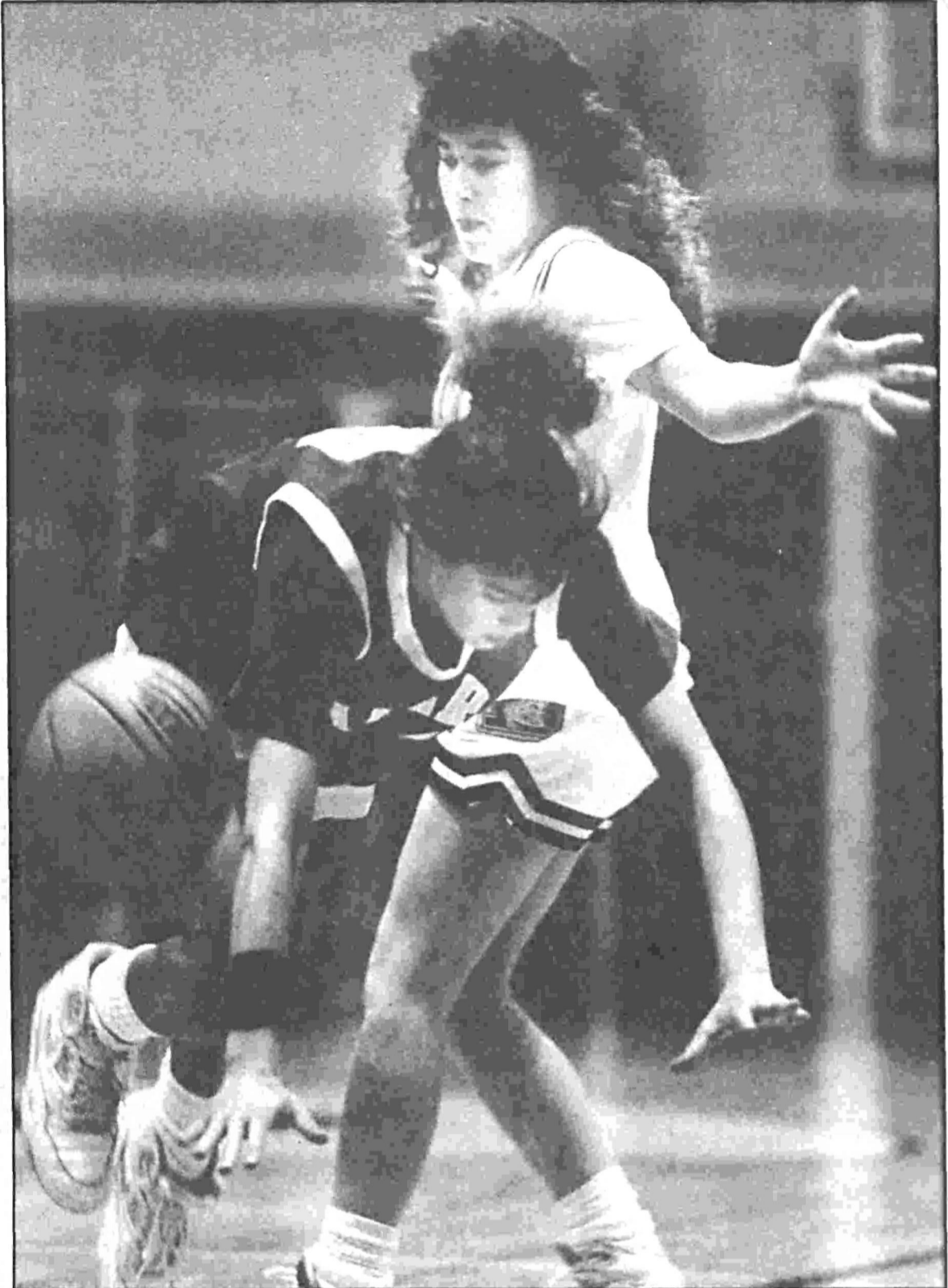


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THOMAS JEFFERSON center Jennifer McDermotto (left) loses her balance under the pressure of Decatur's Heidi Bertch during Wednesday night's non-league girls' basketball game won by the Gators, 40-28.

