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\$750 pay 'sounds fine' to FWay council

By Dan Voelpel
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Federal Way's part-time City Council members should make \$750 a month, and the mayor \$900 a month, a council committee agreed Wednesday.

The council's Facilities and Personnel Committee will make the recommendation for a pay increase to the full council next Tuesday.

Council members currently earn \$400 a month, and the mayor earns \$500 a month — amounts established by state law for newly incorporated cities with more than 15,000 people.

That law sets those amounts on an interim basis until a newly elected City Council can pass its own salary ordinance, said Councilman Bob Stead, who heads the committee.

"Whether we set it at \$400 or \$800 doesn't matter, but

we are charged by state law to set a salary," Stead said. Councilman Jim Webster suggested the \$750 and \$900 amounts, which are the same as those paid in Bellevue, a city with a population of 85,100.

Federal Way officially has a population of 58,000, but that number was established approximately two years ago. Officials estimate that Federal Way actually has more than 64,000 residents.

"If we do this," Webster said, "we might as well go with what the going rate is for this size of a city. That appears to me to be about \$750 a month."

Mayor Debbie Ertel, who initially proposed a \$650-a-month salary for council members, later supported the \$750 figure.

"That sounds fine," she said. "I think we're probably close to Bellevue in terms of the amount of work that needs to be done."

State law prohibits council members from immedi-

ately increasing their own salaries. Each council member can collect the pay raise only after he or she is re-elected.

Al Locke, interim city manager, said the council has chosen an appropriate time to address the salary issue, because all seven council seats come up for re-election in November 1991. If some council members are defeated in the next election, their successors would earn the higher salary.

"We're not raising the salary for us. We're raising it for our successors," Stead said.

One council member already has taken a stand against any pay increase.

"It's absolutely ludicrous to even try to look at what other cities are paying," said Councilman Joel Marks. "Why should our City Council make more money? We're in city government to serve."

Comparing paychecks

Part-time mayor and council monthly salaries:

City	Pop.	Mayor	Council
Tacoma	161,400	\$2,506	\$902
Bellevue	85,100	900	750
Fed. Way (current)	58,000	500	400
Fed. Way (proposed)	58,000	900	750
Yakima	49,470	650	325
Vancouver	43,290	500	300
Kirkland	35,820	450	300
Olympia	30,270	645	430

GOP firm against crime bill tax hikes

By Peter Callaghan
The News Tribune

OLYMPIA — A band of Republican county officials failed to persuade the GOP-controlled Senate Wednesday to ease off their opposition to local tax hikes for the war against crime and drugs.

King County Prosecutor Norm Maleng, King County Councilman Paul Barden and Snohomish County Councilman Bill Brubaker visited the Senate Republican caucus with a plea for funds.

The local officials want increased local tax authority, in addition to cash distributions that both the House and Senate already endorsed.

"We just gave the standard county pitch, that we need a comprehensive package of grants and tax authority," Maleng said.

The House approved such authority Wednesday. By a 90-2 vote, it passed House Bill 3036, which would allow cities and counties to increase the real-estate excise tax by three-quarters of one percent. The money could be used for criminal justice, growth management or the purchase of green-belt and open-space lands.

