



Big win for City in runway fight

In a stunning announcement that rocked the Port of Seattle, an independent panel of experts handed down a decision confirming what many Des Moines residents already know first hand – the Port has failed to meet noise reduction standards at Sea-Tac Airport. According to the Puget Sound Regional Council, those standards must be met in order to approve construction of a third runway.

In its decision, the expert panel, which was appointed by state Secretary of Transportation Sid Morrison, said the Port noise reduction efforts, "in terms of real on-the ground noise impacts for the communities affected by airport noise, have not been sufficient to satisfy (the Resolution)."

Attorney for the Airport Communities Coalition, Peter Kirsch, said the ruling by the independent panel is clear evidence that there is reason to be concerned about the Port's ability to do what it says it will do. Kirsch said the findings should be a wake-up call to members of the PSRC to take a closer look at the Port's assertions and assumptions about the need for and justification of building a third runway.

New City Manager

Bob Olander was appointed City Manager by the City Council on Feb. 16. Des Moines' Assistant City Manager since 1988, Olander takes over for Greg Prothman, who resigned to work in the private sector.



Bob Olander

Olander, 49, was City Manager in Ocean Shores prior to coming to Des Moines. He also served as City Manager in Anacortes and as City Administrator in Selah, Wash.

Olander said his greatest challenge as City Manager will be to continue to provide more services with fewer resources. The goal is to improve communication between the community and City Council by conducting surveys, focus groups and other means of providing information from citizens to the Council.



Don Wasson



Robert Sheckler



Bruce Roberts

New Councilmembers sworn in

Three new City Councilmembers were sworn into office in January. Don Wasson and Robert Sheckler won their positions in the November General Election. Bruce Roberts was appointed by the City Council to fill the unexpired term of Jeanette Burrage, who resigned after winning election as King County Superior Court judge. The three new members join Terry Brazil, Dan Sherman, Scott Thomasson and Gary Towe on the Council.

Wasson previously served on the Council from 1990 - 1993. He is the owner of a machine shop and has lived in Des Moines for 30 years. Sheckler is a mortgage broker and has lived on North Hill for five years. Roberts teaches economics at Highline Community College. He has lived in Des Moines for 20 years. He served on the City's Planning Agency for 15 years and has been active in youth sports. Roberts said he applied for the Council seat because he saw it as a challenge. "It's an opportunity to serve the City and try to have some influence on where Des Moines is going."

Scott Thomasson elected Mayor, Terry Brazil elected Mayor Pro Tem

The City Council in January elected Councilmember Scott Thomasson to a two-year term as Mayor. Thomasson has served on the Council for nine years and has lived in Des Moines most of his life. He is an engineer with the City of Redmond.

Terry Brazil was elected Mayor Pro Tem for a two-year term. Brazil has served on the Council for two years and lives in the North Hill area. He is a computer graphics specialist for Boeing.

DES MOINES
DIRECTORY

City Hall, 21630 11th Ave. S.
878-4595

Business Hours: Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

City Council - 878-4595

Scott Thomasson, Mayor
Terry Brazil, Mayor Pro Tem
Bruce Roberts
Bob Sheckler
Dan Sherman
Gary Towe
Don Wasson

City Offices

City Attorney 878-4595
City Clerk 878-4595
City Manager 870-6541
Community Development .878-8626
Engineering 878-8626
Finance Director 878-4595
Marina 824-5700
Municipal Court 878-4597
Parks 870-6556
Police Department 878-3301
Public Works 870-6559
Recreation 870-6527
Senior Services 878-1642

Other Numbers

Emergency 911
Fire (non-emergency) ... 878-2210
Police (non-emergency) . 878-3301
Field House 870-6527
Library 824-6066
Marina 824-5700
Senior Center 878-1642

**Gary McLean is
new City Attorney**

Gary McLean is the City of Des Moines' new City Attorney, replacing Jim Gorham who retired at the end of January.

McLean started his new position with Des Moines on Jan. 16. He previously was an Assistant City Attorney with the City of Seattle for two and one-half years, and prior to that was with a private law firm in Seattle. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School and is a native of Huntsville, Alabama.



Gary McLean

**Spring Clean Collection Day
is Saturday, April 27**

In honor of Earth Day 1996, the City of Des Moines and Sea-Tac Disposal are providing a special Spring Clean Collection Day, Saturday, April 27, starting at 7 a.m.

On this day only, residents can have their garbage, recyclables and yard waste picked up at their curbside at no charge. Appliances will be picked up for a small fee. Collection starts early in the morning, so have your items at curbside the night before. **There will be only one collection stop per household.**

This collection is available only to single-family residences, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes within the city. You do not have to be a customer of Sea-Tac Disposal to participate.

Only materials that meet the guidelines below will be picked up:

- Place garbage at the curb and separate from recyclables and yard waste.
- Garbage must be in containers less than 60 pounds. No loose garbage will be collected.
- **YARD WASTE IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.** Yard waste must be separate and placed in biodegradable containers (cardboard boxes or paper bags) or bound with natural fibers.
- Yard-waste containers/bundles must not exceed 4 feet in length or weigh more than 60 pounds. Branches must be less than 4 inches in diameter.



- Place recyclables in bags or boxes, clearly labeled and separate from garbage and yard waste. Loose material won't be collected.

