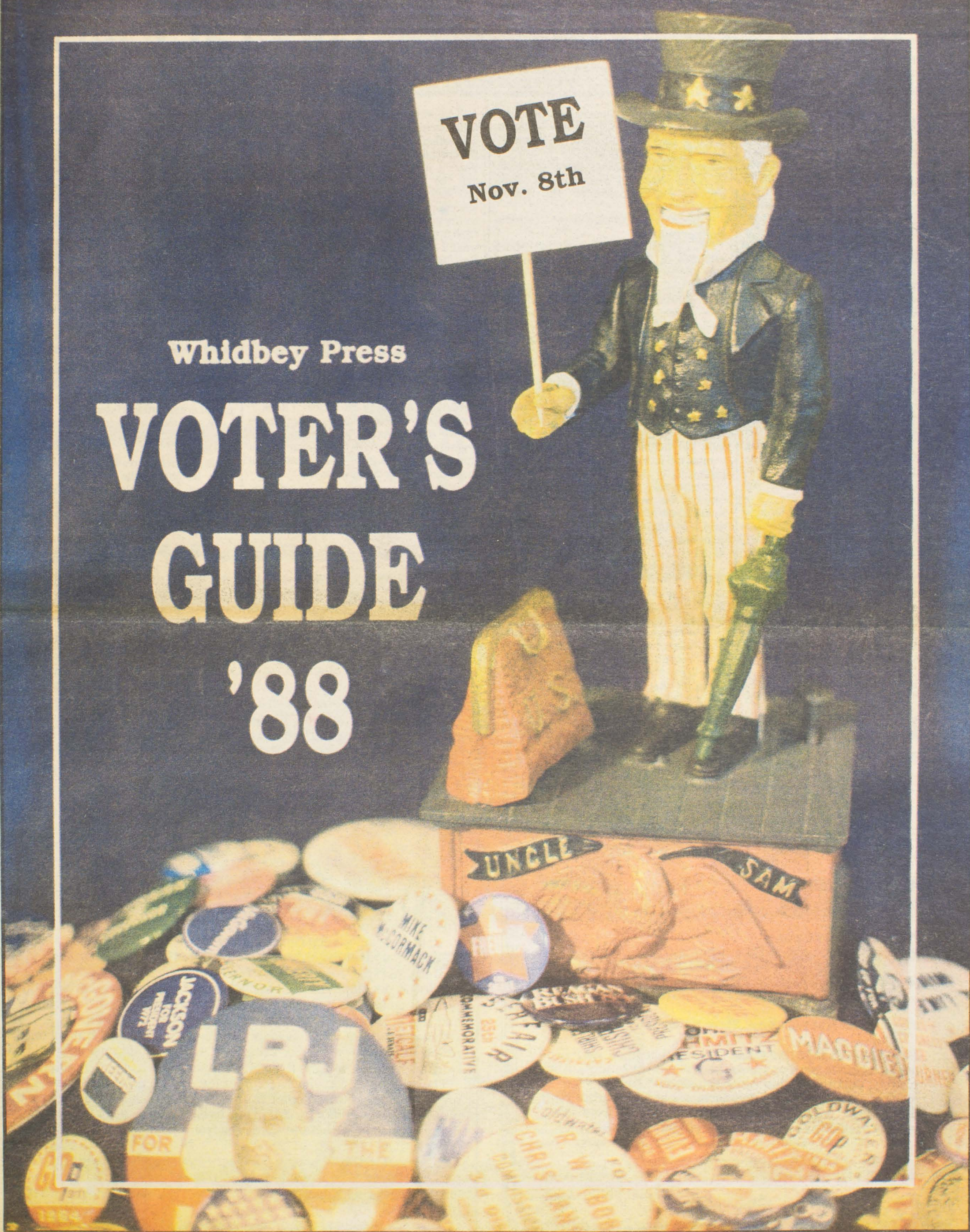


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# VOTER'S GUIDE '88







By Steve Berentson  
Special Projects Editor

In contrast to the biting rhetoric that has often been heard in presidential politics, Island County's top "party bosses" express themselves without denouncing the opposition. This fact, reports Democrat party chairman George Wyse, is no accident. He and Republican chairman Andy Pringle agreed even before the '88 campaign began in earnest that they would do everything they could to steer away from personal attacks among local candidates.

As far as Wyse is concerned — and his partisan roots trace to his childhood days in Montana — campaigns at the city and county levels should be non-partisan.

"I can't see splitting a small community, when you have to choose between two neighbors like this," he said. With a non-partisan race like the Superior Court judge's race, he said, "that hard wound isn't there" after a winner has been announced.

Pringle doesn't agree with Wyse's non-partisan philosophy on local politics, citing the need for a system that is organized to help candidates. But he shares his Democrat counterpart's respect for the American political system.

Pringle, who was also raised in an avid Democrat family, tells the story of his wife's uncle, the late U.S. Rep. Winfield K. Denton. This southern Indiana Democrat, he recalls, would never criticize members of the Republican party — at least publicly.

"You don't see that relationship now," he said. "But I have faith in the system and the American people. We'll come back to those kindnesses."

Even though their political exchanges are cordial, Wyse and Pringle do have clear differences of opinion.

Wyse, a self-described "breastfed Democrat," spent 25 years as head of the

King County Parks Department. His first taste of success as a political activist was as a young man when Franklin D. Roosevelt ran against Herbert Hoover.

Wyse takes pride in his career successes as parks executive, regardless of which political party controlled the county executive's office.

Some of his observations on the wonderful world of politics:

— "I've gotten so I haven't paid much attention to the polls, really. I think the silent majority is going to let us know on the eighth (of November) who was really getting through to us and who wasn't."

— "Being an independent is fine as a feeling — but what have you got to stand on? Choosing a party doesn't mean you can't vote independently when you're in the voting booth."

— "The idea of independence is a fallacy. Very few of us can attain that kind of independence through wealth. The rest of us must work together."

— "As county chairman you try to deal with all factions to finish the election. I compare it to crossing a mill pond without falling in."

Pringle was also raised in a Democrat family. His father was a marine communications man at the docks in Seattle. He was a strong union man during years of sometimes violent clashes on West Coast docks.

Pringle, who enthusiastically supported John F. Kennedy, served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. It was during Lyndon B. Johnson's administration that he became a Republican.

Pringle is still bitter about Johnson and a political system that told America the war was "winnable, honorable and affordable." He claims the country is still paying the price for that war and Johnson's "Great Society" programs.

"I became terribly disillusioned with the self-interest groups that had a dramatic stagnation on the effectiveness of the Democratic party," he said. "Through the years I found that Republican candidates and the general platform (of the GOP) provided the kind of government and leadership that would keep our country competitive and growing. In the '60s I looked to the Democrats and couldn't find what I was looking for. I found it in the Republican Party."

Pringle also has a variety of observations about the American political system, including the following:

— "I think both George Bush and Mike Dukakis are obviously good men, quality people. But I do think there is a dramatic difference between what would be offered to the legislative branch by the two administrations. Their economic views are quite different, nationally and internationally — the choice is clear, I think."

— "The two party system is a mechanism for we Americans to have some sense of organization. How are you going to get things done if you don't have some sort of mechanism to get things going?"

— On the subject of young Americans who balk at the idea of declaring affiliation with a political party: "Sooner or later they will

aspire to leadership of this nation — and they will have to go one way or the other."

— "Party leadership is not easy at all. There are 59 precincts in Island County, for example. In 16 precincts there wasn't even a citizen who would file to be on the ballot (as Republican precinct committee person)."

Both Pringle and Wyse are confident about this nation's future, regardless of next week's election outcome.