Buffaloes ready to play in Orange Bowl showdown

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some Denver news reporters, who were documenting the Buffs at play. The club got a tape of the newscast and played it the night I was there on a giant screen.

WHEN WE showed up at the club, we were admitted free as soon as they found out who we were. Once in the club, people started buying us drinks left and right. This Orange Bowl must be a pretty big deal.

Christmas? That means only that we got a day off from practice.

We had to go to a Christmas dinner at noon, at which we were given lots of food and entertained by members of the Colorado entourage, who sang Christmas songs and the like.

After dinner we received our gifts. We all got nice duffel bags, and in them were two pillows that say "Colorado, Big Eight Champions," a white golf windbreaker with the Orange Bowl logo on it, some really nice sweats, a nice jacket with the Orange Bowl logo and the CU Buffalo on it, a pair of Nike "Solo Flight" shoes, an Orange Bowl hat, and a football with "Colorado, Big Eight Champions, 11-0" burned into the side.

We were given the rest of the day to ourselves, so I went with Rey to a Chinese restaurant (where I finally got some good shrimp), and to a movie. It wasn't a typical Christmas at home, but one has to make sacrifices to win the national championship.

Tuesday the 26th began an extended game week. We had a Monday-type walk-through practice in our new sweats and our helmets, but this light workout was offset by conditioning and weightlifting at the end.

WE HAD A mandatory dinner

that evening at the Rusty Pelican, which I was looking forward to. Finally, some great fish! But no luck; they fed us chicken and steak. I should have guessed as much.

The Orange Bowl recruited 100 young ladies for each team to act as hostesses, and they were at this function. So at least we get some interesting conversation.

After dinner, I went with some of the players and hostesses to a dance club on Coconut Grove called Stringfellows. Talk about a class place! Everyone there

morning at the Orange Bowl during International Press Day, then went to practice and then to the ship. Our hostesses were there, and we spent the night dancing and gambling. I had a lot more fun than I had anticipated.

EACH MORNING we are fed a brunch, and it's pretty good. The only problem is, they haven't varied the menu yet. You get pretty sick of eggs, bacon, pancakes, fruit and coldcuts every day.

I usually eat with the two Dade County Police officers who

'The police here are very helpful when it comes to telling you where to go and where not to go. Plus, the two assigned to us genuinely hate Notre Dame.'

was dressed up, the drinks were outrageously priced and they didn't even give us a break on the cover charge.

The only problem with the evening was that three of us had to cover a \$30 cab ride home. This was our last 2 a.m. curfew.

Practice on Wednesday was a typically tough one. We spent a lot of time pounding on each other, but nothing out of the ordinary.

Entertainment this evening consisted of going out on Rey's boat. It was great to be back on saltwater, but I'm more of a sailor than a power-boater.

I wasn't complaining that night, though. We went to a tourist-trap mall called Bayside that was exceedingly nice, and exceedingly overpriced. We ate there and looked around a bit, but I had a midnight curfew so it was a short evening.

We had a "Cruise to Nowhere" Dec. 27 after our last hard practice of the decade. We all got our pictures taken that

are assigned to stay with the team. The police here are very helpful when it comes to telling you where to go and where not to go. Plus, the two assigned to us genuinely hate Notre Dame.

The Bal Harbor Sheraton is a beautiful hotel. The rooms are quite nice, the service is wonderful, and there is a beach, pool and tennis courts right outside. The only problem with the place is the distance from where we practice and the lack of free time we have here during the day.

A senior summed it up best when he imitated Coach Mac's voice and said "OK men, there's a beach and a pool right out back. If you have an extra minute, you might want to take a look out there."

Despite the sarcasm, the team is preparing exceedingly well, and is in good spirits. We are doing what needs to be done to beat Notre Dame and win the national championship.

Sportsmen's Expo scheduled

A sports collectables convention, the likes of which has never been seen in the Northwest, will take place Jan. 5-7 in Bellevue at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The show will feature the first Northwest appearance of the most prominent national dealers in sports cards and memorabilia, including Alan Rosen of Montvale, N.J. (known as Mr. Mint), Joe Valle, owner of Cardboard Dreams in Madison, Conn., and John Adams, Jr., of Green Bay, Wis.