- Used appliances will also be collected at curbside for recycling, however, a fee is charged. Tags must be purchased at the city Community Development building located at 805 S. 219th St. prior to the collection day. Tags are \$35 for refrigerators, air conditioners and freezers; \$15 for all other appliances, including TVs and other furniture. **APPLIANCES WITHOUT TAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.** Call 878-8626 for

information.

- **NO HAZARDOUS WASTES WILL BE COLLECTED.** Save these materials for drop-off at the Household Hazardous Wastemobile. For scheduling of Wastemobile call 296-4692.

**Construction to begin on new police station**

Groundbreaking for the City's new police station is planned for this May, with completion in spring of 1997.

The City Council is scheduled to award the bid for the project at its April 4 meeting and construction is expected to begin shortly thereafter.

The new police facility will be constructed on a site just south of the existing police station on 11th Ave. S. The building will be a single story, 15,000 square

foot facility that is designed to meet the Police Department's needs for the next 20 years. Voters approved a \$3.35 million bond issue last April to fund the project.

Plans are being made to use recycled materials in many aspects of the project, from recycled asphalt in the parking lot to recycled roofing material. The Department is applying for a grant from King County to help offset the higher cost of using recycled materials.

"Oh No, Not Again!"

Storm of '96



This was the view from the Taco Time parking lot, looking east on Kent-Des Moines Road.

For the second time this winter, Puget Sound was deluged with heavy rains and flooding, only this time it was worse. At the peak of the storm, Sea-Tac Airport had reported 3.10 inches of rain (over 24 hours on Thursday, February 8).

Unlike last November's storm, this storm was preceded by three days of almost continuous rain, which was preceded by a week of freezing weather. The frozen ground and subsequent rain did not allow time for the soils to drain, thereby creating a "supersaturated condition" – meaning, the soils could not absorb any additional surface water before the main storm hit. Almost the entire volume of rainfall in the storm was not absorbed and resulted in runoff.

Road closures (or lane closures) due to flooding were required in several areas in Des Moines. At high tide, Massey Creek again flooded the parking lot of the Continental Marina Apartments (located west of Marine View Drive) with several feet of water. The infamous "Lake Taco" reappeared at the intersection of Kent-Des Moines Road and Marine View Drive, flooding Taco Time and the 7-Eleven parking



Flood waters from Des Moines Creek surrounded buildings at the Senior Center.

lot. Although the recently constructed culvert which was placed under Marine View Drive conveyed the stormwater, the banks of the creek between Marine View Drive and 10th Avenue South were overtopped. That section of stream channel is due to be modified to better contain peak flows upon completion of the upstream regional detention facilities in the year 2000.

Also at high tide, the Des Moines Beach Park area suffered major flooding. The storm deposited nearly a foot of mud around the Senior Center and washed out the approaches to the park's vehicle bridge. The bridge was temporarily closed as the structure was being assessed for settlement and the approaches repaired. (The bridge is slated to be replaced this summer with a higher concrete bridge that will pass a much larger storm.)

Flooding also occurred in the North Hill area at the intersection of 1st Avenue South and South 200th Street, including the shopping center. The intersection was closed as the 1st Avenue South detention pond was filled and the pump station that pumps water from the pond to Arrow Lake was turned off. The pump was not operated to prevent flood damage to residences surrounding Arrow Lake.

Neighborhood flooding occurred in the North Hill area at 4th Place South between South 204th and 206th Streets. Flooding is recurrent in this neighborhood because of the shallow drainage system. The area is currently being evaluated to determine the best method to improve the drainage capacity.

In addition to flooding, several landslides were reported within the Des Moines Creek Basin and along the bluffs north of the Beach Park. No building damage was reported. Several sections of shoulder had "slumped" along the east side of Des Moines Memorial Drive (one slump had caused a large tree to extend precariously over the road). A street shoulder was lost in a landslide on the east side of 6th Avenue South, north of South 214th Street. Materials from the slide had not impacted the residential properties located below.

1996 Public Works Projects

Street Overlay

This summer the City will be repaving several streets throughout Des Moines. Some of the major streets include 24th Avenue South (between South 216th Street and Kent-Des Moines Road) and South 222nd Street (between 16th Avenue South and Pacific Highway South). Motorists should be prepared for delays and detours this summer. Most won't last very long and the new road surfaces will be worth a little inconvenience. For a complete list of the roads included in the overlay project, call Keith Brown at 870-6592.

