



## CONNELLY: Elbow thrown in race for prosecutor

FROM B1

letter green-lighting a golden parachute for departing port boss Mic Dinsmore.

The parachute was hastily folded after the letter came to light in the Seattle P-I.

Why not begin reform in the primary?

Incumbent Commissioner Bob Edwards is identified with the Dinsmore regime, shows of independence notwithstanding.

He received an evaluation of "Good" from the Municipal League of King County. University of Washington administrator Gael Tarleton and Burien City Councilman Jack Block Jr. received the much higher rating of "Outstanding." A fourth candidate, businessman Thom McCann, also got a "Good."

Tarleton seems like exactly the kind of person to find her bearings, ask the tough questions and rout commissioners out of their executive sessions. An all-challenger election would send a message to the port: Cronyism can take a hike.

In the Green Lake-Wallingford part of town, controversial Seattle School

# CONSERVATION: Utilities must

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but it's still slow going in many parts of Washington.

"It seems very clear to me that there are efficiency improvements out there that are spectacular," said Sara Patton, executive director of the NW Energy Coalition, a Seattle-based non-profit group. "We're beginning to scrape the surface."

Saulnier agrees, and hopes his actions are an inspiration.

"I want other businesses to know that this is possible," he said. "Every watt we save is energy we don't have to generate in some nasty way."

Bean counters at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center like what conservation does for the bottom line. The 13-building campus was built to be energy efficient and is routinely examined for upgrades. The newest building contains more than 3,000 sensors that automatically turn off lights and computer monitors when people leave. They detect daylight and adjust lighting accordingly.

At the home of online retail giant Amazon.com, investing in lighting upgrades and improvements to the heating and cooling system have to pay for themselves in energy savings – and it needs to be quick.

"We typically look for a 3½-year payback at the most."

## REDUCING ENERGY COSTS

Saving electricity at home is the cheapest, fastest way to cut energy demand and power plants – plus everyone can do it.

**\$: \$1-50      \$\$: \$50-500      \$\$\$: more than \$500**

Strategy	How to	Cost	Extra
Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent	If starting slow, begin with lights used most often, such as kitchen and outdoor	\$	Don't dim
Add insulation to attic, crawl spaces and walls to keep heat in in winter, out in summer	Relatively easy to add to attic and crawl space or when doing a remodel	\$\$\$	Profes already into th
Seal drafty windows and doors	Seal windows with caulk, doors with weatherstripping	\$	On a window
Replace single-pane windows, or create faux double-panes	Install double-paned windows, or insulate with window shrink-wrap affixed when heated with a hair dryer	\$\$\$\$	Easiest hold in
Unstick painted-shut windows	Use breezes to cool off instead of AC by opening stuck windows	\$	Lots of strateg hammer
Improve efficiency of water heater	Set at 120-130 degrees; if water pipes are accessible, wrap with special pre-cut foam	free-\$	Tankless are ava with ga
Scrap the second – aka beer – fridge	Unplug the extra fridge or buy energy-efficient replacement	free-\$\$\$	When a were ac that has as effici
Improve efficiency of furnace	Change filter; if ducts that carry heat are accessible in ceiling, seal or tape if leaking heat	\$	Consider many c

Source: Seattle City Light, P-I reporting

Other utilities particularly to satisfy new energy-hungry