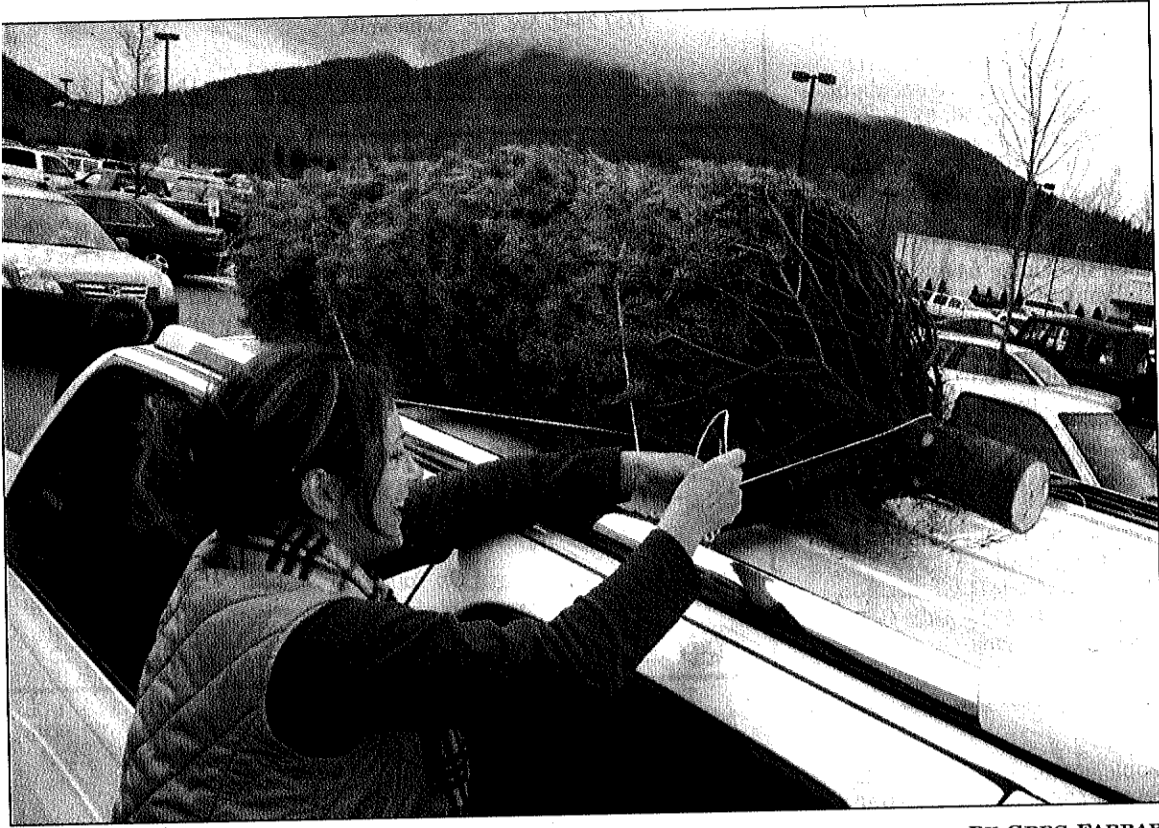


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BY GREG FARRAR

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

Lisa Vipond, of Issaquah, fastens a Christmas tree to the roof of her minivan at Home Depot the morning after Thanksgiving, as the first step of the family's annual ritual of weekend holiday decorating.

Development rights swapped for office space

BY JON SAVELLE

building was incorrect. The building actually had 644 more square feet than noted on design documents, so a TDR was needed to add it back.

It was a costly mistake. Symms didn't want to name names, but he did say one consultant on the project was fired.

Rowley's TDR purchase isn't final. The deal, laid out in Agenda Bill 5566, was reviewed by the council's Land Use Committee on Nov. 28. Public comments may be submitted through Dec. 5.

On Nov. 15, the development agreement for the project, including the TDR, passed muster with the Development Commission, which found that it was consistent with city standards and "not detrimental to the public interest."