New Traffic Signal

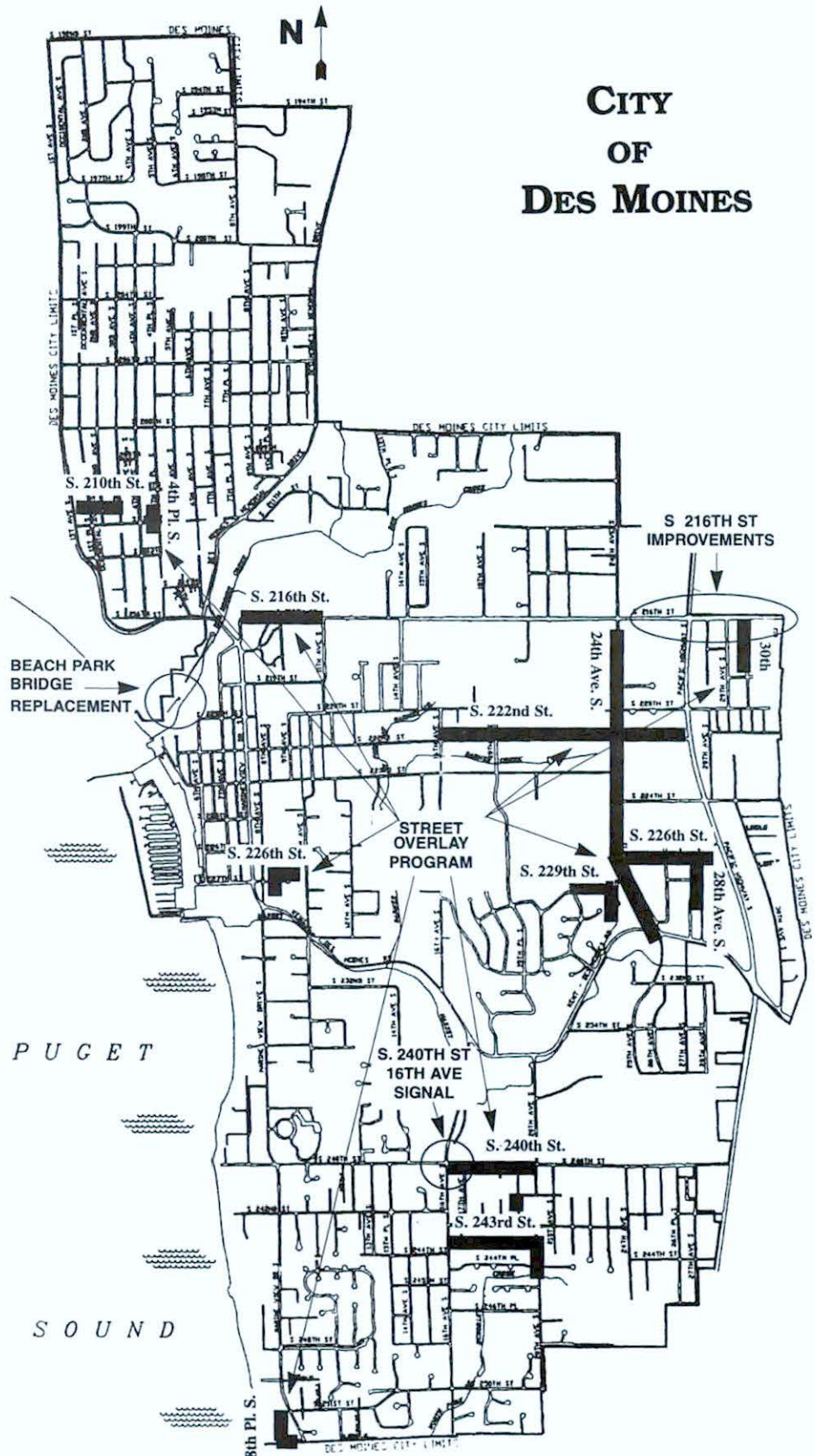
The design phase for a new traffic signal at the intersection of South 240th Street and 16th Avenue South is nearing completion. The project will widen the intersection and add left turn lanes. The signal will also include pedestrian activated signal buttons as well as curbs, gutters and sidewalks on all four corners. The signal is scheduled to be constructed in 1997, but if funding becomes available it may be constructed earlier.

S. 216th St. Improvements

South 216th Street between Pacific Highway South and I-5 will be widened with left turn lanes, curbs, gutters and sidewalks added. The traffic signal at Pacific Highway will be rebuilt with left turn signals on South 216th Street added. Construction is planned for fall of 1996.

Bridge Replacement

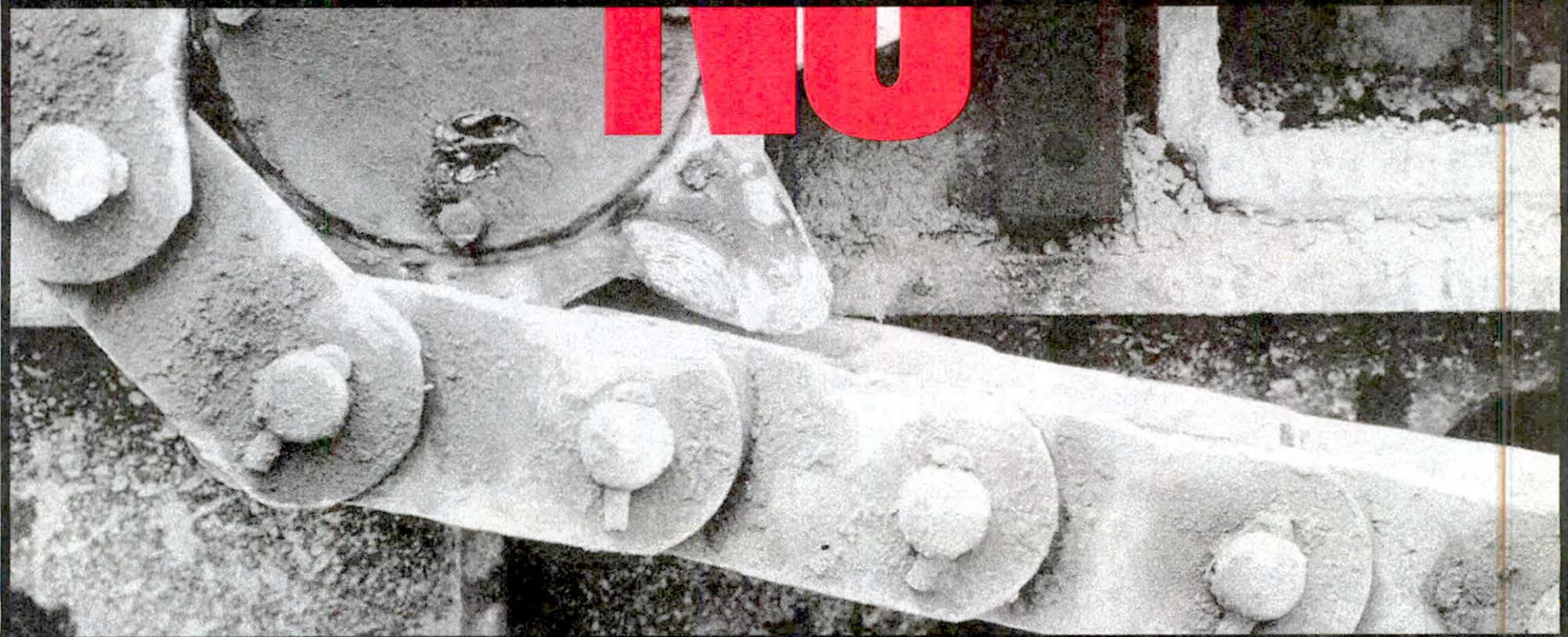
The wooden bridge that crosses Des Moines Creek at the Senior Center will be replaced with a concrete bridge that will include a bridge railing and sidewalk with handrails. Construction of the bridge is scheduled for September of 1996.





