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Conservative tide swamps primary

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Island County Republican Party Chairman Bill Carruthers of Clinton, left, visits with Sam Cunningham of Greenbank and Carole Jonas of Clinton at the party's booth at the Island County Fair last week. Republicans had a strong showing in last week's primary election, helping to defeat the county's proposed property-tax levy lid lift.

With the dismal failure of Prop. 1 in last week's primary election, the Island County commissioners are scrambling to identify which cuts to make in order to come up with a balanced budget by the end of the year.

Last spring, before the commissioners decided to place the proposal on the ballot, all county departments were on the chopping block, with scenarios that called for cuts as deep as 30 percent.

In a strongly worded letter to the commissioners last week, Sheriff Mark Brown asked that they eliminate all non-mandated programs before making any cuts to law and justice. Brown also asserted that the failure of Prop. 1 showed that voters didn't believe the commissioners would use additional property-tax revenue for public safety.

"Citizens have repeatedly commented to me that they felt as if the Sheriff's Office was being used as a 'pawn' in an attempt to pass a tax hike," Brown wrote in the letter.

The county's proposed property-tax levy lid lift failed miserably, with over 70 percent of voters rejecting the measure. The proposal would have helped shore up the county budget, which has been severely undermined by a precipitous drop in revenue linked to the economic recession.

Commissioners aren't wasting any time getting to the budget cuts. Each department has been asked to submit a new budget by Sept. 3, with plans for the first budget hearing on Oct. 4. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson said while the cuts will be tough, county leaders must work together and find ways to save money.

"I believe it's a time for all of us to pull together instead of apart," Johnson said.

Commissioner Angie Homola argued that it was a minority of registered voters made the decision for the whole county and now will face "much more brutal cuts."

"What we had was a super minority," Homola said. "We are where we are because of that minority of registered voters."

Democrats apparently were on vacation or skipped turning in their ballots, as strong turnout among Republicans gave conservative candidates a comfortable lead in most races.

In the race for Island County clerk, incumbent Patricia Terry was pushed out by challenger Debra Van Pelt, a fellow Democrat. The two candidates split the Democratic vote, with 24 percent of ballots cast for Terry and 31 percent for Van Pelt.

With the state's new Top Two primary system, the two candidates with the most votes advance to the general election, regardless of party affiliation.

Republican candidate Carol Ann Fortune advances to the general election – despite a lack of support from the Island County Republican Party.

Fortune, a first-time candidate with no political skills and no experience with the kinds of records handled by the clerk's office, pulled in 44 percent of the primary vote.

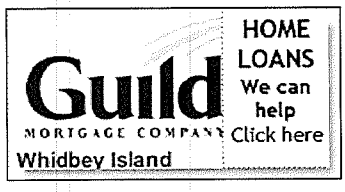
Island County Republican Party Chair Bill Carruthers said party members invested time in a modest got-out-the vote effort, talking to people, writing letters to the editor and waving signs expressing opposition to Prop. 1.

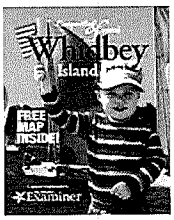
Island County Democratic Party Chair Erica Schumacher said her party's efforts focused on individual candidates rather than on Prop. 1. She said she wants a coordinated party-level push for the general election, and didn't seem worried about the strong Republican turnout.

"Republicans always make a good showing in the primaries," she said. "It's hard to focus on something like politics in the summer."

Schumacher is enthusiastic about the current crop of Democratic candidates – especially political newcomer Tom Riggs, who had a strong showing with about 40 percent of the vote against incumbent 10th Dist. Rep. Barbara Bailey, R-Oak Harbor.

"He's a young guy, and for his first election cycle to do so well against an entrenched candidate, it shows the 10th District is ready for a





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change in representation," Schumacher said.

Riggs garnered about the same vote as two Democratic incumbents – county Assessor Dave Mattens and Commissioner John Dean – who both earned 40 percent of the vote against Republican challengers.

The strong turnout among Republicans echoed in the 2nd Congressional District race, with conservative Republican John Koster so far garnering 41.98 percent of the vote, and incumbent Democrat Rick Larsen earning 42.06 percent.

Two other Democratic candidates siphoned off just over 10 percent of the vote from Larsen, and another Republican took in over 5 percent. If those voters stay party loyal in the general election, Larsen will have the advantage, although an anti-incumbent conservative tide could still unseat him.

The 2nd Congressional District stretches from Everett north to the Canadian border, and includes all of Island, Skagit, Whatcom and San Juan counties and parts of Snohomish and King counties.

Koster has the endorsement of 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, the former governor of Alaska.

Other candidates bringing in support from national political stars are top two vote getters incumbent Democratic U.S. Sen. Patty Murray and Republican challenger Dino Rossi.

President Barack Obama came to Seattle on primary election day to rally for Murray and help raise money for her campaign.

Now that Rossi has made it through the primary, he will solicit the help of Sen. Scott Brown of Massachusetts, who will attend a fundraising event on Aug. 31 in Bellevue.

Murray seems to have beaten Republican Party favorite Dino Rossi handily; however, Rossi got a late start in his campaign and retired NFL football player Clint Didier garnered a healthy dose of Republican votes.

At the most recent count, Murray took in 46.42 percent of the vote, Rossi 33.32 percent and Didier 12.63 percent. The bid for the U.S. Senate seat is the race to watch as a litmus test for Washington turning red.

If people who cast their vote for Didier support Rossi in the general election, Murray will need a much larger Democratic turnout to stay in office.

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Posted: Wednesday, September 01, 2010
Article comment by: **Bill Strowbridge**

Now if we could only get the Commissioners out of the dark ages when it comes to Budget preparation maybe we could avoid tmost of the meat ax proplems they have encountered in the past.

I've used a similar methodology as part of a turn around management group specializing in mergers, hostile takeovers, bankruptcy, etc.
I know this works.

Please Island County follow John Barne's advice and be a winner

Island County needs to reset its approach to budgeting

By John Barnes

Island County voters soundly rejected a proposed property tax increase this month. In doing so, they told county commissioners they want them to do what all of us have been doing lately -- make do with less. The bottom line is clear: County government can't ignore the new economic reality faced by the citizens who fund it.

What the Board of County Commissioners shouldn't do, however, is use the blunt instrument of across-the-board budget cuts to address the deficit. It may make for better politics, but it's not sound policy. The commissioners insist they have no choice, but that's simply not true.

The traditional approach to government budgeting is to start with what's called "maintenance level" -- next year's cost for doing exactly what's being done this year. The problem is that, in addition to guaranteeing spending growth, this approach never forces county officials to re-evaluate the services they provide and how they provide them. As a result, when revenues flatten or drop, officials are unwilling to respond to new economic realities.

Two examples of a better approach are underway and offer a roadmap for Island County.

Gov. Chris Gregoire is telling state agency heads to re-evaluate all of their activities using several critical questions:

Is the activity a core function of government or commercial in nature?

If it is a core function, can the service be provided more efficiently and effectively through competitive contracting?

Does it provide a broad public benefit or only serve a special interest?

Does it duplicate the activities of nonprofits or other private initiatives?

Does it duplicate the efforts of other agencies or programs?

Does the activity demonstrate quantifiable performance?

This new thinking is taking place at the local level, too. Recently the city of Bellevue enacted a new budget process that City Manager Steve Sarkozy calls "a fundamental reset."

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Under the new process, before the city funds an existing or new service, a department must submit it as a proposal and align it with a specific outcome. Evaluation teams write and rank the spending proposals depending on how each achieves the desired results, based on evidence and facts. The proposal has to precisely define what it is delivering in order to get funded. In other words, the city won't just spend money on a program simply because it always has. This is known as performance-driven budgeting.