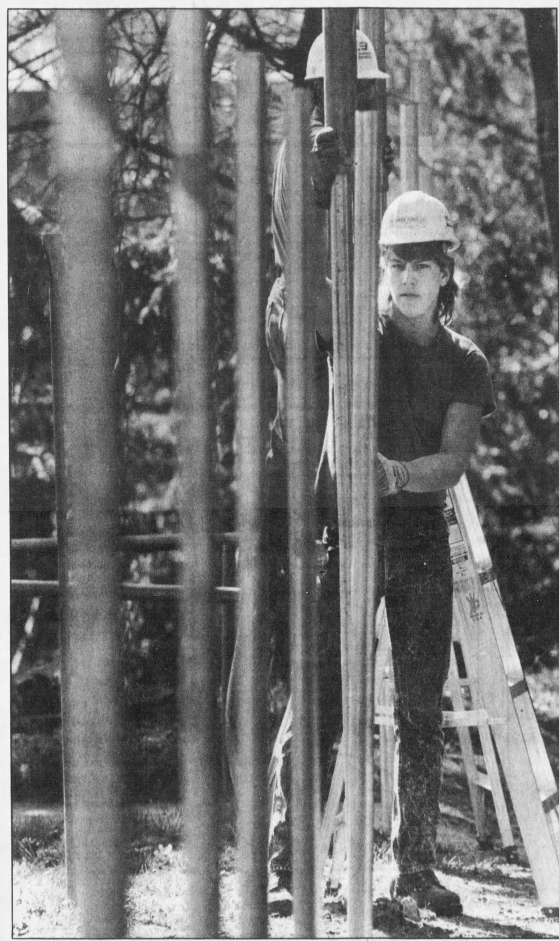
But the Senate Republicans, who listened politely to the trio of county officials, held firm in their opposition to the tax hike for crime. Sen. Ann Anderson (R-Acme) said the Republicans in the Senate think a package of cash grants plus permission to ask voters for six-year special property-tax hikes is sufficient.

The GOP program would distribute \$24 million each year to counties, \$5 million each year to cities, and includes a one-time-only grant of \$9 million more to four counties hit hard by crime.

Under the program, King County would receive \$10.5 million this year with \$5.8 million of that a one-time-only grant. Pierce County would receive \$4.3 million with the \$2.25 million of that a one-time-only grant. In addition, Seattle would receive \$1 million a year, Tacoma \$993,000 and Auburn \$240,000.

Anderson said the theory behind the extra \$9 million in one-time grants to the four hardest-hit counties is to give them some money now that could be replaced by a six-

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Poll bearers

Chris McBride, front, and Keith Astle of McBride-Achor Fence, drive in posts Wednesday for a fence that will enclose dormitories at the University of Washington campus in Seattle.

The campus will be used to house athletes for the Goodwill Games which will be held July 20 through Aug. 5. The fences will come down after the games.

Prostitution still illegal in FWay under state law

By Dan Voelpel
The News Tribune

State law makes prostitution illegal in Federal Way, even though the City Council has not adopted its own anti-prostitution ordinance yet, according to the state attorney general's office.

A story in Wednesday's Morning News Tribune that stated prostitution was temporarily legal in Federal Way was inaccurate.

"The state laws would apply," said John Wasberg, assistant attorney general. "The police can cite under a problem applying that in Federal Way."

King County police, however, have asked the council to adopt its own ordinance that mirrors the more restrictive county anti-prostitution ordinance that expired when Federal Way incorporated last month.

The City Council will consider the ordinance at its 7 p.m. meeting Tuesday at City Hall. If the ordinance is enacted, it would go into

effect five days after the city officially notifies the public of the change.

The proposed ordinance, when adopted, will "fulfill the city's commitment to the King County Police Department that we would adopt ordinances similar to theirs, so their officers, no matter where they are, are operating under the same set of laws," said Al Locke, interim city manager.

"There are certain things like this that we want to make as uniform as possible for the King County police," Locke said.

While the council adopted several critical ordinances it needed before Federal Way became a city, it did not adopt several others that regulate such things as adult-entertainment clubs, massage parlors and some traffic infractions.

The council last week adopted its own traffic ordinance. Next Tuesday, the council also will consider two ordinances that give county police their traditional authority to

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Parking still problem in Seattle Center plans

By Gary Larson
The News Tribune

The search for an empty parking space on a busy night at Seattle Center wouldn't get any easier under the most likely center-redevelopment options analyzed in a draft report released by a center staff Wednesday.

But future parking problems and traffic congestion might be lessened somewhat if Seattle officials agreed to reduce the size of the Coliseum as part of a deal to build a new basketball arena for the Seattle SuperSonics, a center official added.