MIO

Don't let the Port of Seattle bulldoze taxpayers.

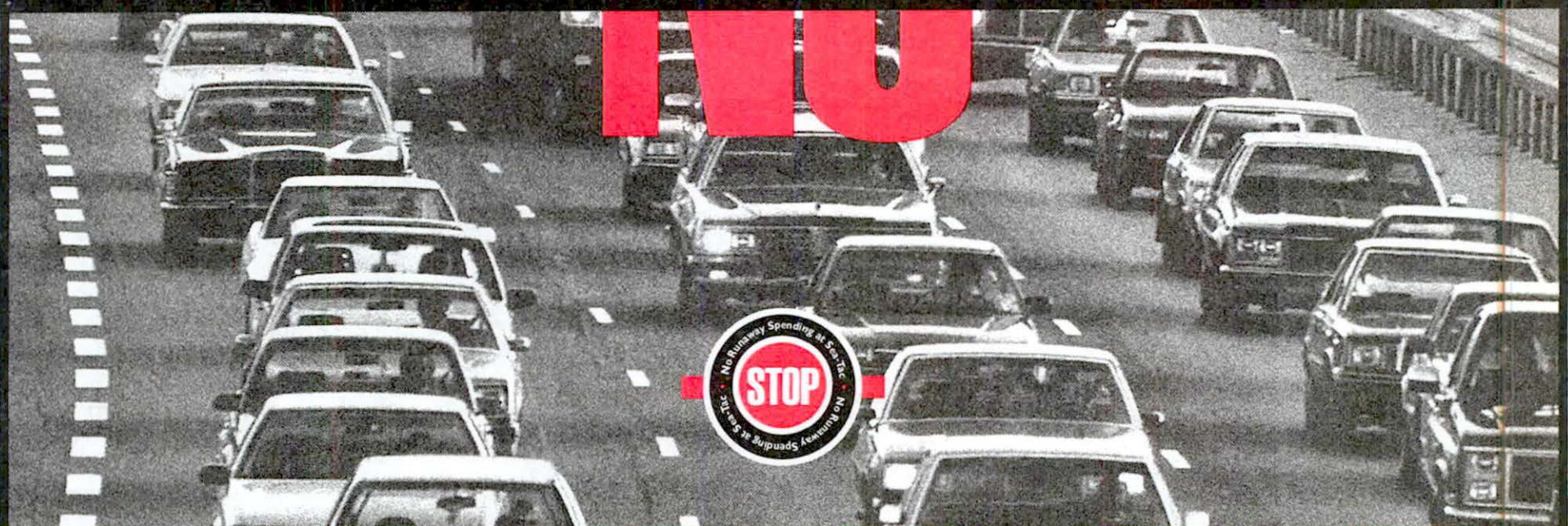


TWO



MIO

Seattle can't bear more traffic congestion.



TWO





STOP

A bad deal for the people of Seattle.

We all want what's best for Seattle. But the Port of Seattle's plan to construct a third runway at Sea-Tac Airport is a billion dollar boondoggle that could grind Seattle to a halt.

Construction will take **four years and nearly one billion dollars**. It will add overwhelming truck traffic to local roads and highways throughout our area, and could lead to tax increases if the Port loses its high stakes gamble.

The dirt behind the most expensive runway in history.

The Port plans to extend the plateau at Sea-Tac Airport to add the third runway. That requires **26 million cubic yards of dirt** trucked over local roads and highways from excavation sites throughout our region.

Imagine 26 million cubic yards of dirt. That's more dirt than it takes to fill **seven Kingdomes**.

RUNAWAY SPENDING

Traffic is bad enough without 2,000 more trucks.

Get ready for gridlock. Just how do you move that much dirt? Load it onto **2,000 trucks a day for three years** straight. That's over 9 miles of dump trucks traveling every day from excavation sites and through communities such as Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah, Downtown Seattle, Kent, Vashon-Maury Island, North Bend, and Auburn, to name a few.

Like commuters, those dump trucks take a number of local roads before ending up on I-5, I-405, I-90 and Highway 509. Every community will share the burden of 1.2 million dump truck trips to Sea-Tac Airport.

