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County braces for Boeing boom

By Leslie Brown
The News Tribune

Frederickson plan could add 11,400 jobs

The Boeing Co. has drawn up preliminary plans for a major Pierce County development that would employ 11,419 people in a complex larger than its Auburn manufacturing site, county planning documents show.

The 4.5 million-square-foot expansion, which would occur at the company's 500-acre Frederickson

site in southern Pierce County, would be used for parts and tool manufacturing for Boeing commercial jets, including its new 777 twin-engine plane, officials said.

The company also would employ hundreds of people in research and development, planning documents show.

If the company follows through on its plan, Frederickson would become the largest manufacturing site and Boeing the largest private employer in Pierce County.

Boeing officials, however, caution that the plans are preliminary. The county planning department has begun "scoping" the site, the

first formal step in preparing an environmental impact statement, to determine if the 500-acre parcel could handle such a major project.

"I think Frederickson is an opportunity for us to expand our operations," Boeing Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Frank Stroniz said Wednesday evening.

"Frederickson's in a very receptive climate with a good work force. It's going to grow more slowly than perhaps everyone wants, but eventually, I think, it will be a very significant presence."

Currently, Boeing is building an 850,000-square-foot structure on its

Frederickson site, where it plans to employ 300 people who will manufacture wing skin panels and wing spars.

If Boeing's plans come to fruition, the manufacturing site eventually would be slightly bigger than its Auburn plant and employ more people. A little more than 10,000 people now work at the Auburn facility.

Local business and political leaders see Boeing, back page

Cleaning up the strips



Two undercover King County policemen wait outside the 'arrest room' at a Des Moines motel where they will take their 'Johna.' Such sting operations have sharply reduced prostitution south of Tacoma and along the Sea-Tac strip.

King, Pierce stings put big dent in prostitution

By Gestin Suttie
The News Tribune

Rain and hail pelted the two undercover policemen as they strolled along Pacific Highway South in their short skirts and high heels. The evening was blustery and cold, but the potential customers didn't seem to mind.

In three hours on a night last week, the women and six backup officers nabbed eight men — and turned down many others — who proposed paying for sex. That night's action outside a Des Moines motel was proof that Pacific Highway South remains a popular place to look for professional sex.

But finding it is another matter. Police say the number of streetwalkers working Pacific Highway is down dramatically. The story is the same south of Tacoma in the region's other area of ill repute: Pierce County's stretch of Pacific Highway Southwest and South Tacoma Way.

In the notorious stretch of Pacific Highway called the Sea-Tac strip — it borders Seattle-Tacoma International Airport — King County officers who three years ago could identify 50 prostitutes working at any one time say they rarely see more than a handful now.

Meanwhile, in Pierce County, sheriff's deputy Travis Hoffman averages about one arrest of a

prostitute each day, whereas three years ago his average was eight.

"It's true," Hoffman said. "There's a marked decrease out here."

Police point to several factors they say contribute to a sharp decline in prostitution:

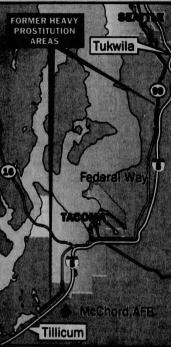
■ SOAP laws (for Stay Out of Areas of Prostitution), enacted about three years ago, enable police in both counties to arrest previously convicted prostitutes for being in a known area of prostitution. "People who've been SOAPed know they're off to jail if I just see them down here," Hoffman said.

■ In King County, the most popular prostitution turf along Pacific Highway South has been either annexed by Tukwila or incorporated into the year-old city of SeaTac. Those cities' officials are sharply opposed to any tolerance of prostitution. King County Police Detective Pat Covey said.

■ In both counties, local police continue to vigorously arrest and prosecute prostitutes and their

HOOKEER'S HIGHWAY NO LONGER

From Tukwila to Tillicum, Pacific Highway no longer justifies its bawdy reputation as hookers have moved elsewhere.



John E. Scott/The News Tribune

Gen. Powell wanted to allow sanctions to work, book says

By Haynes Johnson
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Last fall, Gen. Colin Powell had serious reservations about the Bush administration's shift toward an offensive military strategy in the Persian Gulf and repeatedly suggested "containment" of Iraq through economic and military pressures could accomplish U.S. objectives, a new book says.

