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Coming Events

Thursday, April 20

Chehalis Lions Club
Rib Eye Restaurant
7 P.M.

Thursday, April 27

Lewis County Democratic Meeting
King Solomon's Restaurant
Dinner at 6 P.M. Meeting at 7 P.M.

Sunday, May 7

Cinco de Mayo -
Mexican Independence Day
Fund Raiser - \$3 per person
All-you-can-eat Mexican buffet
1-5 P.M. State Capitol Museum
Contact Dale Snyder 754-6705 or
Rosemarie McGregor 786-7862

Monday, May 8

Lewis County Democrats
Executive Committee Meeting
Place: TBA Time: 7 P.M.

Friday, May 12

Thurston County Democrats
Jefferson/Jackson Day Dinner
Westwater Inn 7 P.M.



Surprises promised for April meeting



Our scheduled speaker for the April meeting of the Lewis County Democrats is Jennifer Belcher, Representative from the Twenty-Second District, Olympia. But with the adjournment of the legislature in doubt at press time Stu Halsan cautions us to stay loose. If Jennifer can't make it we are personally pulling for Jane Fonda.

The Depot packs 'em in

It has been a long time since Lewis County has been without Democratic representation at the state level. And we hear even many of our county Democrats are in jeopardy come next election. We live in a time of crisis for our party. To say we need to pull together is to understate our case. That was (more or less) the theme of the Electable Candidate Club meeting at the Depot Restaurant March 29th.

We attended, as did about three times as many people as were at the general meeting at Solomon's the week before. And we listened as our Democratic dilemma was discussed.

Amazingly, with the wide divergence of philosophies held by many of the attendees, we came to similar conclusions... one being we need to get candidates "who better reflect the needs of Lewis County and of our congressional district."

Just how this reflection would come about or what it would look like, however, was not discussed.

Probably just as well.

Curt Smitch is back

The Curt Smitch saga continues. At the very least Governor Gardner has put a neat net over Senator Jack Mecalf (Republican, Whidbey Island).

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Genius is nothing but a great aptitude for patience.

Chairman's Corner

Stu Halsan



Haste makes waste, or so we have been taught, but, is the opposite true? Does waste make haste? Obviously not.

As the Exxon Valdez lay foundering in Prince William's Sound, spewing more gallons of oil than McDonald's has burgers, we might hope that our government would respond in a timely manner to do something, anything.

After growing criticism of his inaction, President Decisiveness, who promised to be the President of the "environmental thing," finally decided to do something. Better late than never, some might say, but it makes you wonder how long it would take him to react to a Soviet first strike. "Talk to me next week fellahs, can't you see I'm busy. I'm still trying to figure out what my position should be on the foreign policy thing."

Exxon now admits that they will pass the cost of cleanup along in higher prices to consumers. Maybe that explains why gas prices have sharply increased at Exxon. What explains the higher prices at Mobil, Shell, Arco, Standard and all the others though? Big Oil will make billions off this, just watch, and guess who pays.

Having a Texas oilman in the White House can assure us of one thing: he sure understands the industry.

As if we didn't have enough problems

The word around Washington is that Barbara Bush has been put in charge of an administration sponsored literacy program called: JUST SAY SOMETHING.

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Editorial:

Oil Spills — Murphy must have known what he was talking about

The national and even international concern over the recent oil spill in Valdez, Alaska, gives us pause here in the Puget Sound Basin. It seems only a short time ago a Washington State Democratic Governor was telling us that no one had to worry about super tankers in the Puget Sound. They and we were perfectly safe, she said. And except for then Senator Warren Magnuson's timely Congressional string pulling, we might well have been wiping

Gov 2 hits a wall of silence

We attended a hearing in the State House Office Building the other day led by House Revenue Committee Chair Art Wang. It was the first outing for the Governor's new tax package (Gov 2), and several people came to testify. In fact the committee made a special effort to get favorable criticism from prominent citizens and business leaders.

And some did come forward.

