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Jim McDermott

State convention airs concerns

The 1984 state democratic Convention convened in Tacoma's Dome June 9 and 10, and after listening to a whole battery of dignitaries from Mike Lowry, Don Bonker, and Charles Royer to candidates for almost every state office it got down to the business of adopting a state Democratic platform. The nuclear freeze got strong support, and federal funding of abortion was endorsed (despite a vigorous effort by a Right-to-Life group to block passage of that plank).

But the real politicking was going on outside the convention hall. Hart delegates, barricaded in the Road Inn in South Tacoma, fought off attempts by the state's Mondale people to dilute the Hart national delegation. And McDermott-Gardner people were trying to outdraw one another at the Sheraton Hotel's banquet rooms.

A lively time was had by all. Just ask Harold Cooper.

McDermott visits local democrats

Jim McDermott, state senate leader and candidate for governor, spoke to the Lewis County Central Committee at our May 24 meeting. He expressed amazement at the lack of concern (and funding) for the social and health services, in this state, especially for the mental health services, which he says are badly underfunded despite the legislature's willingness to provide whatever amount the governor requests. He also puzzled over why the present governor would have to take out TV ads to prove to the voter that he had done something during the nearly four years of his administration. A McDermott administration would not have similar problems he assured us.

Senator McDermott was introduced by County Chair Rita Cleary, one of his many staunch supporters in Lewis County.

Stu Halsan speaks



Stu Halsan

At the Central Committee meeting on June 28 Stu Halsan and a contingent of Chehalis-Centralia Democrats traveled to the Road House Inn near Morton to join with their East Lewis County friends in a meeting. State Representative Stu Halsan (and hopefully State Senator-Elect) spoke about his concerns regarding the coming election and what we can do to insure a Democratic legislature.

Things To Do & Places To Go

July

11-15. . . . Lake Fair Festival-Olympia
Democrats sell hamburgers in
Capitol Park.

14. . . . **Breakfast with Bonker
King Solomon's 9:00 a.m.**

16-19 Democratic National Convention
San Francisco

23. Thurston County Central
Committee, Thurston County
Court House, 7:30 p.m.

26. **Lewis County Central
Committee Dinner Meeting
King Solomon's 6:30 p.m.**

August

14-19 . . **Southwest Washington
Fair Volunteers needed for
Democratic Booth**

20. Thurston County Central
Committee, Thurston County
Court House, 7:30 p.m.

23. **Lewis County Central
Committee Dinner Meeting
King Solomon's 6:30 p.m.
Jean Gardner speaker**

Readers--- sound off!!

The Lewis County Central Committee and the staff of the Demo-Topia are looking for more widespread participation in our newsletter. If you have some comment or concern about local-state-national politics, or if you simply want to take exception to something you read in the publication please write. Send your contribution to:

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We need you

I also wish to remind everybody that we will be needing volunteers for the South-west Washington Fair and for Lewis County headquarters. A headquarters location will be announced later. It should be opening immediately after the fair.

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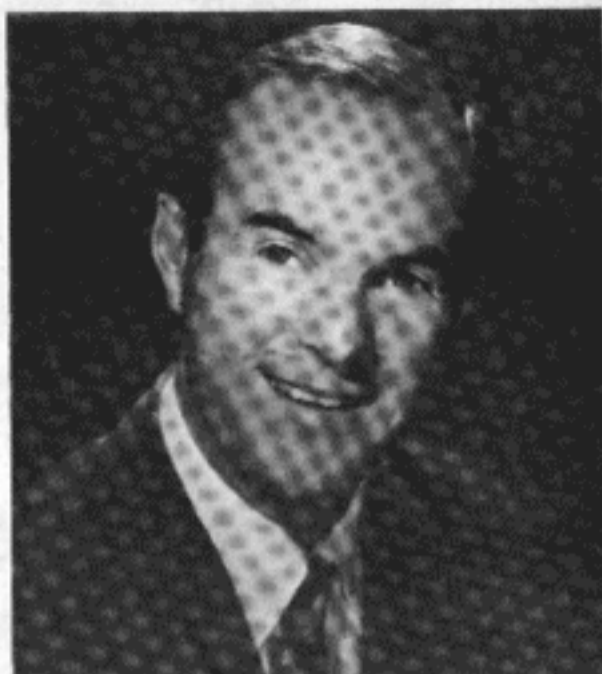
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Booth Gardner supported



