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Thurston County Coroner Hollis Jantz said after a coroner's inquest Monday that the young girl died around the first of December. He tentatively has her age pegged at between 13 and 20 and the time of death as Saturday, December 1, but final conclusions will not be made until the results of the autopsy are finalized in two or three days.

King County Medical Examiner Dr. DeSant Matthews performed the autopsy, beginning at 9 p.m.

The young girl's partially nude body was found lying face down in the woods, about 1/2 mile southeast of Littlerock by a sheepherder of National Forest. The girl's body was lying on its back, with her arms and legs extended. The victim was wearing blue jeans with a buttoned fly and

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Thurston County deputy sheriffs late Saturday afternoon were scouring the countryside, tracing investigative leads and attempting to piece together the circumstances surrounding the death of as yet the unidentified young girl whose body was found Thursday morning at Margaret McKinney Park, in the Capitol State Forest.

"We need the help of the public in identifying this young girl," said Sheriff Don Redmond in a plea from his office Saturday afternoon. "Our first priority is finding a next of kin, acquaintance or close friend that can make a positive identification."

Thurston County Coroner Hollis Fultz said after a preliminary autopsy Friday that the young girl died "around the first of December. We tentatively have her age pegged at between 18 and 20 and the time of death as Saturday, December 1, but final conclusions will not be known until results of the autopsy are finalized in two or three days."

King County Medical Examiner Dr. DeSant Mathews performed the autopsy Friday beginning at 3 p.m.

The young girl's partially nude body was found lying face down in the thick underbrush five miles north of Littlerock by a Department of Natural Resources worker who was cleaning the park Thursday morning. The victim was wearing blue jeans with a dragon patch on the left rear pocket, a white peasant blouse and a distinctive brown, mock suede waist-length coat. On her right foot she wore a white crew sock and brown waffle-stomper-type boot. The left boot is still missing.

Deputies described the woman as 18 to 20 years old, weighing 120 pounds and having long brown hair and greyish green eyes.

In addition, the teenage girl had a wart in the middle of her right palm.

"Perhaps her most distinctive feature," said Chief Criminal Detective Dwight Caron, "is her dental work. The two upper front teeth were in their normal position. The two on either side, however, grew in almost behind the front ones. Her eye-teeth grew almost next to the front pair giving her a most unusual dental structure." Olympia dentists said much of the dental work is recent.

Copies of her dental charts and physical descriptions have been circulated throughout much of the country and by late Saturday forenoon the Sheriff's office was swarmed with inquiries.

"Each piece of information is being treated as the key to this girl's identity," Caron said. "We have deputies in several surrounding counties checking out all leads."

"We are pleading that anyone who has visited the park since last Saturday to please contact the sheriff's office," said Redmond. "Whether or not they have seen something suspicious is important. But just as important, is other information that they may be able to provide."

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"Now, I'm not saying here the Congress is to blame," Nixon said
on Nov. 17. "The President should have done something."

On Dec. 4, Nixon delegated presidential authority to manage fuel supplies and control fuel prices to William E. Simon.

Simon told a Senate committee considering energy emergency legislation last Thursday that the crisis is not "going to get solved in a hurry."

He said that while Congress debated legislation, "we in the Executive Branch have started to put together the capability to act swiftly to implement these authorities..."

Last May 22, Simon told a House subcommittee, "I am basically opposed...to the needless injection of government regulation and control..."

Last Thursday, Simon told Congress, "both of us have learned hard lessons ... We now clearly realize that the federal government must exercise leadership."

"We must manage the energy problem mainly because it is so complex and so interwoven with vital interests which we cannot allow to be threatened or harmed."

Depending how you look at it, it has taken six months — or 25 years — to learn that lesson.

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No Pay Raise
in Officials'
Xmas Socks

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DRAGON PATCH — Found on the left rear pocket of blue jeans worn by young girl found slain in Margaret McKinney Park in Capitol Forest. Thurston County deputies hope to trace the young girl's identity through clothing found on the partially nude body found Thursday forenoon.

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Hitchhike Ban Initiative Filed

The mother and sister of slain Seattle teenager Katherine Merry Devine filed an initiative Monday to restore the law prohibiting hitchhiking.

Sallyann Devine filed the initiative in the Secretary of State's Office on behalf of her daughter, Sherrie Lynn, who initiated the action, but at 16 is too young to file.

The body of 14-year-old Katherine Merry Devine was found December 8 in Margaret McKenny Park in Capitol Forest. She had been murdered.

Thurston County sheriff's deputies said the slain Devine girl last was seen hitchhiking south on Aurora Avenue in Seattle.

The initiative seeks to amend a law passed by the 1972 special session of the Washington Legislature which legalized hitchhiking. It would make it unlawful for an individual to solicit rides and unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to offer or give a ride to any person soliciting a ride.

The Devines said Monday afternoon they are confident of obtaining the 17,804 signatures necessary to put the initiative on the general election ballot.

"We have a silent partner who has done a great deal of petition work in the past," Mrs. Devine said. She added they are hoping for contributions, and estimated the campaign will cost at least \$5,000.

Sherrie said she and her mother never have been



SHERRIE DEVINE (LEFT) AND HER MOTHER, SALLYANN DEVINE, Assistant Elections Supervisor Don Whiting.

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ALLYANN, MONDAY FILED AN INITIATIVE
Explained The State's Initiative Procedures
(Olympian Photo)

involved in an initiative campaign in the past, but are "hoping our innocence will carry us through."

The Seattleites said they have received calls of support from across the state. They also are hoping that now the initiative is filed, more contributions will come in.

A bill to repeal the hitchhiking law has been introduced by Senator Ted Peterson (R-Seattle), but the Devines said they favor the initiative route.

"The legislature shouldn't be running our lives, it should be up to the people," Sherrie Devine said.

The two insisted a law prohibiting hitchhiking will stop many young people from thumbing rides and possibly save their lives.

Katherine, they said, wouldn't have been hitchhiking if it had been illegal.

"She never did anything against the law," her sister said. "We just don't want anyone else going through all this pain."

Assistant Elections Supervisor Don Whiting said the initiative now goes to the code reviser for review. After the initiative receives a review certificate from the code reviser, it is given a serial number and forwarded to the attorney general for a ballot title and caption.

Petitioners then can print their petitions for circulation. Deadline for the signature-gathering is July 5.