Late in October, author Bob Woodward writes, before President Bush's crucial decision to double U.S. ground forces in the gulf, Powell argued his case individually with Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, national security adviser

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Brent Scowcroft and Secretary of State James Baker, finding support only from Baker.

He finally raised the issue with Bush, "arguing that containment would take time, maybe as long as a year or two, but it would work."

Bush, according to Woodward's account, answered: "I don't think there's time politically for that strategy."

After that meeting, Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, felt he had gone as far as he

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Study: Costly forms rob health coverage

By Spencer Rich
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. health care system, wasting vast amounts on paperwork, spends up to 24 cents of every dollar on administrative and billing costs, according to a study in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

By comparison, the study said, 11 cents of each dollar is spent on such costs in Canada.

If the United States could push its paperwork burden down to the Canadian level, it would save more than \$100 billion a year, enough to provide health insurance to the en-

tire 33 million to 35 million uninsured Americans with something left over, said the study's authors, Stefie Woolhandler and David Himmelstein of the Harvard Medical School.

The reason Canada has lower administrative costs, they said, is that there is a single insurer — the provincial government — in each Canadian province and that insurer is non-profit.

In the United States, by contrast, Woolhandler said Wednesday, "We have 1,500 different health insurance programs, each with its own

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Man pleads innocent to setting another afire

By Elaine Porterfield
The News Tribune

A man who checked himself into the American Lake Veterans Hospital the day before reportedly setting another man afire has pleaded innocent to attempted murder.

The man, Patrick W. Kelley, 50, is being held in the Pierce County Jail in lieu of a \$500,000 bond set by Superior Court Judge Thomas Saurio on Tuesday. The county prosecutor's office charged Kelley with first-degree attempted mur-

der. Officials at the sheriff's office said they didn't know of any other case in recent memory in which a person was accused of deliberately setting another person on fire.

The victim, 47-year-old Val Ottow, was burned over 25 percent of his body in the incident, about 10 percent of the burns are third-degree, Pierce County sheriff's deputies reported.

He is being treated at St. Joseph

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There's talk of unhappy ending for Mother Goose

By Kelly P. Kiesel
The Associated Press

GLENSIDE, Pa. — Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water, but then what did Jack do? Many youngsters didn't know, said a researcher who is worried the nation might be forgetting Mother Goose.

"We've made Walt Disney our storyteller," said Bette Goldstone, an education professor at Beaver College. She and others celebrated Mother Goose Day on Wednesday as proclaimed by the Mother Goose

Society of Melrose Park. "We're not losing the fairy tales. They've all been converted to cartoons and motion pictures," she said. "But we are losing the Mother Goose."

Mother Goose has a lot of educational value for youngsters, and some teachers are taking advantage of it, Goldstone said.

"You're speaking in their language pattern," she said. "Kids like to play with language. This is more relevant for them than Care Bears or Rambo."

Goldstone surveyed 150 pre-

schoolers in suburban Philadelphia during the past two years to determine their knowledge of six basic Mother Goose rhymes. Thirty percent couldn't say where they learned about Mother Goose or said they hadn't heard of it.

More than one-third of the children surveyed didn't know "Jack Be Nimble," "Hey Diddle Diddle" or "Little Miss Muffet," the survey said. More than a quarter didn't know "Pat-A-Cake."

Nearly one-third of the youngsters didn't know all of "Jack and Jill."

The rhymes mirror children's language patterns, Goldstone said. "Hey Diddle Diddle" is a prime example, as is the alliteration of "Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater."

Many teachers use Mother Goose to teach reading skills, showing pupils on paper the poems many have memorized from their even-younger days. Other teachers use the lessons to teach proper behavior.

"But there's more than that. There are counting rhymes that

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Mostly sunny; high in the high 60s.

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RECYCLED PAPER IS USED TO PRINT THE MORNING NEWS TRIBUNE

You may call it junk, but this sci-fi artist can use it

It won't solve the problem of overflowing landfills, but Chicago artist Vincent Jo-Nes creates extraterrestrial landscapes out of down-to-earth junk.

