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## Rep. Smith, seeking 8th term, faces three rivals in primary

By Susan Gilmore  
Seattle Times staff reporter

U.S. Rep. Adam Smith, a Tacoma Democrat running for his eighth term in office, faces three opponents in the Aug. 17 primary election — including a Pierce County Council member who has strong Republican backing.

A second Republican in the race ran against Smith in 2008, winning 34 percent of the vote. The third candidate represents the Green Party.

"Last April I got my 100th call: 'We need you to run for Congress,'" said Dick Muri, who was appointed to an unexpired Pierce County Council term in 2003 and has been re-elected twice.

"If there's any year I'd have a chance of winning, this would be the year," Muri said. "I'm not running against Adam Smith, I'm running against his voting record."

Two years ago, Smith defeated retired engineer James Postma with 66 percent of the vote. Postma is running again this year, along with Green Party candidate Roy Olson, who works in the state Insurance Commissioner's Office.

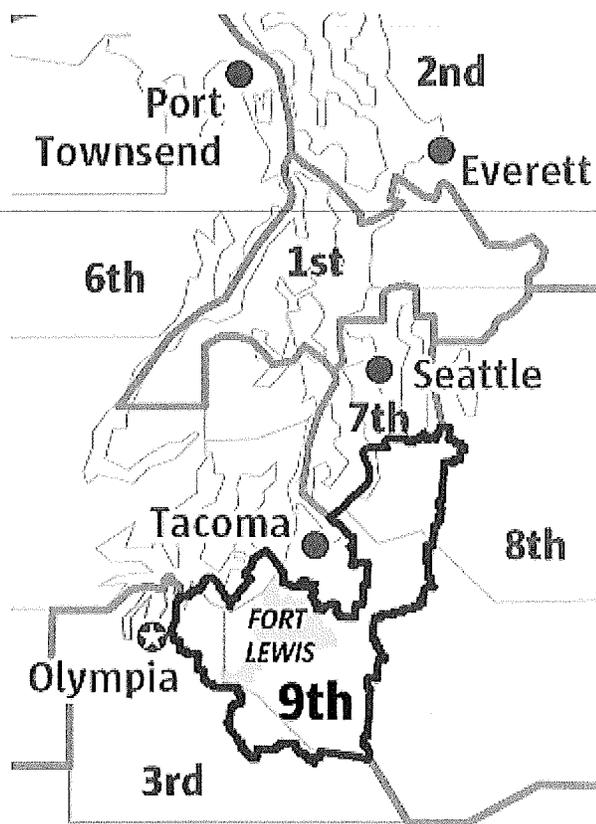
Smith is considered a moderate Democrat and has focused much of his work in Congress on military and national-security issues. The 9th District is home to Joint Base Lewis-McChord and includes Puyallup, Federal Way and parts of Tacoma and Steilacoom.

By the end of June, Smith had raised \$591,000 in campaign contributions. Muri reported raising more than \$77,000, including \$3,000 of his own money, while Postma had \$153,000, including \$150,000 of his own money. Olson said he has just one donor, who gave \$100. He put \$2,300 of his own money in the effort.

### Adam Smith

Smith, 45, a graduate of the University of Washington law school, worked in public and private practice and served in the Washington state Senate before running for Congress in 1996.

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A member of the House Armed Services Committee, he said his biggest accomplishment in his current term is the way he's interacted with constituents.

"With the downturn of the economy and people being so skeptical about Congress, I've had town halls and I've listened to people and learned from them," Smith said. "In tough times, it's more important you listen."

After sitting on the fence for weeks, he supported the health-care overhaul that Democrats passed in March. Although the bill wasn't perfect, he said, it would do a better job controlling costs than the version approved by the House "with his vote" last November.

He supports the war in Afghanistan and voted for the new financial regulations that President Obama signed into law last week.

"It is clear that our financial system is in dire need of reform," Smith said. "The serious abuses that have come to light in the last few years are of great concern and we must change how Wall Street does business."

Smith also is co-chairman of the New Democrat Coalition, a group of moderate, pro-growth Democrats who say they stress fiscal responsibility.

He said he understands the district now as much as he ever has.

"I have to earn their support every time," he said. "I know there's a lack of trust, but I'm not like that. I'm committed to the district, not just cursing the darkness. We need to find the light switches."

### Dick Muri

Muri, 56, from Steilacoom, said he likes Smith personally but opposes his record and the Democratic agenda.

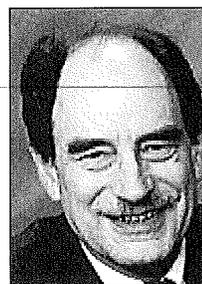
"He doesn't seem to have the guts to say, 'sorry, we ran out of money a long time ago,'" Muri said. "He's a good man, but he doesn't fit the district well."

Muri calls himself a "pragmatic conservative" and said Smith simply has been in office too long.

Muri, who retired as a lieutenant colonel after 22 years in the Air Force, said his key issue is fiscal accountability. He said the government has to stop spending money it doesn't have on things it doesn't need.

He said the 9th District has one of the nation's largest number of veterans and he, as a veteran, is better suited to understand their needs.

He supports the controversial Arizona immigration law and wishes more states, including Washington, would follow it. "Every state should make sure everyone who lives there is legal. When illegal activity is condoned or looked aside, lawlessness becomes the law of the land."