Bellevue's "Budget One" plan is clear: there is no "base budget." There are no guarantees of historical funding levels. The underlying assumption is that forecast revenues will likely be less than past or budgets, so the expectation is that the cost of government will be less than the current budget. "Departments are expected to utilize innovation, collaboration and creativity to meet this expectation," Bellevue officials say.

There are alternatives to across-the-board budget cuts in Island County, but commissioners must make bold decisions to truly scrutinize and prioritize services. The highest priority services should be funded first. If everything is a priority, then nothing is a priority.

County officials will likely claim they don't have the time or money to do this sort of evaluation and prioritization. But in doing so, they'd be telling the county's citizens that they're not interested in determining whether tax dollars are being spent effectively and efficiently.

Island County officials have great local examples to tap for ideas in crafting a new budget that lives within the county's means. Taxpayers here work hard to provide for their families and communities. Officials owe it to them to do everything possible, no matter how difficult, to prioritize spending and ensure public money is spent well. No option should be off the table. No more sacred cows.

To be sure, Island County commissioners face difficult challenges. To meet those challenges they must do what they have not yet done: fundamentally rethink what the county does and how it spends money. Their response must be innovative and outside-the-box. The times, and the county's hardworking taxpayers, demand no less.

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Posted: Thursday, August 26, 2010
Article comment by: **Julie Gosselin**

"What we had was a super minority," Homola said. "We are where we are because of that minority of registered voters."

Gee, Angie, did it ever occur to you that we are where we are because responsible people are sick and tired of your liberal agenda and out of control spending on non-essentials? Let's see...cut Beachwatchers or cut deputies. There should BE NO CHOICE.

Times are tough for all of us. You can't keep asking for more money when hard working people are struggling to put food on the table and keep a roof over their heads.

Time for you, Angie, and your ilk to hit the road.

Posted: Thursday, August 26, 2010
Article comment by: **Bill Strowbridge**

Get real Jon.
Any stupid genius knows that Agnie is never wrong.
It was the larger half of the liberal conservatives that resulted in a super minority's
actions thusgiving them their firm tenative belief that their arrogant humility and true lies will result in a November success

Posted: Tuesday, August 24, 2010
Article comment by: **Jon Leland**

Angie, accept defeat gracefully. The voters voted, their votes were counted. Your so-called "super minority" excuse would earn you a D- on any 8th grade paper. Please resign.

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Election returns beat primary expectations

BRAD SHANNON; Staff writer

More than 20 percent of Thurston County voters returned their ballots by the end of last week. The response foreshadows a higher-than-predicted turnout for Tuesday's primary election.

Ballots must be turned in at local election drop boxes by 8 p.m. Election Day or be postmarked prior to or on that date to be counted. Secretary of State Sam Reed predicts statewide turnout at 38 percent, which is at the high end of the historic range but comparable to four years ago, according to his elections department.

Turnout could be even higher than 40 percent in Thurston County, Kim Wyman, the county auditor, said Friday. She upped her prediction after returns came in surprisingly strong – with 30,263 ballots out of 147,758 potential ballots received by Thursday. More came in Friday.

"I think we'll be in the low 40s for this primary," Wyman said, adding, "Still, that's pretty sad that just 40 percent of the registered voters are going to be deciding who advances to the general."

Voter interest is perked up by several races – including the U.S. Senate race in which Patty Murray has 14 challengers and the conflict is generating television ads. The rivals include establishment Republican Dino Rossi and newcomers such as wealthy businessman Paul Akers of Bellingham and tea party outsider Clint Didier, the former professional football player endorsed by former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

"We are seeing a surge of interest in politics and campaigns at both the national and state level, with people again talking about a 'change' election," Reed said. "We have a great U.S. Senate race, some unusually heated legislative contests all around the state, an open 3rd Congressional District, some Supreme Court races that could be essentially decided in the primary, and much more."

Wyman said the top local draw is the seven-candidate campaign for retiring state Rep. Brendan Williams' seat in the 22nd District, which serves Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater. It features one Republican, Jason Hearn of Lacey, against a field of strong fundraising Democrats led by Stew Henderson, Chris Reykdal, Steve Robinson and Judi Hoefling.

Only the top two vote-getters advance under the state's top-two primary format, and both can be from the same party. Henderson and Reykdal each have collected more than $60,000 in campaign contributions, and political committees funded by firefighters and labor unions are spending more than $26,000 on ads to help Reykdal; also running are activist Jeremy Miller and Fred Jensen.

The other big draw is retiring U.S. Rep. Brian Baird's open seat in the 3rd Congressional District, which drew six candidates. Democrat Denny Heck got his first television ads of the campaign season up and running Thursday, giving his pro-jobs message more visibility against his two main Republican rivals, Olympia financial adviser David Castillo and GOP establishment favorite Jaime Herrera, a state legislator from Camas.

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UPDATED Rep. Linville losing, experiencing closest primary in a decade

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UPDATE *- As of 2:45 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19, this post has been updated after having spoken with candidate Buys.*

Rep. Linville

State Rep. Kelli Linville hasn't experienced a losing primary since she was elected to the 42nd district's Position 2 seat in 1996.

But now, the chairwoman of the powerful House Ways & Means Committee is doing just that, to newcomer Republican challenger Vincent Buys after about two and a half days of counting, **according to Whatcom County**

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Auditor's Office results posted this morning around 9:30 a.m. She's behind by 396 votes at this point, giving Buys the lead with 50.7 percent to 49.3 percent.

Buys

Only about 31 percent of registered voters in the 42nd district have had ballots counted so far, with more ballots to be counted today. The overall turnout this election is at about 43 percent for the county. Another count is scheduled to come at 4:30 p.m.

"I'm a little disappointed and discouraged that people didn't go vote, but I think that people will turn out when they know what's at stake in this election and I believe that the primary is just one measurement in time," Linville said when reached by phone this morning.

I have a call in to Buys for comment.

UPDATE- "We're very very excited about (the primary showing)," Buys said after calling back this afternoon.

Buys said he spent a sizeable amount of his campaign contributions because he knew it was important to get his campaign message and name out there in order to show people and organizations that he was a serious candidate.

"It was a lot of good organization, quality volunteers on my part and a lot of poor leadership on her part in Olympia over the years," Buys said.

Buys said that, despite spending nearly all of his campaign war chest before the primary that he believes the primary showing will help. He said that organizations have already contacted him with interest in contributing, but he declined to detail who they were.

"We're going to continue hammering the same message, just the budget's a big issue. (Linville) wrote the budget and she's in charge of the budget. We need to continue hammering on that," he said.***END UPDATE***

Election watchers caution about putting too much faith in primary results, but such a close race and strong showing for Buys could be beneficial no matter what going into the general election, said Todd Donovan, political science professor at Western Washington University.

"That one kind of jumped out at me," Donovan said of the primary race. "Given Kelli's name recognition and how long she's been around, it surprised me. Obviously, Republicans are going to be turning out because they had the competitive (U.S.) Senate race."

It also appears to be a year where conservative voters are angry over spending, most especially at the federal level. It has been seen locally, when the Bellingham Tea Party held a candidate forum for both federal and state candidates. The candidates for U.S. Senate and House saw hundreds more people in attendance than those seeking a seat in the state Legislature.

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In the state Legislature, Linville oversaw difficult budget talks in her freshman year as Ways & Means chairwoman where the Legislature cut billions in spending and raised about $800 million in taxes on candy, soda and other means.

The **Seattle Times also quoted,** in a piece about the primary results for U.S. Sen. Patty Murray versus her Republican challengers and others, Washington state-based pollster, Stuart Elway:

> Although it is tempting to read omens into the Primary results, and Lord knows everyone will be spinning them, the Primary election is not a reliable predictor of the General Election. The main reason is that the two electorates are different. Primary voters tend to be older, more established (homeowners, parents), and more partisan than people who vote only in a General Election.