Rosen has stated that it is his intention to spend a minimum of \$600,000 to purchase the highest quality sports collectables owned by Northwest collectors who have not had the opportunity to offer their collectables to major national dealers.

Rosen will also display the hobby's most valuable collectable — a "T-206" tobacco card of Honus Wagner with an estimated value of \$200,000.

The convention will host 100 booths of national and Northwest dealers offering for sale an estimated \$15 million in sports collectables.

The promoters have also contracted with Unitas and Paul

Lancers top West Seattle

Marisa Bernasek poured in 26 points and grabbed 17 rebounds Thursday to lead the Kennedy Lancers to a 66-52 non-league girls basketball victory over the host West Seattle Indians.

Bernasek and fellow post players Amy Kuchan and Lori Holmes combined for 44 points of Kennedy's total. Debbie Montgomery pitched in 14. The Lancers used a 10-0 third quarter streak to break open a 32-10 halftime tie and seize control of the contest.

"It was a very slopy-dopey type game. Both teams walked the ball up the court," Kennedy

Hornung, professional football Hall of Famer, to attend the show and sign autographs.

A fee will be required for admission or for autographs. Additional information is available by calling 391-6478 or 488-1772.

coach Paul Muckerheide said of the noon contest.

Angie Evans and Jennifer Johnson led West Seattle with 19 and 15 points, respectively. The Indians hit 15 of their first 20 shots to open a consistent three-to-five-point lead most of the first half. But they could not keep the hot pace going in the second stanza.

Kennedy improved to 5-0 on the year heading into a Friday game against undefeated, Class AAA Newport (after press time). West Seattle fell to 1-3 on the season.

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Ryan not in a tailspin over being a grandfather

Q: Isn't Ryan O'Neal so depressed about being a grandfather that he's let himself go to pot?

M.R.

A: A grandpa Ryan surely is by daughter Tatum O'Neal and her husband, tennis star John McEnroe. But Ryan continues to look great. At a recent dinner party in Hollywood, he arrived with longtime live-in lover Farrah Fawcett. The first words out of his mouth were, "I haven't eaten a thing all day." No wonder he stays in such trim shape.

Q: Della Reese is great in Eddie Murphy's movie "Harlem Nights." In her riotous role as Vera, the feisty madam, she's a howl. Where does Reese come from and can you tell us something about her?

P.F.



Gossip Column

By Robin Adams Sloan

A: Della Reese, who was born Delloreese Patricia Early in Detroit 58 years ago, started off singing in church at age 6. When she was 13, she joined gospel singer Mahalia Jackson's group. Her career flowered when she

became a pop vocalist. She has starred on her own television show, "Della," plus she's been a regular on "Chico and the Man" and appeared in episodes of "Flo's Place," "Sanford and Son" and "Police Story." Nurturing her spiritual roots, the now Reverend Della Reese is a minister in the Universal Foundation for Better Living.

Q: How did Ed McMahon lose so much weight? Watching him on the Johnny Carson show, we figure he's dropped at least 75 pounds. Maybe it had something to do with his recent divorce and having to get back on the dating scene again?

B.B.

A: McMahon lost weight with help from both Jenny Craig, a Los Angeles nutritionist, and his physician Dr. Mark Saginor. He

isn't out on the dating scene as he has a new lady friend, Joanna Ford, the hostess at a posh Hollywood restaurant.

Q: What's the story on Sally Jessy Raphael, the TV talk-show interviewer whose low-key style is so different from the sharp, clever technique used by most of her competitors? Is she as naive as she seems?

Y.E.

A: Sally is far from naive, but her down-home non-intellectual approach works for her. Truth is she's super-bright and is a member of Mensa, the nationwide organization of people with high IQ's — something she never mentions.

Q: Isn't singer-composer Carly Simon still in love with Warren Beatty, the guy she wrote the song "You're So Vain" for?

G.M.