The engineer turned to commercial art about six years ago and translated his passion for recycling garbage into a junk-art museum exhibit.

Jo-Nes sticks mainly to extraterrestrial landscapes, using curling irons, disposable razors, broken electronic equipment and other junk he picks up at industry fire sales.

"I look at a vacuum cleaner and say, 'Hey, if I take off the bag and the cord, it looks like the main part of a spaceship.'"

The sculpture sells at Boy Scout conventions and science fiction fairs, Jo-Nes said. His clients include astronauts, science fiction writers and "Star Trek" television and film producer Gene Roddenberry.

Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry put some of the art on display as an example of a creative use for garbage.

Early in 1912, Pablo Picasso began including newspaper clippings and bits of debris in his paintings. Ever since, everyday objects have found their way into paintings and sculptures, said Bruce Guenter, chief curator at Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art.

But major museums and art schools have shied away from junk-molded art, he said.

"A lot of it is schmalz, the kind of things you'd find at a stationery store, not an art museum," Guenter said.

"Noneless, Jo-Nes has a loyal following.

"I love his stuff," said Chicago attorney Frank Speth, who owns several sculptures created by Jo-

Peanuts



By Charles M. Schulz

Cornelius wrote that she was considering going to her prom alone, and Champoux wrote back that if she didn't have a date he'd be happy to take her.

The two met in March when Champoux returned to Nebraska. Although Champoux is engaged to someone else, Cornelius asked him to escort her to Bryan's prom on Saturday.

True to his word, Champoux accepted the invitation.

Champoux said his fiancée, Wendy Svoboda, "gives me a hard time about it, but she really thinks it's kind of neat what I'm doing."

In Bangkok, Thailand, high-tech innovation has gotten 39 students into trouble. They were arrested for scheming to use illegal radio equipment to cheat on a medical school entrance examination.

Police Lt. Col. Anucha Lekhamroong said the students were arrested Sunday during an exam being taken by about 400 people trying to win one of 30 places at Mahidol University.

He said 11 students planned to signal answers from outside the examination room to 28 candidates taking a multiple-choice test. The 11 had taken the test earlier and memorized the answers, he said.

— Compiled from News Tribune news services by Dale Wirsing

Pierce deputy knows beat like his back yard

By Elaine Porterfield
The News Tribune

Travis Hoffman knows the South Tacoma Way strip the way others know their back yards: intimately, lovingly.

He knows the convenience stores the prostitutes like to hang around so they're always near a phone to call their pimp. He knows the inconspicuous dirt road where the women often take their "car dates." He knows the motel that turns a blind eye to female customers with frequent male visitors who stay only 15 or 20 minutes.

For three years, Hoffman, a Pierce County sheriff's deputy, has worked an anti-prostitution detail, with most of his efforts aimed at street hookers.

Sheriff's spokesman Curt Benson said Hoffman probably has more prostitution arrests to his credit than anyone in the history of the department.

"I've made 730 prostitution-related arrests," Hoffman said. "I keep my own statistics."

"Travis Hoffman is an excellent police officer," Pierce County Sheriff Chuck Robbins said. "He has a total commitment to prostitution reduction."

Hoffman claims that he doesn't have a great memory for faces, but he nevertheless recognized one woman almost instantly one recent sunny afternoon as she wandered down South Tacoma Way, sauntering the trademark fringed leather jacket of local streetwalkers.

She's 21, pregnant, carries the AIDS virus and is a prostitute, he said, watching her intently.

But he's particularly day, the woman didn't appear to be looking for business. So Hoffman continued cruising the strip in his car, looking for other "working girls."

Hoffman's assignment began in 1988 after prostitution had gotten out of hand on the South Tacoma Way strip. Day and night, hookers and their pimps worked the street, their jobs fueled by the topless

clubs, massage parlors and sex bookstores nestled between car dealerships and small businesses.

Local children were unable to walk to the store to buy candy without being approached by a hooker or a pimp.

Customers frightened by the blatant prostitution avoided legitimate businesses. Prostitution customers in Johns cruised the street, propositioning women and girls who weren't selling sex.

Robberies, drug sales and assaults flourished.

To tackle the problem, the Sheriff's Department began a program known as Operation Interdependence.

