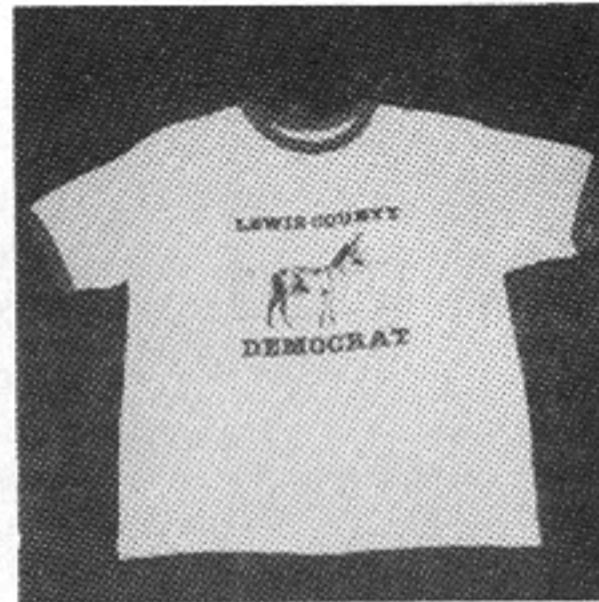


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T-Shirts galore

Are you proud to be a Democrat? Of course you are! Now you can show your true colors every day.

Both the Twentieth District Democratic Committee and the Lewis County Democrats have new T-Shirts available that will tell everyone loud and clear that you are willing to stand up and be counted.

The Twentieth District Democrats have the official "True Blue Democrat" shirt which was recently featured in a picture in the New York Times. Only \$12.50, this shirt is 100% cotton with the striking red, white and blue chevron logo. The Lewis County Democrats have the official "Lewis County Democrat" shirt with the traditional donkey over the county logo from the Demogram masthead at only \$8.00, also in red, white and blue. Lewis County Democrat hats are available as well at \$6.00.

Sure to be a conversation starter, either shirt will give you many opportunities to tell people why you are a Democrat, about the accomplishments of our party, and why people who care about people vote Democratic.

To order your "True Blue Democrat" shirt contact Chairman Chris Bailey at 273-5941, and to order your "Lewis County Democrat" shirt contact Chairman Stu Halsan at 736-0774.

A "must" for every loyal P.C.O.!

Coming Events

Monday, November 13

Executive Board Meeting
Lewis County Democrats
 Place: Hickory Winds
 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 16

November meeting
Lewis County Democrats
 Place: King Solomon's
 Time: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 2

Lewis County Democrat's
Commentary Christmas Party
 Ed & Wyn Smether's
 1516 Sunset Way, Centralia
 7:00 p.m.

2nd Week of January

Lewis County Democrat's
Jefferson-Jackson Dinner
 Date, time & place TBA

Saturday, March 3

Lewis County Democrat's
Annual Auction

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Chairman's Corner

Stu Halsan



Recently, on ABC television, we had the opportunity to see a made for TV movie of Woodward and Bernstein's book

"The Final Days."

The movie was well done, showing the deterioration of the Nixon White House into an almost monomaniac morass of cover-up after cover-up in an attempt to thwart the investigation of the Watergate burglary of the Democratic National Committee.

At first I thought it would be difficult for any actor to portray President Nixon without falling into an almost Rich Little-ish caricature, but while capturing the essence of Nixon's paranoia this actor still managed to make him believable and human with all his faults. The portrayals of the surrounding figures, Al Haig, Henry Kissinger and the like were less convincing, but that merely tended to focus attention on Nixon himself. The really interesting and dark characters of H.R. Haldemann and John Erlichman were not even shown.

Unfortunately the movie only attempted to show the psychological collapse of the President, but didn't delve deeply into the more base motives of all the staff that the end definitely justified the means. Perhaps that would have struck too close to what still would seem to be the paramount philosophy of Republican Administrations over the last several years.

All in all an enjoyable movie, and one that might go a long way into placing Nixon's recent attempts at becoming an elder statesman in perspective. We really shouldn't forget.

Quotable Quote

"In this world of sin and sorrow there is always something to be thankful for. As for me, I rejoice that I am not a Republican."

H.L. Mencken

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Congresswoman Jolene Unsoeld reports

Since I've been in Congress, nothing has been more consuming than the effort to resolve the Northwest timber crisis and the spotted owl controversy. I believe the agreement recently approved by the House protects timber industry jobs and prevents the loss of key stands of old growth timber that are important to the survival of the spotted owl.

The agreement was the result of intense behind-the-scenes negotiations by the Northwest congressional delegation. It would somewhat reduce the allowable harvest of 9.6 billion board feet from federal lands in the Northwest, provide interim protection for key old growth, and impose deadlines for the courts to resolve challenges to proposed timber sales.

The measure would save about 11,000 jobs in the region that are currently endangered by court injunctions to halt timber sales.

But this is only a short-term solution — a bandaid on a serious region-wide problem that needs immediate attention. This quick-fix is important, but the hardest work lies ahead.

To resolve the long-term timber supply problem, Congress will have to grapple with some difficult issues. Our task should not be to choose between jobs and the environment, but to allocate our timber resources more wisely.