But Donovan also said that while Republicans were likely more motivated to vote in the primary than Democrats, the close showing for Buys could also play one other key factor.

"I'm thinking he's in a much better position today than he was before the primary to raise money," Donovan said.

And Buys will need it. He spent $13,000 of the about $18,000 he raised before the primary, according to the most recent state Public Disclosure Commission reports. That was about 76.7 percent of his campaign cash.

Linville, by comparison, spent only about 25.8 percent of her nearly $89,000 raised. That was about $22,000, and more than Buys has raised to date.

I have a call in to the state Republican Party to find out if they'll start paying attention to this race with Buys' strong primary showing.

Still, local Democrats also warned before the primary that they were seeing "alarmingly low" turnout from Democrats based on initial ballot returns to the Auditor's Office.

Meanwhile, based on past statistics, Linville likely will see a bounce in her general election figures by anywhere from 5 percent to 8 percent. Generally, she would gain around 2 percent in the general election, while her main Republican opponent would drop by around 3 percent. One aspect not factored into that bump, however, is that Linville has on average over the last 10 years had a 10.4 percent lead over primary opponents. That is gone this time around.

But go back further to the Republican Revolution of 1994, and you see the last time Republicans were extremely motivated against Linville.

That year, Republican Gene Goldsmith beat Linville in the primary by a much, much larger margin than Buys beat her this year. Goldsmith came out victorious with 54.2 percent to Linville's 45.8 percent.

In the November general election that year, Goldsmith became the next Position 1 representative for the 42nd district with 53.8 percent of the vote to Linville's 46.2 percent of the vote.

Rep. Linville was elected to the Position 2 seat in 1996 and has never had a race as close as the one this year since.

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Roberts, Kerley should advance in 21st District

Voters in Mukilteo, Edmonds and Lynnwood can prolong into fall an important conversation on state spending and progress on foster care and education.

Democratic state Rep. **Mary Helen Roberts** (District 21, Position 1) is a solid performer in the Legislature, but **Douglas Ivar Kerley**, one of two Republican challengers on the ballot, thinks she could have done more.

Kerley, retired from the U.S. Postal Service, describes himself as an active, mainstream Republican. He is also a former board member of the Snohomish County Labor Council.

A third candidate in the race, Republican Brian Travis, focuses on transportation, and wants to see more buses and road construction.

Roberts is vice chair of two legislative committees, and has been a leader on children's issues — in particular, children with incarcerated parents. Her civic résumé includes service on the board of trustees of Edmonds Community College.

For November, the top two in this contest are incumbent Roberts and Republican challenger Kerley.

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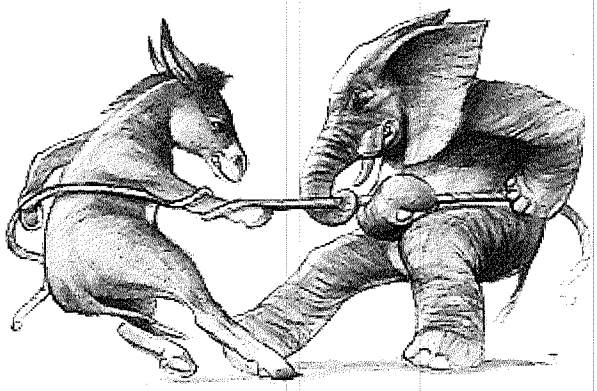
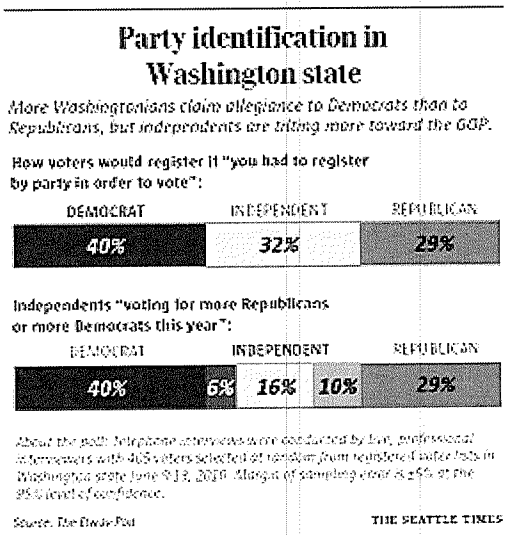
Bloviating aside, the election will be decided by who votes

By H. Stuart Elway
Special to The Times



THE story line for this year's elections among the national commentariat is that anger-fueled resurrection is afoot. Torches are being lit, pitchforks hoisted. Many bums are about to be thrown out of office â€" mostly Democrats.

It is true that there is anxiety in the land. It is also true that the party in power almost always loses congressional and legislative seats in midterm elections. The tea-party adds passion â€" not to mention colorful quotes and pictures for reporters and pundits â€" to support the prophecy of upheaval. This time, we are told, we are in store for more than the typical midterm "rebalancing" of party power.



Maybe, maybe not.

For one thing, Congress' approval rating is below President Obama's and the Republicans' ratings are lower than the Democrats'. Republicans may not benefit as much as they hope from voter unrest.

Second, the anti-incumbent sentiment has not been tested in a general election. Both parties have faced insurgencies from within their own ranks this primary season, which may serve to weaken their prospects in the general election despite party leaders' brave talk about how unified they are.

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Third, elections are decided by individual voters making dozens of individual decisions. Voting comes down to choosing between Candidate A or Candidate B for specific positions in federal, state and local government. Despite overheated campaign rhetoric, the choice is not between Good and Evil. Each choice will be between two human beings, running for a specific office, each with strengths and flaws, issue positions, and some philosophy of government she or he may or may not be able to articulate.

This is why campaigns and candidates matter. Campaigns are where individual, human candidates present themselves and human voters make individual choices, one office at a time. In the case of initiatives, the voters' choice is a stark yes or no on one specific proposal at a time. Global and national conditions factor into a voters' decision-making calculus, but so do local and individual considerations.

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Here in Washington state, there is little evidence of widespread anti-incumbent fervor. This is not to say that Washington voters are not restless. Nor that incumbents won't be replaced. But so far, the signs here do not point to a voter uprising.

We have had those before. Washington led the way for the last "Republican Revolution." In 1994, we swung further than any state in the country, replacing a congressional delegation of eight Democrats and one Republican with a delegation that was 7-2 Republican. We even tossed out a sitting speaker of the House â€" Tom Foley â€" the only time that has happened since the Civil War. Republicans also gained 27 seats to take control of the state House of Representatives.

On the surface, Washington politics today look much as they did in 1994. Democrats control both houses of the Legislature, six of eight partisan statewide offices, and six of nine congressional seats. Unlike 1994, however, Republicans are heading into this midterm election with a decided disadvantage in numbers.

In June, more Washington voters identified as Democrats than as Republicans by a margin of 40 percent to 29 percent in The Elway Poll. Over the last three months, the average has been 41 percent Democrats to 28 percent Republicans. In the comparable three months in 1994, Republicans had a 31 percent to 28 percent advantage.

The much-discussed tea party has not been tested here in any election. Washington does have a history of passing tax-limitation initiatives, bolstering the reputation of the anti-tax movement. However, not one of those initiatives received a majority of the total electorate. They received majorities of the votes cast in each particular election, but only 50-60 percent of eligible voters actually voted.

As a proportion of the total state electorate, the core anti-tax constituency is 25-28 percent. (It may be just a coincidence that the proportion of voters in The Elway Poll who would vote for a tea-party candidate was 24 percent.) Our surveys indicate that for every three Washington voters who would vote for a tea-party candidate, five would vote against that candidate.