It's a dirty shame the Port couldn't come up with a realistic plan to improve Sea-Tac Airport. Especially if we have to put up with higher taxes in addition to more traffic.

can

The Port gambles and taxpayers cover the bet.

The Port of Seattle claims the third runway will cost taxpayers nothing. Don't believe it. The Port is gambling that airport users fees and gate receipts will pay for this billion dollar project. What happens if some airlines bail out on paying for this project? When the Port comes up short at Sea-Tac, **taxpayers will cover its debt.** The Port can increase its property tax levy by more than 60% without voter approval.

SPENDING AT SEA-TAC

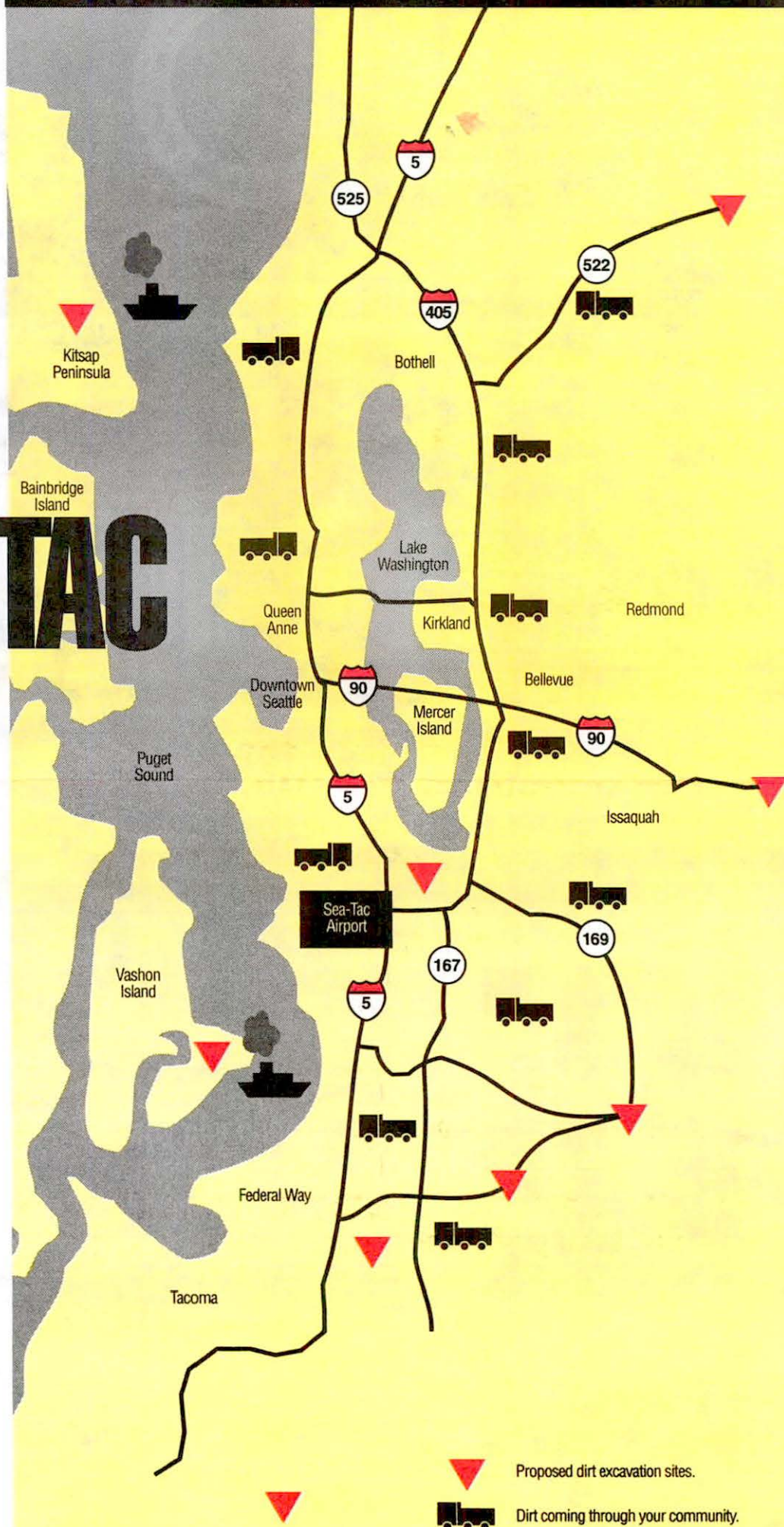
Maybe the Port believes that because you didn't get a chance to vote on the third runway, you shouldn't have the opportunity to vote against paying for it.

The Port's boondoggle can be stopped if we act now.

The proposed third runway at Sea-Tac is the **biggest, most costly** runway construction project anywhere.

But we must let our politicians know we won't stand for this kind of extravagant spending. We rejected other efforts to waste our tax dollars on gold-plated projects. It's up to us to tell our leaders to stop this now. **Fill out the attached form and mail it today.** Make your voice heard. The third runway at Sea-Tac Airport is a bad deal for the people of Seattle.

The Port of Seattle has targeted potential excavation sites throughout the Seattle area. Each community faces the potential of thousands of trucks traveling through their neighborhoods.





Seattle can't afford runaway spending.

NO!

Political Advertisement

NO!