The Sonics are talking to the city about reducing the size of the Coliseum to guarantee that it couldn't compete for arena business with a proposed new Sonics facility. Seattle officials reportedly are split over the idea.

The draft environmental impact statement released Wednesday doesn't address the possible effects of reducing the Coliseum's size from its present 14,000 seats to as few as the 5,000 proposed by the Sonics. That proposal surfaced too late to be considered by consultants working on the study, said Dave Buchan, project manager on the new Seattle Center master plan.

The impact study is intended to forecast the worst-case effects of several center redevelopment proposals, Buchan said. Reducing the Coliseum's seating — and the number of people who attend events there — likely would lessen parking and similar problems, he said.

The impact study evaluates six scenarios for the future of the center, ranging from a do-nothing option to the creation of a small-scale version of New York's Central Park. Other options include relatively minor repairs to existing buildings and the addition, elimination or modification of various center facilities.

Each of the alternatives assumes the eventual loss of the Sonics as a Coliseum tenant, but only one — the Central Park concept — assumes that the Coliseum itself would be substantially changed.

Parking has been one of the major issues raised during a series of public meetings on various aspects of the center planning effort, Buchan said. Additional

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Woman with epilepsy depends on her 'wonder dog'

Three summers ago when she was 16, during that week when she won five medals in gymnastics at the International Special Olympics, Angie Barnum of Gig Harbor was shopping with her mother in a student bookstore in South Bend, Ind.

At her side that day, as she had been at Angie's side for five years, was Sheba, a German shepherd. Sheba is one of only three dogs in the world — all three from Pierce County — able to sense the approach of a human seizure.

Since she was an infant, Angie Barnum has been afflicted with "complex multiple-seizure disorder," a form of epilepsy.

There in the bookstore, Sheba began to "alert." She became agitated and she began to whine, when Angie is about to encounter one of the random episodes of her disease. But instead of standing at Angie's side, to break her fall, instead of pulling at Angie's wrist, to lead her outside, Sheba walked to another girl, a stranger, another participant in the Special Olympics.

The girl suddenly began convulsing, fully taken by a grand mal seizure. As Sheba approached, the girl's coach pushed her away.

"He didn't know who she was or what she can do," says Angie Barnum.

We are in a local restaurant and Sheba rests beneath the table.

"She's never been wrong" Angie says. "She's a wonder dog."

Sheba has been with Angie every day and all night for the past eight years. Angie says that Sheba does not sleep. She waits. She has learned to discriminate between the advent of the fleet, small and frequent seizures, the petit mals, and the coming of the grand mals, the ones that embrace Angie once or twice a year.

They met during a session of the Prison Pet Partnership Program at the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Purdy. Angie was expecting to begin training with another dog, but it was Sheba — alone among 15 others — who ran to her side when a seizure began.

They have gone together to Olympia, where Angie testified several times before a legislative committee on behalf of programs for the handicapped. They have gone together into classrooms, where Angie discusses epilepsy. They have suffered together the ignorance of the public.

"People have come up yelling and screaming,"

Angie says, of certain shopkeepers.

"Get that dog out of here," she has been told, more than once.

"You really have to explain," she says. "They look at me and they say you're normal, until they realize I have seizures."

Sometimes they ask questions. "I figure if they want to know about Sheba and the dog program, I'm willing to answer them. It keeps us from getting kicked out."

"We've been trying for years to tell people about these dogs. Most people don't even listen. What we're trying to say is that dogs aren't as stupid as people think they are."

Not even experts understand Sheba's ability. Angie believes — and the consensus is — that Sheba is able to smell the minute chemical changes that precede an attack.

Not all dogs have this ability. "You could go through thousands and not find a dog with the sensitivity," Angie says. "But then you find a dog who does."