Wyse looks forward to his generation's role as "manager-coach," of "setting up a team" to achieve new goals for American society.

He tells others his age who shrink at the idea of political involvement: "If you don't do something, what do you think this thing is going to look like even before you die?"

Pringle concedes political extremists in the Republican party pose the same kind of threat as those in the Democrat party pose to that organization's future.

He sees today's atmosphere of American politics as "a cycle of a free society," however.

"Our society is resilient. I don't perceive it to be bad in the long run. The word 'change' is psychologically difficult — it often means going some direction we have not necessarily decided to go."

## Voice your opinion

By Fred Obee  
Editor, Whidbey News-Times

Once in my college days, while sweeping the floor of a department store for book money, I had the real pleasure of sharing the late nights with a man who honed his perceptions during the great Depression. Struggling through those lean times endowed him with an ingrained pragmatism and a solid belief in hard work. He was sincerely grateful for the chance to push that dust broom up one aisle and down the other. "There is honor in work, any work," he would remind me from time to time.

Once, while we sat during a break from scraping gum and polishing linoleum, he told how he would evaluate towns as he clattered by them on freight trains.

"I'd look out at 'em," he said, his eyes narrowing, his two fingers pointing at an imaginary town, "and if there were more steeples than smokestacks, I'd stay on the train."

He was a man of devout faith. His comment in no way was a criticism of religion. It was instead a simple code for survival pressed on him by an economy that had crashed around him.

All of us develop such codes and beliefs. The way we grow up, the kinds of friends we find, our fortunes and misfortunes all combine to shape perspectives. Bankers follow interest rates, teachers eye childhood development, scientists see the future in research projects, shop owners gauge success in the narrow margins of profit, overhead and loss.

Together, these views become our combined wisdom and vision. And like that co-worker of mine, the way we judge needs in the world is forged from the fires of personal experience and belief.

The casting of a ballot is Democracy's most potent tool for expressing that combined opinion. In one punch with a stylus, we express beliefs built day by day in our lives. To choose not to vote, as many do, skews the balance and robs from the final tally important perspectives.

Don't waste this opportunity. Every belief and thought and experience must be represented in the general election voting or the whole process, with each uncast ballot, will fall a little short of what it should be.

Please vote Nov. 8. Your voice is needed.

## ELECTION '88

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# Heck vs. Billings

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By Gretchen Young  
Staff reporter

Two highly educated, experienced candidates are vying for the state's Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) position: former teacher and administrator Judith Billings and four-term ex-legislator Denny Heck. Both candidates agree Washington's school system is in desperate need of repair.

Each candidate notes that Washington schools ranked ninth in student achievement in the nation 10 years ago. Today they are twentieth. With a class-size ratio of 30-to-1, the state's overcrowded rooms rank 47th in the nation, according to the National Education Association and the U.S. Department of Education. The state's SPI's office reports that teachers' salaries have dropped

to 15th in the nation.

Today more than one out of every four Washington students fails to finish high school.

After 16 years, incumbent Superintendent of Public Instruction Frank "Buster" Brouillet is passing on a job that administers 47 percent of the state general fund budget, oversees the education of almost 800,000 students and provides leadership for a statewide staff of about 70,000.

"Nobody is more centrally located than the SPI," says Rick Shulte, assistant superintendent of the Oak Harbor School District. "A superintendent of public instruction has to be a politician but also has to be an educational leader."

This race is the only statewide non-partisan race.

Heck, 35, served four terms as a House representative, during which he served prominently on the House Education Committee and was elected Minority and Majority Floor Leader. He also spent a year as an administrative assistant to the Evergreen School District superintendent and worked as a research analyst for the House Education Committee.

Heck, who is married to a middle school vice principal, received a liberal arts degree from The Evergreen State College and pursued graduate work in political science, with an emphasis on statistics.

## Heck cites action plan

Heck claims he has the ability to bring people together and can translate the concerns of parents and educators into action.

He promises to bring "new blood" to one of the state's most powerful offices.

On the other hand, Billings' resume encompasses 24 years of commitment to education, including 13 years as a teacher and nine years as state director of the federally funded Chapter One program for educationally disadvantaged children.

Billings also served as a legislative specialist for a Congressional education committee responsible for shaping this year's federal education bill.

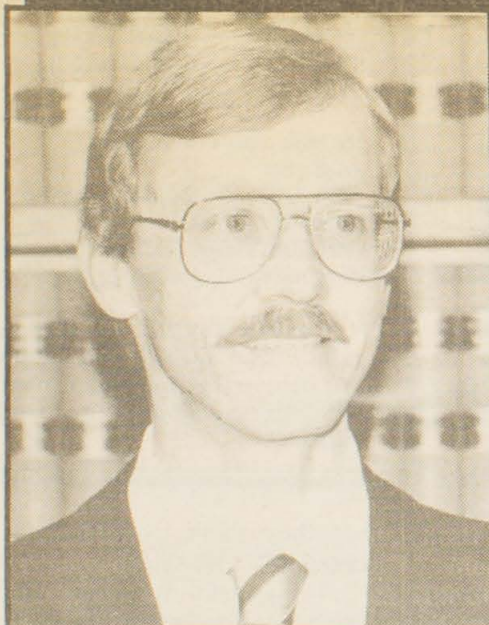
Billings, 49, received a B.A. in education, an M.A. in communications and earned a law degree from the University of Puget Sound in 1987.

Addressing the needs of "at-risk" children, reducing class sizes and teaching (Please turn to page 7)

## ALAN HANCOCK FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

"Hancock is apparent winner in judge's race even though ballot will carry two names."

Whidbey News-Times, October 5, 1988



"I wish to thank you, the citizens of Island and San Juan Counties, for your strong support in the primary election. A judge's decisions have profound effects on people's lives, and I shall always be mindful of this fact in serving you as Superior Court Judge. Every person, every case, and every issue is important to me. I ask for your continued support and your vote on November 8, and pledge to carry out my judicial duties with the utmost fairness, honesty, and impartiality."

Alan Hancock

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Whidbey News-Times,  
September 7, 1988

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The Journal of the  
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Dave Workman, Fishing & Hunting News

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Joan Houchen, former legislator

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By Keven Graves  
Staff reporter

Election year "noise" costs money, so it is not surprising that the race between state Rep. Sim Wilson (R-Marysville) and Juanita Wagner (D-Camano Island) has been quiet. Wagner, challenger to the incumbent, is financing her campaign entirely from her own pocket. Wilson, a long-time incumbent, draws from a campaign account fattened in anticipation of another campaign against Democrat Keith Wilson.

Not only has she turned her back on traditional campaign financing methods, challenger Wagner refuses to make direct attacks on Wilson or his record.



**NAME:** Sim Wilson  
**AGE:** 61  
**RESIDENCE:** Marysville  
**PARTY:** Republican  
**OCCUPATION:** Publisher of the Marysville Globe and Arlington Times; incumbent state representative

"I don't see any real sentiment for tax reform. An income tax, isn't acceptable - personally, I'm not going to help it any."

"I think a fair share of the problem in school districts is (inability to) discipline.

For his part, Wilson claims he doesn't know enough about his opponent to be critical of her. Rather than being a "personality contest," Wilson said, "It's a philosophical campaign."

Tax reform, education and the environment are among the issues both candidates have focused on in the course of their campaigns.

"There's no indication of a hard-hitting campaign on my part or on my present voting records," said Wilson, who is seeking his ninth two-year term in the House.

"I prefer to run 'for' rather than 'against,'" Wagner responds, 'for' the position rather than 'against' the individual.