Which leads to another factor that will determine the outcome of these elections â€" voter turnout. The smaller the turnout, the more impact a relatively small group can have. When only half of the voters cast ballots, a dedicated 25 percent minority becomes a 50 percent majority.

We won't know until November whether this is some kind of watershed year, or a typical midterm election. Trends are much easier to spot after an election than before one. The world is going to turn a few times before we vote. Campaigns are going to be conducted, cable-TV pundits will be lighting their hair on fire, and voters will pay varying degrees of attention to it all.

In the end, as Thomas Jefferson said, "We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."

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Didier, Rossi primary captures national attention

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WASHINGTON -- Though they are both running against Washington, D.C., and the political establishment, Dino Rossi and Clint Didier have been in the nation's capital seeking support and campaign cash.

The two Republican Senate candidates from Washington state are wooing different D.C. networks.

Rossi is taking the more traditional route, heavy on meetings with the National Republican Senatorial Committee; its chairman, Texas Sen. John Cornyn, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Republican senators have thrown one fundraiser for him and he's expected to receive support from a group formed by Bush political adviser Karl Rove and backed by corporate contributors.

Didier has met with tea party favorite Ron Paul, and a former Washington Redskins teammate — bad boy John Riggins — threw a fundraiser for him. He has talked with GOP chairman Michael Steele and met with conservative groups ranging from the Eagle Forum to the Family Research Council and the National Right to Life to Americans for Tax Reform.

A Senate race that wasn't even on the national radar screen a few months ago has suddenly become one of the hottest in the nation. If Republicans have a chance of picking up the nine seats they need to gain control of the Senate, it could come down to contests in Washington state, California and Wisconsin.

Rossi's entry into the race turned the Washington state Senate contest into one being closely watched. Rossi, who ran twice unsuccessfully for governor and was urged to run for the Senate by national Republican leaders, is expected to give incumbent Democratic Sen. Patty Murray a tough race.

Murray has faced strong candidates before and won. But she seeks her fourth term amid a rising Republican tide and growing frustration and anger with Congress and the White House.

Yet Rossi may not have the clear shot at Murray that he's been expecting. That's because Didier's campaign has started to gain some traction, bolstered by the wins of Republican outsiders in primaries in Nevada and Kentucky, the decision of the incumbent Republican governor in Florida to run for re-election as an independent because of a strong conservative challenger and the ouster of a Republican senator in Utah by conservative GOP forces.

Though his poll numbers are routinely in the single digits, an endorsement from Sarah Palin and a well-received appearance at the state Republican convention has given the Didier campaign some buzz. A Rasmussen Reports telephone poll released Friday showed Didier with surprising strength should he make it to the general election, trailing Murray 48 percent to 40 percent. Rossi was tied with Murray at 47-47.

"Rossi is the establishment candidate," said Stuart Rothenberg, a well-respected national political analyst. "He has to be aware Didier is in the race. He has to run a race. He can't take anything for granted."

Jennifer Cook, who analyzes Senate races for the Cook Report, agreed.

"I don't think you can ignore anyone with Tea Party backing," she said.

Even so, both Rothenberg and Duffy said Rossi's biggest advantage and Didier's biggest problem is a primary system in which the top two candidates, regardless of their party affiliation, advance to the general election.

"It's a jungle primary," Duffy said. "Didier doesn't get Rossi one on one. The rules work against Didier."

So far, Rossi is pretty much ignoring Didier and cranking out almost daily news releases attacking Murray.

Asked whether Rossi was paying attention to the Didier campaign, Jennifer Morris, a Rossi spokeswoman who joined the campaign after serving as a spokeswoman for Senate GOP leader McConnell, said, "Dino is focused on Washington state families, improving the economy and bringing jobs back to Washington state. Murray has an 18-year record, and as a member of leadership she has a lot to answer for."

Katherine Serkes, a Didier adviser, said Rossi is vulnerable.

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"He is trying to assume the mantle of front-runner as an anointed position," Serkes said. "This is not the year a candidate with party support can be comfortable."

During one of his two trips to Washington, D.C., Didier met with the political director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, but not to ask for money, Serkes said.

"Clint wanted to let them know this is a race," she said. "They assured Clint they would stand on the sidelines through the primary. We were glad to hear them affirm their official position."

Brian Walsh, a spokesman for the GOP campaign committee, said the group will not endorse in the primary, but he acknowledged it had encouraged Rossi to run.

"This could be a pivotal race on the national landscape," Walsh said.

The GOP campaign committee has already set up a website attacking Murray. Their Democratic counterpart, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, set up a website attacking Rossi even before he entered the race.

The Democrats are also doing what they can to promote the Didier storyline and give Rossi heartburn.

Murray isn't sitting on the sidelines waiting to see if Didier distracts Rossi.

"I have never had an election where pundits didn't say, 'This is her toughest race ever,' " Murray said in an interview. "I'm fine with that."

But Duffy said she thought the Murray campaign seemed anxious.

"Rossi is the strongest candidate she has faced," Duffy said. "He is known statewide, he can raise money and he is not from the Eastside. I think they (the Murray campaign) look nervous. They are ramping up early. It's for a good reason."

Duffy now rates the Washington Senate race a tossup.

Rothenberg still thinks Murray has the upper hand -- but it's close.

"We still have the race leaning Democratic," he said. "We think she will win. She is always underestimated because of her style. Washington state is still hard for Republicans. But it's a bad cycle for Democrats and it's a good year to be a Republican."

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Washington's Top 2 Primary bits & pieces ...

_ALL ONE PARTY PREFERENCE.

Under the provisions of the voter-approved Top 2 Primary, no party "owns" a slot on the November ballot and it is always possible that voters will send forward to the General Election two candidates who express the same party preference. There were no examples of this among the eight partisan statewide executive offices this week, but some legislative and local government contests will offer such matchups in November.

For the first time, eight legislative finals apparently will feature finalists who prefer the same party _ two Senate seats and six House races, based on partial and unofficial returns. This is eight out of 124 seats on the ballot this fall (26 Senate, 98 House). In some cases, that's because the only candidates who filed listed the same party preference. These include the Senate seats now held by Margarita Prentice in the 11th District and Karen Fraser in the 22nd. Both filed as "prefers Democratic Party" and will be challenged by fellow prefers-Democratic Party candidates, either Juan Martinez or Scott McKay against Prentice, and Erik Lee against Fraser.

In Districts 7 and 8, only "prefers-Republican" or "prefers GOP" candidates filed and the Top 2 will face off in November. In the 12th, Rep. Mike Armstrong, who prefers Republican, faces a prefers-Republican write-in candidate, Courtney Cox. In the 27th, Rep. Dennis Flannigan and Jessica Smeall, both preferring Democratic Party, advance. In the 36th District race to succeed the dean of the Legislature, Rep. Helen Sommers, both finalists prefer the Democratic Party, John Burbank and Reuven Carlyle. And in the open race in the 46th District, the top vote-getters both prefer the Democratic Party, Scott White and Gerry Pollet.

_FINALISTS OTHER THAN PREFER-D OR –R.

In the 3rd District state Senate race, Majority Leader Lisa Brown, who prefers Democratic, will be opposed by John Moyna, who states no party preference. In the 37th District, Rep. Eric

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Pettigrew, who prefers Democratic, is challenged by Ruth Bennett, who prefers Libertarian. In the 38th, Rep. John McCoy, prefers Democratic, is opposed by Cris Larson, who states no party preference. Speaker Pro Tem Jeff Morris, who prefers Democratic, is challenged in the 40th District by Howard Pellett, who prefers Green; and in the 49th, Rep. Jim Moeller, who prefers Democratic, faces Mike Boman, who prefers Independent.

_UNUSUAL PARTY MONIKERS.

