

## General News

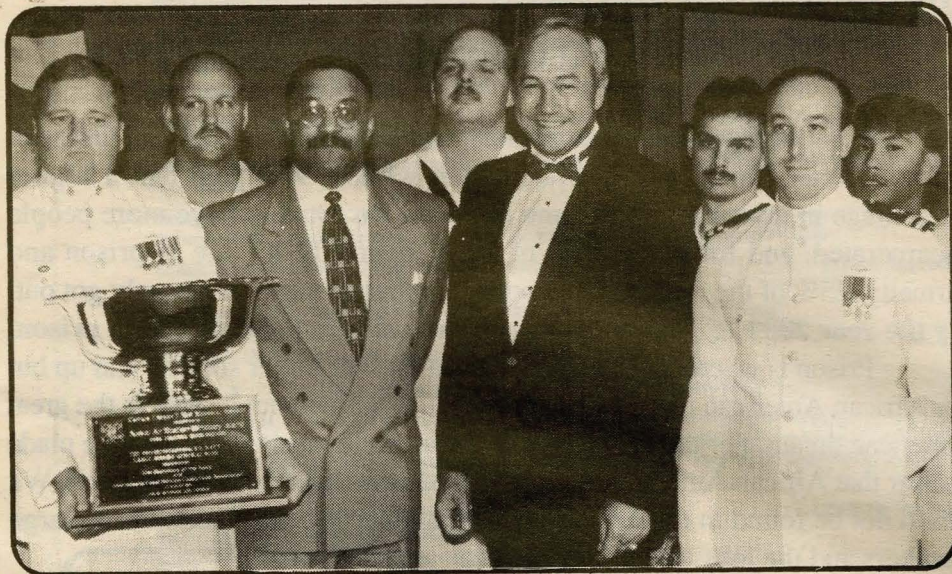


Photo: Courtesy U.S. Navy. (L-R-) Eddie Rye, Jr., President, Traction Systems, Inc. is pictured next to John H. Dalton, Secretary, U.S. Navy; Karik Gibbs, MSC (SS), USN, Assistant Food Service Officer, (holding the trophy) and other Naval officers at Admiral Nimitz Hall, Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, Washington.

### U.S. Navy Rates

### Traction System nation's Best Food Service

(Seattle)- Unless you're helping to feed the men and women in the US Navy, you probably never heard of Captain Edward F. Ney Award. However, employees of Seattle-based Traction systems, Inc. Know all about the Ney award.

Because of Traction, the 1995 winner of the Navy's coveted food service prize is Admiral Nimitz Hall, at the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station. Traction workers also helped win the award for the Newport, Florida, Naval Station in 1993 and 1994.

The Ney award is handed out yearly as an acknowledgement of "food service excellence," according to navy spokesmen. Competition categories fall under those facilities that are "afloat," and those "ashore." Nimitz Hall, which contracts with traction Systems to provide food services, won the Ney award in the "Large Ashore" category.

While accepting the Ney award from Secretary of the Navy, John H. Dalton, Whidbey's commanding officer, J. F. Schork praised Traction's workers. In a subsequent letter to Traction's President, Eddie Rye Jr., Schork wrote "your food services attendants' tireless efforts and commitment to the highest quality customer service were superb."

Founded in 1983, Traction Systems, specializes in food services; housing management, transportation and facilities management; as well as custodial services. Currently, Traction personnel are working on contracts in Alaska, Hawaii, Arizona, California, Florida and Washington and have recently been awarded a new contract in Idaho.

"The quality of our relationships with (MSC) Karik Gibbs and (LYJG) Gene Hester is what makes the Whidbey-Traction partnership successful," Rye said. "The winning of the Ney award would not have been possible without those relationships and the many positive contributions made by the entire Whidbey Island Navy staff, especially Contract manager, Betty, and the dedicated employees of traction Systems."

### The Casey Family Program

## Seattle Division's Future Move to the Central Area

Seattle - For nearly thirty years, The Casey Family Program-Seattle Division has been providing long term family foster care to children and families in the Seattle Area. Throughout that time, the Division has had

Program Seattle Division. "The economic implications of this future move have yet to be fully determined, but "as we settle into the building, we anticipate greater dependence on local vendors and local resources as

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several locations based upon the changing needs and demographics of youth requiring long term foster care services. In June of this year, The Casey Family Program purchased the former Safeway building at 1123 23rd Avenue from CAYA. This is the planned site of the Casey Family Program's new home office and foster care facilities.

A privately endowed foundation, The Casey Family Program was established by Jim Casey, and his siblings, 1966 in Seattle. Jim Casey, is a co-founder of United Parcel Service. The Foundation has grown from one Seattle office to 22 offices in 13 states. Currently, its headquarters are at 1300 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle.

"The choice of 23rd and Union is a natural one for the Foundation that has its roots in the area. The Casey Family, brothers Jim, Harry, and George and sister Marguerite, lived their early years in the community. For 14 years the Casey Family lived at 1417 23rd Avenue. The connection to the community continues today as a significant number of children, youth, families and Program alumni live and work in the Central Area," observed Rosemary Unterseher, Director of the Casey Family.

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well as the increased purchases of human services and support services within the community for children and families who reside in the central area," said Ms. Unterseher.

The annual budget for the Seattle Division is approximately \$2.4 million. Much of our budget is dedicated to meeting the needs of 106 children, youth and young adults and 60 foster families we serve throughout King and Snohomish counties. Further, we employ a full time staff of twenty persons. Also, we will employ part-time staff and contract with education and vocation consultants.

The construction of the new facility should provide further employment to the community. The new facility design is still in its preliminary stages. The efforts to design the facility involve the staff, families served and members of the community. The Foundation is striving to be responsive to the needs of the staff, children, families and the community it serves. The facility design will strive for the best working and living environment for the staff and the community served. Construction of the 10,000 to 15,000 square foot building is projected to begin in early to mid 1997.

## Do You Know?

### What's On Your Credit Report?

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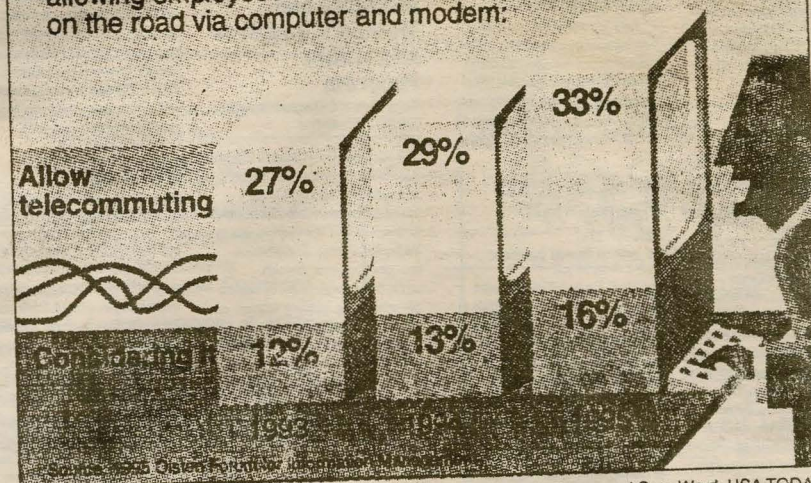
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