A: Carly won't tell me for sure. "Some people think it's about Mick Jagger," she teases. It's said that years ago Simon had an affair with Beatty. Her first marriage was to singer James Taylor. Carly confirms her marriage to Taylor — the father of her children, Ben and Sarah — but declines to comment about Beatty. At any rate, Carly's currently married to writer Jim Hart. And she's so domesticated these days that she's turned to writing children's books, edited by none other than Jacqueline Onassis.

Q: Until I saw your column, I never realized that Cary Grant was the original choice to play Professor Henry Higgins in the movie "My Fair Lady," a role ultimately filled by Rex Harrison. Did this Oscar-winning

picture have any other star turn-downs along the way?

B.R.

A: Yes, Jimmy Cagney was wanted by Warner Bros. to do the role of Alfred Doolittle, Eliza's father. To Cagney's credit, he told them to forget it, making way for Stanley Holloway's sterling performance.

Q: Not long ago you reported that Brigitte Bardot was in court being sued by a neighbor for castrating his donkey. What happened? Is beautiful Bardot languishing in a French jail?

O.C.

A: No. In fact the judge ruled that the neighbor was making a fuss because the lady was famous and ordered him to contribute \$3,000 to Bardot's animal rights organization.

Winter worshipers add color to garden

The end of fall doesn't necessarily signal the end of color in your winter landscape. Why watch the winter pass in shades of green, black and white when a garden of technicolor is waiting to be planted?

Now is the time to visit the local nursery and invest in winter-wonderful trees and shrubs. Flowers in the yard may be sparse for the next months but there's plenty of clear cold color to be found from the berries, bark and foliage of these winter worshipping plants.

Plants for winter color

• **Holly:** Winter-weary gardeners have been decking halls with holly for hundreds of years. Today there are dwarf forms and huge trees included in the holly family.

Most hollies come in male and female plants, and you'll need to plant a compatible couple to keep the female holly loaded with berries. There are exceptions to this, however, so ask at the nursery about the sex lives of the holly for sale.

The variegated green and white hollies are the most colorful on gray winter days.

• **Siberian Dogwood:** Although all dogwoods show off their inner beauty once they drop their leaves, the Siberian dogwood sports shiny red branches that burn as bright as fire when up against a snowy white or dull gray background.

The Siberian dogwood grows in a shrub, rather than tree form, and the spring blooms are not as large or colorful as the common flowering dogwood.

• **Redtwig Dogwood:** This is another dogwood shrub with a loud bark. The bark on this tree is bright red all winter, and the redtwig dogwood is so hard to kill it even grows in low wet spots.

It spreads rapidly by creeping underground roots. Plant the redtwig where you want a barrier or division and where you can view it from the warmth of your hearth on cold winter days.

Other names for this seldom planted winter jewel are: Red Osier Dogwood and Cornus stolonifera.

• **Cotoneaster:** The low, ground-hugging cotoneaster are most attractive during the winter months when their bright red berries and shiny green foliage offer a colorful contrast.

The rock cotoneaster is low-growing and has shiny red fruit, but this is one groundcover that needs room to spread!

• **Cedrus Deodora:** A fast-growing cedar tree with graceful branches that sweep all the way to the ground, this gray-blue evergreen is often sold as a living Christmas tree.



Marianne Binetti

The biggest mistake most homeowners make is to plant the cedrus deodora near the house or in the middle of a small patch of lawn.

This tree will fill up a front yard in no time at all so plant it at a distance so you can enjoy its form from indoors looking out. The lovely color and nodding tip growth makes this a lovely tree for all seasons, but in winter when a dust of snow or ice frosts the needles it is especially beautiful.

• **Silver Leafed Plants:** The common Dusty Miller and silver leafed Artemisia are two gray plants that stand out in the winter landscape.

Even after a couple of hard frosts these two offer contrast to the other dark colors of winter.

• **Plant Rocks:** Big boulders offer rock solid color to a stagnant winterscape. They don't need winter protection, pruning or pampering. Rocks have a smooth texture and light color that adds stability to any garden scene.

If you have a flower bed that stands bare in the winter light, place a few rocks half-buried in the soil. The stones not only fill up the empty space, but will shade the roots of the flowers in the summer and attract warmth to the soil as it warms up in the spring.