<p><b>Jim Postma</b></p> <p>REPUBLICAN Age: 75</p> <p><b>Family:</b> Wife Fran; three children</p> <p><b>Residence:</b> Steilacoom</p> <p><b>Education:</b> Bachelor's degree, Purdue University, 1956</p> <p><b>Political/job experience:</b> Retired aerospace engineer; ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 2008; ran unsuccessfully for state Legislature in 1984</p> <p><b>Website:</b> www.postma.com</p>
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<p><b>Adam Smith</b></p> <p>DEMOCRAT Age: 45</p> <p><b>Family:</b> Wife Sara, two children</p> <p><b>Residence:</b> Tacoma</p> <p><b>Education:</b> Bachelor's degree, Fordham University, 1987; law degree, University of Washington Law School, 1990</p> <p><b>Political/job experience:</b> U.S. House of Representatives, 1997 — present; state Senate, 1991-1997. Worked as a lawyer in public and private practice.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> www.electadamsmith.com</p>
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Muri said he is running his campaign largely on Facebook and the Internet. If elected, he said, voters shouldn't expect him to "bring home the bacon."

"That carcass was picked clean a long time ago," he said.

### James Postma

Postma, 75, said he considers his race this year a continuation of the campaign from 2008, when he won more than a third of the votes.

The economy and jobs are his main issues, along with immigration (he supports the Arizona law), and health care. He said the economic-stimulus program should be repealed, along with the new health-care law.

"Adam Smith voted for these bad bills," Postma said. "This is a swing district. He talks like a conservative or moderate but votes for the Democratic Party. He's not a moderate."

Postma, who said he is pro-gun and anti-abortion, said he's not a tea-party candidate but supports the movement.

The Steilacoom resident said that when he ran two years ago, many voters were undecided and Smith got swept back into office with Obama and the Democrats.

"When (Sarah) Palin was riding high, I was ahead," he said. "This race is still under the radar. Both parties are ignoring it."

### Roy Olson

Olson, the Green Party candidate, works as an actuary in the state Insurance Commissioner's Office.

"I'm at a stage in my career when I'm approaching retirement," said Olson, 64. "So I approached the Greens to see if they were running someone. They weren't so I didn't see any reason not to run myself."

Olson said he was disappointed the health-care bill didn't contain a single-payer provision. He said he wants to tax job exports so companies don't profit by sending jobs overseas, and supports a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants.

Olson opposes war spending but doesn't consider himself a pacifist.

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<b>Dick Muri</b>
REPUBLICAN <b>Age:</b> 56
<b>Family:</b> Wife Mary, four children
<b>Residence:</b> Steilacoom
<b>Education:</b> Bachelor's degree, University of Massachusetts, 1975; master's of public administration, Golden Gate University, 1988
<b>Political/job experience:</b> Pierce County councilman, 2003-present; Steilacoom School Board, 1997-2003. Served 22 years in the military, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.
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<b>Roy Olson</b>
GREEN PARTY <b>Age:</b> 64
<b>Family:</b> Wife Carmen; two children
<b>Residence:</b> Olympia
<b>Education:</b> Bachelor's degree, Sonoma State College, 1967; master's of science, University of Idaho, 1970; doctorate, University of Washington, 1972
<b>Political/job experience.</b> A member of the Green Party, he is in his first political race. Works as an actuary for the state Insurance Commissioner's Office.
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### Candidates becoming party poopers

Primary: Many tweak existing party name

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The free-for-all of Washington's "top-two" primary holds a place for politicians of every stripe, including the Lower Taxes Party and the Problemfixer Party.

Neither, strictly speaking, exists. But both will be on the ballot alongside Republicans, Democrats, Greens and independents who are filing for office this week.

"In this state, you can be a party of one," said Terry Hunt of the Washington State Grange.

You can also tweak an existing party name. So state Rep. Christopher Hurst of Enumclaw stands for re-election this year as an "Independent Dem." while others run under the banner of the GOP, the Republican nickname.

State Democrats may sue, as they did in 2008 in an unsuccessful attempt to keep the ballot from listing then-gubernatorial candidate Dino Rossi as "Prefers GOP Party."

They're less worried about made-up names like the Salmon Yoga Party — a name that appeared on the 2008 ballot — than names like GOP and Independent Democrat, which they say confuse voters. Rossi is running again, this time for U.S. Senate, but hasn't declared a party preference.

Congress is controlled by Democrats or Republicans, said state Democratic Party Chairman Dwight Pelz, so voters need to know which side a candidate would support. He's deciding whether to go back to court.

The top-two primary advances the two candidates with the most votes, regardless of party. Hunt helped persuade voters to create the system in 2004 while serving as state master of the Grange.

He said it should remain unchanged, calling it a matter of free speech.

Washingtonians will use the system for the second time Aug. 17 as they winnow the field of candidates for Congress, the Legislature, the courts and local government.

The ballot doesn't list party endorsements, only the candidate's preference. Usually, that means an entry of either "Prefers Democratic Party" or "Prefers Republican Party."

But candidates can fill in that blank with anything, as long as it's short and free of obscene language. Tim Sutinen, a challenger to state Rep. Brian Blake, chose "Lower Taxes."

"Unfortunately there was only 16 characters to write," the Longview businessman said. "I would have loved to write 'less spending, less taxes.'"

The recent tea party rallies show there's a movement afoot for lower taxes, Sutinen said — essentially a new party. That means he doesn't have to run as a Republican, as he did in 2006 under the old primary system.

A state Senate candidate, Leslie Klein, will be on the ballot as "Prefers (R) Problemfixer Party." Another candidate "Prefers Neither Party."

Secretary of State Sam Reed's office has been exhorting candidates not to use names or party descriptions "making light of the process," spokesman David Ammons said.