Booth Gardner

Supporters of the Booth Gardner for Governor campaign are hard at work in Lewis county. The following statement has the support of many of the county's better known Democrats, including Gary and Kay Odgaard, Gary Ely, Bud Kuehner, Jenny Wade, Michaelle Dokken, Donna Karvia, Harold Cooper, Bill and Ginny Ith, Arland and Sharon Lyons, Maureen Mitchell, and O.J. Brown.

Friends:

Honesty, excellence, executive ability, compassion and a willingness to make decisions between tough choices--the qualities named over and over again by those who know and work with him are some of the reasons we are supporting Booth Gardner for Governor in 1984.

"I believe in life after politics." This is a statement that Booth has made on many occasions. We find this attitude to be very refreshing. So many politicians make decisions based on political expediency. Will it help them to get elected and /or re-elected? Booth Gardner is not afraid to make tough choices.

As Pierce County Executive, Booth cleaned out years of corruption and mismanagement. He eliminated a multi-million dollar debt without raising taxes or cutting services. He fought waste, instituted equal employment practices, streamlined judicial proceedings and worked to clean up the environment. If this kind of leadership existed for the last four years at the state level, we wouldn't have many of the problems we currently face.

Hubert Humphrey said that the most test of greatness of a society is in how it treats those people in the dawn of life, children; people in the twilight of life, the elderly; and people in the shadows of life, the poor and disabled. We feel that with Booth Gardner as Governor, Washington State will be back on the right track toward passing the test.



County Chair - Rita Cleary
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Every penny helps

Beyond hot air, campaigns are run on money. A candidate for one of the Twentieth District legislative seats can expect to spend upwards of \$30,000 to get elected. Very few of us, no matter how well qualified, can afford the luxury, especially if victory is a long shot.

Historically Republicans outspend Democrats by a wide margin. (They apparently **can** afford the luxury.) This year will be no exception. Republicans hope to regain control of the State House. Winning two seats from the Twentieth District would be a step in that direction.

At our March meeting, State Senator Frank Warnke predicted the problems of

Fuller vacuums taxpayers

Republican State Senator Bill Fuller has decided to run for a second term. His campaign announcement includes the usual assurance that he will keep taxes as low as possible and that voters will get the best value for their tax dollars.

Almost simultaneously with his statement of concern for taxpayers, a news-story in a Seattle paper reported that Fuller sent out a poll-questionnaire at state (taxpayer) expense.

Fuller, who describes himself as a "middle-of-the-road conservative," told the paper that having voters evaluate his accomplishments "gives you some idea of what you're doing wrong." Or, as he puts it, "You can't live in a vacuum."

Support needed

In order to make this a successful election year, please get out and support the Democratic candidate(s) of your choice. All races are important, and each candidate needs your help.

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the next session will be enormous. We need to have good Democrats in control. Your support, and particularly your cash contributions, will help maintain that control.

County Chair Rita Cleary reflects

My election as delegate to the National Democratic Convention has been a most interesting and rewarding experience. There was more to this than I had anticipated and it has certainly added to my political education. After not being elected at the Congressional caucus in Centralia, I found it quite exciting running at the State convention as an unpledged elected official (on the Hart slate). My being a county chairperson made me eligible for running on that slate, so many thanks to those who supported me for County Chair. There are many steps and many people to thank when someone achieves the position of national delegate. I will be going to San Francisco on July 15. There will be seventy delegates from Washington State. Needless to say, I hope to serve Lewis County well. Thanks again to all of you who have helped me arrive at this point in my life.