The proposed runaway spending at Sea-Tac Airport must be stopped. I am concerned about the size of this project and the tremendous sacrifice it will require from the communities, commuters, and taxpayers of the Puget Sound region. Please fill out and mail this form to: WATT, Department 373, 800 5th Ave., Suite 101, Seattle, WA 98104-3191. For more information, call 206/448-6802, or visit our Website <http://www.cais.net/watt>.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone

Fax

e-mail

Tell the Port of Seattle that more traffic and higher taxes won't fly.

Or fax this form to: 206/382-9169, attention Department 373.

Make your voice heard. Tear off and mail this form today.

- Yes, I want to become a member of the Washington Alliance of Taxpayers and Travelers (WATT).
- Yes, you may use my name to support WATT.
- Yes, I will volunteer to help WATT.





Not Everyone Gets A Second Chance ! Here's Yours

"THE BIG CATCH" (Phase II) Tile Sale is Extended The Park is here ---- will your name be there ??

Picture this: It's May 1, 1996, the sale of personalized tiles has been closed. You have put off buying yours and now it is too late! You wanted to buy one for your folks, as a gift, one for you family-including the children's names and one for your business. A great advertising opportunity, but its too late. What a nightmare! You think of all the times you said to yourself-what a great idea, these tiles are part of our community's history and I can show my support for years to come. Except, its too late...then you awake to find it isn't May 1st just yet (the date to close sales). Greatly relieved, you fill out the order form, write your check and rush it to the Chamber office. Wow, are you glad that was only a dream...your name tiles will be history. !

Be creative! Add a symbol, include your company logo or a create a family tree using an array of tiles. To obtain your **free quotation**, send us a sketch of your design. Use the family tree examples at the right to stimulate your imagination.

A standard **one line tile is only \$43.28** (\$40.00 plus sales tax) and a **two line tile is \$54.10** (\$50.00 plus sales tax). You can also have one of these, or a variety of other symbols, inscribed either below or above your inscription for as little as \$20.00 plus sales tax. Contact the Chamber office for samples of other symbols available from the engraver



T16Y3



S33Y5



A12Y4



T13Y5



S25Y3



T15Y6

If you want us to send a **gift card** to the receiver describing your gift, including what the inscription says and who it is from, please provide us with the name and address of the receiver and type of gift i.e. birthday, anniversary. Be sure to give us plenty of time (two weeks at least) to prepare and mail your gift card.

Don't miss the "Big Catch". Record your name for history NOW on Your Own Deeded Prime Waterland Real Estate.

Personalized Tiles Make Wonderful Gifts!

Please complete this engraving order. Mail payment to Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 98672, Des Moines, WA 98198

| | | | | | |
|---------|--|-----------|--|-------------|--|
| Name | | Day Phone | | Night Phone | |
| Address | | | | | |
| City | | State | | Zip Code | |

Instruction for engraving order; Example for Harold J. Smith 1994.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| H | A | R | O | L | D | J | . | S | M | I | T | H | - | 9 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

Signature _____

Exp. Date: _____

LINE 1

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

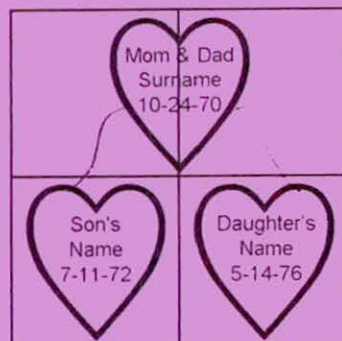
LINE 2

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

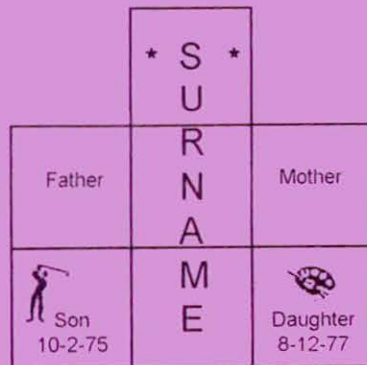
I would like symbol # _____ engraved
above below my inscription.

Is this a gift? yes no

Recipient name and address:



Two types of family trees are shown, here. Be creative!



Make checks payable to:
**Des Moines Chamber
of Commerce**

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Amount | _____ |
| Sales tax 8.2% | _____ |
| Total \$ | _____ |

Visa & Mastercard accepted

Cell Therapeutics, Inc.

The Cell Therapeutics Inc. manufacturing plant proposed for a site in the Des Moines Creek Technology Campus is still under review by the City but a decision on the project should be made by the City Council this spring.

Appeals to the Environmental Impact Statement for the project have been filed by the City of Sea Tac and Port of Seattle regarding required street improvements and other mitigations. The Des Moines City Council is expected to issue a determination on the appeals in April.

The Council has considered revisions to the plan, based on the appeals, and is expected to issue a final vote on the project within a month on whether to approve the required rezone, street vacation and master plan for the project. If approved by the Council, construction of the facility could begin in 1997 with completion later in the year.

Cell Therapeutics hopes to manufacture a new drug used to offset the effects of chemotherapy. The drug presently is undergoing FDA trials. The manufacturing facility could employ up to 200 people in a 100,000 - 150,000 square-foot facility. Des Moines Creek Technology Campus is located on 90 acres of noise-impacted land at South 216th Street and 24th Avenue South in the north part of Des Moines.

Surface water billing

Residents of newly annexed areas on North Hill in recent months have received for the first time a Surface Water Management Utility bill from the City of Des Moines. Many residents have called City Hall concerning the bill.