Because she had neither accepted or spent any campaign contributions as of Sept. 15, Wagner admittedly has a wall of obstacles to overcome in her bid to represent this district. She is running a bare-bones campaign financed with her own money.

Meanwhile, as of Sept. 2, according to information supplied by the state Public Disclosure Commission, Wilson has received more than \$11,500 in campaign contributions and has spent approximately \$1,360 of that amount.

**Wagner runs bare-bones campaign**

While she concedes money is crucial to reaching the voters with a campaign, Wagner said she believes it's not money that wins elections, but the votes.

A differing view is given by Wilson. To illustrate the importance of money in a political campaign, he cites the primary contest between Wagner and the two other

Democrats who were seeking to oppose him in next week's general election.

Wagner won the primary, Wilson suggests, because she advertised more than the other candidates.

The reason political campaigns cost so much, Wilson said, is simply because "you have to get your name out there."

While he was financially prepared for a tough battle against 1986 challenger Keith Wilson, that rematch didn't materialize. Keith Wilson shifted his sights to incumbent Jack Metcalf (R-Langley) in a heated race for the state Senate.

Sim Wilson has spent relatively little in his campaign against Wagner.

"I put out a mailing before the primary and it was the only thing I did," Wilson noted. He said he will likely do the same just before the general election.

Wilson wouldn't give an opinion on Wagner's chances of winning the election, but he praised her for giving voters an alternative.

"I think it's always notable that a person will put themselves forward regardless of



**NAME:** Juanita Wagner  
**AGE:** 68  
**RESIDENCE:** Camano Island  
**PARTY:** Democrat  
**OCCUPATION:** Retired educator and chemist

"I prefer to run for (the position) rather than against (the incumbent)."

"I believe responsible members of the legislature are going to have to face tax reform."

what they think their chances of getting elected are," he said.

To bring visibility to her campaign in the remaining days before the election, Wagner is meeting frequently with small, politically active groups. Last week in Oak Harbor she addressed retired educators from Skagit, Island and San Juan counties.

**Diversified background**

Wagner said she believes her diversified background in science, education and law would make her a valuable asset in the House.

Wagner, 68, has served on the school board in Pullman and taught at Washington State University. In 1983 she graduated from the University of Washington Law School, but she has yet to pass the bar exam. She has a degree in chemistry and has conducted studies of pesticides for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

On the subject of legislative initiatives, Wagner maintains: "I believe responsible members of the legislature are going to have to face tax reform. But I also oppose putting on an income tax without tax reform."

Wagner said she would support creation of a state income tax in the wake of tax

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reform.

The state's business and occupation (B & O) tax is unfair to fledgling businesses, she suggests, and because education is funded by property taxes, both schools and taxpayers lose.

"People lose their homes or they vote down school levies because they can't afford more property taxes," she said, claiming most education ills could be cured if a state income tax was adopted.

By making education a budget item funded under a state income tax, she said, funding for schools would be more equitable and reliable.

"If you had a fair and equitable tax system," Wagner said, "I believe long-range planning would be more possible."

#### Legislator publishes newspapers

Wilson, 61, is publisher of the Marysville Globe and the Arlington Times.

Having served 16 years in the House already, Wilson took issue with partisan charges he is a "lazy legislator." The remark was made by Vince Tomaso, a Clinton Democrat who opposed Wagner in the primary.

"He doesn't know what he's talking about," Wilson rebutted, citing his work on legislation that prevented excessive fare increases for users of state ferries.

"I frankly resent being called lazy when I work on things like that," he said.

On the issue of tax reform and creating a state income tax, Wilson said that because of voters' overwhelming rejection of an income tax proposal several years ago, he is unwilling to support any new attempt to create an income tax.

"I don't see any real sentiment for tax reform," he said, suggesting voter acceptance is crucial to reforming the tax system. "An income tax isn't very acceptable," he

said. "Personally, I'm not going to help it any."

Wilson said he too believes the B & O tax is unfair, calling it "a nuisance tax."

On the issue of education, Wilson said, "There's never enough money." But, he asks rhetorically, "Where is the money going to come from?"

"Our system, by and large, is not that bad," he said. "I think a fair share of the problems in school districts is discipline."

Many of the social problems currently being handled by schools should be turned over to the Department of Social and Health Services, he said, making more money available for the classroom.

Wagner and Wilson agree branch campuses being established by state and regional universities are threatening to chip away at smaller community colleges.

California's system of having one university with branches situated throughout the state is a system Washington State should be using, Wagner said, rather than having various state colleges competing for funding.

The candidates also share similar views on giving counties more authority over approving the location of aquaculture businesses.

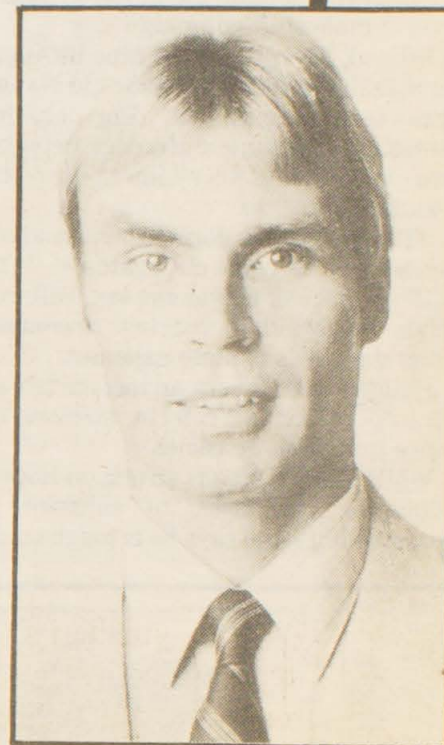
Because local government is more aware of the impacts aquaculture would have on a particular area, Wilson and Wagner said they support giving county government more authority over management of the shorelines.

Abraham Lincoln, who came to power months before the beginning of the Civil War, received less than 40 percent of the votes in the 1860 election. The Republican party was a minority party and Lincoln's three opponents received a combined total of 60 percent.



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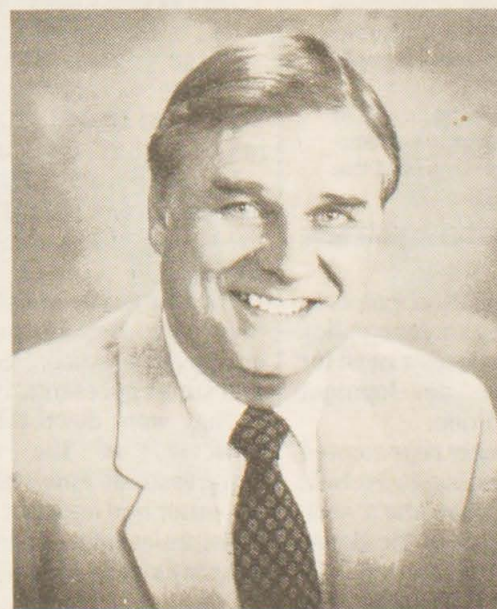
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# Dillard vs. Haugen

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By Gretchen Young  
Staff reporter

A political newcomer butts heads with a seasoned legislator next week in the 10th District state legislative race as Darrell Dillard (R-Conway) challenges incumbent Mary Margaret Haugen (D-Camano Island) after presiding over a makeshift campaign.

Dillard, 33, entered the race in August in an attempt to unseat 47-year-old Haugen, a three-term incumbent. The challenger states that the main difference between the two candidates is his adamant opposition to a state income tax.

"The people just don't want it, and my opponent has not come out against it," Dillard said. In place of an income tax, Dillard contends projected increasing revenues will meet the needs of state expenses.

Haugen, who favors an income tax as the best option for tax reform, stresses action more than specific issues.