Use flat rocks as stepping stones through your tulip bed and you won't have to tiptoe when you weed. Place a few boulders in with the perennial flowers and you'll have some place to put your feet the next time you need to cut a few flowers.

A dry stream bed or pool of gravel looks just as peaceful in the winter garden as it does in the summer — rock gardening makes sense any time of the year.

Address questions on home or garden to: *The Complete Home Gardener*, Marianne Binetti, P.O. Box 872, Enumclaw, Wash., 98022.



Federal Way Favorites

photo by Paul T. Erickson

WHEN THE FOG closed in on a group of beginner sailors on Blake Island, Carol and Bob Nelson of Federal Way came to the rescue. They led the sailors and several other

power boats through the fog and home to the Tye Yacht Club, thanks to the radar equipment on their 34-foot boat.

Sailor sends kudos to Redondo duo

By WENDY CULVERWELL

Ruth DiDomenico and her group of beginning sailors were on Blake Island when the fog set in.

Waiting for it to lift was out of the question. Several of the women students had pressing commitments back home in Federal Way.

Fortunately for DiDomenico's group, their leader had spotted a good friend, Carol Nelson, at a power boat gathering while hiking on the other side of the island. Even more fortunate was that Carol and her husband, Bob, were on board their 34-foot, radar-equipped, boat.

The Nelsons lead both DiDomenico's class and several other power boats from the gathering home to the Tye Yacht Club in Tacoma.

For the gallant rescue, DiDomenico nominated Bob Nelson as her own "Federal Way Favorite."

"If he hadn't been so adept and so knowledgeable, there are at least five sailors who might not have made it home," she said. "He's my hero."

DiDomenico is a registered physical therapist and owner of Federal Way Physical Therapy when she isn't teaching sailing lessons.

She and her class placed their fates in capable hands. Both Carol and Bob teach boating safety and navigation courses through the U.S. Power Squadron (not affiliated with the Coast Guard). Bob is a past-commander of the

Poverty Bay unit.

The Nelsons have been boating enthusiasts since they got their first boat in 1978. While cruising through heavy fog isn't their favorite recreational activity, the array of electrical equipment decorating the cabin stands ready to help them deal with whatever Mother Nature throws them.

The day of the rescue, Carol noted, the fog was so heavy the boats in the group almost couldn't see one another. The danger, she said, is that people can become so disoriented in fog that they don't even trust their compasses and end up going in circles.

Coming to the rescue isn't something the Nelsons get to do frequently. Their boat has a speed limit of about 8 knots, which keeps them from reaching accident scenes quickly. But they've had plenty of opportunities to listen to emergencies over their VHF radio.

On the water, both the Nelsons agree, you have to look out for each other. Sometimes there isn't time to wait for rescue workers.

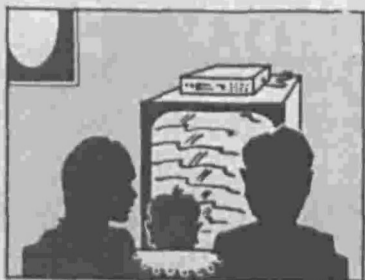
The Nelsons are 32-year residents of the Federal Way area. They currently live on the hill overlooking Redondo. Bob is director of facilities for the Bates Vocational Technical Institute and Carol works as a freelance book-keeper.

Have a Federal Way Favorite to share? Call us at 839-0700 or 927-4353.

'80s movies: Charm, death and sequels dominate

As the decade draws to a close, movies and their audiences seem more fragmented than ever. Never has the generation gap been wider and deeper. Never has "sequelitis" been injected into moviemaking so crudely for the sake of the bottom line. Yet, despite all the crassness in the motion-picture industry, good movies continued to materialize.

Thanks to the videocassette and laser-disc revolution, these



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works will be preserved well into the next century. By the end of 1989, movie earnings from video equalled and threatened to exceed earnings from theatrical releases. As movie screens grew smaller and television screens grew larger, every viewer's home was becoming a movie palace.

Still, it's too early to discern all the new directions taken by movies in the '80s. Buddy-buddy cop movies became the order of the day. Audiences were less in-

terested in drugs than they had been in the '60s and '70s. Despite the crack epidemic, movies about drugs turned out to be drag at the box office.