Before filing week opened, Secretary of State Sam Reed urged candidates to "play it straight" and not list a preference for made-up or quirky names. Some of those who didn't take his advice didn't survive the primary. Example: Candidates of the Salmon Yoga Party and the True Democratic Party didn't move forward, and neither did hopefuls from startup parties called America's Third Party and the Party of Commons. Some did move forward through, including candidates who said they prefer the Cut Taxes GOP Party and the Progressive Dem Party. One well-known county Republican leader, Curt Fackler, ran for state insurance commission without a party preference label, and lost a runoff spot to someone who touted the Republican brand, albeit with the historical-sounding name of John Adams.

_BY THE NUMBERS.

In this year's Primary, there were a total of 288 candidate races throughout the state: congressional – 9; statewide executive – 9; legislative – 124; State Supreme Court – 3; Court of Appeals – 7; multi-county Superior Court – 7; single-county Superior Court – 52; county commissioners, county PUD commissioners and other county races – 77.

_WHAT WAS THE TURNOUT?

Good question. The number is hard to project because so many ballots still are in transit and counties continue to process ballots, including some from military and overseas voters. As of Thursday, over 930,000 ballots had been counted, or 27.3 percent of the 3.42 million registered voters who were sent mail ballots or, in King and Pierce counties, allowed to vote at polling places. Counties have estimated they have well over 300,000 ballots in hand or expected _ and this number does not include populous Pierce County, which did not submit an estimate. Counties have until Sept. 3 to certify their returns and the state will certify the election by Sept. 9. The turnout still could exceed 40 percent, a fairly average turnout. Before the election, Reed's office predicted a 46 percent turnout, based largely on the wide use of convenient mail-in ballots, the popularity of the wide-open Top 2 system, and the heavy advertising and voter interest in the close races for president and governor. Some counties later downgraded their initial predictions, based on lighter-than-expected return of ballots.

__ NEXT UP.

_Deadline for mail-in or online voter registration or updates for the general election is Oct. 4.

_Deadline for in-person new registrations is Oct. 20.

_General election ballots for overseas and military voters must go in the mail by Oct. 5 and must be available in-person for other voters by Oct. 15. Ballots for most voters will be mailed by Oct. 17 and many voters will get them over that weekend or on Monday, Oct. 20. Election Day is Nov. 4.

For more information, visit www.vote.wa.gov

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Exhibit 298

Vote Both Sides

Official Ballot
Kittitas County, Washington
August 17, 2010

2010 Primary Election

Precinct *Sample Ballot*

Marking Your Ballot:
>Please use a black or blue pen to mark your ballot. To vote for your choice in each contest, completely fill in the box provided to the left of your choice. Unless specifically allowed by law, more than one vote for an office will be an overvote and no votes for that office will be counted.
To correct an error, draw a line through the incorrect choice and continue to vote your ballot. If necessary, request a Replacement Ballot by contacting the Kittitas County Auditor's Office.

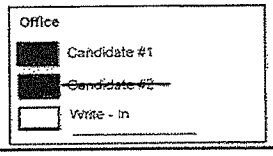
>Replacement Ballot:
If you have damaged or lost your ballot, you may request a Replacement Ballot by contacting the Kittitas County Auditor's Office at 962-7503.

>Returning Your Ballot:
In order for your ballot to be counted, it must be either postmarked or deposited at a designated deposit site no later than the date of the election- August 17. If mailing your ballot, 1st class postage is required.
A secure drop box is provided inside the lobby of the courthouse.

>24 hour secure drop boxes are provided at the following locations:
Upper Kittitas County District Court parking lot (700 E. 1st St, Cle Elum).
Kittitas County Courthouse parking lot (205 W. 5th Ave, Ellensburg).

Learn more about voting centers and accessible voting equipment at www.co.kittitas.wa.us/auditor/elections/voters.asp.

To Correct a Mistake:
Draw a line through the candidate's entire name as shown. You then have the option of making another choice.



Vote for only ONE candidate in each race. You do not have to vote all races.

Partisan Offices

Federal Offices

U.S. Senator
6 year term
- ☐ Norma D. Gruber (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Mohammad H. Said (Prefers Centrist Party)
- ☐ Goodspaceguy (Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Mike The Mover (Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Paul Akers (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Mike Latimer (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ James (Skip) Mercer (States No Party Preference)
- ☐ Clint Didier (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Schalk Leonard (States No Party Preference)
- ☐ Patty Murray (Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Bob Burr (Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ William Edward Chovil (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Dino Rossi (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Charles Allen (Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Will Baker (Prefers Reform Party)
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

U.S. Representative
Congressional District 4
2 year term
- ☐ Leland Yialelis (Prefers Independent No Party)
- ☐ Shane Fast (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Rex A. Brocki (Prefers Tea Party)
- ☐ Mary Ruth Edwards (Prefers Constitution Party)
- ☐ Doc Hastings (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Jay Clough (Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

State Offices

State Senator
Legislative District 13
4 year term
- ☐ Janéa Holmquist (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

State Representative
Legislative District 13 Position 1
2 year term
- ☐ Judith (Judy) Warnick (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

State Representative
Legislative District 13 Position 2
2 year term
- ☐ Bill Hinkle (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Anthony (El Tigrero) Novack (Prefers Bull Moose Party)
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

Sample Ballot 12000640100073

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Official Ballot
Kittitas County, Washington
August 17, 2010

2010 Primary Election

Precinct *Sample Ballot*

County Offices

County Assessor
4 year term
- ☐ Marsha Weyand (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

County Auditor
4 year term
- ☐ Jerry Pettit (Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

County Clerk
4 year term
- ☐ Joyce L. Julsrud (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

County Commissioner
District 3
4 year term
- ☐ Steve Verhey (States No Party Preference)
- ☐ Don Williamson (States No Party Preference)
- ☐ Obie DJ O'Brien (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

County Prosecuting Attorney
4 year term
- ☐ Mark McClain (Prefers GOP Party)
- ☐ Richard Young (States No Party Preference)
- ☐ Greg Zempel (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

County Sheriff
4 year term
- ☐ Gene Dana (Prefers Democratic Party)
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

County Treasurer
4 year term
- ☐ Deanna Jo Panattoni (Prefers Republican Party)
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

Nonpartisan Offices

Judicial Offices

State Supreme Court Justice
Position 1
6 year term
- ☐ Stan Rumbaugh
- ☐ Jim Johnson
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

State Supreme Court Justice
Position 5
6 year term
- ☐ Barbara Madsen
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

State Supreme Court Justice
Position 6
6 year term
- ☐ Bryan Chushcoff
- ☐ Charlie Wiggins
- ☐ Richard B. Sanders
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

County District Court

Lower District Court Judge
4 year term
- ☐ Jim Hurson
- ☐ Christopher A. Eastwood
- ☐ Mark A. Chmelewski
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

Precinct Committee Officer

Election of Political Party Precinct Committee Officer

Precinct Committee Officer is a position in each major political party. For this office only: If you consider yourself a democrat or republican, you may vote for a candidate of that party.

For a write-in candidate, you must include party.

Precinct- Sample Ballot
2 year term
- ☐ Write-in Candidate

Sample Ballot 12000640200080

Sample Ballot 04430311 08

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Three doctors pursuing seats in the state Legislature

Carol M. Ostrom

Spurred in part by intense debate and budget issues surrounding the federal health overhaul, three physicians are pursuing part-time freshman positions in the House in the state Legislature â€" the most in the last half century, say politics-watchers at the Washington State Medical Association.

There hasn't been a doctor in the House â€" or the Senate â€" since 2008, when state Rep. Shay Schual-Berke, D-Normandy Park and a cardiologist, gave up her seat.

