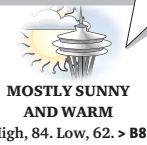


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# 39 King County parks may be shut down



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Melissa

ELLEN M. BANNER / THE SEATTLE TIMES  
...man, 6, comes down a slide at Arbor Lake Park.

## APPARENT SHIFT RILES PUBLIC-PLAN PROPONENTS

BY ANNE E. KORNBLUT AND PERRY BACON JR.  
*The Washington Post*

Several leading Democratic concern Monday about a White House shift on a health-care system, objecting that senior administration officials are open to abandoning the idea of a government-run insurance plan. In the Senate, where negotiations are ongoing, Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia said a public option, which has become known as "a middle ground" between a public option "without a public option, I don't know how we will bring real change to them that has made good health care a privilege for those who can't afford it."

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the plan will be included in whatever bill is voted on in the House. "There is strong support in the House."

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### BUDGET SHORTFALL

**'We're simply out of tools and out of money,' county executive says**

BY KEITH ERVIN  
*Seattle Times staff reporter*

King County Executive Kurt Triplett will propose shutting 39 neighborhood parks Jan. 1 as another step in closing a \$56 million budget shortfall next year.

"This is a difficult day for me as King County executive," Triplett said Monday as he announced plans to mothball the parks in unincorporated areas stretching from the Federal Way area to north of Kirkland. "I'm zeroing out all local parks funding from the general fund. ...

"We're simply out of tools and out of money."

Unless cities, school districts or other public or private agencies agree to take over the parks, he said, county workers will put fences around playgrounds, severely reduce maintenance and lock parking-lot entrances.

The Metropolitan King County Council is expected to vote on the proposal Tuesday. Budget Chair-elect said.

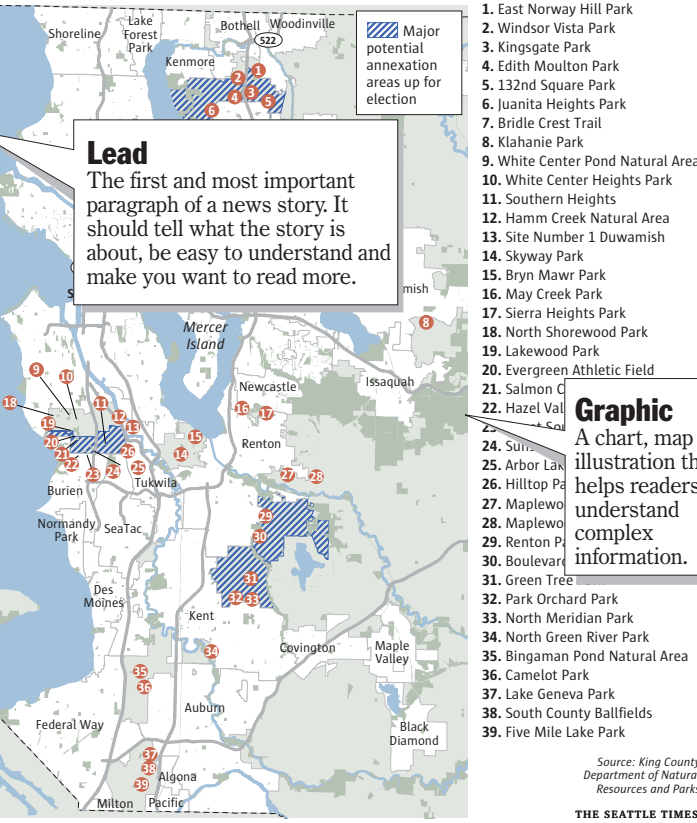
The stiff resistance to cutting among some council members is expected to be a challenge. "As the chair of the committee I still hold the responsibility for reducing the budget."

Triplett hasn't taken a position on the proposal, but generally believes in public health and safety.

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### Proposed parks closures

King County Executive Kurt Triplett will propose shutting 39 neighborhood parks Jan. 1 to help close a \$56 million budget shortfall next year.



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## Credit-card holders discover perks not so rewarding now

BY NANCY TREJOS  
*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — Credit-card rewards programs suddenly are less rewarding.

Months before a new law restricts the credit card industry's ability to raise interest rates and charge fees, card issuers are scaling back programs

or claim cashback perks. "Consumers should understand that rewards programs are unstable right now, and a lot of the best programs are changing. And almost without exception they are changing to the benefit of the bank and the disadvantage of the cardholders,"

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