While Dillard stands strong on improving education, promises to enhance fiscal responsibility and says he is tough on drugs,



**NAME:** Darrell Dillard  
**AGE:** 33  
**RESIDENCE:** Conway  
**PARTY:** Republican  
**OCCUPATION:** General Telephone technician

"The government can't legislate utopia — we have to have people who will see this (in reference to imposing state income tax)."

"I believe absolutely in local control. The state must give some guidelines but the actual implementation should be local control because local people are going to be affected . . ."

"I encourage small business . . . (it's) what is going to increase employment in this state, well over two-thirds of the new jobs . . ."

Haugen stresses quality education, points to the need for a long-term health care policy for elderly people and emphasizes a need for balance between economic development and environmental conservation.

Haugen says she has strongly represented her district's interests, pointing to 50 bills affecting the 10th District that she's seen signed into law. As chairperson of the House Local Government Committee as well as a member of the Natural Resources and Transportation committees, Haugen says she has supported her constituents' wishes over party votes in her six years as a legislator.

## Allegiance not to party, says Haugen

"I'm an issue-oriented person, not much into partisan issues. I love my district, my allegiance is to them and they come first always," she said.

Both constituents were born and raised in

the 10th district, Dillard in Burlington and Haugen on Camano Island.

Haugen, who attended her first political meeting when she was 12, said her mother's political interests greatly influenced her. Haugen, who has four grown children, also successfully managed a cosmetology business at the insistence of her mother, who believed a young woman should be self-supporting.

Haugen became interested in the legislature through time spent in Olympia as an 11-year member on the local school board.

She figures an average of 30 hours each week is devoted to her district, and because of her perseverance she has gained a reputation as a hard-working representative who researches and develops "not very glamorous" legislation.

"I felt I was doing the right thing (in Olympia) to represent my people. If that's how they vote, how they feel — then that's my job," she said.

## Young Republicans leader

On the other hand, Dillard, who has had a lifelong interest in politics, became actively involved in local politics a little less than two years ago. He was the first president of the Skagit County Young Republicans and coordinated the 10th district Initiative 98 campaign, which would allow law enforcement officials to record "drug deal" conversations.

Dillard, who has worked as a technician for General Telephone for 10 years and lives with his wife and daughter in Conway, squeezes campaigning into evenings and days off from his full-time job.

If elected, Dillard said his top priorities would be to increase funding for schools and raise teachers' salaries, cut governmental costs by trimming mid-management positions and encourage tough law enforcement.

Mid-management positions would be eliminated either through attrition or relocation of employees to more efficient

jobs, he said.

Dillard advocates giving school districts greater control in the school budget, emphasizing that each district knows best how the money should be spent. He also stresses his support of a teacher salary increase.

Haugen lists education, particularly higher education, and long-term care as her two top priorities for the coming year.

Community colleges need to be expanded to meet community needs as well as supplying full funding for education and increasing teachers salaries.

"We need more focus on higher education than on K-12 in the next two sessions. The changes won't take place overnight," she said.

## Economic development issue

Another much talked-about issue statewide is the encouragement of economic development. Easy access to major institutions will be necessary to attract people to this area, Haugen said.

Producing an overall transportation plan that will provide improved access to metropolitan areas will be an upcoming legislative challenge, she suggests. Although she represents a rural area of the state her district borders an urban-rural zone, making it twice as difficult to ensure funding for the area, she said.

Dillard believes economic development will be enhanced by aiding growth in small businesses. Dillard used the example of county commissioners vying for local control of aquaculture in Island County.

"I believe absolutely in local control. The state must give some guidelines, but the actual implementation should be local control because local people are going to be affected . . . people upriver (Skagit County) in this widespread district are not very interested in this issue," he said.

Another problem with less control at the local level comes with misappropriation of funds, he said. For example, if the state misappropriates funds, school districts

statewide are affected. Local fiscal responsibility, on the other hand, allows each school district to tailor its own budget needs.

"I have a lot of confidence in local people — they'll generally do what's best," Dillard said.

To fight encroaching environmental problems in the district, Dillard said he would establish a legislative commission charged with ensuring protection of the environment.

Haugen chooses instead to combine the issues of economic development and environmental conservation.

With a state population of 4.5 million that's supposed to leap to 8 million by 2020, Haugen questions the state's ability to provide the skyrocketing numbers with homes and services.

"Economic development must go hand-in-hand with environmental conservation — we can't separate those issues any more and not be sure of destroying that quality of life," she said.

Haugen suggested designating the North Cascades as a day-use area, like that at Mt. Rainier National Park, to encourage people



**NAME:** Mary Margaret Haugen  
**AGE:** 47  
**RESIDENCE:** Camano Island  
**PARTY:** Democrat  
**OCCUPATION:** Small business owner —cosmetology shop

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## Campaign critics nothing new here

Island County voters picked a winner in the 1940 presidential election, choosing incumbent Franklin D. Roosevelt by a vote margin of 1,588 to 1,310 for Wendell Wilkie.

In other races that year, party lines meant nothing to local voters, according to the Nov. 7, 1940 issue of the "Farm Bureau News."

The majority of local voters pulled the lever on Republicans in the race for governor, assessor, county commissioners and state representatives.

They went down the line for Democrats, however, in the races for senator, congressman and state offices other than governor and legislators.

Commissioner District No. 1 winner that year was A.L. Kells. District No. 2 winner

was L.B. Loers.

Local newspaper columnist Harvey T. Hill wrote in that issue:

"...(there is) one thing we should all be thankful for: that our government has seen to it that the presidential election occurs but once every four years. Should it come oftener, the radio listeners who tune in for some pleasant music or pleasing program would be fit subjects for a sanitarium, as there is nothing these days but political talks."

"Of all the things we heard said for and against the two candidates for office," Hill complained, "not once was it said of them that he is a good, honest, Christian man and our ship of state will be safe with him at the helm."

## Founders didn't plan political parties

History buffs point out that those who met to create our republic made no provision for political parties. In the election of 1788, George Washington had no party. He was elected without opposition.

After eight years in office, Washington warned against political parties. A group calling themselves "Federalists" wanted a

stronger government in Washington, D.C. "Democratic-Republicans" thought the states should keep more power.

Washington's advice about parties was ignored.

In the 1796 election, Federalist John Adams defeated Democratic-Republican Thomas Jefferson.

to visit the area for the day as well as bringing more business to the people in Skagit County.

Another suggestion and successful example of her "hand-in-hand" scheme was the dumping of 700,000 fish into the Skagit River.

"It brought fishermen into my district who eat in restaurants and stay in motels," she said.

But for now, the two challengers need to focus on bringing in the votes.

## Both candidates confident

Although statistics show a race against an incumbent is tough, Dillard said he was encouraged by the primary results where he claimed nearly a third of the vote with little exposure or funding.

On the other hand, Haugen has set her goal to serve in the legislature for 10 years and she's well over half way there.

"I've been flattered by the strong support, being the only Democrat (in the district) . . . the best stroke a legislator can get is a vote," she said.



# Heck vs. Billings

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students the skills needed to face an information age are priorities for Billings.

Heck selects early education programs that increase low-income children's readiness as his top priority, while Billings advocates a long range education plan.

Each candidate has faced criticism and triumphs in this campaign. Some educators express hesitation in regard to Heck's lack of experience in the education system. Others suggest Billings should know more about accessing the legislative jungle.

Billings shrugs off implications of a lack of political savvy by pointing to her past work with legislators at state and national levels.



