



## Interim land-use rules approved

By Jill Leovy  
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The future of land-use controls in Pierce County may be uncertain, but as of last week, one thing is sure: Growth will be limited in Lakewood and University Place. The County Council approved new interim land-use regulations for University Place and Lakewood last week, despite protests from a Lakewood community group. That group said the new rules won't stop growth soon enough since only newly submitted projects will be affected. But Ed McGuire, attorney for the council, said the new rules will be the job. "As crude as it might be for now, at least we have something to work with."

He added that before the Oct. 9 action by the council, University Place and Lakewood had been struggling under some of the most anachronistic land-use rules in the county. The new rules are the first update of the land-use law books for those areas in almost 30 years, he said. Designed to stall growth until a permanent land-use plan can be adopted, the rules will limit all single-family housing and apartment development to minimum densities and provide for additional review of all new buildings. The purpose is to limit population growth until crowded University Place and Clover Park school districts have time to build new classrooms, he said. The council is "just trying to preserve

some land," he said. "If you don't do something to hold the line, there will be nothing left to plan." The community plan for Lakewood is scheduled to be in place by the end of 1991; the University Place plan will be complete by the end of 1992. The county also is working on a variety of other growth-control measures, including community plans for several other county areas and a countywide comprehensive plan. To stem growth in the meantime, county officials also are drafting countywide interim policies. The latter, if adopted, are not expected to conflict with the new interim rules for University Place and Lakewood, McGuire said. Despite the wide array of potentially

conflicting growth-control measures, McGuire said the county is approaching the issue as efficiently as possible. "Arguably, you could say that the county should have adopted interim zones from border to border. However, this is a big county and there is a whole lot of diversity out there." Until a single, standard, countywide land-use plan is in place, it's better to deal with each area according to its specific needs, and iron out differences later, he said. For now, developers in Lakewood and University Place will have to abide by a minimum lot size of 10,000 square feet for new homes, while the county estimated new apartment complexes will have no more than 10 units an acre.

## NOTE WORTHY

People and events

☐ Richard Reeves will discuss "The Superears" and what America will do for an encore in the 1990s at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24 at Pierce College, 940 Farwest Drive S.W. The lecture is part of the college's artist and lecture series. Reeves is an author and syndicated columnist who has earned a reputation as one of the country's leading commentators on American and international affairs. His seven books include the best-selling "Convention" and "American Journey: Travelling with Tocqueville in Search of Democracy in America." His twice-weekly column appears in more than 160 newspapers in the United States and abroad, and he is a writer for The New Yorker. He is a former chief political correspondent of The New York Times and an editor of Esquire and New York Magazine. The lecture is free. For information, call 964-6780.

☐ An open house for Pacific Lutheran University graduate programs will be 4:30-8 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Westwater Inn, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive in Olympia and Nov. 1 at the Federal Way Executive, 31611 20th Ave. S. in Federal Way.

Eight master's degrees, in subjects such as business administration, computer applications, computer science, education, music, nursing, physical education and social science, are offered at the school, and most programs offer late afternoon and evening classes. For information, call 535-7141.

☐ William Hilliard, editor of The Oregonian newspaper, will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Pacific Lutheran University. Hilliard will discuss "Multi-Racial Society: A Reality?" Part of his presentation will focus on the skinhead trial in Portland and The Oregonian's coverage of it.

Hilliard has been at The Oregonian since 1952. As a reporter, he covered the Korean babyfift; national conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Urban League; wrote a series of articles on the black Muslims on the Pacific Coast in the early 1960s; and authored a background article on Memphis, Tenn., following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. He also has served as a Pulitzer juror for six years.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For information, call 535-7430.

☐ The Scottish Rite Masons are offering a free Youth Identification and Protection Handbook. The handbook contains safety tips for parents, space for a child's picture, dental records, fingerprints and a list of things to do if a child is missing.

From 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, the Tacoma Police Department will be at the Scottish Rite Temple, 817 S. Vassault St., to fingerprint children. The services also will be offered in the Enumclaw area from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Crescent Masonic Lodge, 42810 26th Ave. S.E. For information, call 752-0655.

☐ The Tacoma School District will hold a community forum titled "Our Schools at the Crossroads" at 7 p.m. Oct. 30 at Poma High School, 2112 S. Tyler St.; Lincoln High School, 701 S. 37th St.; Mount Tacoma High School, 6229 S. Tyler St.; Stadium High School, 1111 N. E. St.; and Wilson High School, 1202 N. Orchard St. The changing needs of students and schools, as well as ideas about school issues, will be discussed. For information, call 596-1015.

☐ The North Orchard DeLong Cooperative Nursery School will host a lecture by Geri Gibson at 7 p.m. Tuesday at First Christian Church, 602 N. Orchard St. Gibson, a Tacoma school district counselor, will discuss sexual abuse. The lecture is free. For information, call 572-9080.

☐ "Remedies for Racial Inequality" will be discussed during an open forum at 7 p.m. Thursday in the University Center at Pacific Lutheran University. The forum will be moderated by John Mortenga, associate professor of psychology at PLU.

