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Self-appointed superhero Phoenix Jones, 23, removes his hood Thursday, saying his real name is Ben Fodor.

## Who was that masked man? Now we know

'SUPERHERO' REVEALS NAME, VOWS TO KEEP FIGHTING CRIME

Some cohorts and Seattle police question his methods

BY JONATHAN MARTIN  
Seattle Times staff reporter

Phoenix Jones, the self-appointed crime-fighting citizen superhero of Seattle, walked out of a downtown courtroom in costume with his trademark black and gold rubber suit beneath a collared shirt.

He declared to a dozen waiting journalists that he would continue his nocturnal patrols despite his arrest for a crime intervention gone wrong early Sunday morning.

Then, with a dramatic flourish, Jones whipped off his hood, revealing his 23-year-old face and a high-rise flattop.

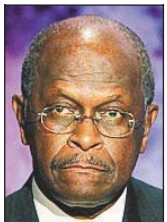
"I am also Ben Fodor," he said. "I also am a father. I also am a brother. I'm just like everyone else. The only difference is that I decided to make a difference and

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## Cain mystery: Is he more than a few 9s?

BY SANDHYA SOMASHEKHAR  
The Washington Post

He opposes abortion, including in cases of rape and incest. He says Iran could be deterred from aggression by deploying more warships. And he is a proponent of privatized Social Security.



Candidate Herman Cain

But one topic, his 9-9-9 tax plan, has dominated Herman Cain's rhetoric in this presidential race, helping to propel him to the top of the Republican field in a new poll by NBC News and The Wall Street Journal.

And that has prompted questions about what else he stands for and whether he has the breadth of knowledge, particularly on foreign policy, expected of an occupant of the White House.

An examination of Cain's words — his

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# Social Security never tells thousands they are 'dead'

PERSONAL INFO AVAILABLE TO COMPANIES FOR YEARS

Agency silent on errors; people find out the hard way

BY THOMAS HARGROVE  
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — The Social Security Administration has

failed to inform tens of thousands of Americans it accidentally released their names, dates of birth and Social Security num-

bers in an electronic database widely used by U.S. business groups.

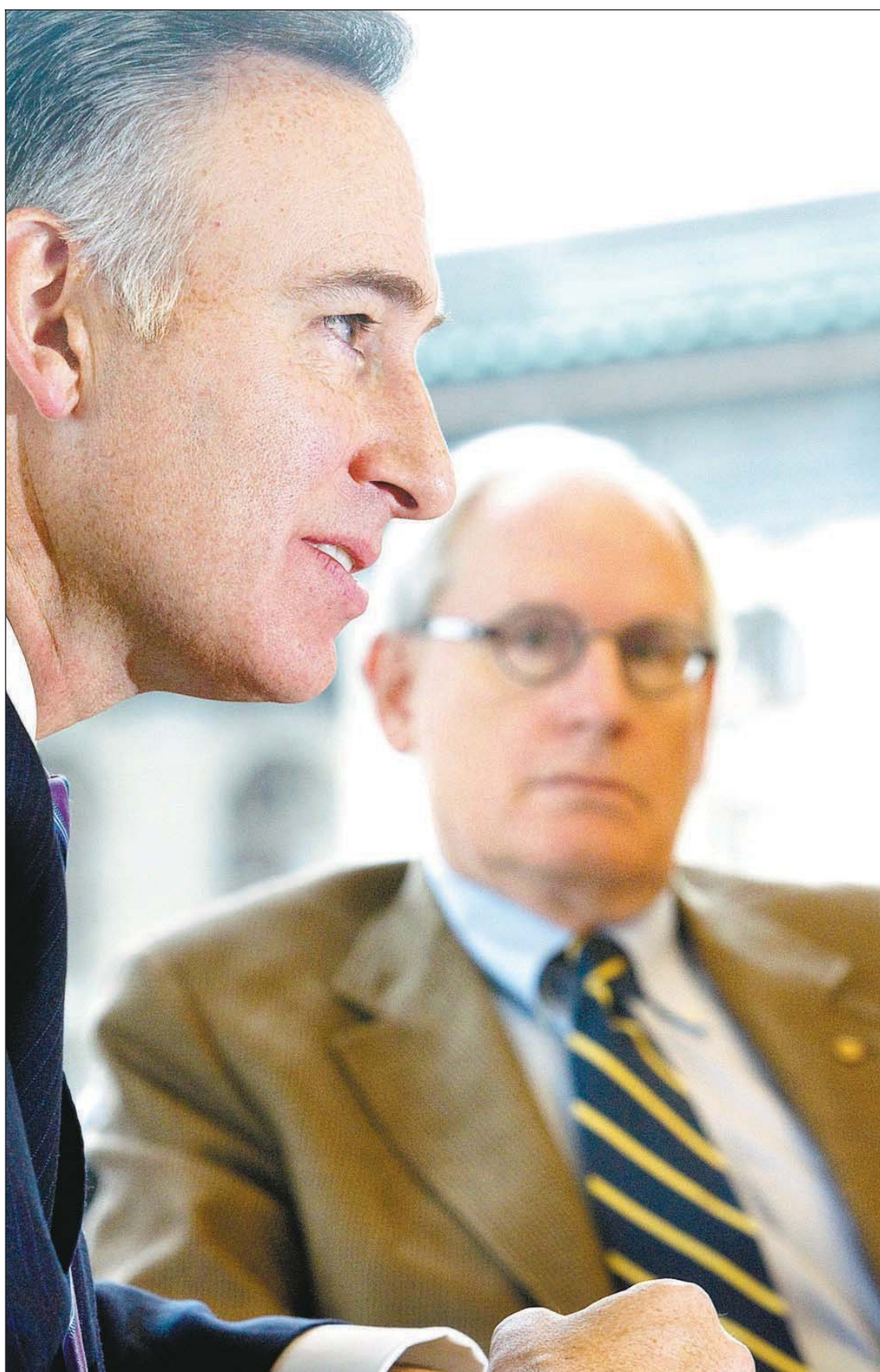
The federal agency has kept silent about a potentially harmful security breach of the personal data of about 14,000 people each year, ignoring recommended reporting guidelines for such