**NAME:** Judith Billings  
**AGE:** 49  
**RESIDENCE:** Puyallup  
**PARTY:** Non-partisan race  
**OCCUPATION:** Most recently a legislative specialist for the U.S. House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Education

"Many members of the state House and Senate have come to me and said they are not looking for another legislator — what they want is an experienced educator."



**NAME:** Denny Heck  
**AGE:** 35  
**RESIDENCE:** Olympia  
**PARTY:** Non-partisan race  
**OCCUPATION:** Most recently four-term representative of 17th legislative district (1977-85)

"They know it's time for new blood and higher standards — not more rules for the same old tired bureaucracy."

"I offer the best hope for getting some action for schools."

In talking with state legislators, Billings says they demonstrate a willingness to work with her. She claims many have said they would prefer working with an educator rather than a politician.

Heck provides as evidence of his sensitivity toward the education system endorsements including the Washington Education Association (WEA), the Association of Washington School Principals and the Washington State Labor Council. He emphasizes what he describes as a long and successful career as a top supporter of

education in the Legislature.

However, local critics suggest the powerful endorsements lined up early behind Heck because his well-funded and organized campaign promised "winnability."

Heck's ability to win seemed a sure thing earlier this year. Starting two years ago, his \$225,000 campaign was gathering momentum, major endorsements and exposure.

Then last spring Billings decided to join the race against the six other candidates. She's run on a \$55,000 campaign and picked

up scattered endorsements from statewide superintendents as well as the state's two largest newspapers.

The primary election shocked many when Billings finished only 18,831 votes behind Heck.

Heck proposes revising the levy lid law. For now, he favors freezing the current schedule of local levy reduction so that urban districts with levies above 20 percent will not be forced to reduce levy income as state support increases.

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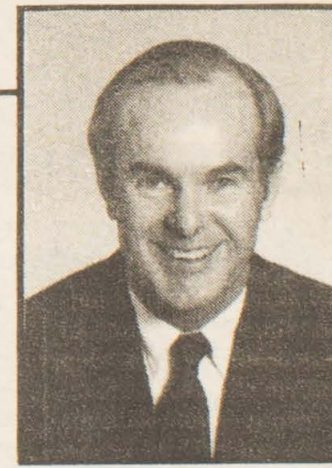
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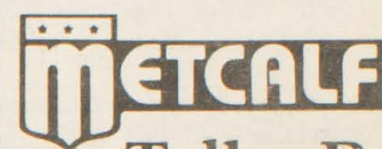
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## Talks Back

My opponent has placed a series of ads attacking my votes and distorting my Senate record.

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My opponent even claims I say one thing in the district and vote differently in Olympia.

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Anyone who has followed 10th District politics knows I state my views clearly—sometimes even too clearly—and stand firmly on the issues.

In the thousands of votes cast by any legislator, you can find a vote against anything and everything. A clever distortion is achieved by taking a few votes out of context.

For instance, on two bills cited (one on small business and another on senior services) they say I voted "no." The truth is the "no" votes were cast before the bills were perfected. On final passage, I voted "yes."

A number of other bills were cited where I voted no. What they didn't say was these bills were so bad they died in the Democrat-controlled House.

I don't mind being criticised for what I actually do. I do mind the deliberate distortion of my voting record.

Jack Metcalf

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By Mary Kay Doody  
Staff reporter

Island County voters will decide next Tuesday whether to elect Island County Commissioner Dick Caldwell to a full four-year term or replace him with Clinton Democrat Jim Scriven, who's running his third race for the District 1 commissioner seat.

Caldwell, 54, contends he has "established the fiscal respectability of this county — something that's been lacking for a long time."

When the Central Whidbey Republican was appointed to succeed the late Gary Bostrom as commissioner in February 1987, the county budget was in the red, indebted to the road department for a loan and road funds diverted by the former board of commissioners to cure a two-year-old deficit.

But the county ended 1987 in the black, with a cash reserve. And it will end this year with a cash balance to carry over into the 1989 budget, said Caldwell, who retired as budget director of the Los Angeles Unified School District only months before taking office as Island County commissioner.

Scriven, 45, a general contractor for 20 years, admits his small business experience is "small potatoes" compared with Caldwell's background in financial management. But Scriven claims he too could manage the county budget, because



**NAME:** Dick Caldwell  
**AGE:** 54  
**RESIDENCE:** Central Whidbey  
**PARTY:** Republican  
**OCCUPATION:** Incumbent District 1 County Commissioner

"We have established the fiscal respectability of this county."

"Now is the time that we must decide on how we intend to permanently preserve open space."

"We all have a vested interest in maintaining an economically viable local logging industry because, I believe, if those lands do not grow trees, they're going to grow houses."

"the county has its own budget director."

Scriven credits budget director Gordon Hey and Treasurer Maxine Sauter for good management of the county's finances.

Caldwell underscores the importance of leadership by "the three strong commissioners you have right now."

In the 20 months he's been in office, Caldwell said, he and commissioners Gordon Koetje and Dwain Colby have not only restored the county's fiscal health, but "within the tax dollars allowed by existing state formulas, we've been able to expand services."

This year alone, said Caldwell, four road deputies and a crime-lab technician were added to the sheriff's staff, \$30,000 was



Candidates Dick Caldwell (left) and Jim Scriven listen to a citizen speaking at a recent candidates' forum.

added to programs for seniors, and public health services were expanded.

Caldwell said he and Colby also led a successful fight this year on the Northwest Regional Council to keep case management services for seniors based locally, on the islands. The four-county board, which oversees federal and state grants for senior services, had tried to centralize case services by moving case management to Bellingham.

As the first county official in four years to be regularly involved with Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, Caldwell negotiated the agreement with the National Park Service (NPS) which transferred administration of the reserve from the NPS to the reserve's local trust board.

At the top of Caldwell's agenda for the next four years, he said, are finishing and implementing the groundwater management and water utilities coordinating plans and revising the county's aquaculture regulations.

Those revisions, he said, would be made so they "respect the property rights of those of us who live on the water, who look at the water, who use the water for recreational purposes."

Caldwell acknowledges that because of state government's promotion of the aquaculture industry, accomplishing that "short-term goal, that we will implement within the next two years" will require "the help of our state legislators."

Also, he said, "Now is the time that we must decide on how we intend to permanently protect open space" — whether by outright purchase or by use of the zoning code's transferable development rights program.

He didn't say which avenue he'd pursue, only that he would not levy a Conservation Futures Tax for preserving open space without an advisory vote of the people.

Scriven's views are similar to Caldwell's on many issues, he admitted. The reason he's trying to unseat Caldwell, Scriven says, is because Caldwell hasn't succeeded in lessening the bureaucracy in county government, or in making staffers more responsive to people's needs.

Scriven said he is "against aquaculture," and that he feels strongly that property owners must be compensated for keeping their land in open space.

He agrees with Caldwell's statement about logging on the islands, saying, "We all

have a vested interest in maintaining an economically viable local logging industry because I believe that if those lands do not grow trees, they're going to grow houses."

But Scriven criticized Caldwell's management style, saying Caldwell keeps too much distance between himself and county staffers. The challenger said if he's elected he'll work closely with county employees to try to improve their attitudes toward serving the public.

Scriven said when he asked Caldwell if he ever visits the planning department just to get to know the staff and see how things are going, he was shocked when Caldwell told him no, he didn't make such visits.

Confirming Scriven's statement, Caldwell said he prefers depending upon department heads to run their departments, while keeping in close communication with the commissioners.

"That's just the management style I feel comfortable with, because of my previous experience," said Caldwell.

"Don't get me wrong," said Scriven. "I like Dick Caldwell. But he's part of the bureaucracy, and that's what I'm against. I'm fighting against bureaucracy."

Island native Scriven's campaign theme is the same as it was last year and in 1984, he said.