The Rowley project is the only TDR to progress that far, said Planning Director Mark Hinthorne. But discussions have been held with the owners of other potential sending and receiving sites.

Based on King County's successful example, Issaquah's TDR program is still an experiment. No one knows how many property owners eventually will participate or how much land might be protected.

The main targets of the TDR program are private lands adjoining critical areas — salmon habitat, stream corridors and flood-

plains — in the Tibbetts and Issaquah creek basins. Their rights can be transferred to parcels more suited to higher-density development, primarily along major streets.

When it was approved, some landowners criticized the TDR program. They wanted development rights on potential sending sites to be calculated on the basis of zoning only. But the council and Mayor Ava Frisinger disagreed, saying TDRs should be assigned according to what is actually possible, after regulations concerning wetlands and steep slopes are taken into account.

That is how the program works today.

Besides its TDR, the 18th & Gilman has notched another milestone: It is certified as a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building, the first private office building in the city to be built to that standard.

LEED certification requires sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, approved materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

Symms said the building should be finished in June 2007. The anchor tenant is the John L. Scott real estate firm.

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Pediatric dentist Quinby earns certification

Dr. Donna J. Quinby has completed her board certification examinations and is now a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Quinby's practice is located at 185 N.E. Gilman Blvd., Issaquah. The American Board of Pediatric Dentistry is the only certifying board recognized by the American Dental Association for the specialty of pediatric dentistry.

Issaquah residents rewarded for recruiting

Christian and Karin Cho, of Issaquah, were recently honored by AdvoCare International, L.P., a direct-selling company of nutritional supplements and skin care products based in Texas.

The Chos received a bonus in recognition of their outstanding recruiting performance. They joined AdvoCare in 2004 as independent distributors.

Rogue rums earn top honors

Rogue rums recently earned silver and bronze medals at the International Review of Spirits in Portland, Ore.

Rogue Spirits Dark Rum took home a silver medal, tying with Bacardi Reserva. Rogue Spirits White Rum won a bronze medal, competing against rums from Mauritius, the Dominican Republic, Colombia and Hawaii.

"Our goal is to create a product that is truly handmade from still to glass. We distill it, we age it, we bottle it," said distiller Kieran Sienkiewicz.

Rogue Spirits was established in 2003, and is associated with Issaquah's Rogue BrewHouse on West Sunset Way.

Pogacha benefits charities

Pogacha restaurants celebrated their 20th anniversary in October (and eighth year in Issaquah) by donating 25 percent of food sales to local charities each Monday night.

The restaurants donated \$4,585 to six charities, including the American Cancer Society, Peter Kirk Elementary School in Kirkland, Toys

for Kids, the Skyline High School Booster Club, the Issaquah High School Booster Club and Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery.

This is the fourth year Pogacha of Issaquah has made the anniversary donations.

Cardiologist joins Swedish/Issaquah

Heart patients can welcome a new female cardiologist to the Issaquah area. Cardiologist Humera Ali of The Polyclinic in Seattle, has expanded her practice to Swedish Medical Center/Issaquah Campus, 2005 N.W. Sammamish Road.

"Swedish/Issaquah now makes it easier for many Eastside residents to get top-notch specialty care without having to drive to the Seattle area," said Kevin Brown, Swedish vice president.

Ali has been in practice for 10 years. She will now split her time between The Polyclinic First Hill location and the Swedish/Issaquah campus.

"I live in the Eastside area and I know how convenient it will be to have more health care closer to home," Ali said. "I think this is a great opportunity for me to serve my own neighborhood and surrounding areas."

Ali's interests are in all areas of heart disease with a particular interest in primary prevention and interventional cardiology.

Issaquah landscaper earns certification

Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) has announced that Robert Magee, of The Highridge Corporation in Issaquah, has become a certified landscape technician, demonstrating significant competency and skill within the landscape and lawn care industry.

PLANET represents about 4,400 green-industry, service-provider companies and suppliers nationwide that specialize in design/build/installation, interior plantscaping, landscape management and lawn care.

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