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Young people from Community Centers around Seattle held a candle light vigil around a bon fire at Golden Gardens Friday Oct. 18 to honor those lost to violence during the finale of the "Week Without Violence." The week-long event, which is sponsored by Seattle Parks and Recreation, features a variety of activities for teens including "skate for peace," a free teen swim and Youth Service Awards.

Elections Cash Piles Up

Millions spent over power struggle in the State Senate

By Rachel La Corte
The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — The ongoing power struggle in the Washington state Senate has made one upper chamber race in an off-year election the most expensive legislative contest in state history.

The 26th District race between Democrat Nathan Schlicher and Republican challenger Jan Angel has already seen a combined spending of \$1.9 million, with about half of that money being spent by third-party groups.

Schlicher, an emergency room doctor from Gig Harbor, was appointed to the Senate seat in January to replace Democrat Derek Kilmer, who was elected to Congress. Angel, of Port Orchard, has served in the House since 2009.

Both currently represent the district they are vying for, a swing district that includes the southeastern Kitsap peninsula from Bremerton and Port Orchard to Gig Harbor in Pierce County.

A predominantly Republican Majority Coalition Caucus controls the Senate with the help of two Democrats, giving the majority caucus a one-vote advantage in the chamber. Republicans would like to increase the cushion of their hold of the upper chamber heading into the 2014 elections that will see half of the Senate up for re-election.

"The stakes are very, very high this year," said University of Washington political science professor Matt Barreto.

Angel's spokesman said she wasn't giving any more media interviews between now and next month's election. But he noted that she's been elected by voters in the district three times, most recently with 59 percent of the vote.

"She's clearly in step with her district, and they've reaffirmed that several times," he said.

Angel, 66, previously worked in business

The Future Medical Pot Market

How will licensed pot stores compete with medical dispensaries?

By Gene Johnson
The Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — As the proprietor of a medical marijuana dispensary in Seattle, Dawn Darington has seen patients wracked by AIDS and cancer. She's also seen "patients" who show up for a free pot brownie and never come back.

Now, Washington is pushing forward with plans to entice the latter into its new world of legal, taxed recreational pot, and advocates like Darington say

they're worried about where that's going to leave those who actually need cannabis.

A state work group on Monday is due to release its recommendations for how to regulate Washington's freewheeling medical marijuana industry — recommendations that could include reductions in how much pot patients can have, an end to the collective gardens that have supplied the sick and the not-so-sick for the past 15 years, stricter requirements for obtaining medical marijuana authori-

zations and taxes on medical pot.

"I'm terrified a bunch of that, if not all of it, is going to be lost — that the recreational users have thrown us under the bus," said Darington, of Choice Wellness Center. "When they put a tax on the sale of Viagra is the day I am willing to sit at the table and discuss putting a tax on this medicine."

Voters in Washington and Colorado last fall legalized marijuana for recreational use, and the states are preparing to allow its

sale at licensed stores. In Colorado, medical marijuana is already regulated and subject to sales tax, with 109,000 registered patients, and it isn't clear to what extent it might undermine the recreational market.

But in Washington, lawmakers and state officials are concerned that licensed pot stores won't be able to compete with medical dispensaries selling unregulated, untaxed marijuana — thus cutting into the amount of tax revenue Washington

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'Unusually Civil' Tom Foley Dies at 84

He served 30 sessions in the U.S. House, including years as speaker

Nicholas K. Geranios and Alan Fram
The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Tom Foley was born in 1929, the year of the great stock market crash, and grew up in Spokane during World War II. These experiences shaped his viewpoint during a long political career, which culminated with him becoming the first Speaker of the House to hail from west

of the Rocky Mountains.

Foley, who died Friday at the age of 84 of complications from a stroke, also became the first speaker to be booted from office by his constituents since the Civil War, suffering defeat during the 1994 "Republican Revolution." Cornell Clayton, director of the Foley Institute for Public Policy at Washington State University, said Foley's defeat signaled a change to the more con-

frontational politics of modern times.

"He was the last major leader to grow up in the Depression and World War II era," Clayton said. "They gave him a different perspective on viewing policy disputes."

Members of that generation worked in a more bipartisan manner, Clayton said. "They saw us all on the same team."

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