"I keep preaching that what's wrong is that instead of 'people's law' we have 'ruler's law,' which means there's a small group of people that happen to be in power that are telling the vast majority how to live. I just want to fight for the rights of the people," said Scriven.

"I don't care if it's the planners or the building department or engineering — their sole purpose is to represent the people and their wishes, and they are not doing that," he claims.

The planning department goes by the letter of the law even when certain rules are meant to be guidelines, he said, adding that the county keeps passing laws "that even the people that write the laws can't understand."

Caldwell, a Seattle native with a master's in business administration from the University of Washington, was an administrator in the aerospace industry before beginning his 20-year career with Los Angeles city schools, the nation's second largest school system.

He and his wife Joan bought property on

the island several years ago. Her parents had retired to the island and when he and Joan decided to do the same, said Caldwell, "it was the best thing that ever happened to us. There's hardly a morning that goes by when Joan and I don't thank our stars that we're able to live in this beautiful place."

They live in the LedgeWood Beach area on the west side of Central Whidbey.

Brighton Beach resident Scriven was born in Coupeville and raised on South Whidbey, graduating from Langley High School in 1961.

He's lived on the island all his life except for six years he spent working on the mainland.

Active in community affairs on South Whidbey, Scriven started the Log Show Committee four years ago — a year-round fundraiser for people in need.

Scriven has also been active in promoting 4-H and Boy Scout programs, and in the Holmes Harbor Road and Gun Club's efforts to re-establish salmon runs in Whidbey Island streams.

He describes himself as a lifelong Democrat, "because it's the party of the people," and says the county's restrictive zoning and other laws discriminate against the poor.

While developers may afford expensive engineers, architects and land-use consultants, said Scriven, most citizens can't afford to hire professional help to obtain permits to live on their land.



**NAME:** Jim Scriven  
**AGE:** 45  
**RESIDENCE:** Clinton  
**PARTY:** Democrat  
**OCCUPATION:** General contractor

"There's a bureaucratic policy in place right now. I'm fighting against bureaucracy."

"What's wrong is that instead of 'people's law' we have 'ruler's law,' which means there's a small group of people that happen to be in power that are telling the vast majority how to live."

Scriven said his best qualification for the commissioner job is his knowledge of islanders and his desire "to fight for the rights of the people, especially the young, the old and the poor."

In last month's Democrat primary, Scriven defeated Fran Einterz of Coupeville and Pete Sandvigen of Greenbank. Caldwell was unopposed in the primary.

In last year's primary election Scriven was defeated by Langley Democrat Todd Peterson, who failed to unseat Caldwell in November.

In 1984, Scriven lost the Democrat primary to Langley Mayor Dolores Cobb, who failed to unseat Bostrom in the 1984 general election.



# Hospital Bond

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By Gretchen Young  
Staff reporter

Although voters dashed all four attempts to tax the island population in exchange for improved community services in the Sept. 20 primary, Whidbey General Hospital officials decided to brave the ballot again. In last month's primary, a \$6.8 million hospital expansion and renovation bond garnered 54 percent of the county's vote. Sixty percent was needed for passage.

But this time around Hospital Administrator Robert Zylstra predicts success.

"We feel it will pass — we did have a good, positive 'yes' vote and we've had a lot of encouragement from people in the community," Zylstra said, adding that the hospital board of commissioners unanimously decided to resubmit the issue on the November 8 ballot.

One main ingredient for success in November is the lack of competition the bond will face, Zylstra said. In September, the multi-million dollar bond competed for votes against a law enforcement tax levy, a pool maintenance and operations levy and a library levy.

"We certainly feel that running it alone will be a true test," he said.

With the ever-increasing island population, the hospital administration has submitted this bond to revamp patient care areas and provide islanders with a sufficient health care facility built to meet needs until the year 2000.

Crowded and noisy treatment areas, old equipment, overbooked surgery schedules and lack of space in many departments demand change in current facilities, Zylstra said.

Whidbey Island is pegged as one of the fastest growing population areas in the state, and the volume of patients at Whidbey General Hospital has increased in almost all departments.

## State-of-art services

"If we want to continue to provide state-of-the-art hospital services with the newest equipment and technology, and provide the additional space to meet the growth we expect, it needs to be done soon," Zylstra said.

"The majority of the expansion will be taking place in the departments that are volume-driven on an outpatient basis," he added.

Taxpayers would pay an additional 38 cents per \$1,000 assessed property valuation for a 20-year period, bumping the hospital tax from 70 cents to \$1.10. The hospital tax bill on an \$80,000 home would increase from \$56 to \$88 per year.

As a public district hospital in Washington state, Zylstra said the bond issue is "the only viable option to finance this building project."

A public district hospital operates under state law as a municipal corporation with the sole purpose of providing health care, noted Robert Maxwell, the hospital's chief financial officer.

Because the hospital does not receive state or federal grant money to operate, new construction or special services such as the ambulance service must be funded through tax funds used to pay for bonds. All other costs procured in day-to-day operations are paid by patient fees, although some Medicaid and Medicare payments fail to cover all hospital costs, forcing the hospital to pick up the slack, Maxwell said.

"That in part explains the problem many rural hospitals are having surviving within

the current atmosphere of regulation," Zylstra said.

He quickly added, however, that unlike some of the struggling rural hospitals, Whidbey General Hospital has seen an increase in patient volume due to the growth of the island population.

Although taxpayers are still paying on a \$4.9 million hospital bond passed in 1982, the 20-year bond has been refinanced, lowering the cost to the taxpayer from 48 cents to 31 cents.

Whidbey General Hospital, owned and operated by the Whidbey Island Public Hospital District, was built by island residents in 1962. The district is governed by a three-commissioner board representing north, central and south Whidbey.

Hospital officials cite a series of problems to be addressed in the renovation-expansion hospital project:

- renovation of the 18-year-old acute care nursing wing. In an area that is increasingly congested, solutions include construction of sound barriers, dispersing and relocating the staff closer to patients, and improvements in ventilation and air conditioning.

- remodeling and expanding the obstetrics area to develop a five-bed unit. "Our baby business is booming again. Last year we doubled the number of births from the previous year," Zylstra said.

Expansion of this area would allow the integration of obstetrical, nursery and surgical gynecological inpatient services. The project would create a single room for all levels of the birthing process, such as labor, delivery, recovery and post-partum stay.

## Surgery expansion, remodel

- remodeling and expanding the surgery department to absorb outpatient (24 hours or less) volumes. The ambulatory surgery department, which opened in 1983, needs more space to accommodate the numbers that account for more than 60 percent of

surgery patients, according to Amy Ayers, assistant administrator of patient care services.

- construction of a new emergency department. The existing area is also 18 years old and needs a significant upgrade, Ayers said. Since the number of emergency room patients in 1986 is projected to double by 1990, the new facility would include a major trauma room, a room specifically for handling cardiac emergencies, a cast room, three exam rooms and a sleeping room for physicians on call.

- expand the laboratory and medical outpatient services by building a new outpatient area and renovate existing areas for outpatient use.

- relocation and expansion of the

physical therapy department. Currently the department suffers from lack of privacy and office space as well as cramped treatment areas. The new facility would provide treatment stations, open exercise space and a small therapeutic pool. Department usage is projected to increase 15-23 percent by 1992 and 35-60 percent by the year 2000.

- construction of a new kitchen, replacing an 18-year-old kitchen. The cafeteria will be redesigned and expanded to accommodate a predicted increase in the number of meals from 70,000 per year in 1986 to 143,000 in the year 2000.

- expansion of the business office, medical records and the general office area to relieve overcrowded conditions.