Trainers are unsure whether such dogs possess a talent, a gift simply given, or if they own a skill, an aptitude that can be enhanced and taught. If it can be taught, Angie Barnum hopes that a 5-month-old golden retriever puppy named SanDee will be the next dog to learn.

Angie recently met SanDee at Purdy. It is time, Angie says, for a second generation. Now there are times, she says, when Sheba gets tired.

"I think she realizes that she's getting too old to do the job."

So far, Sheba merely tolerates SanDee — but soon she will have the chance to pass along what she knows about seizures. If she is successful, if SanDee can be taught to recognize and react to seizures, there could be implications not only for Angie Barnum but also for the millions of people worldwide who suffer from epilepsy.

But for now, Sheba sits beneath the table patiently waiting.

Angie discusses the future. She would like the public to become educated about her disease. Seizures, she says, should not cause panic in passersby. Neither should seizures be the cause of embarrassment.

She discusses her hope for a cure, for herself and for others.

She discusses the summer upcoming. She plans to be married in August and Sheba will be a member of the wedding. After that, she says, "I'm probably going to stay home and raise kids."

She smiles, and Sheba yawns.

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The News Tribune columnist

Parents battle proposal to move 150 Lake View pupils

By Elaine Porterfield
The News Tribune

A proposal to move about 150 pupils from overcrowded Lake View Elementary to several neighboring Auburn schools has upset some parents, who say the move will unnecessarily uproot their children.

"We are totally against the move," said Donna Howell, the mother of a third-grader who would be moved from Lake View to Lea Hill Elementary if boundary changes are adopted. "Uprooting children established in their schools for a long time... does not make us happy."

About 20 pupils in the Southeast Green Valley Road area who now attend Lake View would be moved to Lea Hill under a plan recommended by an ad hoc committee of local residents and district administrators.

Another 130 pupils who live near Seattle International Raceway and also attend Lake View would be transferred to either Lea Hill or Hazelwood, a new elementary school scheduled to open in the fall. The new boundaries would shuffle pupils

only in the district's north end to help carve out a student body of about 540 pupils for Hazelwood, according to district officials. New boundaries will be set in the southern end of the district in two years, when a new elementary school is scheduled to open.

Howell said Wednesday that staying at their neighborhood school means much to the pupils, including keeping their academic and social ties intact.

"Twelve children aren't enough to make a difference," she said. "All the children (that would be moved) are older, established

elementary pupils. They've been part of Lake View since they began school."

She and other parents also are concerned about the bus route their children would have to ride to Lea Hill or Hazelwood, which would include using what they consider unsafe entrances and exits on Washington 18, Howell said.

Charles Booth, deputy superintendent of the Auburn School District, emphasized the proposed boundary changes have not yet been adopted, and that district officials may still modify the plan.

"We've been looking for response and input to the plan," he said. "And I think they (the Lake View parents) have some serious and deep concerns."

But there are hard choices ahead, Booth said. Hazelwood must have a student body, and at 788 pupils, Lake View is over its official capacity of 640 pupils, he said.

"Anytime you have to redistrict, people don't want to be moved," Booth said. "But we're currently using every bit of space we can at Lake View. Something has to be done."

Builder challenges Federal Way's pact with King County

By Erik Godchaux
The News Tribune

A developer who wants to put a large apartment complex in Federal Way argues in a lawsuit the city and King County signed an agreement that illegally suspends construction on its project and 18 others.

Federal Park Ltd. of Seattle has asked that a judge nullify the pact because it bars 19 properties that already have preliminary county approval — including the Twin Lakes apartment project — from receiving building permits until the new city gives its approval.

The lawsuit is the first to challenge an agreement earlier this month that gave King County responsibility for processing all but 19 of some 2,100 building permits filed before the city incorporated Feb. 28.

Federal Park contends that exemption is illegal because the Washington State Supreme Court has ruled developers are subject to building laws in effect at the time a permit application is filed.