In the first phase, deputies working voluntary overtime, including Hoffman, began an aggressive arrest campaign aimed at streetwalkers and their customers.

"It was like the assault on Normandy," Hoffman said. "It surprised everybody."

When the tactics proved successful, Operation Interdependence went into a maintenance mode, with Hoffman assigned full time to suppress prostitution on the strip, mostly by surveillance.

Other vice squad deputies are assigned to stings on the strip and elsewhere in unincorporated areas.

The efforts have succeeded. In the beginning, Hoffman could make eight prostitution-related arrests a day without breaking a sweat. These days, he averages about one bust a day.

With a thick mustache and glasses, Hoffman has a suburban dad, Little-League-coach kind of look that allows him to blend in on the job. He always wears a uniform while working, but he throws a sweat jacket on while cruising to avoid being recognized as a deputy.

Many of the regular prostitutes in the area know him by now, but if a streetwalker is new to the strip or if Hoffman has Johns under surveillance, he can slip by undetected.

His territory includes Gravelly

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customers to keep the sex business from rebounding.

Don DeMulling, owner of Don's Barber Shop in the 1400 block of Pacific Highway South, has witnessed the decline of prostitution following Tukwila's annexation of that part of the highway.

"They're not standing out in the bus stops, flagging at cars anymore," he said.

DeMulling so feared the drug and prostitution activity outside his business that he would carry a gun to and from his shop for safety.

Families wouldn't bring in their children for haircuts because they don't feel safe. But now families have returned, and customers no longer think it's dangerous to be in the shop, he said.

Three years ago, King County could arrest 25 prostitutes in 24

hours along the street between 140th and 160th streets, said detective Mike Gillis, acting sergeant in charge of the King County Police vice unit.

But the area was annexed by Tukwila, that city's police arrested eight prostitutes from January to March 1990 and nine from January to March 1991.

Gaid and the area saw a similar dramatic decrease in prostitution was documented after SeaTac incorporated last year and became responsible for the criminal activity in the SeaTac strip.

But just because prostitutes are scarce now doesn't mean they won't return, police said. Hence the ongoing stings, Pierce County Sgt. Ron Anderson said.

"If we backed off, I'm sure it would be back to where it was," he said.

Prostitutes are migrants, when one area becomes inhospitable, they'll simply move to some place that is more accepting, police say.

"You never really get rid of the

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and chief executive officer of the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce. "It would certainly be the realization of a long-time ambition for our county."

But county's planning department, which this week published a preliminary analysis of the proposal, warned that a huge expansion at the site off Canyon Road, about five miles south of Puyallup "may have significant adverse impacts" on the environment.

The seven-page planning document warned the project could create ground-water contamination, traffic snarls and additional growth pressures.

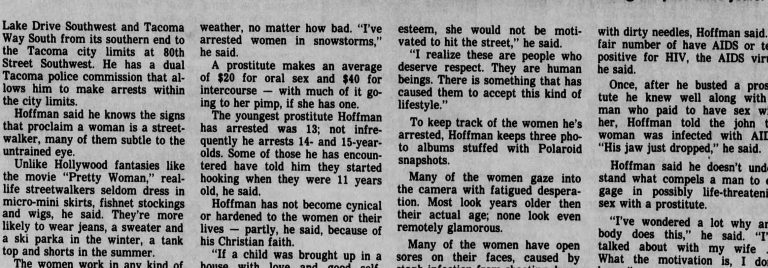
Pierce County, which is working under a 1982 land-use plan that contains little in the way of mod-

ern zoning or development regulations, is being grappling with rapid, hedge-podge growth since voters rejected its comprehensive land-use plan in 1986.

"My great concern is that we're turning our beautiful Northwest into any other section of the country, where those who control the purse strings have enough power to do what they want to do, regardless of the environment."

Neiditt, however, said the county is in the midst of developing a new comprehensive land-use plan and is thus "much more prepared for Boeing" than it was a few years

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Lake Drive Southwest and Tacoma Way South from its southern end to the Tacoma city limits at 80th Street Southwest. He has a dual Tacoma police commission that allows him to make arrests within the city limits.

Hoffman said he knows the signs that proclaim a woman is a streetwalker, many of them subtle to the untrained eye.