confidentiality breaches and violating the intent, at least, of the U.S. Privacy Act, which protects personal information of private citizens.

The mistakes Social Security has made — and continues to make — with a database called  
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# A TEAM FOR 'LEAN' TIMES

Unlikely political partners work together to run King County more like a business — specifically, like Toyota. Early results have been promising, but tough tasks remain.



King County Executive Dow Constantine, left, and Deputy Executive Fred Jarrett.

BY BOB YOUNG  
Seattle Times staff reporter

King County Executive Dow Constantine and his deputy Fred Jarrett make an odd couple.

Constantine is a liberal Seattle Democrat and serious rock fan with The Who song title, "5:15" on his license plate. Jarrett, a former Republican and retired Boeing manager from Mercer Island, wears tweed jackets and Harry Potter glasses and talks in technocratic terms such as "through-put" and "product-based budgeting."

In the 2009 primary, the two ran against each other for executive. When Constantine won the November finale, he reached out to his former rival, hiring him to be a "partner more than an underling."

Constantine, 49, says he doesn't always understand Jarrett, 62. But as the two shared the campaign stage, he realized he and Jarrett had similar ideas about the need to change county government, not to dismantle it, but to save it.

Now they're trying to make it run like Toyota. They're adopting Toyota philosophies and practices — as have Boeing and Group Health — called "Lean" management. Above all, Lean requires a constant focus on customers and continuous improvement. It also requires patience.

It's not a quick fix. Jarrett calls it a "journey." He and Constantine have proposed a new bureaucracy to carry out their initiative.

Early returns are promising. Employees have already found ways to shorten tasks in several departments. In part thanks to efficiencies, Constantine proposed a 2012 budget that preserves almost all county services.

His willingness to hire strong subordinates and innovate has won him praise from civic groups, union leaders and Republicans. It's as if he's doing what voters expected from Barack Obama: Turn down the rhetoric, reach across the aisle, wring more efficiency out of government.

The Municipal League of King County reported this year that  
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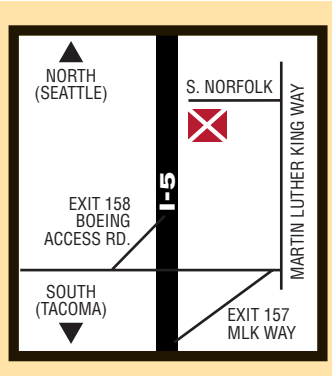


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