Pelz blames Reed for allowing candidates to use labels such as GOP. Polls in 2008 showed some voters didn't know the Grand Old Party referred to Republicans. But Reed's office says it's just interpreting the law. Reed, a Republican, in 2009 pushed unsuccessfully for a bill to limit party names.

Parties aren't the only things candidates can make up. They can use a nickname as long as they include their real surname. This year, a tea party candidate from Belfair will challenge state Sen. Tim Sheldon under the name "Nancy (grandma)

Williams."

Some go further and change their full names. Perennial candidates Mike the Mover and Goodspaceguy, who wants to colonize space, are running for U.S. Senate this year.

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# Palin's Clout Narrows as Primaries Wind Down

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*By David M. Drucker, CQ-Roll Call*

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Republican strategists expect Sarah Palin's influence in midterm Senate races to diminish as the primary season concludes and GOP candidates turn their attention to winning over independents in the Nov. 2 general election.

The former Alaska governor and 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee is still projected to be a factor in a handful of races for the 11 Democratic-held Senate seats the GOP hopes to flip this fall. Republican operatives say few GOP campaign surrogates can match Palin's fundraising prowess and ability to motivate the party faithful, and demand for her presence on the trail is likely to remain steady in some contests.

But with her approval ratings among independent voters at only 34 percent, according to the latest YouGov/Polimetrix public opinion poll, Palin could be less welcome in traditionally Democratic districts and swing states where a Republican candidate's crossover appeal is crucial to victory.

Palin's overall approval rating according to the Pollster.com average is 35 percent.

"She was a lot bigger draw in primary season than she will be during the general election," a senior Republican Senate aide said Monday. "Nobody in the Republican Party can turn out the base like Sarah Palin, but the impression she leaves amongst independents is decidedly mixed."

Sources say Palin has generally avoided direct collaboration with the Republican Party's three Washington-based national campaign committees. But GOP strategists expect individual challenger and incumbent candidates to ask her for assistance. With 16 weeks until Election Day, requests for such help are likely to be increasingly strategic and localized -- particularly among Senate candidates.

For example, should Dino Rossi win the Republican primary in Washington state, as expected, he wouldn't want Palin to campaign for him in greater Seattle or the western half of the state generally. But he might find a Palin campaign appearance of value in conservative eastern Washington. Palin has in fact endorsed Rossi's GOP primary opponent, Clint Didier. Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R), running for the Senate in Democratic-leaning Illinois, probably won't ask for Palin's help. But if he did, it might be to join him in conservative-leaning southern Illinois.

Former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, endorsed by Palin in the June 8 California GOP primary, probably will not ask Palin for further assistance as she seeks to oust Sen. Barbara Boxer (D) in the heavily

Democratic Golden State. And former New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte, the favorite in her state's Senate Republican primary, is also unlikely to request help from Palin should she emerge as the GOP nominee.

But Rep. John Boozman (R), hoping to upend Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D) in culturally conservative Arkansas, probably will. Meanwhile, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), already endorsed by Palin in his intraparty battle with former Rep. J.D. Hayworth, a darling of many conservatives, might ask his former presidential running mate for more help in the general election campaign if he wins his Aug. 24 primary.

"It depends on how active the tea party or even the Ron Paul types are in the state," said one Washington-based Republican operative. "She will be asked for, but for only those races where she helps -- and that's certainly not Republicans across the board."

An attempt to reach representatives of Palin for this story was unsuccessful.

Palin in most cases appears to have acted independently and outside of the traditional Republican Party structure when it came to deciding whom to back and how much of her muscle to lend to a campaign. In fact, it's Palin's anti-establishment seal of approval that has made her endorsement so valuable throughout this election cycle.

Palin has backed the anti-establishment primary candidate for Senate in at least four cases, including endorsing Joe Miller, who is challenging GOP Conference Vice Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski in Alaska, raising concerns among some Republicans that she might cost her party seats in some cases if she succeeds in nominating candidates with little chance of winning in the general election. But Republican strategists inside the Beltway still rate her activity in GOP Senate primaries as positive overall. In House races Palin has played in, GOP operatives tend to describe her effect on Republican candidates as overwhelmingly positive.

In already-concluded Senate GOP primaries, Palin backed Sharron Angle, who is challenging Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), and Rand Paul, who is running for an open seat in Kentucky and defeated Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's (R-Ky.) favored GOP primary candidate. Palin also has endorsed Didier, a former professional football player and tea party activist, in the upcoming Washington state GOP primary - while national Republicans are backing Rossi.

But Palin's moves have been unpredictable. She has done little for Didier beyond promoting him on Facebook and Twitter. And her endorsements of Fiorina and McCain -- two candidates in need of strengthening their right flanks -- disappointed conservative activists.

Senate Minority Whip Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) said Palin's endorsement was very helpful to McCain, the 2008 GOP presidential nominee who in recent years has found himself the target of conservatives unappreciative of his willingness to compromise with Democrats on major legislation. Perhaps because of pressure from Hayworth, McCain's bipartisanship has been less on display this cycle.

"I know he appreciated [her endorsement], and she has a strong following in Arizona, so I'm sure that was helpful," Kyl said.

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## Can Republicans' resurgence begin on Eastside?

**State Senate race eyed as key test**

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By **DAN CATCHPOLE**  
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The 45th Legislative District is in some ways a microcosm of Washington. Agriculture dominates its eastern side in Carnation and Duvall. Its western portion in Kirkland and Woodinville is white-collar, middle class, with a fair number of dot-com millionaires.