That means the Federal Park and the other 18 projects are subject to King County's regulation and not Federal Way's, attorney

Jim Derrig wrote in the complaint, filed March 22 in King County Superior Court.

Federal Way City Councilman Jim Handmacher declined to comment on the lawsuit, but said the council held up the 19 properties because of "sufficient concerns" over their size or impact on the environment.

The plaintiff's property, scheduled to accommodate 100 apartments, is located on land not yet served by a street. It is generally between Hoyt Road Southwest and 40th Avenue Southwest.

Derrig said in the lawsuit that King County gave the project preliminary approval March 15, 1989. It complied with all laws and regulations at the time it filed for a building permit six months later — well before Federal Way became a city, Derrig wrote.

On Feb. 12, 1990, the developer asked the county for permission to proceed with foundation work — which can be done despite final approval on the building permit — but was told it could not because of the pending vote on cityhood.

The developer later learned its project was one of the 19 the city wanted to review. A hearing on the lawsuit has not yet been set.

Brother, 11, jailed after siblings' dispute

By Gestin Suttle
The News Tribune

An argument between a brother and sister turned vicious Tuesday when the brother held a knife to his sister's throat and told her he wished she were dead, King County police reported.



The 12-year-old Federal Way girl told officers that her 11-year-old brother threatened to kill her at their home after she tried to stop a fight between the boy and another brother.

According to police reports, the boy hit and kicked his sister and then elbowed her in the throat. He then said to his sister, "I wish you were dead," and "I'm going to kill you," she told police.

The brother reportedly took a knife from the kitchen and wielded it within a foot of his sister's throat. The girl tried to push the knife away, only to have her brother move it closer to her throat, police said.

Police did not indicate how the scuffle ended. Officers who were called to the scene transported the boy to the King County Youth Services Center, police news.

In other police news from South King County:

A man was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of assaulting his ex-girlfriend, King County police said.

The man asked his ex-girlfriend if the two could get back together, police said, but the former girlfriend said no.

According to reports, the man then grabbed and pulled the woman. The woman pulled away and ran, but the man followed and grabbed her by the neck and pushed her up

against a wall.

The woman told the man that she didn't want to see him again, and he let her go and walked away, police said.

A man apparently could not afford to use office phones at Valley Christian School without permission, Auburn police reported.

An employee of the school and adjoining church noticed a phone line lit up on the console, indicating someone was using the phone, records stated.

The employee — who was at the church at the time — picked up the phone and heard a male voice talking with a female voice, police said. The employee did not recognize either voice.

The employee determined that the school phone was in use and went to check out the building. As he approached, he noticed a window

screen had been removed from an office window and the window was open, police said.

A man then left the building and ran north on N Street Southeast, police said. The employee chased the man but did not catch him.

Upon returning, the employee saw a man getting into a car parked in the school lot. The employee spoke to the driver, who said he was visiting friends while he left his car at the church.

The employee said he did not see the burglar's face but that the driver resembled the person he chased.

The employee said he called police, using the phone the burglar used, and then replaced the screen and closed the window, which police said eliminated any fingerprints.

Police did not find the burglar, who is reported to be a white male, 20 to 25 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 180 pounds, with light brown hair.

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parking is proposed in most of the alternatives, including plans for a new parking garage across from the center at Fifth Avenue and Mercer Street.

On busy days, parking shortages near the center would continue to exist under all but one of options, the impact study said.

The Central Park idea would improve parking, but so far, that has been the least popular among the alternatives, center offi-

cials say. Although there would be more parking space under that proposal, it also would result in much greater traffic congestion near the center because of private commercial and residential development included in the plan.

For those who have bitten their nails wondering if they were going to get through traffic near Mercer Street in time for a center event, the proposed Seattle Center options don't offer much hope.

"We have all lived with traffic congestion in that area, and that would likely continue until there's a major resolution to the Mercer Corridor problem," Buchan said. Re-

cent studies show Seattle Center generates no more than 7 percent of the total rush-hour traffic using the corridor, he said.