The most persistent plot fantasy of '80s moviemakers was finding new ways of killing their enemies. The work ethic also had rough sledding, as we yearned to be improvident consumers. In director James L. Brooks' romantic comedy, "Broadcast News" (CBS/Fox), he and his colleagues had only

limited success in persuading audiences that rewarding work can take precedence over sexual relationships.

The two biggest grossing attractions of the '80s were Steven Spielberg's "E.T." (MCA) and Tim Burton's "Batman" (Warner), both child-oriented, if not actually childish, diversions.

The most explosive American director of the decade was Martin Scorsese, who began the '80s with the most violent boxing movie ever made — "Raging

Bull" (MGM/UA), then directed the most corrosive showbiz comedy ever made, 1983's "The King of Comedy" (RCA/Columbia), and ended with the most insightful biblical movie ever made, "The Last Temptation of Christ" (MCA).

The most civilized entertainments of the decade were provided by French director Eric Rohmer: the playful "Pauline at the Beach"

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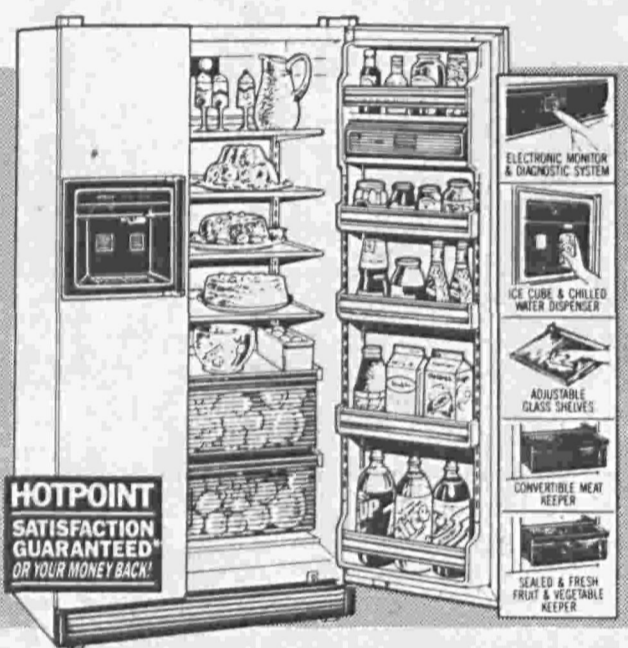
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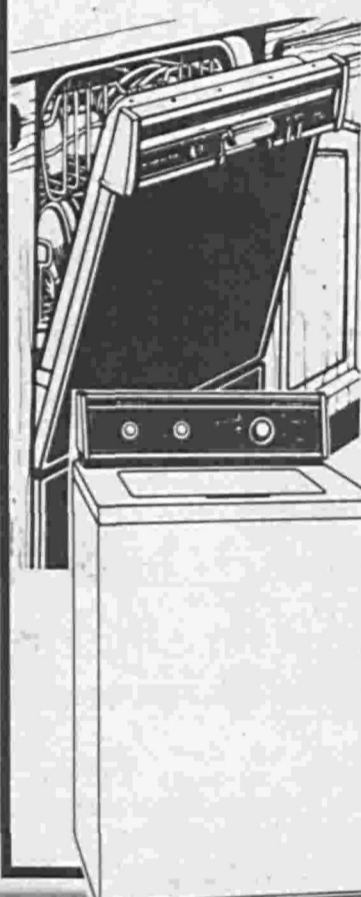
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'Empire,' 'Edge,' Scorsese will be remembered

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(Media), the poignant "Summer" (Pacific Arts) and the delicate "Girlfriends and Boyfriends" (Orion).

Many of our critical colleagues considered Lawrence Kasdan glib and superficial, but we were charmed by both "The Big Chill" (RCA/Columbia) and "The Accidental Tourist" (Warner).

We also enjoyed the cross-dressing and sexual role reversals of Dustin Hoffman in Sydney Pollack's "Tootsie" (RCA/Columbia) and Julie Andrews in "Victor/Victoria" (MGM/UA).