The state Republican Party wants to retake the district's state Senate seat in its bid to return from near political obscurity in Olympia. Democrats enjoy a 31-18 advantage in the Senate and hold a 61-37 edge in the House. The GOP feels it needs to re-establish itself in Seattle's eastern suburbs, where it used to dominate.

In the 45th, Republican challenger Andy Hill is challenging the incumbent, state Sen. Eric Oemig, D-Kirkland. Both are former Microsoft managers who espouse data--based policymaking. Both candidates are touting public fiscal responsibility, job creation and education reform to voters.

But Hill is criticizing Oemig and the Democrat majority in the Legislature for raising taxes and overturning three initiatives, including Initiative 960, which required a two-thirds majority for the Legislature to raise taxes.

Oemig counters that he did what had to be done to close the state's \$2.8 billion budget gap, and that Hill doesn't offer details for solutions along with his criticisms.

Oemig, 42, was elected in 2006 as part of the Democratic wave that took control of the historically-Republican Eastside that year and in 2008. He beat well-known Republican state House member Toby Nixon for an open seat.

While Oemig focused on issues such as the environment, transportation and education in that race, he's talking about fiscal reform and responsibility this time around. Gone too are proposals for expanding the public sector.

The state needs to adopt long-term spending reforms to redesign Olympia's "book of business," rather than just focusing on short-term cuts, he said. "That's what we've done with drop-out prevention" with low-income children, Oemig said. "What you see there is paying back in the sense of closing a prison, lowering or significantly dropping our (Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration) caseload. Those are huge savings. That's not, can we fire one or two employees or can we cut pay by five or 10 percent. That is shuttering an institution."

But, Oemig acknowledges, those cost savings can take years to materialize.

Olympia's priorities are out of sync with 45th district voters, Hill said. Rather than raise taxes, the Legislature should have cut spending, such as by shuttering the state's public printing office.

"We've got an addiction to spending," he said.

At the same time, Hill has gone after Oemig and the Democratic majority for overturning I-960 and two education

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initiatives, I-728 and I-732, which would have increased the state budget.

The Legislature should have offset them with cuts elsewhere, Hill said. "You're choosing not to pay for one thing and pay for other things."

He is confident his message will resonate with the district's voters. Winning the race will come down to "getting my name and my message out," Hill said.

Sammamish resident Bill Daily shares Hill's concern about the state's fiscal management.

"We're just getting taxed to death," the self-described moderate Republican said when Hill rang his doorbell during a recent campaign walk.

State fiscal policy has been on a rollercoaster in recent years, he said. "I'd rather see more disciplined and level spending and results."

State Republicans are banking on that sentiment carrying their candidates to victory in November and helping the party retake control of the Eastside.

"It's not a matter of having to tell people about esoteric issues. These are issues that are on the forefront for people," State Republican Chairman Luke Esser said.

The Republican Senate Campaign Committee has already launched an anti-Oemig website, Oemig File, which attacks the senator for reckless spending and shortchanging education.

Many liberal and self-proclaimed nonpartisan groups, such as the Sierra Club and NARAL, have lined up behind Oemig's campaign.

The election will be "a referendum on do my people think I made the right choices on their behalf" by cutting some services, keeping others, and raising taxes and other revenue sources to cover the difference, Oemig said.

Eastside Democrats are vulnerable, said Todd Donovan, a political science professor at Western Washington University.

The Eastside has become less conservative, but 2006 and 2008 represented a high-water mark for the Democrats, he said. "The war in Iraq was the No. 1 issue" in 2006.

Overturning I-960 could hurt Democrats in competitive districts, such as the 45th, where it just barely failed to pass.

"I think the political wind is at my back," Hill said.

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## Baker, Ryu and Kagi endorsed in the 32nd District legislative races

WRITING budgets and passing laws in Olympia have their own learning curves, but the process relies on the experience and expertise of the legislators dispatched by voters.

Here are three strong candidates in District 32, which covers northwest King and southwest Snohomish counties, and includes Edmonds, Woodway, Shoreline, Kenmore and Lake Forest Park.

Republican David Baker, mayor of Kenmore, is a solid choice to replace state Sen. Darlene Fairley, who did not seek re-election. Fairley, a Democrat from Lake Forest Park, has served in the Senate since 1995.

Baker has been mayor or deputy mayor for the past seven years. He and the Kenmore City Council have not raised property taxes and even cut the city's utility tax. Kenmore's new City Hall was paid for with savings. Lean government and tight finances require a purposeful effort and skeptical management. Olympia is ready for both.

Baker is running against Democratic state Rep. Maralyn Chase, of Shoreline, and Patty Butler, also a Democrat from Shoreline. Butler served one term in the Legislature 12 years ago. Chase's combative, partisan reputation always precedes her.

Baker's political and budgetary skills, honed close to where voters live, is the best choice.

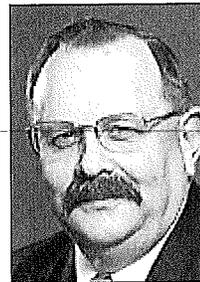
Chase's run for the Senate opens up her Position 1 House seat. Again the endorsement goes to a candidate with substantial local experience on community issues: Democrat Cindy Ryu, a former mayor of Shoreline. Ryu is a small-business owner and former president of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce. She lost re-election to the council in 2009 by roughly 150 votes. Ryu is an advocate for fiscal discipline and bolstering the economy with work-force training.

The other candidates include Republican Art Coday, of Shoreline, who withdrew from the U.S. Senate race when Dino Rossi declared his candidacy. Also on the ballot is Democrat Doris Fujioka McConnell, who serves on the Shoreline City Council and has a laudable civic résumé. Coday, a medical doctor, is a blank slate with voters.