Center managers say the proposed master plan they will recommend to Seattle elected officials may contain pieces from more than one of the options. An initial glimpse at that final master plan proposal is expected April 10.

Officials hope to hand the mayor and City Council that proposal April 24. Adoption of the master plan could come by late June.

Some officials have proposed a ballot measure this fall seeking a bond issue to pay for initial center redevelopment.

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Local in brief

Chlorine gas leak sends Puyallup man to hospital

A Puyallup man was hospitalized Wednesday after he accidentally inhaled chlorine gas from a leaking tank at a Fife trucking company, authorities said.

Dennis Brandway, 37, was in satisfactory condition at Tacoma General Hospital after the 10:35 a.m. accident at Oregon Freightways, 4401 15th St. E., authorities said.

Brandway, a trucking company employee, was overcome by fumes after he opened the door of a trailer loaded with what was supposed to be empty chlorine cylinders, authorities said.

Two of Brandway's co-workers, who came to his aid, also were rushed to the hospital. David Benedict, 25, of Kent, and Ronald Taylor, 34, of Kent were examined and released, said hospital spokesman Lind Simonsen.

The leaking container was among 21 chlorine cylinders on the

trailer. It was temporarily parked at the trucking company before the cylinders were returned to the Pennwalt Corp., which owns them, said Oregon Freightways dispatcher Sherman Petersen.

— News Tribune staff

FWay to host forum on growth issues

The second in a series of public forums on King County growth issues will be held tonight in Federal Way.

The forum, sponsored by the Municipal League, will consider the tradeoffs involved in attempting to stop or slow development. Speakers will be David Harrison, executive director of the Northwest Policy Center, and Ken Martin, director of the Oregon Boundaries Commission.

The Federal Way session will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Educational Service Center, 31405 18th Ave. S.

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regulate the five massage parlors and one nude dancing club in Federal Way.

"We made a deliberate decision that there were certain things we didn't need to adopt right away, because those things were covered in state law and we didn't have to act on them immediately," said Councilman Jim Handmacher.

The council wanted more time to evaluate enforcement measures, such as those contained in the county's anti-prostitution ordinance, that would be more stringent than state law, Handmacher said.

For example, the proposed ordinance allows police to arrest a known prostitute if she appears to be soliciting, Handmacher said. State law prevents a law-enforcement officer from making an arrest until the prostitutes agree to a sexual act.

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year property tax levy.

The six-year levy for criminal justice needs requires a constitutional amendment so requires a statewide vote. Then, each jurisdiction could go to local voters for approval of the actual levy. That combination of elections means it could take up to one year for the levy to be in place and collecting revenue.

Local government officials have said they need more than \$100 million a year for criminal-justice needs. And Barden said Wednesday that the real-estate excise tax and the six-year levy may not be enough for King County. That's because the county, which pays for courts and jails, could only collect those taxes in unincorporated areas.

"We don't expect the real estate excise tax to be a permanent solution," Barden said. "We could use it for the short term."

The issue of criminal justice funding has taken on significant political overtones with Democrats hoping to force the Senate Republicans to either approve their local tax hike or risk being painted as soft on crime come November.

Republicans in the Senate are pointing to their standing offer to appropriate nearly \$45 million in cash from the state's own revenue surplus.

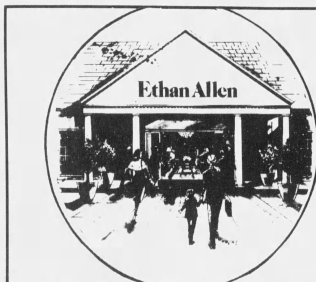
Anderson, who coincidentally is related to Maleng through marriage, said there is a growing possibility that the dispute could result in nothing being done to help local governments.

"I hope not but if it doesn't happen it's because the big three counties said it wasn't enough," Anderson said.

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