Prior to annexation into Des Moines, King County was responsible for the billing of Surface Water Management fees for unincorporated areas of the county. Residents paid the fees to the county as part of their property tax assessment.

Now, as a property owner or resident of the City of Des Moines, fees are paid directly to the City. At \$60 per year, Des Moines' rates are approximately \$25 less than King County's rates.



LOOKING BACK



From "One Hundred Years of the Waterland Community"
by Richard Kennedy and Grechen Schmidt

FIRST SETTLERS

Des Moines was developed in 1889 by a group of men who formed the Des Moines City Improvement Company. First residents hoped it would be the capital of the yet-to-be-formed state and that the railroad would pass through. The Improvement Company bought out homesteads and platted the township. The company and townsite were named after Des Moines, Iowa, the home of some of the first settlers.

An 1890 advertisement in a business directory described Des Moines in glowing terms:

"The town site is undoubtedly the finest on Puget Sound, being the only one where a full view of the Sound can be had from every lot on the company's land. It is the trade center of the famous White River farming district, and within a short distance of some of the most magnificent bodies of coal, iron and other valuable minerals, which have already attracted the attention of mining men."

MOSQUITO FLEET

In the early 1900s, Des Moines residents depended greatly on the "Mosquito Fleet," as the local steamers were called. Going to Seattle was a big event in those days, usually meaning dressing in the dark hours of early morning and hurrying down to the Des Moines or Zenith dock to catch one of the boats. It was a rush in Seattle to get everything done and catch the last boat for the two-hour ride home, stopping at all of the docks on either side of the East Passage. If one missed the boat it meant spending the night in Seattle or catching the electric Interurban to Kent and walking the five miles home.



One of the many boats serving Des Moines.

FIRST BUSINESSES

The first businesses in the young city of Des Moines centered around the logging industry with various mills located around town. One popular mill site was at the foot of South 227th Street, just west of the old Johnny's Food Center. The mill

made bread boards and wooden bowls. The mill also furnished lumber for the Des Moines United Methodist Church building in 1904 by utilizing logs floated on the beach.

Another interesting business in Des Moines was a black powder manufacturing plant started in 1889 where Barnes Creek crosses Kent-Des Moines Road.



Logging was big business in the Des Moines area.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Terryann Cormier

Terryann Cormier named top employee

Terryann Cormier was selected as the City of Des Moines Employee of the Year for 1995.

Terryann is a Records Specialist for the Police Department, where she has worked for four years. Her job entails receptionist and phone duties for the department, and data entry of police cases and other information.

Terryann says she loves her job because it is different every day. "It's never the same," she said. "I like the different people I work with and the different people I come in contact with. I find it very interesting."

Police Chief Don Obermiller said that Terryann arrives to work every day radiating a positive attitude.

"She makes it clear she is here to assist everyone in any way she can whether it is a co-worker or a member of the public," the chief said. "Her actions, words and work ethic speak of her high commitment to personal and professional values."

Each year Terryann volunteers to assist with the department's Halloween Party for children, Family Holiday Party and Special Olympics. Her husband Donald is a professional clown who volunteers at the annual D.A.R.E. Halloween Party.

Congratulations to Terryann, as well as the other Employees of the Quarter for 1995: Barbara Coulter, Community Development permit specialist; Bonnie Holmboe, marina secretary; and Ronald Pike, assistant planner.

Parks & Recreation News

ATTENTION SKATEBOARDERS!

A skateboard park is being constructed in the northeast corner of Des Moines Field House Park. Weather permitting, it should be ready for use in May.

The City Council authorized funds for the skateboard park after a number of youths in the community requested the City build one.

The skateboard park consists of a flat slab, 95 feet by 65 feet, with various obstacles and curbs that skateboarders use for tricks. It will not be covered or illuminated for night use.

The playground area is being relocated closer to the ball fields to make room for the skateboard park.

The City's new police station is being built directly across the street on 11th Ave. S.

FIELD HOUSE RENOVATION

The Des Moines Field House is undergoing a renovation this spring. The exterior is being stained and the logs re-chinked. New windows are being added and the electrical wiring upgraded. A sound barrier is being installed between the gym and basement.

Many of the day classes have been canceled at the Field House while the work is going on. The project is expected to be completed in May.

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

The main baseball field at Des Moines Field House Park was renovated for the upcoming season. Infield dirt was removed and a drainage system installed before new dirt was added. The City also is constructing a new T-ball field at Zenith Park.

Where does your property tax dollar go?



Have you even wondered how your property tax bill is split up and how much goes to the City of Des Moines?

The graphic above illustrates that only a small portion, 17 percent, goes to support City of Des Moines services, with the largest portion, 26 percent going to local schools. Another 24 percent goes to the state, while 15 percent goes to support King County government.

In Des Moines, the tax rate is \$2.26 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, or \$339 per year for a home assessed at \$150,000. This pays for a variety of City services including police protection, street maintenance, planning, and parks and recreation.

TAX RATES

| | | |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| State | \$3.50 | 24% |
| Schools | \$3.76 | 26% |
| County | \$2.21 | 15% |
| Port | .29 | 2% |
| EMS | .25 | 1% |
| Fire | \$1.49 | 11% |
| Library | .62 | 4% |
| City | <u>\$2.26</u> | <u>17%</u> |
| TOTAL | \$14.38 | 100% |

City of Des Moines 1996 tax rates per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Surface Water News

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

R.W. Beck was selected as the design consultant for the 10th Avenue/Kent-Des Moines Road Arch Culvert. This project was one of several identified in the Lower Massey Creek Flood Alternative Analysis and will be very similar to the arch culvert constructed at Marine View Drive. Along with the culvert design will be a realignment of the six-legged intersection. Options will be explored to reconfigure the intersections. The preliminary design will be in June. Construction is slated for summer of 1997.