In the race for Position 2, incumbent Democratic state Rep. Ruth Kagi is the only choice. Kagi, who chairs the Early Learning and Children's Services Committee, is an outstanding legislator. She has developed respected expertise on issues related to the education and care of Washington's youngest citizens.



Cindy Ryu



David Baker



Rep. Ruth Kagi

Her advice and leadership on tough budget choices, especially for the state's most vulnerable populations, could not be more timely or valuable. Republican challenger Gary Gagliardi and Democrat Stan Lippmann are not credible options.

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# Secretary Reed forecasts 38 percent primary turnout

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## News Release

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OLYMPIA – Secretary of State Sam Reed on Friday forecast a 38 percent voter turnout for the 2010 mid-term Washington state primary now underway.

Ballots have gone out to nearly all of the 3.59 million registered voters. They may be filled out and returned right away or voters can hold onto them until closer to the Aug. 17 postmark deadline.

Reed, the state's chief elections officer, noted that the average of the last seven even-year non-presidential year primaries is 34 percent. The turnout four years ago, the last comparable year, was 38 percent, and Reed said the state should at least match that this year.

"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.

"While a minority of our voters will be deciding our November finalists -- and I really secretly hope that we'll get into the 40s -- I'll predict a reasonably strong 38 percent and just hope it's even better."

State Elections Director Nick Handy said the forecast is "at the top of the historic range" for mid-term elections, but can be achieved.

"There are many upward factors," Handy said. "A number of voters are being energized by the Tea Party movement, or reaction to it. There is general unrest about government and we hear national reports of anti-incumbency.

"The Senate race is certainly a big draw, particularly now that it is on the national watchlists, and there are many great races all around the state.

"Two other things that should help turnout: First, we will again be using the Top 2 Primary, which is quite popular with voters and allows everyone to participate and vote for their favorite in every single race, without regard to a party label.

"And secondly, nearly all of us will be voting by mail, and that has tended to improve turnout, since it is so convenient and voters will have a period of several weeks to consider their choices, study up on the issues and cast their ballots."

Populous King County still had poll-site voting back in the last comparable mid-term primary, 2006. Today, every county except for Pierce has switched entirely to vote-by-mail, and most Pierce voters have signed up for mail voting.

Reed and Handy noted that the primary, recently adopted by California voters, will not produce nominees for the

two major parties, but rather voters will winnow the field for each office to two finalists. Typically, that will be a prefers-Democratic Party and a prefers-Republican, but in some districts, voters may be two finalists with the same party preference. Minor party candidates are also taking part in the Top 2 process and in some cases, could advance.

For a full explanation of the system, you can visit <http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/Top2PrimaryFAQ.aspx>

Voters can find [MyVote](#), the [online voters' guide](#), a link to [TVW's video voters' guide](#) by visiting [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)

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## Ballots in the mail for Aug. 17 primary election

By **[DEAN RADFORD](#)**  
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Ballots for the Aug. 17 primary election are appearing in the mailboxes of 1.1 million registered voters in King County.

Ballots in the all-mail election must be postmarked no later than Aug. 17 – the election day – to count. The [top two vote-getters](#), regardless of political affiliation, will advance to the Nov. 2 general election.

For Renton voters, the election is really about races in five legislative districts. There are no races for elected city officials.

In "partisan" races, political affiliations, such as Democrat, Republican or independent, are listed as a preference under the top-two primary rules.

Non-partisan races, such as those for judge, will only appear on the primary election ballot if there are three or

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candidates.

The primary also will narrow the field to two in some hotly contested congressional races, including the seats held by U.S. Sen. Patty Murray and by U.S. Rep. Dave Reichert, who represents part of Renton.

Five legislative districts cover Renton: the 5th, the 11th, the 37th, the 41st and the 47th.

Most of the partisan races only have two candidates, which means both will advance to the general election in the top-two primary format. The races are on the ballot to allow for write-in votes.

For example, in the 41st District House Position 1 race, incumbent Marcie Maxwell of Renton is challenged Peter Dunbar of Mercer Island.

Three Renton legislative districts have races with three candidates, which means someone won't make it to the general election. They are:

- 5th District, House Position 2: David Spring (Democrat), Dean Willard (Democrat) and incumbent Glenn Anderson, (Republican).
- 41st District, House Position 2: Stephen Strader (Republican), Orion S. Webster (independent) and incumbent Judy Clibborn (Democratic).
- 47th District, House Position 1: Nancy Wyatt (Republican), Geoff Simpson (Democratic) and Mark Hargrove (Republican).

Voters can confirm that their ballot was mailed and see its progress online using the [ballot tracker system](#) on the King County Elections website.

“Voting begins the day you get your ballot in the mail” said Sherril Huff, King County Elections director. “Ballots must be returned no later than Election Day on Aug. 17, and our office is here to help, so be an informed voter and visit us online, call or stop by to get your questions answered.”

Ballots can be returned by mail, requiring a first-class stamp and must be postmarked no later than Aug. 17. Ballots may also be returned at a ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on Aug. 17. Ballot drop boxes are located at the King County Elections Office in Tukwila and in downtown Seattle at the King County Administration Building.

Tips for voting from the county:

- Read the entire ballot front to back and top to bottom before voting
- Read the voters' pamphlet
- Use a blue or black ink pen to fill out the ballot
- Tear the stub off of the top of the ballot
- Sign the back of the envelope using your official signature

Voters with disabilities can cast a private and independent ballot at three accessible voting centers. In-person accessible voting has begun at King County Elections Tukwila office. Seattle and Bellevue locations will open on Aug. 16.