- expansion of parking for visitors and staff.

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# Metcalf vs. Wilson

## VOTE NOV. 8

By Keven Graves  
Staff reporter

Coming out of September's primary, incumbent state Sen. Jack Metcalf (R-Langley) had established a clear lead over challenger Keith Wilson (D-Stanwood). The race grows more intense each day, however, as a challenger Wilson keeps pounding away at Metcalf's voting record in the state Senate.

This is a critical election year, Wilson argues, and the issue is whether Metcalf is providing the kind of representation the 10th District should be getting from its only legislator in the Senate.

Wilson, 60, a retired firefighter from Los Angeles and former Snohomish County attorney, hopes to retire Metcalf early after two four-year terms in the state Senate.

In Wilson, Metcalf, also 60, is facing a determined and unrelenting opponent.

"I expect to do much better in the general than I did in the primary," Wilson said. "I have a name familiarity problem I have to overcome."

Wilson said he spent much of his energy before the primary gaining name recognition among voters. Now he has redirected his attention to taking votes away from Metcalf.

By mutual agreement, according to Wilson, the two candidates won't make per-



**NAME:** Jack Metcalf  
**AGE:** 60  
**RESIDENCE:** Langley  
**PARTY:** Republican  
**OCCUPATION:** Retired teacher; incumbent state senator

"Do we just continue to soak the people more and more?"

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sonal attacks against one another.

"He's a nice guy," Metcalf said of his opponent. "I like Keith — he's a competent man."

"I have not attacked Jack personally in any way," Wilson said. "But I think the public has the right to know the record for each of us."

### Opponent targets Metcalf's record

And it's Metcalf's voting record from his last four years in the Senate which has become the specific target of Wilson's criticism.

"The representation (the 10th District) is getting is simply not what it could be," Wilson charged, adding he believes Metcalf is focusing his sights on issues that don't necessarily affect the 10th District.

For example, he said, "Jack, in his speech he made when he declared his candidacy, talked about the federal reserve issue."

That issue, Wilson said, is not one that should be a priority for a state senator.

Washington voters soundly defeated an initiative sponsored by Metcalf last year which would have required the state to file a lawsuit with the U.S. Supreme Court challenging the legality of the Federal Reserve System.

"We, in our state, had the chance to do something concrete," Metcalf says of that effort. He added he believes the ballot measure was defeated because many voters hadn't heard about it.

"In our state," Metcalf said, "if you don't know, you vote no."

Metcalf said he doesn't have plans to reintroduce the federal reserve initiative again, but added he strongly believes inherent problems in the system will eventually force a change in the U.S. monetary policy.

Wilson also denounced a lawsuit Metcalf has filed against the state challenging the legality of an agreement between the state and Indian treaty tribes.

### Game management common concern

Metcalf, five other legislators and several sporting groups are contesting the Interim Big Game Management Agreement, which opens state lands to tribal hunting and allows the tribes to adopt and enforce their own hunting restrictions.

"I do think (the agreement) probably was illegal," Wilson agreed. But the way to handle the issue is not by litigation, but rather by meeting with Governor Booth Gardner and addressing concerns, he suggests.

Gardner, Metcalf alleges, is abiding by the terms of a secret, unwritten agreement with treaty tribes giving the tribes rights to all the fish, shellfish and wildlife they want in exchange for their not seeking rights to state timber.

"I think that's pure hogwash and purely a matter of Metcalf's imagination," said Wilson. Metcalf, he pointed out, has offered no proof to substantiate the allegation.

Metcalf's underlying goal to improve hunting and fishing statewide, Wilson agreed, is a commendable objective.

The issue, however, according to Wilson, "is how to achieve that objective."

"The expectations of going to court are rarely ever met," Wilson said. Rather than legal wrangling, the dispute over the Interim Big Game Management Agreement should be resolved through reasoned negotiations.

Almost immediately after the primary, Wilson began running a series of newspaper

advertisements criticizing Metcalf's voting record on issues affecting small businesses and consumer protection.

While Metcalf claimed he supported small business and tax breaks to help small business, one Wilson ad charged he voted against legislative bills which would have helped small businesses.

The bills mentioned in the ads were voted on during Metcalf's last term in the state Senate, Wilson said, adding he believed Metcalf's votes against the measures are representative of his overall voting record.

### Wilson off-base, says Metcalf

On the small business issue, Metcalf responded, however, Wilson is "absolutely off base."

Although he couldn't recall some of the bills addressed in the ads, Metcalf said many of them "were the liberal response to helping small business."

For example, he said, one bill included an amendment to create a committee to help small businesses.

Small business people, Metcalf said, "don't need another committee in Olympia — they need common sense in the real world."

What small business needs, and what Metcalf said he hopes to do in the Senate, is eliminate the red tape confronting small business owners, simplify their paperwork and lower business taxes.

The state needs to find a way of providing interest-free loans to small business people, Metcalf added. "The interest eats them alive."

Metcalf wouldn't commit himself to introducing legislation for such a program during the next term, however, explaining changes must first be made in the monetary system and interest rates need to be cut.

Wilson also claimed Metcalf voted against a program to encourage banks to make loans to small businesses and against deferring the sales tax on the cost of construction of certain businesses.

Metcalf said he voted against the bill to defer the sales tax on construction costs because it referred only to businesses moving here from out of state. He said he refused to vote for the measure because businesses already located in Washington State wouldn't benefit.

Metcalf is unable to be a "team player" in the Senate, Wilson argues. Metcalf, he said, often votes in the minority against issues with bipartisan support.

### Outspoken or out of step?

Metcalf said he is merely an outspoken legislator who has no qualms about voting against bills which he believes are no good.

Education, however, is one issue where Metcalf and Wilson seem to share similar opinions.

More money needs to go toward education, the candidates agree, but both said education is not as bad off as many have been led to believe.

Wilson, who is chair person for the Lakewood School Board, said he believes administration is "top heavy" in many areas and that money currently going to school administration could go toward reducing classroom crowding and increasing pay for teachers.

Metcalf, a former junior high school teacher, said the state needs to establish priorities in education and work with programs already in place before creating new ones.

Metcalf said the Washington Education Association isn't concerned about what's best for children, but he praised teachers' organizations at the local level for their work in bettering education.

On the issue of a state income tax and tax reform, the candidates were somewhat more divided.

A state income tax is unnecessary, Metcalf said, adding he believes the issue is "do we just continue to soak the people more and



**NAME:** Keith Wilson  
**AGE:** 60  
**RESIDENCE:** Stanwood  
**PARTY:** Democrat  
**OCCUPATION:** Retired firefighter and former attorney

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more?"

As an alternative to a state income tax and to raising current taxes, Metcalf suggests the state set up a "rainy day fund" to be used only in emergencies. The state Constitution, he said, would have to be amended to outline the provisions for using this fund.

Metcalf also criticized the Gardner administration for what he called unnecessary attempts to get the legislature to increase taxes.

The tax system does need to be changed, Wilson said. And, specifically, the sales tax and property tax should be reduced.

Wilson said he wouldn't support a state income tax unless it was the will of Washington voters.

"I am opposed to raising an income tax itself," Wilson said, adding he would support an income tax only if the state Constitution included protections preventing the legislature from increasing taxes without voter approval.



## Electors pick president

Despite repeated attempts in Congress to alter or abolish it, it is still the Electoral College of the United States that elects the president and vice president.

The Electoral College was established by the nation's founders as a compromise between the options of having Congress or direct popular vote determine the country's top two officials.

On presidential election day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each fourth year, each state chooses as many electors as it has senators and representatives in Congress.