If Washington were a separate nation, it would be the world's second largest raw log exporter. To be sending our valuable timber resource overseas without any domestic processing at a time when our mills are starving for logs, is shortsighted and wrong.

We must come to grips with the export of raw logs to countries which discriminate against our finished wood products. As the world's leading exporter of logs, we are in

a strong position to use the resource as a bargaining lever to prod countries to end their unfair trade practices.

I'm also working to see that we get the most out of our fisheries resource. We have spent tens of millions of dollars on fish ladders, fish screens and hatcheries in the Northwest and yet much of that investment is being negated by driftnet fleets from Japan, Taiwan and South Korea. These vessels, which use 30-40 mile-long nets, slaughter tens of thousands of marine mammals and birds and intercept thousands of tons of our salmon each year.

To put an end to this piracy, I have introduced legislation directing the Secretary of State to begin working towards an international ban on driftnets.

I have also introduced legislation granting Lewis County PUD a federal permit extension, which would allow the utility six additional years to begin construction of the Cowlitz Falls Dam project. This could improve the cost-effectiveness of the project and allow for potential benefits to fisheries on the upper Cowlitz.

Under agreements between the PUD, the state and local citizens, the utility would grant \$100,000 to build trout rearing pens on the upper reaches of the Cowlitz. Also, the PUD would contribute up to \$35,000 each year to rear and stock the river with trophy-sized rainbow and cutthroat trout. A trophy trout program would be a real boon to local fishermen and pump badly needed tourist dollars into the local economy.

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20th District Report

By Chris Bailey, Chairman
20th District Democrats

The 20th Legislative District Democratic Central Committee held a meeting for all PCO's in the district (Lewis and Thurston) on Thursday, Oct. 26, at King Solomon's Restaurant in Centralia.

The meeting was held just prior to the normal Lewis County general meeting that evening.

The meeting focused on the 20th Legislative District races for 1990 and 1992. The topics included candidate recruitment, fundraising and organization of PCO's. Several PCO's traveled great distances to attend this meeting. The "farthest traveler" was Sue Inglesby of Morton. A large Thurston County contingent was also present. I must admit, I was somewhat disappointed at the Lewis County PCO turnout.

Remember — taking on the task of PCO means more than just getting your name on the ballot. The job includes responsibilities to your party and to the democratic process. By taking an active role in these meetings you will be fulfilling these responsibilities.

20th District Meetings

Lately, I have received several inquiries from people who would like to attend our 20th District Central Committee meetings on a regular basis. Our committee is small in number and we welcome anyone who wishes to add to our organizational base. Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. At the "all-PCO meeting" in October, several people asked if we couldn't set the place of the meeting as well as the time. As a result, all further 20th District meetings will be at the Hacienda restaurant (formerly J.C. Rascals) at Rochester's Exit 88B.

Bowl-A-Thon pledges

Those who have pledged to our 20th District Bowl-A-Thon, but have yet to pay, please forward your pledges to your 20th District "bowler."

Non-Event Fundraiser

Remember to "not attend" our non-event fundraiser November 17. See the enclosed flyer and contribute.



State Committee report

The third quarter meeting of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee convened on Saturday, September 23rd, at the Lewis and Clark convention center in Clarkston, Washington.

Chairperson Karen Marchioro reported this year's emphasis by the state organization has focused on organization and training. A new handbook for P.C.'s, training sessions for P.C.'s, leadership seminars, and training institutes for campaign workers are part of this endeavor.

An election was held to fill a vacancy in the state's delegation to the Democratic National Committee created by the death of Bill Ames. Jan Mahlem of Snohomish County was elected to fill the vacancy.

Of the resolutions presented to the WSDCC, the following were approved:

(1) A resolution asking the legislature to enact a law requiring all logs harvested on state lands be milled in the State of Washington.

(2) A resolution asking the legislature to enact a law enabling a person to have a choice between a dentist and a denturist when purchasing false teeth.

(3) A resolution condemning the violent repression of the Chinese people and pledge to help in any way we can the cause of freedom and self-determination in China.

(4) A resolution pertaining to H.R. 2470, the catastrophic medicare act of 1988, recommending the present session of congress introduce legislation correcting the

weakness of the 1988 law, and provide a method of financing that is equitable to all.

(5) A resolution endorsing initiative 112. An initiative regulating oil companies.

The rules committee presented a draft of the 1990 delegate selection rules. Delegates to the 1990 state convention will be selected the same as last year with very little change in the rules.