Dr. Peter Dunbar, 56, an anesthesiologist from Mercer Island who practices at Harborview Medical Center, is doorbelling in the 41st District. Dunbar, a former president of the state medical association, is running against incumbent Marcie Maxwell, D -Renton, a real-estate associate broker and small business owner.

Dr. Sumner Schoenike, a semi-retired pediatrician from Gig Harbor, is running as a Democrat in the 26th District, facing incumbent Janice Angel, a businesswoman and Republican from Port Orchard.

Dr. Art Coday, a general medical doctor from Shoreline, is running as a Republican in the 32nd District against former Shoreline Mayor Cindy Ryu, a Democrat and small business owner from Richmond Beach, and Doris McConnell, a Shoreline Council member.

Heightened awareness of health issues and economics because of the national health-care overhaul helped pull these docs into politics, suggests Dr. Peter McGough, chief medical officer for UW Medicine Neighborhood Clinics. â€œNow, itâ€™s become clear that health care is a lynchpin in a lot of the issues,â€□ he said.

Tom Curry, executive director and CEO of the state medical association, says his organization is encouraging doctors to support all three candidates. Its Political Action Committee, WA Medical PAC, has contributed $1,600 each to Dunbar and Schoenike, and a similar amount to each party for its state Senate and House campaign committees.

“We think the Legislature would benefit from having a doctor in the House,” Curry said. Too often policy makers pass laws affecting health-care delivery, health programs or license issues, he said, without a clear idea of their impact.

With lawmakers facing a $3 billion budget shortfall in the next biennium, the upcoming legislative session likely will be contentious and difficult —but, Curry said, perhaps rife with opportunity. Health care, in one way or another, “is such a huge part of the state budget, and these folks can bring some kind of direct knowledge,” he said.

Doctors' professional ethics urge them to advocate not only for their patients, Curry said, but for the public good.

Dunbar got a taste of lawmaking five years ago, after dueling tort reform initiatives drained the coffers of both lawyer and doctor groups before being roundly rejected by voters. Then heading the medical association, he helped negotiate a compromise law that left both sides with a few goodies.

Other than that, none of these candidates has ever been a lawmaker, but all say they're eager to tackle the job. Said Dunbar: “It's an adventure.”

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Washington
Secretary of State
SAM REED

Top 2 Primary Advisory 09: County Questions (Write-in Votes) August 25, 2008

In addition to the email sent 8/22 (see attached), several other important questions from county elections staffs about the processing of write-in votes deserve further clarification from our office:

1. If individual write-in votes must be tallied, are votes for all write-ins reported?
2. Must write-in votes for multi-county offices be tallied and reported?
3. When is it necessary to recount a PCO race, and if the race is tied, how do we determine a winner?
4. Is the County Auditor required to issue Certificates of Election?

Question #1: If individual votes must be tallied, are votes for all write-ins reported?

Only valid write-in names must be reported. When tallying individual votes, tally the votes for each candidate. If the vote is for someone who is not a registered voter in the district, the vote may be accounted for in a general category, such as "other" or "uncertified".

After applying the rules in the Voter Intent Manual, individually tallied votes plus the general category should equal the total number of write-in votes cast for an office.

Checking the VRDB to verify a write-in name is registered in a district is optional. If no one by that name is registered, the vote may be added to the general category described above. Please be aware that it is possible for voters to have names that are the same as fictional characters such as "Mickey Mouse", "Santa Claus", and "Anyone Else". Please check the VRDB before determining a write-in candidate is not a registered voter in the district. For your convenience, we've attached a list of names already checked on the VRDB.

Question #3: Must write-in votes for multi-county offices be tallied and reported?

If only one candidate filed in an office, then yes, tally and report write-in votes for individual candidates with your certification. The 1% rule will automatically require a tally of write-ins.

If more than one candidate filed in an office and pre-inspection procedures outlined in the attached email are followed, then tallying and reporting may not be necessary. If the number of

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write-in votes exceeds the number of votes received by the 2nd place candidate within your county, please notify the OSOS Certification and Training Program. All counties will be required to tally votes for that office when this occurs.

Question #4: When is it necessary to recount a PCO race, and if the race is tied, how do we determine a winner?

The same recount rules and statutes will apply to PCO races as apply to other offices. If you have the write-in ballots segregated, only the ballots with write-in votes need to be recounted.

In the event of a tie after conducting the recount, the winner would be determined by lot. If you have more than two candidates with tied votes, you may need to use a different method, such as drawing a name or number. (RCW Chapter 29A.64 and WAC Chapter 434-264)

Question #5: Is the county required to issue Certificates of Election?

It is up to the County Auditor whether to issue Certificates of Election or not. We suggest following standard procedures used in previous PCO elections.

Additional information contained in "Advisory 07: Write-in Votes" still applies, and can be accessed on our website: http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/Top2PrimaryAdvisories.aspx .

If you have questions, please contact the Certification and Training Program, (360) 902-4180.

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Show

Political Party

A candidate for partisan office must identify his or her political party on the C-1 registration form and state if he or she currently holds the office.

The following abbreviations may be used in advertising. PDC believes they clearly identify political party affiliation.

Communist	Com
Democrat	D, Dem, Demo
Independent or unaffiliated	Ind, Indep
Libertarian	L, LP, LET, LBTN
Progressive Party of Washington	P, PP, Prog
Republican	R, GOP, Rep (Use the latter only when it could not erroneously imply the candidate is a State Representative)
Socialist	Soc
Socialist Workers	Soc Workers, SWP

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ID Size and Placement

According to state law, on written or printed political advertising, the sponsor's full name and address and the candidate's party affiliation must:

- appear on the first page of the communication in at least 10 point type, or
- for ads such as billboards or posters, appear in type at least 10% of the largest size type used in the ad, and
- not be screened or half-toned (i.e., not made lighter through some printing or photographic process), and
- be set apart from any other ad text.

The sponsor's full name and candidate's party preference must be clearly identified In radio and TV political ads.

Follow these size and placement standards for sponsor ID, Top 5 Contributors, and controlling individual/entity ID requirements in independent expenditure ads and electioneering communications.

Abbreviations

The following abbreviations may be used in advertising. PDC believes they clearly identify political party preference.

Communist—Com.

Constitution—CP

Democrat—D, Dem, Demo

Independent or unaffiliated—Ind, Indep

Libertarian—L, LP, LBT, LBTN

Progressive—P, PP, Prog

Republican—R, GOP, Rep (Use the latter only when it could not erroneously imply the candidate is a State Representative.)

Socialist—Soc

Socialist Workers—Soc Workers, SWP

Official symbols or logos adopted by the state committee of the party may be used in lieu of other identification; a copy of the symbol or logo should be provided to PDC.

Independent Expenditure Advertising & Electioneering Communications

Political advertising that meets either set of criteria below must include more details about the sponsor(s):

1) the ad supports or opposes a candidate for state or local office;
2) the ad is paid for by someone other than a candidate, a candidate's committee or agent;
3) the sponsor does the advertising completely independently of any candidate supported in the ad (or the opponent of the candidate opposed), or a candidate's committee or agent;
4) the sponsor did not receive the candidate's encouragement or approval to do the ad; and
5) the ad costs at least $800, or the cost of this ad when combined with the cost of earlier ads supporting or opposing the candidate total $800 or more.

A) clearly identifies at least one candidate for state, local, or judicial office;
B) appears within 60 days of an election in the candidate's jurisdiction;
C) is produced through radio, TV, postal mailing, billboard, newspaper, or periodical; and
D) either alone, or in combination with other communications by the sponsor identifying the candidate, has a fair market value of $5,000 or more.

