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(2017 Long Range Plan) indicates that, with new satellite technology, there will be more planes flying lower and louder over our region. I served on the Airport Communities Coalition for 10 years while on the Federal Way City Council and was involved in many discussions with regard to the third runway. Trying to work with the airport and the FAA was extremely frustrating. What this area needs is a second regional airport. Everett's Payne Field is the logical choice.

It is my opinion that the South Sound mayors should work together with our citizens to call

on the Legislature to ask our congressional delegation to finally start working on this.

And no, Mr. FW, I'm not 85, but I do think Federal Way should have an area where older citizens can retire to a planned community with one-story homes. How about the Weyerhaeuser campus?

**Linda Kochmar, Federal Way**

## More airplanes affecting people's quality of life

With his dismissive comments about "260 more planes," Mr. Federal Way proves that people in the south end can be just as snarky and condescending as our

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neighbors to the north. Way to go. You can use that as audition material for The Stranger.

But if a reporter's job is to report on facts and tell the public important things they should know, then the maxim "if you can't say something nice..." is still good advice.

Better still? Go have a fresh look at Steve Edmiston's presentation to your City Council last month and do a fresh piece on that information, which concerns the health of all your citizens.

Your glib three sentences did a lot of damage. Do the right thing. Start writing about the environmental impacts of the increased flights. They have quadrupled

noise and emission impacts over my house over the past four years to cite just one example.

**JC Harris, Federal Way**

## Airplane noise is 'continual assault' on residents' ears

Mr. Federal Way — I love your weekly take on the state of Federal Way. Your sarcasm cracks me up and I always look forward to reading your article.

Most of the time, I agree with you. I have to take exception to your take on the airplane noise in Federal Way. Of course, it doesn't compare to homelessness or crime and since I have never been

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homeless or a victim of a violent crime, I can't compare these to airplane noise. However, the airplane noise is a major problem in Federal Way and worthy of a commission. It affects my quality of life and it is never ending. I am forced to wear earplugs whenever I attempt to sit outside on my deck and read or when I sleep.

Earplugs, however, do not mitigate the noise, but they lightly mute it. I liken it to being in a cell with constant water dripping; it is a continual assault on my ears and my senses.

I invite you to visit me and we can sit on my deck and attempt to have a conversation.

**Peggy Leftcoat, Federal Way**

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