Three strategies will be discussed: civil rights, affirmative action and poverty assistance. The forum is one of three National Issues Forums being held at PLU this fall. The meetings are administered by the Domestic Policy Association and are funded by the Public Agenda Foundation and the Kettering Foundation. The forum is free and open to the public. For information, call 535-7141.

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Working at child's play  
Phil Hendrix, left, David Langford and Pat Hemphill, right, all of Steilacoom, dig in to work installing playground equipment at Saltar's Point Elementary.

## School needs instruments to make music

By Jill Leovy  
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A shortage of instruments has left some students in Bethel School District's band classes standing by and clapping their hands because their families can't afford to buy or rent instruments. Normally, the school district provides instruments to low-income students who want to take part in the music programs. This year, however, a boost in the number of students enrolled in band, coupled with a districtwide shortage of funds for

new instruments, meant several students in Don Rose's junior high band class can do no more than keep time by clapping while their more fortunate classmates carry the tune. "It's frustrating," said Rose, adding that Rose said most of the money budgeted for band equipment in the past few years has gone for repairing well-used instruments, rather than buying new ones. Now attrition is catching up, and unless donations can make up the difference, the district will have to make a large investment in new instruments.

In the meantime, music teachers are turning away young musicians who come into the program empty-handed. "You can't teach kids without instruments, but at the same time, you don't want to lose them," Gard said. Those interested in donating an instrument should call Gard at 536-7272 or bring it to the Educational Service Center at 516 E. 176th St. in Spanaway. Although he has borrowed more than 10 instruments from friends and other schools to fill the gap, he still has students sitting out.

The instrument shortage covers the entire district. Bethel arts education coordinator Lori Gard said the district needs 20 to 30 cornets, trombones, clarinets and especially trumpets to fill the demand. The instruments should be "bottom-of-the-line, heavy duty" donations suitable for children, although higher quality instruments can also be used by skilled high school students, said Rose. Gard said the district has had such shortages before, but this year the shortcoming is particularly severe. "The band program is growing. We just haven't had this high enrollment in years past," she said.

## Yelm not teed off by golf courses, homes

By Jill Leovy  
The News Tribune

Citizens of Yelm have absorbed their share of newcomers in recent years. Now, in addition to wealthy spiritualists, J.Z. Knight, her grandiose mansion and the curious tourists she attracts, townspeople may soon welcome thousands of golf-playing suburbanites. If two developers succeed in annexing 1,800 acres to the town, the new residents will move in gradually over the next decade. The area includes what is mostly undeveloped clear-cut prairie to the southwest of Yelm. In the next few years, the developers plan to transform the site into golf courses and single-family homes that could hold an estimated 4,000 people, said City Administrator Gene Borges. The town council may consider the annexation request Oct. 24, Borges said. Besides dwarfing the population of Yelm — now about 1,500 — the annexation could increase the town's area by at least 75 percent, Borges said. Yelm's citizenry, however, seems unconcerned. Scott Evans, who works in an auto parts store on Yelm's main street, shrugged when asked about the development. "It's their property, they can do whatever they damn well please," he said, adding that the taxes paid by new residents will ensure the annexation pays for itself. Evans' co-worker, Jim Champion, said he has a few concerns about traffic problems but added that so many new houses have been built around Yelm recently that citizens have come to expect changes. "Anyway, it'll be a boost for the econ-

omy of the town." Borges said that at first he was surprised at how few objections there were to the annexation. But most people seemed to judge the proposal in terms of practicality, he said. "The majority felt that, provided it was a well-planned development, they'd prefer to have some control over it," Borges said. The developers, Venture Partners and Thurston Highlands and Associates, held a series of public meetings to answer citizens' concerns about the annexation and encountered little opposition, he added. The positive reaction, in part, may be tied to the frustration Yelm citizens feel because so much of their tax money ends up being spent on people living outside the town, Borges said. For example, although Yelm roads and police and emergency medical services are paid for by townspeople, they serve a population of about 11,000, most of them residents of unincorporated Thurston County areas near the town, he said. County residents come to Yelm to shop, and they call Yelm fire and police departments when they need help. "We've got to broaden our tax base. We can't have those 1,500 people pay all the expenses for serving outlying areas," Borges said. Borges emphasized that there remain many details to be worked out before the annexation is approved. First, the developers have to submit their petition. Then the council may approve it subject to conditions. Such conditions might include an environmental impact statement and agreements to ensure the developers pay for the



Ron and Patti Pace keep a collection of photos and other mementos of their celebrated dog, Jake, who died in September.

## 'Wonder Dog' was owner's business partner and buddy

By Angela Dagustine  
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It doesn't only happen in the movies. In "The Natural," Roy Hobbs had a gift for baseball. He also had a tool, his bat "Wonderboy." Ron Pace is also a natural. Pace has a gift for dog training. He also has an aide, his dog, Jake. Jake, the Wonder Dog, Vana Ingram, one of Pace's clients for 4½ years, said, "You can learn how to

handle your dog and how to handle her well, but that special thing that Ron has ... I don't think you can learn that. It's a talent. "And Jake, Jake was incredible. Ron never said a word to Jake. Everything was hand signals. There was this wonderful bond between them," Ingram added. But Jake died in September, leaving Pace with memories and a resolve to continue working with dogs. Jake was almost 14. Please see Jake, D8