If conditions 1-5 or A-D are met, the ad must contain the following:

FOR WRITTEN ADS –
"No candidate authorized this ad. It is paid for by (name, address, city, state)"

Further, if this type of ad is sponsored by a political committee required to file with the PDC, the following must also appear:

- "Top Five Contributors" followed by a list of the names of the five persons or entities making the largest contributions in excess of $700 to the PAC during the 12 months before the ad runs. If a political committee keeps records necessary to track contributions according to the use intended by contributors, that committee may identify the top five contributors giving for that purpose; AND
- The full name of the individual or entity that established or directly maintains or controls the sponsoring committee (or indirectly maintains or controls the sponsoring committee through the formation of one or more political committees).

Recommended format:
No candidate authorized this ad. It is paid for by The Committee for Good Government (Gotham City Merchants Assn.) Top Five Contributors: ....

Bona fide political parties are not required to include the sponsor ID, Top 5 contributors, or controlling entity ID in written ads that they sponsor.

FOR RADIO, TV, AND TELEPHONE ADS –
The following statement must be clearly spoken, or for TV advertisements, appear in print and be visible for at least four seconds, appear in letters greater than 4% of the visual screen height, and have a reasonable color contrast with the background: "No candidate authorized this ad. Paid for by (name, city, state)." The Top 5 contributor names, as discussed under "written advertisements," are necessary if the ad is sponsored by a political committee required to file with the PDC. The top 5 contributor names are also required for telephone transmissions.

Bona fide political parties are required to include the Notice to Voters statement in radio or TV ads that they sponsor, but not the Top 5 contributors.

Independent expenditure advertising in the form of yard signs, bumper stickers, skywriting or other items exempt from sponsor ID (as discussed on the reverse), is also exempt from the Notice to Voters, Top Five Contributors, and controlling individual/ entity ID requirements.

REPORTING:

ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS –
Anyone that sponsors an advertisement that meets all conditions A-D must file electioneering communication reports (Form C-6) within 24 hours.

INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES –
Anyone (except a committee already filing with PDC) that spends $100 or more supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure—and the expenditures are not made in conjunction with a candidate or ballot issue committee—must file independent expenditure reports (Form C-6). All sponsors of last minute independent expenditure political ads valued at $1,000 or more presented to the public within 21 days of an election must report within 24 hours.

Any business, union, association or other entity that makes independent expenditures totaling over $800 in a calendar year supporting or opposing state office candidates and statewide ballot measures must also file PDC Form C-7 (unless the entity reports the expenditures as a political committee or lobbyist employer.

Political Advertising

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"Political Advertising" includes any advertising displays, newspaper ads, billboards, signs, brochures, articles, tabloids, flyers, letters, radio or television presentations or other means of mass communication, used for the purpose of appealing, directly or indirectly, for votes or for financial or other support in any election campaign.

General Requirements

Sponsor ID: Written ads must identify the sponsor's name and address unless exempt.*

Exempt From Sponsor ID: Yard signs (8' x 4' or smaller) and some other items are exempt. See list at far right.

Broadcast Ads: Radio and TV ads must state the sponsor's full name, but not the address.*

Party Preference: All forms of advertising must clearly state a candidate's party preference if the candidate is seeking partisan office. This requirement applies regardless of whether the ad is sponsored by the candidate or someone else.

Size and Placement: See back side of brochure for size and placement criteria regarding sponsor and party ID.

Photographs: If candidate photos are used in any ad, at least one of them must have been taken within the last 5 years and be no smaller than the largest candidate photo in the ad.

Office Sought: State law does not require ads to include the office or position a candidate is seeking.

*Advertising that qualifies as an "independent expenditure" is subject to different sponsor ID requirements (unless the sponsor is a political party). See reverse side.

The Law Forbids:

- Sponsoring an ad, with actual malice, that contains a statement constituting libel or defamation per se* if the statement:
  - Is a false statement of material fact about a candidate *(unless a candidate is making a statement about him or herself or the statement is made by the candidate's agent about the candidate)*,
  - Falsely represents that a candidate is an incumbent, or
  - Directly or indirectly implies a candidate has the support or endorsement of any person or organization when the candidate does not *(unless the statement is made by the person or organization)*.

*See RCW 42.17.530 for definition of libel and defamation per se.

- Using an assumed name when identifying the sponsor.
- Distributing campaign material deceptively similar in design or appearance to the voters and candidate's pamphlets published by the Secretary of State.
- Using the state seal or its likeness to assist or defeat a candidate.

These definitions apply in political ads:

"**Incumbent**" means a person who holds an elected office.

"**Re-elect**" represents that a candidate holds the office being sought, was elected to it, and seeks another term in that same office in the same district or political subdivision – OR - the candidate is not the incumbent but was elected to the office in the past, provided the ad clearly states that the candidate is not the incumbent.

"**Retain**" represents that the candidate is the incumbent but does not imply that the candidate attained the office by election.

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"Sponsor" means the candidate, committee or other person who pays for the advertisement. If a person acts as an agent for another or is reimbursed for payment, the original source of the payment is the sponsor.

To identify the sponsor, use the words "Paid for by" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name and address of the sponsor. *

What's Needed for Sponsor ID

State, Local & Judicial Candidates—show the candidate's name and address or the candidate's committee name and address.

Federal Candidates—only subject to federal law. (Contact FEC at 1-800-424-9530)

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- noisemakers
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- pendants
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- pinwheels
- plastic tableware
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- staple removers
- stickers (2-3/4" x 1" or smaller)
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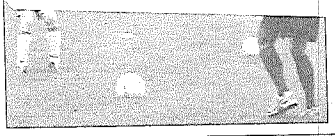

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They love a 4th of July parade

North Lake Little League softball teammates Mackenzie Gardner, left, and Michelle Fusco react after members of a boys team sprayed them with water on Sunday as they turn off Bothell Way Northeast following their boat cruise — set on a trailer and pulled by a pickup truck — through the Grand Parade. The City of Bothell Freedom Festival, which drew thousands of attendees, also featured a Children's Parade. ANDY NYSTROM, *Bothell-Kenmore Reporter*

Alleged Russian spies were UW-Bothell grads

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At first, the names Patricia Mills and Michael Zottoli seemed vaguely familiar to University of Washington, Bothell professor Ufuk Ince. When he jogged his memory and envisioned them as an engaged couple in his investments course in the spring of 2005, Ince knew for sure that he taught a pair of alleged Russian secret agents who were arrested June 27 at their home in Arlington, Va.

"(Initially) I thought, 'Oh, no, that doesn't ring a big bell,'" Ince said of reading local and national newspaper stories and seeing TV news reports. "You put the two together and hear they lived in Seattle, and I know that they were my students.

"They were nice and charming and the only two I remember from that class — vision-memory-wise," he added of their time in the high-level elective course. "They would participate a little in class and were somewhat low-key. After the class, they would come to me as a couple to talk. Michael was more the vocal one ... they were pleasant people."

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In a federal-court filing Friday in Alexandria, Va., prosecutors said Zottoli and Mills revealed that they are Russian citizens and their real names are Mikhail Kutzik and Natalia Pereverzeva.

Both graduated with bachelor of arts degrees in business in 2006, according to university records. Ince noted that Zottoli was "probably the top student" in the investments class and received a 3.9 grade out of a possible 4.0. Ince even wrote Zottoli a letter of recommendation for possible future use endorsing his stellar class performance and personality.

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Wald pool and gymnasium need about $2.8 million in repairs, according to study

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Authorized by Kenmore City Council in May, an engineering study of the Carole Ann Wald Pool in St. Edward State Park recommends roughly $2.8 million in repairs to the shuttered pool and adjacent gymnasium.

Completed by ORB Architects of Renton, the study claims some $919,000 in repairs would be needed to immediately reopen the pool and keep it open for five years.