Voters can visit the elections website, [www.kingcounty.gov/elections](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections) or call the elections office 206-296-VOTE for <http://www.printthis.clickability.com/pt/cpt?action=cpt&title=Ballots+in+the+mail+for+Aug.+17+primar...> 8/11/2010

assistance and information. More information on the August 17 primary election is available on the Elections website.

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## Troubled times ahead for state Rep. Geoff Simpson

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By DENNIS BOX  
COVINGTON REPORTER

State Rep. Geoff Simpson is facing a high-wall of legal problems in his personal life as he attempts to mount another campaign for his legislative seat in his public life.

The legal troubles for Simpson became a criminal issue when the Seattle City Attorney's office filed charges against him for gross misdemeanor assault, stemming from an alleged domestic violence incident that occurred at Seattle Children's Hospital May 22.

Simpson, a Democrat, has served for 10 years in the state House representing the 47th District and was a member of the Covington City Council prior to being elected to the Legislature. He has worked as a firefighter and emergency medical technician for the Kent Fire Department for the past 25 years and lives in Covington.

The representative is being challenged by two Republicans, Nancy Wyatt and Mark Hargrove, in the Aug. 17 primary. The state's top two primary system means the two candidates with the most votes advance to the Nov. 2 general election regardless of party affiliation.

### The charge

The May 22 incident centered on Simpson's 12-year-old daughter who was in Children's recovering from surgery. The surgery occurred May 19.

Simpson and his ex-wife were married for 25 years. Divorce proceeding began in 2005 and became final in 2008. King County Superior Court documents point to a stormy relationship with the most recent disagreements including the course of the medical treatment for the daughter.

According to a Seattle Police Department report, the daughter was upset about a voice mail message Simpson played in front of her. The message was from his ex-wife.

The police report noted the daughter, "...asked that he not return to visit her while she is in the hospital."

The report detailed the following in a statement from his ex-wife: that Simpson entered the hospital at about 1 p.m. May 22 and went to the daughter's room; that Simpson's ex-wife tried to stop him and he "pushed her out of the way and back into the room;" that his ex-wife told him he needed to leave and Simpson refused; and that Simpson "pushed her out of the room and used the door to force her all the way out."

In the report the ex-wife stated Simpson "barricaded the door and shut the blinds."

A social worker for Children's described the incident as the ex-wife did, according to the police report.

The social worker said she saw Simpson "barrel" into the room, push his ex-wife out, shut the door, close the blinds

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and barricade himself in the room. The social worker reported Simpson could be heard yelling inside the room.

According to the police report, Simpson emerged after a few minutes and refused to surrender his "ID/Lanyard" to the Children's security officer. The lanyard granted him access to the hospital.

The Seattle police officer called to the scene wrote in the report he "completed a trespass card" on Simpson "to be put on file."

The police report was forwarded to the Seattle City Attorney and assault charges were filed July 8. The preliminary hearing is set for 2:30 p.m. July 26.

According to spokeswoman Kimberly Mills of the city attorney's office, a gross misdemeanor is punishable by up to 365 days in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

Simpson's ex-wife filed a temporary order for protection May 27 in King County Superior Court, which was granted. At a June 10 hearing the order was extended to July 29 when the two are scheduled for a hearing in family court.

## The declaration

Simpson responded to the incident at Children's in a declaration to the Superior Court stating his ex-wife refused to let him talk to their daughter while she was in the hospital. "I was met at the door by Petitioner who grabbed my arm and tried to pull me from the room," Simpson stated. "I pulled my arm away from Petitioner who stumbled backward a few steps, remaining on her feet. Petitioner then left the room and I shut the door behind her."

In the declaration Simpson stated he had a "short and calm conversation with our daughter while standing at the door."

During a phone interview July 8, Simpson said May 22 was his court-appointed day to see his daughter.

In a July 8 press release Simpson stated, "If there were any truth in the accusations made against me, I would immediately resign my seat in the legislature. I believe strongly that there is no excuse for domestic violence and our system should always err on the side of protecting victims. Unfortunately, I also know that the system can be misused."

During a phone interview Tuesday, July 13, Simpson said if he is found guilty of the charges he will resign his seat.

Simpson said he is not guilty, "I absolutely believe what I said (in the release)."

## Past legal hurdles

Simpson previously faced fourth-degree assault charges stemming from an April 2008 domestic violence incident involving his ex-wife. The charges were dropped without prejudice and a no-contact order was recalled. Covington Prosecutor Thomas Hargan wrote in the motion, "the City no longer believes it has sufficient evidence to go forward with the charges herein."

Charges dropped without prejudice can be filed again at a later date.

During a July 3 phone interview Simpson stated, "Every two years she (his ex-wife) tries to get more money during (an) election. She was asking for more money."

Simpson also stated his belief that anyone can take a temporary protection order or restraining order out against another person.

"I can go tomorrow and get a restraining order against you," Simpson said during the phone interview. He stated he could get the restraining order for phone harassment.

During the July 8 phone interview, Simpson stated he could get a restraining order with "no questions asked" and it could be weeks later before there would be a hearing on the matter.

When asked if he intended to change the laws on protection orders if re-elected, Simpson stated, "I've got more important things to do than mess around with these laws. I still support our domestic violence laws."

Simpson said his ex-wife "continually threatens me. The documents show all past violations have been dismissed."

When asked if he felt any responsibility, he said, "I take responsibility for not understanding what I've already been through and not to be anywhere near her."