Our favorite Woody Allen movies of the decade were 1983's "Zelig" (Warner), 1986's "Hannah and Her Sisters" (HBO) and

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1987's "Radio Days" (HBO).

There was a bumper crop of charismatic actresses throughout the decade: Kathleen Turner, Jessica Lange, Debra Winger, Sissy Spacek, Jodie Foster, Amy Irving, Mary Steenburgen, Blair Brown, Kate Nelligan, Christine Lahti, Cher, Amy Madigan and, of course, Vanessa Redgrave and the infinitely versatile Meryl Streep.

The heavy-duty male stars — Jack Nicholson, Robert De Niro, William Hurt, Dustin Hoffman — were augmented toward the end of the decade by Kevin Costner, Bob Hoskins and Steve Martin, the last-named an

erstwhile comic with unexpectedly dark and romantic shadings.

Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy made millions by staging their four-letter-word stand-up routines for movie cameras. Slapstick comedy hit new lows of anal regressiveness. If movie history were rewritten by the sought-after juvenile audiences of the '80s, the Three Stooges would be ranked higher than Chaplin, Keaton and the Marx Brothers!

Courtroom dramas were big in the '80s, too — attesting to the fact that America has become the most litigious society ever. Richard Marquand's "Jagged Edge" (RCA/Columbia) added some welcome plot twists to the

genre. Glenn Close's Portia-like heroine of that 1985 movie became the great villainess of the decade two years later, as the woman you want to kill in Adrian Lyne's "Fatal Attraction" (Paramount) and in Stephen Frears' "Dangerous Liaisons" (Warner) in 1988.

For us, 1987 turned out to be one of the best movie years of the decade, with Steven Spielberg's "Empire of the Sun" (Warner). It was also the year of Bill Forsyth's "Housekeeping" (RCA/Columbia), which failed to find an appreciative theatrical audience but qualified as the kind of against-the-grain entertainment for which videocassettes seem to have been invented.

Also in 1987: Stanley Kubrick's "Full Metal Jacket" (Warner) was the best movie ever on the Vietnam War, although Oliver Stone's "Platoon" (Vestron), from the previous year, was not far behind. Roger Donaldson's "No Way Out" (HBO) turned Oedipus Rex inside out in a stylish remake of John Farrow's "The Big Clock."

The sweetest tearjerker of the decade also came in 1987: Lasse Hallstrom's Swedish-made "My Life as a Dog" (Paramount). On the downside, Mike Newell's "The Good Father" (Key) added a new dimension of irony to the themes of broken marriage and fractured parenting.

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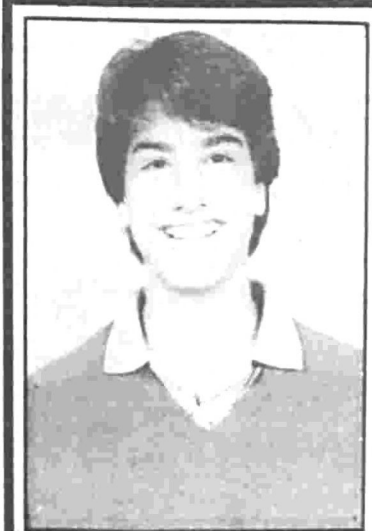
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Accelerated payments don't work when mortgage is nearly paid

Advice, like the instructions found on cleaning solutions, needs plenty of footnotes.

Don Campbell
About Real Estate

Dear Mr. Campbell: I am 51 years old, self-employed with a good income — no family, no dependents. When I die everything will go to the church. So, when I retire, I don't feel I should own too much in tangible property. I bought my house in 1969 for \$35,000 on a 30-year mortgage at 6 1/2 percent. My payments are \$285 a month. So I now have approximately 10 years left on it and owe about \$16,000. It is now worth between \$85,000 and \$95,000. I am going to sell it when I reach 55 and rent an apartment from then on out. Is it worth my time and money to pay it off faster, or just keep saving the additional payment I would make? I am in mutual funds at 8.5 percent — 9.0 percent and some stock growth funds. Or do you have any other suggestions?