Bids were accepted March 5th for the Des Moines Beach Park Bridge Replacement. The apparent low bidder is R. L. Alia Company. The existing timber bridge that crosses Des Moines Creek will be replaced with a concrete bridge that will include a bridge railing and sidewalk with handrails. The span of the bridge will be increased by 5 feet and the bridge will be about 2 feet higher than the existing bridge. Construction is slated for September of 1996.

In February, an advertisement was placed soliciting consultants interested in working on the Facility Plan of the Barnes Creek Regional Stormwater Detention Facility. The project is a combination wetland and detention facility that is proposed to be located at the joining of the north and the east forks of the creek (between South 222nd and South 223rd Streets) near the Puget Power substation. The facility plan will include property surveying, wetland assessment, facility sizing and design concepts. Following Council and regulatory approval, the land acquisition phase will begin. Construction is slated for summer of 1998.

VACTOR TRUCK WASTE DISPOSAL

How do we get rid of the waste once we have vacuum cleaned the storm drainage catch basins and pipes? Disposal of materials after maintenance activities is one of the greatest challenges confronting municipal operation and maintenance programs because of the possibility that the waste may be contaminated. At present, there is a lack of accepted state wide procedures and King County locations for dealing with this waste.

A major hurdle was cleared when the City entered into an agreement with the Southwest Suburban Sewer District last year. Liquids from our vactor truck are dispensed into a sewer collector line (the waste is routinely tested to ensure that it meets current industrial discharge thresholds) while the solids are dried and trucked to a landfill.

The City recently entered a one-year contract with Seattle-based Holnam, Inc. for the disposal of the vactor solids (as well as street sweepings). Holnam, Inc. is a cement manufacturing company that is accepting the solids as part of their alternative raw materials program, where materials are recycled. The waste is processed and burned in a kiln. The resulting sandy material is then screened and incorporated in the concrete mix. Costs for this recycling method are comparable to costs for direct disposal to a landfill.



The City vactor truck at work cleaning a storm drain.



MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Besides dealing with the flooding and cleanup from the February storm, Public Work crews have been busy with regular storm drainage maintenance. City crews cleared all the debris guards for the City's creeks at culvert undercrossings and graded several street shoulders to allow surface water to make its way to drainage grates. Between rush hour traffic, City crews cleaned the ditches along Des Moines Memorial Drive.

Public Works crews incorporated several improvements to the City's drainage system. New catch basins were installed on 10th Avenue South, 5th Avenue South, and 13th Place South. Crews installed 40 feet of pipe and replaced a substandard basin at Occidental Avenue South and South 202nd Street.

The City's pipe program is becoming popular with those who want ditches covered next to their homes. Public Works crews laid 100 feet of 12 inch pipe in February alone for property owners participating in this program.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Scott Thomasson
Mayor



Terry Brazil
Mayor Pro Tem



Bruce Roberts
Council member



Robert Sheckler
Council member



Dan Sherman
Council member



Gary Towe
Council member



Don Wasson
Council member

FIRST QUARTER 1996

■ The contract for professional engineering design services for the South 240th Street/16th Avenue South Traffic Signal Project was awarded to Reid Middleton, Inc. in the amount of \$12,940.94.

■ The oath of office was given to Bob Sheckler, Scott Thomasson and Don Wasson, who were elected to new four-year terms on the City Council.

■ Scott Thomasson was elected by the Council to a two-year term as

Mayor and Terry Brazil was elected to a two-year term as Mayor Pro Tem.

■ Bruce Roberts was appointed by the Council to fill Jeanette Burrage's unexpired term on the Council.

■ A certificate of appreciation was presented to Tim Robles, a sixth grader at Des Moines Elementary School, as winner of the 1996 City of Des Moines budget cover contest. Tim's colored rendition was titled, "A View of Des Moines."

■ The City Council requested that U.S. West Communications inform customers, prior to their making calls, of the potential charges when connecting to certain cellular telephone numbers.

■ The Council established CATV rates and requested a rebate to subscribers.

■ Councilmember Gary Towe was selected as the City's representative to the Airport Communities Coalition.

■ The Council identified properties along the pro-

posed Saltwater State Park to Des Moines Creek Trail as properties that have a high priority for acquisition as part of the City's Capital Improvement Program and Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element of the Greater Des Moines Comprehensive Plan, and authorized the City Manager to apply for funds to acquire McSorely Creek Open Space properties.

■ The following appointments to the Senior Services Advisory Committee were approved: Keith Noess,

Timothy Mangum, John Rann, Georgetta Nupen, Stephen Swank, Judith Mannard and City Councilmember Terry Brazil.

■ A public hearing was opened on a proposed street vacation and rezone from RS 7200 to BP (Business Park). A request was heard to vacate plats and approve a master plan providing for development of a 54-acre site for Business Park Use - Applicant: Port of Seattle, File No. MP 94-050. The hearing was continued to a later meeting.

CITY OF DES MOINES
21630 11th Avenue South
Des Moines, WA 98198

BULK RATE
US POSTAGE PAID
SEATTLE WA
PERMIT NO. 1123

WS CAR RT SORT

POSTAL PATRON