But there were a lot of people sitting on their hands. The WEA lobbyist Karen Davis was silent. The State Employees' Mark Brown and State Retired Employees' Guz Schwartz were tight lipped. The Washington State Retired Teachers' lobbyists Cal Watness and Neal Nogler listened but did not testify.

And there were many there dead against any tax proposal that included a personal income tax.

Judging from the hearing and from what we have heard elsewhere the Governor's tax reform does not look like a winner.

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oil off harbor seals and sea birds in Budd Inlet or Elliott Bay or on the shores of Bainbridge Island.

As Murphy might have restated his famous law: "If disaster is dependent on human error, there will be human error."

With one senator it's "Damn the reef, full speed ahead"

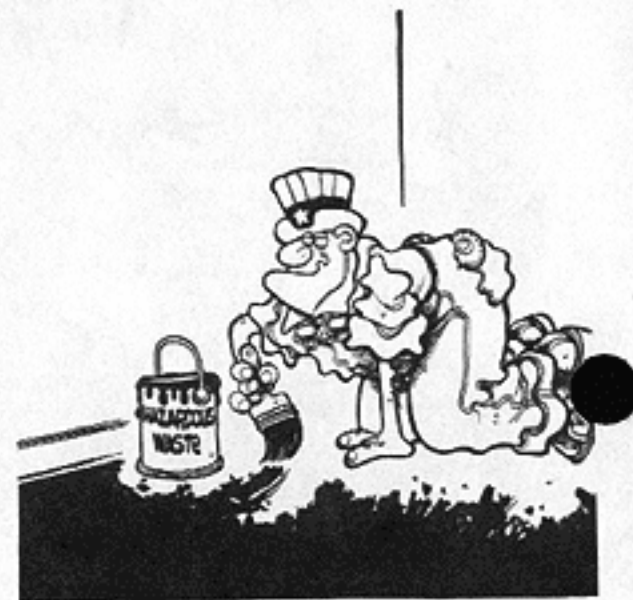
Mike Oakland of the "Daily O" writes our own Senator Neil Amondson wants to see oil drilling off the Washington coastline despite of what has happened in Alaska. In fact, Oakland says, Neil is upset with some of his Republican colleagues because they won't go along with him.

Will our ocean beaches be hit with what we were able to protect our interior coastline from?

Maggie, where are you now, when we need you?

Wouldn't it be kinder not to publish?

We understand there is a new book out entitled "The Wit and Witticism of the Bush-Quayle White House". Reading the tome is said to have a similar effect on a person as spending an afternoon watching paint dry.



Democrats comment on second ammendment infringement

With assault rifles big in the news these days we thought it would be interesting to hear views expressed by local Democrats on whether assault rifles should be kept from the weapon-buying public. Herewith are a few of the comments:



PHILIP MEANY

Philip Meany, Centralia College Librarian, Precinct Committeeman, former Demogram editor:

"Assault rifles are designed for one purpose — and that purpose is certainly not to shoot deer. You hit deer with an assault rifle, you don't have any deer left.

"I support the police in their effort to control the proliferation of assault rifles."



LAVANA CONWRIGHT

Lavana Conwright, Aide to Georgette Valle, Democratic State Representative, Olympia:

"I favor stricter control over the sale of all guns — gun owners should be thoroughly checked. At least they should have a good ID check.

"I feel it is criminal to have assault rifles available to people in the streets. The only valid use of an assault rifle is as a collector's item."



BILL MASON

Bill Mason, Senate Guard, Centralia:

"I am all for the NRA. But they are way off base on this one.

"As a former police officer I feel the only people who should have access to this kind of weapon would either be the police or the military."



BETTY GERMEAU

Betty Germeau, Aide to Democratic State Representative Doug Sayan, Centralia:

"I believe that the American citizenry is best served by assault weapons remaining in the arena they were designed to serve. Assault weapons are meant for military purposes — not competitive shooting.

"Killing children in school yards by rapid fire is what happens when these weapons fall in the hands of irresponsible people. Our law enforcement officers cannot cope with these weapons."



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