City Stars in New Film

Director Lawrence Kasdan is shooting scenes for his new film, *I Love You to Death*, in Tacoma through mid-May. Tacoma will play itself, circa 1983, in a black comedy based on a true story.

Stars include academy award winner Kevin Kline, Tracey Ullman, River Phoenix, William Hurt, Joan Plowright and others.

The former Gunderson's jewelry store at Ninth and St. Helens was converted into an authentic pizza parlor set and new curtains appeared in the windows of the vacant upstairs apartments as they became sets for some of the interior scenes.

"The location crew filled St. Helens and Commerce streets with lighting and camera equipment, wardrobe trucks, furniture trucks and motor homes," said Karen Larkin, Assistant Manager of Traffic Engineering. "Street Maintenance crews relocated concrete planters and turned off several audible pedestrian signals at the request of the filmmakers."

In addition to contracting for the special-event support from Street Maintenance, the production crew obtained Police assistance by hiring off-duty officers.

Other locations to look for in the film include the former Elks Building at 565 Broadway Avenue, Holy Rosary Church, and St. Lukes Cathedral.

Tacoma also appeared in the recently released picture, *Three Fugitives*, which starred Nick Nolte and Martin Short. On May 5 another film, *Waiting for the Light*, is scheduled for ten days of shooting in Tacoma. It stars Shirley MacLaine and Terri Garr.



A movie camera rolls down St. Helens Avenue on a temporary set of rails to follow Kevin Kline (in baseball cap) and Tracey Ullman (in apron) down the street.

City Scape, May 1989