Unlike Hollywood fantasies like the movie "Pretty Woman," real-life streetwalkers seldom dress in micro-mini skirts, fishnet stockings and wigs, he said. They're more likely to wear jeans, a sweater and a ski parka in the winter, a tank top and shorts in the summer.

"The women work in any kind of

weather, no matter how bad. "I've arrested women in snowstorms," he said.

A prostitute makes an average of \$20 for oral sex and \$40 for intercourse — with much of it going to her pimp, he has on.

The youngest prostitute Hoffman has arrested was 13, not infrequently he arrests 14- and 15-year-olds. Some of those he has encountered have told him they started hooking when they were 11 years old, he said.

Hoffman has not become cynical or hardened to the women or their lives — partly, he said, because of his Christian faith.

"If a child was brought up in a house with love and good self-

esteem, she would not be motivated to hit the street," he said.

"I realize these are people who deserve respect. They are human beings. There is something that has caused them to accept this kind of lifestyle."

To keep track of the women he's arrested, Hoffman keeps three photo albums stuffed with Polaroid snapshots.

Many of the women gaze into the camera with fatigued desperation. Most look years older than their actual age, none look even remotely glamorous.

Many of the women have open sores on their faces, caused by staph infection from shooting drugs

with dirty needles, Hoffman said. A fair number of have AIDS or test positive for HIV, the AIDS virus, he said.

Once, after he busted a prostitute he knew well along with a man who paid to have sex with her, Hoffman told the John the woman was infected with AIDS. "His jaw just dropped," he said.

Hoffman said he doesn't understand what compels a man to engage in possibly life-threatening sex with a prostitute.

"I've wondered a lot why anybody does this," he said. "I've talked about with my wife ... What the motivation is, I don't know."

Officer Carolyn Dopps — dressed in a black miniskirt, white blouse and red high heels — has worked as a decoy about 12 times.

"The first time I did it (posed as a prostitute), I didn't like it ... I felt guilty, I felt weird. I felt sheep. I was hoping my mom and dad wouldn't drive by," Dopps said.

But after masquerading as a prostitute several times, Dopps has a different attitude about the operation.

"This is a blast. It's really a kick."

King County Officer Leann Frye also worked as a decoy during the Des Moines sting. She wore a black and gold minidress with black high heels.

The policewomen were dressed by the male officers for razzing up because they said that was necessary to attract clients.

"Even the guys that are decent looking, clean-cut, they'll pick up anything that can walk," said one King County undercover officer who chose not to give his name.

And those men will go out in any kind of weather to find hookers; the officers weren't worried that the night's blustery weather would deter customers.

After three hours of work, about 20 men had stopped to talk to the women. The decoy officers accepted eight offers, Des Moines police subsequently arrested seven men and one 16-year-old Federal Way boy for investigation of patronizing a prostitute, O'Leary said.

While O'Leary doesn't expect the undercover patrols and stings will eliminate prostitution entirely, he does expect a significant decline.

O'Leary admits that sending the problem somewhere else means creating a problem for other police agencies.

But "you've got to make sure that your back yard is clean," he said. If other police departments get the problem, then they "have to make sure they clean their own nest."

company's long-term needs, so they can hit the ground running if they decide to move forward.

"We don't know yet if we would fully build up the site," Schleh said. "But we need to plan for that eventually if we decide we need the capacity."

According to county planning documents, Boeing would begin its phased-in project in 1993, with two manufacturing buildings and 1,000 new employees.

In 1995, the company would build three more buildings and hire another 2,417 employees; it would build two more buildings and hire 2,000 more people in 2000; and it would conclude the project in 2003 with an office and research building that would employ 6,000 people, documents show.

The project would be dramatically larger than any company or manufacturing site currently in Pierce County. The two largest non-government-owned jobs are Weyerhaeuser Co., with 2,900 employees, and Multicare Medical Center, with 2,400 workers, Chamber of Commerce statistics show.

U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks (D-Bremerton), part of the lobbying team trying to convince Boeing to locate the aerospace giant in its back yard to become a major player in Pierce County. The new jobs, he added, will help the area enormously.

"I'm hoping these are high-paying jobs," he said, "the kind of jobs we desperately need in our area."