That figure includes only the pool. Reopening the gym

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Mayor Baker, two others running for senate seat

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Two current office holders seeking a change in venue and one former elected official looking to get a return ticket to Olympia are in the running to replace State Sen. Darlene Fairley, D-Lake Forest Park.

After roughly 15 years in office, Fairley announced she was not running for re-election to the District 32 State Senate seat.

David Baker

Hoping to replace her are State Rep. Maralyn Chase, D-Shoreline, Kenmore Mayor David Baker and former State Rep. Patty Butler, also of Shoreline.

For all three candidates, the economy is a key campaign issue.

Running for the state position as a Republican, Baker has spent seven years on Kenmore City Council. He unsuccessfully ran for a state senate seat once previously in 2006. In discussing the current election, he pointed first to his local record, noting Kenmore officials had not approved a tax increase during his council tenure.

"Here in Kenmore, we live within our means and I think it's time the state learns to live within its means," Baker said.

He added he does not want to run a negative campaign.

"I don't want to get into bad mouthing my opponent," he said, referring to Chase.

But Baker also added a key difference between the two is that Chase supports a state income tax while he does not. Instead of looking for new

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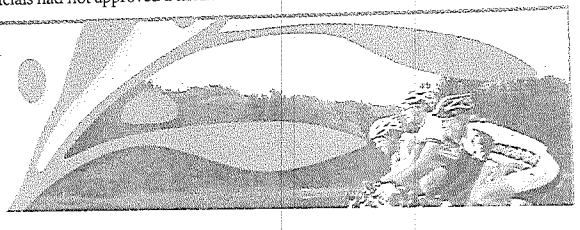

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revenue, Baker said Olympia needs to realign its priorities. He claims some bureaucracies simply seem out of whack.

For example, Baker contends that in discussions with state park and recreation officials regarding athletic fields in St. Edward State Park, local leaders were told it was not the duty of Washington's parks department to supply recreational opportunities. Baker said the statement left him mystified.

Maralyn Chase

Patty Butler

"What are they supposed to be doing then?" he added.

Now an assistant manager for a retail store in Bellevue, Butler served two years in the state house in the late 1990s. She lost her bid for re-election. Butler added that when Fairley decided not to run, she initially dismissed the notion of getting into the race herself. But Butler said contact from supporters and some personal experiences persuaded her to give it a shot.

At 58, Butler said she has, in the past few years, spent some time unemployed and ended up returning to school. She only recently earned a business management degree from Edmonds Community College and intends to further her studies. Still, she said she understands firsthand the economic difficulties many of the state's residents have faced in the last few years.

"I have been living with what a lot of people have been living with as far as the recession goes," Butler said.

While she didn't name any names, Butler added she doesn't like what she's been seeing from some elected officials in the district. She mentioned legislators spending thousands to draw up state bills that had no chance of passage, of one official in particular "turning a cold shoulder" to local businesses.

For her part, Chase has spent eight years in the state house, first elected in 2002. She feels it is a natural progression in her career to attempt a move to the senate. Chase also feels the senate will be a better fit for her political style.

"There are fewer members," she said, "and individual members have more of a policy role than in the house."

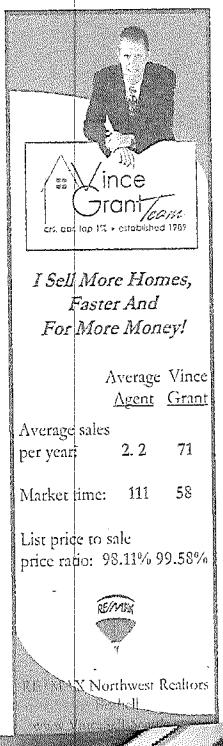
Touching on economic development, Chase specifically mentioned supporting some of the initiatives of Gov. Chris Gregoire. But from her point of view, small businesses are the key to pulling the state, if not the country, fully out of recession.

Chase added she was not referring only to small mom-and-pop operations, but also smaller manufacturers with 15 to 25 employees. She contends such businesses have a great potential to power Washington's economy, possibly increasing the state's exports.

For example, Chase talked about giving tax breaks to homeowners and businesses who make use of Washington-built solar energy panels. The program could promote green energy, but also grow local solar businesses and create a ready demand for the products of those businesses.

Among the three candidates, Chase may or may not enjoy a level of name recognition not available to the other two candidates. Baker said Chase may have somewhat of an edge outside the Kenmore area, but said he has worked extensively on regional issues, especially transportation. Butler said she has remained active in the community where she has lived for decades and is not worried about being seen as a dark horse in the race.

"Because my roots are so deep, my name is still known in the community," Butler said.



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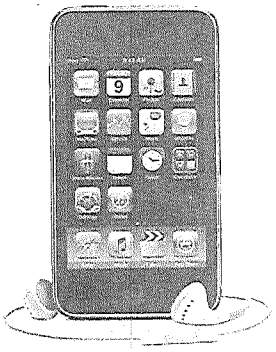

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2010 elections no tea party for the GOP

By Lance Dickie
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For all the brave, fanciful talk of a Republican rout in the 2010 congressional elections, the GOP knows it is in deep trouble.

Kentucky Sen. Jim Bunning is only the latest example of the out-of-touch Republican brand in voters' eyes. If he wanted to be such a tough guy, he might have taken on someone other than the unemployed.

Bunning showed off his conservative skepticism of big government by delaying financial life support to people out of work. He is not running for re-election, but do not fret about him. He has a secure federal pension and full health care. Taxpayers have him covered.

Republicans might be clueless about ordinary lives, but their survival instincts are on red alert. A year ago, the usual suspects formed the National Council for a New America. Seen much of this churning urn of burning political renewal? Me neither.

The GOP is out of ideas and not trying. The party got lazy, as Democrats did in the late 1980s. Sure, an obscure congressman will conjure up a balanced budget over the weekend. Another will bemoan foreign wars. No one even bothers with eye rolls.

President Obama gave Republicans a fig leaf of self-esteem with a hug for their ideas to reduce waste, fraud and abuse in health care. They will still vote against any bill, and they could have acted on their changes any time in the past dozen years. You get the idea.

Republicans loudly proclaim they are fiscally conservative, against big government and skeptical of foreign entanglements. No, really.

Instead they have embraced big government since the Reagan administration, aided and abetted monster deficits as their corporate constituents tapped into the money to be made with federal contracts, and they did not say a peep as the nation plunged into two wars.

This expensive, lethal record fuels the alienation of the tea-party movement which last week celebrated its anniversary. Republicans understandably are petrified.

The godfather of modern political fundraising, Richard Viguerie, noted the moment with a salute and cautionary advice. Right off top, "The tea-party movement should avoid the temptation of forming a third party. It would be a disaster for the cause of freedom and limited government."

A disaster for the GOP to be sure. The tea-party movement is a political anagram of Ross Perot, who drained votes away from President George H.W. Bush and elected Democrat Bill Clinton with less than 50 percent of the vote.

Voter anger and rebellion embodied in the tea-party movement is vulnerable to being subverted by misdirection. Powerful interests in this country will happily bankroll a change of subject.

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Instead of motivated people demanding Congress look at laws, regulations and business practices that directly impact employment, homeownership, education, medical care and economic security, a big fight is brewing over handguns. It was virtually predictable.

This is the same sleight of hand used by President George W. Bush. He got everyone riled up over guns, God and gays, and plunged the nation into two off-budget wars and sat by as the financial system was looted.

We need to return to basics. Public outrage needs to provoke congressional action that looks at antitrust regulations, and oversight and division of commercial and investment banking. Financial activities need transparency and boundaries.

Taxpayers provided hundreds of billions of dollars to cover the cruel joke of discipline in the marketplace. Those laughing the loudest cashed the biggest bonus checks.

Classic conservative Republicans would be part of the solution. The current version only taunt the unemployed.

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