Simpson said, "I committed the sin of visiting my daughter who just had surgery."

## Protection order

In seeking a protection order, Simpson's ex-wife said he had assaulted her at Children's and she is, "...afraid for my safety and the safety of our children. Given the extreme nature of Mr. Simpson's threats while in a very public setting as well as a history of previous violence and arrest, I am concerned about what may happen once our daughter and I are home and not under the watchful eye of Children's Hospital."

Simpson stated in his superior court declaration, "Despite the Petitioner's allegations, many of which have already been disposed of by this court in previous proceedings, I am not and have never been a threat to our children or anyone else."

### Simpson Police Report

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Statement of Rep. Geoff Simpson

If there were any truth in the accusations made against me, I would have already resign my seat in the legislature. I believe strongly that there is no excuse for domestic violence and our system should always put the risk of protecting victims. Unfortunately, I do know that the system can be revised.

In 2004, after considerable and very difficult negotiation, I decided to end my 22 year marriage. That decision began an extremely difficult cycle of false and outrageous allegations being made against me for various reasons in the divorce settlement was violated in a number of ways. I have been charged with 13 different crimes in the past few years. Some have been determined to be unfounded or dismissed here and again.

I sincerely apologize to my constituents and especially my children that I see them continue to risk their safety and my 16 year old daughter's safety. This kind of an experience would not keep my family from being able to move forward. I have proudly spent my life protecting the interests of my community as a 27 year firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician and serving as a city council member and state representative in Everett before that.

I work very hard to represent our community with integrity and as often as I can do what is right to do. The people of the state legislature deserve someone who will stand for what is right even in the face of extreme odds.

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# Congressional races in Pierce County

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Over the last ten years, Pierce County has been split into three different Congressional Distrctics. In the 6th District, Norm Dicks (D-Bremerton) has been in Congress for over thirty years representing the western part of Pierce County as well as the Olympic Peninsula. Dicks has generally not seen serious challenges to his re-election. Frequently, he has carried his district with 65+% of the vote without breaking a sweat. This year, Dicks has two Republican opponents, Doug Cloud (Gig Harbor) and Jesse Young (Tacoma). Cloud and Young are conducting yard sign campaigns, making campaign appearances throughout the district, and debating each other. In some areas of the district, there are both Cloud and Young signs, but no Dicks signs. The Republicans are behaving as if being Dicks' opponent in November is a worthwhile opportunity.

The August top two primary will give the Republicans a progress report on their efforts to topple Dicks. If Dicks receives over 60% of the August primary vote as usual, then the Republican survivor will be just another sacrificial lamb in November. However, with two Republicans contesting the primary, many voters may decide to voice their opinion between Cloud and Young. Particularly, important will be the votes on the Olympic Peninsula. Any Republican seeking to defeat Dicks in November must carry this part of the district. How will the Republicans do there? To be perceived to stand a chance of defeating Dicks in November, the combined Republican vote in this area must be well over 45% in the primary.

The 9th Congressional District contains parts of King, Pierce and Thurston counties. Adam Smith (D-Tacoma) has been cruising to re-election in recent years, but this year looks very different. Republicans Dick Muri and Jim Postma as well as Roy Olson of the Green Party have signed up to run against Smith. Muri is a current member of the Pierce County Council and is running a vigorous grassroots campaign. Smith voted in favor of the government take-over health care bill. Muri has come out in opposition to Smith on this and many other issues. A recent poll showed Muri and Smith running neck and neck amongst primary voters. If the results in August are similar to the poll expect Muri to be able to raise significant money to go for the win in November. The primary is an important progress report for Muri and Smith. It is possible that Smith will be held under 50% of the primary vote. If that happens, Muri supporters will be energized in the belief their man can win in November.

The 8th Congressional District is primarily in King County, but also includes a small part of northeast Pierce County. Dave Reichart has represented this district for three terms now. Each election he has faced significant opposition. Each election he has squeaked through. This year is no different. Reichart has eight opponents (four Democrats, two Republicans, one with no party preference and one prefers the Independent Party) in the primary. Reichart's best financed opponent is Democrat Suzan DelBene.

Many people have been talking about this year being a Republican year. If that is true, Reichart should receive over 50% of the primary vote and have an easier time in November than in years past.

Looking at the Congressional races in Pierce County, the competition seems far more vigorous than any recent election. The August primary will be telling.

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July 18, 2010

## U.S. Senate

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Paul Akers

To allow readers to compare and contrast the main candidates for the U.S. Senate on several issues, The Spokesman-Review asked the three main Republican challengers and the incumbent Democrat the same five questions:

- What changes, if any, would you support for the health care reform that passed this year?
- What's the most important step you'd take to reduce the federal deficit?
- What changes, if any, would you propose for the war in Afghanistan?

- What's the most important thing Congress should do to improve the economy?
- Should any or all of the Bush tax cuts be extended?

Here are their answers:

### Paul Akers

50, Bellingham, inventor, owner of FastCap woodworking products company, Republican, first run for office. Campaign website: [www.akersforussenate.com](http://www.akersforussenate.com); campaign phone: (360) 961-4551.

- **Health care reform:** "It needs to be repealed; it's an utter disaster. The free market is the best system. We have had the best health care in the world. It needs to be more competitive, allow people to purchase insurance across state lines, one line, with (a site) like Expedia." Also wants tort reform and "lean strategy" for health care industry to cut costs.
- **Deficit:** "Cut taxes by 10 percent, cut spending by 10 percent for three consecutive years, and implement a lean strategy for government."
- **Afghanistan:** "The No. 1 thing needed for us to win is time. The counterinsurgency strategy requires winning the hearts and minds of the people. Gen. Petraeus is a brilliant man, and I'm confident in his ability."
- **Economy:** "The No. 1 thing that creates jobs is when you attract investment, but capital is sitting on the sidelines because of uncertainty over taxes, health care and fiscal policy. Congress needs to get their fiscal house in order, lower taxes and lessen the regulatory climate."
- **Bush tax cuts:** "They should not be repealed because tax cuts create incentives to

enter the marketplace.”