The following resolution was also presented by the rules committee and adopted:

The WSDCC authorizes and directs the State Chair to negotiate with the State Republican Party and the State Legislature to amend the presidential primary law as follows:

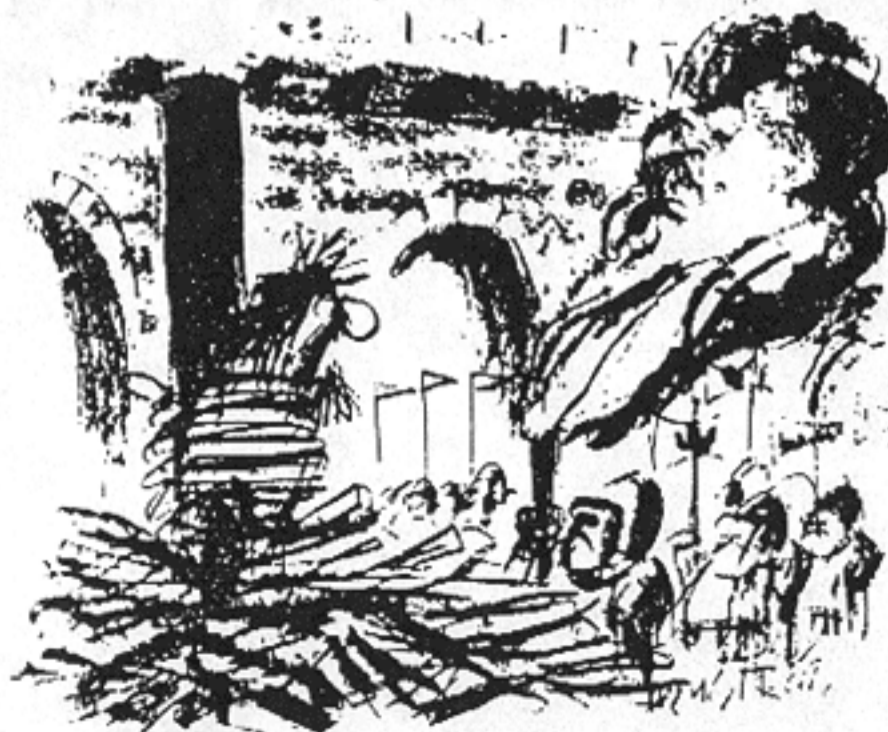
(1) If California moves it's primary to early March, then to advance the date of Washington's presidential primary to the same date.

(2) If California does not so advance it's primary date, then to advance the date of the Washington presidential primary to the second Tuesday in March.

(3) To remove from the secretary of state the authority to move the date of the primary.

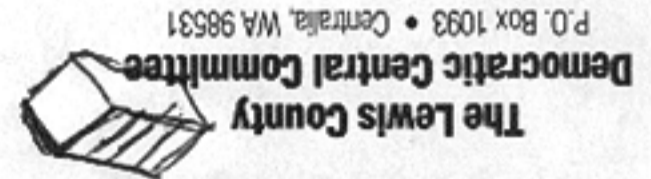
(4) To provide for a committee of party and legislative leaders to place the names of candidates on the presidential preference primary ballot instead of the secretary of state.

(5) To re-reserve a date for party caucuses on which special elections cannot be called (if needed).



"I'd just like to add that it's this kind of thing that keeps good people out of public life!"

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Hats off to Doctor C. Everett Koop

By Ed Smethers
State Committeeman

While President Reagan enjoyed great personal popularity during his tenure in office, his administration will undoubtedly go down as one of the most inept administrations in modern history.

Throughout an administration with the national debt climbing to two trillion dollars, with over 50 administration officials under federal indictment or investigation, the Iran Contra scandal, and the H.U.D. and savings and loan debacles, one person stood above the sleaze of the administration. That person was Doctor C. Everett Koop, recently retired Surgeon General of the United States.

Ironically, Dr. Koop's confirmation to that position did not go well. Senators on the Democratic side of the aisle were apprehensive about his stand on abortion. He

was a very vocal anti-abortionist and those opposed to his confirmation assumed he would use the office as a bully pulpit. As a factual matter, Dr. Koop turned out to be an embarrassment to the President, at least in the eyes of those hard right-wing supporters. He waged an unrelenting war on the tobacco industry (a major contributor of political funds). Asked by the President for a study on the Aids problem, instead of bashing the gay community, he came out with a factual, comprehensive report stating that Aids was not just a gay problem, but a problem that would touch the lives of every man, woman and child regardless of race or sexual preference. In his report he stated that one of the best preventive measures against Aids was the use of the condom. What a firestorm of protest that raised in some circles.

Dr. Koop was accused of having chang-

ed his views after being appointed to office. That is not true. He is a very pragmatic individual. He stated that his mandate from the Congress of the United States was to protect the health of ALL the people of this country and to the best of his ability that is what he tried to do. Dr. Koop's stand on abortion never wavered. He left the office still opposing abortion, however his years in office may have changed his views on some of the solutions to the problem. Prior to his retirement he made a very interesting statement. He stated, and I wish to paraphrase, we in the anti-abortion movement have shot our wad. We have used all the arguments there are to use. In my estimation the best solution to the problem is the elimination of unwanted pregnancies. That means better contraceptives and sex education. Unfortunately, those who are the most vocally opposed to abortion are also the most vocally against this approach.

Dr. Koop would like to have been appointed Secretary of Health and Human Services. Unfortunately, the present administration probably deemed him to be too controversial. Their political gain is the country's loss.

Whether you are anti-abortion or pro-choice you would have to be hard pressed not to admit that Dr. Koop is one of the outstanding Americans of our time. My hat is off to Doctor C. Everett Koop.

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