Mr. A.N.R., Las Vegas, Nev.
Answer: Anyone who has had the good fortune to buy a home that has almost tripled in value needs advice from me like he needs a spare set of eyebrows.

From the way you're doing it now. While I'm a big advocate of accelerating the payoff of a mortgage, normally, it's a strategy that has its greatest impact when begun early in the game — not 20 years into a 30-year mortgage. Any acceleration beginning now wouldn't reduce the payoff to any great extent and it certainly wouldn't make sense to pour additional money into a 6 1/2 percent mortgage when, as you are doing, it can be earning 8.5-9 percent. Stick with your mutual funds.

Dear Mr. Campbell: For the past eight years I have divided my time between a condo I own in Florida and a home I own in Ohio. Now approaching my 80th birthday I am considering selling one of these properties so I can take advantage of the one-time \$125,000 exclusion from capital gains. I legally established residence in Florida for tax reasons although I spend seven months a year at the Ohio residence. My question: Can I take the capital gains advantage

of the sale of my home in Ohio, or am I limited to taking it on the condo in Florida? I would have a larger capital gain on the home in Ohio.

Mr. R.F.L., Galloway, Ohio
Answer: You'd think that some things in life would really be as simple as they look on the surface, wouldn't you? And, at first glance, this would seem fairly elemental: Your "principal residence" would be defined as the home that is your legal residence — the condo in Florida, in your case — right?

You'd think so, except that for purposes of taking advantage of the \$125,000 exclusion from capital gains, the Internal Revenue Service interprets "principal residence" as being the home where you spend the majority of your time. And seven months in Ohio, versus five months in Florida, would make the Ohio residence the eligible one.

"Legal residence," or not, then, the IRS says you can take the one-time exclusion on the Ohio home, which it considers

your "principal residence." I sense that it's the answer you wanted, right?

Dear Mr. Campbell: We are remodeling our home with a view to selling it in a few years. How important is it to have "brand name" appliances in the kitchen? Or would chain store brands, like Sears, be acceptable?

Mrs. C.D., Lakewood, Colo.
Answer: I can see thousands of hard-working Sears executives grinding their teeth at your suggestion, here, that their

appliances (especially since the chain handles an extremely broad line of trade names in addition to its own Kenmore line — made for them by Whirlpool) are inferior to others. For openers, it isn't so.

However, you are quite right in the importance that you put on appliances, in the opinion of Suzanne Brangham, author of "Housewise: The Smart Woman's Guide to Buying and Renovating Real Estate for Profit" (Perennial Library, \$8.95).

Robbers grab cash and beer six-pack

Two robbers took a six-pack of beer and some cash as they held up a north Federal Way area convenience store early Thursday morning.



Police

The clerk working at the unnamed store told police two men walked in and selected a six-pack of beer. As they set the beer on the counter, one man pulled up his sweatshirt to display a handgun tucked into his waistband. He never removed the gun, the clerk said, and simply motioned toward the till and said, "Come on man, come on."

The second man stood close to her as the clerk tried to open the cash register, and she told the men she was having trouble getting the machine to open. She

finally opened the register, and one of the men reached in and grabbed an undisclosed amount of cash. The other man grabbed the beer, and both left.

A police dog tracked the two for a short distance but lost the scent.

Police catch man trying to sneak off

A Renton man wanted on two arrest warrants tried to sneak out the back way when police knocked on a Camelot area home Tuesday evening. He didn't get far.

Three officers responded to a call at 6:40 p.m. of domestic violence. Two officers went to the front door and a third went to the back door. Officers knocked several times on the front door, but no one answered. A resident

finally let the officers in, and at the same time, the 26-year-old Renton man tried to sneak out the back door. He was met by the third officer.

A check showed the man was wanted on two warrants and he was arrested. A search of his pockets turned up two baggies with suspected narcotics. He was booked into the King County Jail on the warrants and for drug violations.

Glass door doesn't keep burglar out

A Twin Lakes store was hit early Wednesday morning by a smash-and-dash burglar.

Police responded to a 2:50 a.m. alarm at Radio Shack and found the store's glass front door broken. But the only thing miss-

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