**Clint Didier**

51, Eltopia, farmer, high school football coach, former pro football player, Republican, first run for office. Campaign website: clintdidier.org; campaign phone: (509) 297-4600.

- **Health care reform:** “I would really like to repeal it. This is a states’ rights issue. We need a more competitive arena for insurance companies across state lines. Tort reform definitely has to be part of the medical care solution. We need to encourage more people to go into the medical arena.”
- **Deficit:** “Quit government spending. One of the first bills I want to introduce is Congress doesn’t get paid unless they balance the budget. We’ve got to have some fiscally responsible spending.”
- **Afghanistan:** “We need a clear-cut plan for victory, and then an exit, and from then on, you just don’t go dabbling in other countries’ affairs. If we go to war, Congress must declare it. We need a safe exit, so that all our military personnel can get out. Give the commanders what they want, then, no holds barred, we go in there to win and get out.”
- **Economy:** “Take off these burdensome regulations on the private sector, or at least reduce them down. ... Also cut fees, licenses and permits. All are big deterrents for our businesses to grow and create jobs.”
- **Bush tax cuts:** “They should all be retained and extended, and then we need to downsize government back to what our founders intended, with limited size and scope.”

**Patty Murray**

60, Shoreline, former teacher, state senator, currently in third term in U.S. Senate where she’s a member of the Budget and Appropriations committees, Democrat. Campaign website: www.pattymurray.com; campaign phone: (206) 286-9199.

- **Health care reform:** She voted for it and said while no legislation is perfect, this one is working to lower costs, cover more children and keep seniors from falling into the “doughnut hole” on Medicare. “We need to watch to make sure that as it’s implemented, unforeseen problems don’t occur.” That includes making sure students are able to get into medical school.
- **Deficit:** “We got here by having two wars waged off-budget, the Bush tax cuts and Part D Medicare all not paid for, and a financial collapse.” She says all of those things will have to be placed on “pay as you go” in a budget plan that looks at all sides, investments as well as cuts.
- **Afghanistan:** “I want to see progress. We have to provide our service members with the best equipment and training. I have several questions about our strategy. The administration needs to define for us what progress is. Our enemy is the terrorists, and we have to go after them.”
- **Economy:** “Make sure we are focused on getting credit moving again for small business – we’ve focused far too much on Wall Street.”
- **Bush tax cuts:** “They have to be paid for. I’ll focus on tax cuts for the middle-class families (a permanent state sales tax deduction, first-time homebuyer credits, incentives

for biofuels) rather than on the wealthy.”

**Dino Rossi**

50, Sammamish, former state senator, commercial real estate partner, Republican, third statewide run for office. Campaign website: [www.dinorossi.com](http://www.dinorossi.com); campaign phone: (425) 451-2010.

- **Health care reform** : “It needs to be replaced. It was more of a tax-and-spend bill with a little health care in it. It’s going to kill tens of thousands of jobs across the state. We should replace it with a system to buy insurance across state lines, real lawsuit reform and health savings accounts.”
- **Deficit**: “We have to reduce spending.” He would apply unspent money from the Troubled Asset Relief Program and the stimulus legislation to the deficit, freeze federal salaries for a year, and only hire one federal employee for every two who leave.
- **Afghanistan**: “We need to make sure the troops on the ground have all the tools they need to be successful ... and come home safely.”
- **Economy**: “First off, do no harm. It’s the degree of uncertainty from the federal level that’s bothering business owners. People are hunkering down, and that’s not going to make the economy grow. You need moderate taxation with predictable regulation.”
- **Bush tax cuts**: “Retain them. If they’re not reinstated, that’s a tax increase, and that gets back to that uncertainty that keeps the economy from growing and expanding.”

**Other candidates**

The ballot has a total of 15 candidates running for Senate. A few of the remaining 11 – four Democrats, three Republicans, one Reformer, one Centrist and two without any party preference – may harbor faint hopes that somehow they get one of the spots to move from the top-two primary to the general, and from there land in the Senate for a six-year term, annual pay of \$174,000 and benefits.

But most are in it to highlight a particular cause or issue, or as an annual exercise in participatory democracy. Also on the primary ballot for U.S. Senate are:

**Norma Gruber**, of Walla Walla, a retired bank worker running as a Republican.

**Mohammad Said**, of Ephrata, a physician running for the Centrist Party.

**Goodspaceguy**, of Seattle, who supports space colonization, running as a Democrat.

**Mike The Mover**, of Mill Creek, a moving company owner running as a Democrat.

**Mike Latimer**, of Des Moines, who wants the nation to return to God, running as a Republican.

**James Mercer**, of Bellevue, a physicist and University of Washington professor, running with no party preference.

**Schalk Leonard**, of Poulsbo, a retired Navy judge advocate general, running with no party preference.

**Bob Burr**, of Bellingham, a retired insurance executive, running as a Democrat.

**William Chovil**, of Tacoma, a retired postal worker, running as a Republican.

**Charles Allen**, of Seattle, a health care administrator, running as a Democrat.

**Will Baker**, of Tacoma, a government activist, running for the Reform Party.

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