Delegates elected district caucus

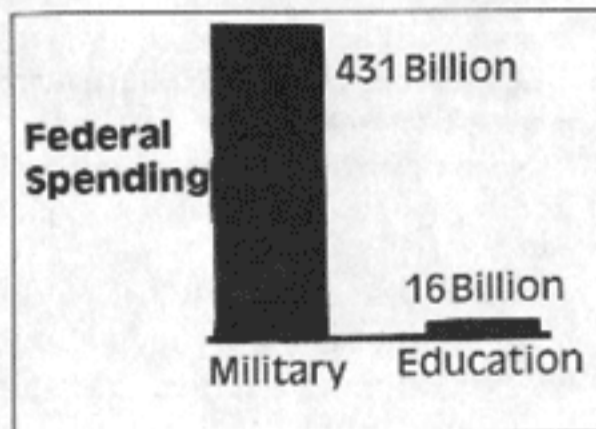
About three hundred people took time out on a bright, sunny Saturday, June 2, to attend the Third Congressional District Democratic caucus. Delegates from Lewis, Clark, Cowlitz, Pacific, Thurston, Grays Harbor, and Pierce counties met at Centralia High School to select district delegates to the national convention held in San Francisco July 16-19.

Of the two hundred thirty certified delegates present 138 were pledged to Senator Gary Hart and 92 to former Vice President Walter Mondale. Since the Third District is allotted 5 delegates to the national convention, on a proportionate basis Hart received 3 delegates and Mondale 2.

Democratic caucuses were held in all eight of the state's congressional districts and forty-one delegates were chosen over all. Those selected later met at the state convention to choose additional persons to help fill out the seventy member delegation the state will send to San Francisco July 16-19. (Our own county chair Rita Cleary was chosen as one of the delegates.)

Potentially the state could provide thirty-eight votes for Hart, thirty-one for Mondale one for Jackson at the national convention in San Francisco.

Republicans trade books for bombs



In the process of creating a party platform for 1984, county Republicans voted to support current levels of defense spending. Also approved was a motion proposing the "gradual elimination of federal funding and control of education."

The graph below clearly shows the "threat" federal support of education poses toward the budget deficit when compared to military spending.

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Moonlight auction and garage sale very successful despite light turnout

Saturday, May 19, saw the first annual Democratic auction and garage sale. According to Sharon Lyons, coordinator of the event, the first hour and a half of garage sale was something less than spectacular largely because of the light turnout, but at 7:30 p.m. when the auction began the action picked up. The auctioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fontenot, good Democrats who donated their time, got things moving. And such a variety of things! Congressman Don Bonker donated four Lennox wine glasses engraved with the seal of the House of Representatives, Ted Kennedy gave a record of his 1980 Democratic convention address, Tip O'Neil sent an autographed key chain, Alan Cranston an autographed watercolor print of the Capitol. A pen came from Claude Pepper, and autographed letter opener from John Glenn. Locally Bud Kalich gave two elk hunting trips, Sharon and Arland Lyons donated a lamb, a cord of wood came from Dean Hill, the Pooh

Place Pre-School offered a month of free pre-school, Bill Newton donated five hours of tutoring, and an Olympia lady gave one hundred and six Harlequin Romances (rumored to have been picked up by Rose Cole). All told there were some sixty-one items sold on the block.

Meanwhile Ruta Enbody was hard at work serving everyone a delicious German dinner.

Sharon was so pleased with the success of the auction that she assures us that this will become a regular Democratic fund

raiser, with perhaps a few more items available next year, especially if we can get the same great cooperation from Congressman Bonker's office manager Page Bauder. We grossed over \$2000 and netted about \$1800.

Special thanks for their time and effort must go to Jackie Druckman and Madelaine Hugh who sent out flyers and made phone calls for the auction, Ann and Roy Kalich who gave not only of their time but also provided the use of their basement for storage, and Michaelle Dokken who helped in getting the garage sale going.

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