With 100 senators and 435 representatives, there are 538 members of the Electoral College, with a majority of 270 votes needed

to elect the president and vice president.

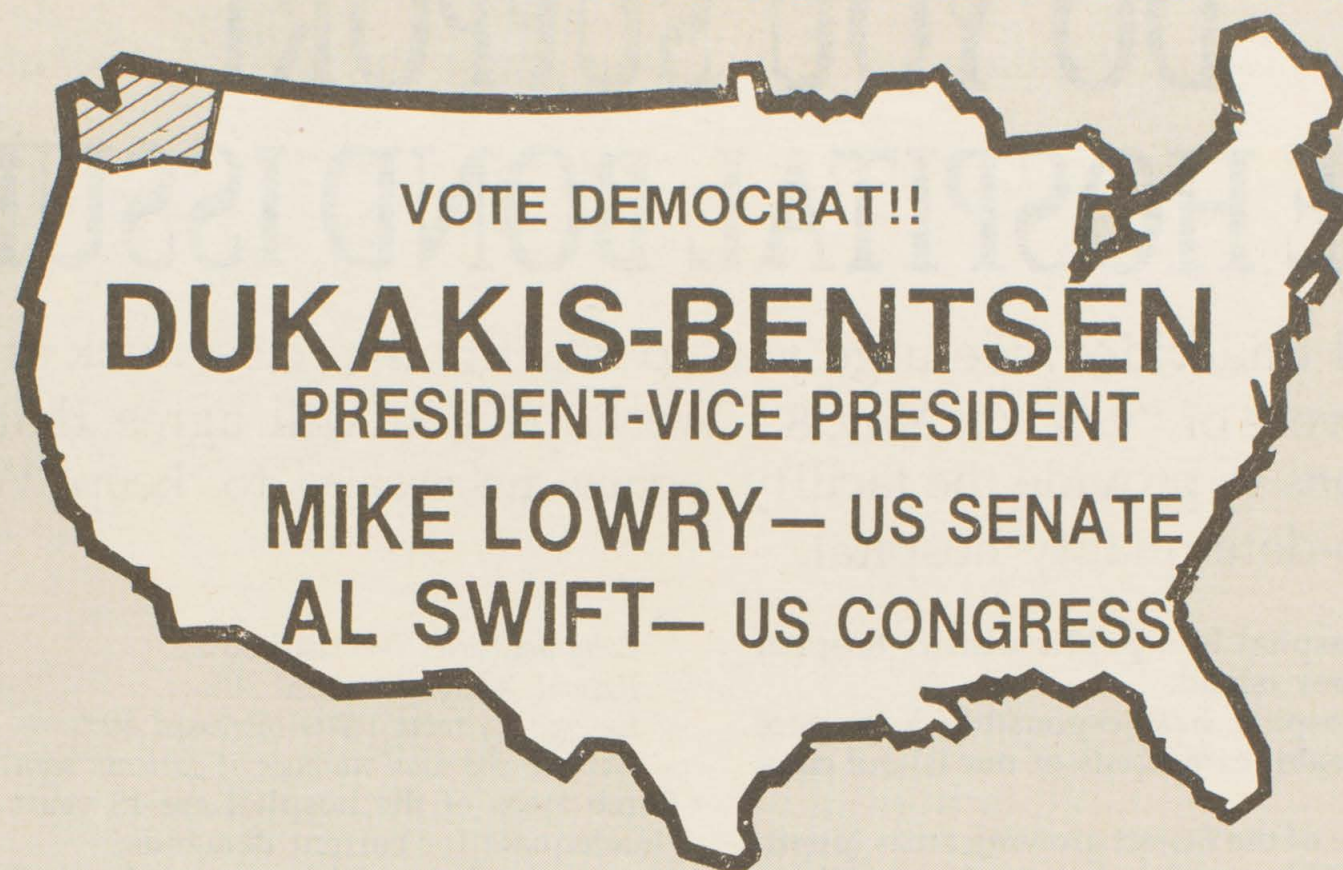
Electors are selected according to which party received the highest vote. They then meet on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December in their respective state capitals or in some other place prescribed by the state legislature.

By long-established custom, they vote for their party nominees, although the Constitution does not require them to do so. All of the state's electoral votes are then awarded to the winners.

If no candidate for president has a majority, the House of Representatives chooses a president from among the three highest candidates.



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# DO YOU SUPPORT THE HOSPITAL BOND ISSUE?

If you are still undecided, we urge you to take another close look at the reasons we ask for your vote of "yes" on Nov. 8. We hope you will agree that there are many good reasons to provide the facility space necessary to keep Whidbey General an up-to-date quality hospital.

- Whidbey General Hospital is a public district hospital serving all of Whidbey Island.
- Whidbey General Hospital has responsibly kept pace with the changing health care needs of our island community.
- Whidbey Island is one of the fastest growing areas (population) in the state. This trend is expected to continue into the next century.
- A careful study of service utilization at the hospital from 1984 through 1987 shows a dramatic increase in nearly all departments. This is also expected to continue.  
*Ambulatory surgeries shifted from 20 to 60 percent of all surgeries performed.*  
*Ambulance runs increased 37%.*

*Baby deliveries increased 68%.*

*Patient X-rays increased 30%.*

*Emergency room visits increased 40%.*

*Overall, the total number of patients seen increased 20%.*

- Some areas of the hospital are 18 years old and simply inadequate for current demands.
- New technology and increased demand for services has led to insufficient space to provide services currently available.
- If approved the \$6.8 million, 20-year general obligation bond issue will cost taxpayers approximately 38 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. For example, a homeowner whose property is valued at \$75,000 would pay \$28.50 in additional taxes the first year — a good investment in ensuring quality health care on Whidbey Island.

## Comments from some of those who do . . .

*"I see Whidbey General as a full-service dealership, in that they provide the facilities I need for difficult dental cases as well. Not all hospitals do that . . . this one does, demonstrating their commitment to full patient care."*

— Larry Hartman, D.D.S., pediatric dentist

*"Whidbey General Hospital nurses and doctors give concerned and efficient care in cramped and crowded quarters. Let's give them some space."*

— Neva Vogel, former patient

*"Whidbey General's need for renovation and space affects nearly every department. We need to start now if we want to keep pace with the needs of our community. This can't wait."*

— Ed Sherman, hospital commissioner

*"We recognize an obvious need for additional space at our island hospital. In our business we often see people required to go off island for hospital services which could be provided by this expansion. Chemotherapy services is one example. We all need to support this project."*

— Myrna and Rich Lydell, owners  
Whidbey Home Medical Equipment

*"Speaking on behalf of the Medical Staff, the reason we support the approval of the bond issue is to maintain the excellent quality of health care at Whidbey General into future years. We'd like to see the populace of Whidbey Island receive the latest in up-to-date equipment and facilities."*

— Robert L. Lycksell, Chief of Staff  
Whidbey General Hospital

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*"Although we've expanded the ambulance service over the last four years, we're busier now than ever before. The emergency room and operating room need to be expanded . . . these areas are bursting at the seams trying to meet the growing demand."*

— Paul A. Zaveruha, M.D., general surgeon  
Medical Program Director of Emergency Medical Services

*"For only a very small increase in yearly taxes, islanders can assure themselves that their hospital is keeping pace with advanced technology and our growing population."*

— Jeanne Mann and Sharon Emerson, owners/ administrators  
of Island Home Nursing

*"They really put on a good service. The hospital is nice and handy for us. The island is increasing in population so much, that we really need this."*

— Harry Mellon, former patient

**VOTE YES  
HOSPITAL  
BOND**

Support us  
as we grow

**Nov. 8**

WHIDBEY GENERAL HOSPITAL