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It's Official! Lewis County Democrats Are Number One

With the theme of this year's Southwest Washington Fair the State's Centennial, Fair-Chair **Jan Leth** set about organizing the Democratic Booth to reflect our history, accomplishments and pride.

For several months, Jan collected, borrowed and begged memorabilia from party stalwarts and arranged it all into a bright and interesting museum-like display that was as attractive as it was informative.

There wasn't anything like it at the Fair, and when the time came for judging of the booths, even the Fair agreed and the booth, OUR booth, won the First Prize Blue Ribbon for the best expression of the theme of the Fair.

The Republican Booth wasn't even in the running, but deserved a special prize for gall for selling "memberships" in their party for fifteen dollars.

Chairman Stu's prize for the "Oldest" memorabilia went to **Merrily Knutsen** for her original newspaper of F.D.R.'s death, and for the "Most Unusual" memorabilia went to **Jim Pea** for his personally autographed photo of Hubert Humphrey.

Belcher to speak

State Representative Jennifer Belcher, Olympia, will be the featured speaker at this month's meeting of the Lewis County Democrats.



Belcher, first elected in 1982, represents the 22nd District in the House of Representatives. She has taken a leadership role in many issues of importance to the state, including Comparable Worth, and most recently measures to invigorate the forest products industry.

Belcher will speak about developing issues that will face the Legislature in January, and how the split in control with the Republicans running the Senate will affect priorities of Democrats in the future.

The meeting is at King Solomon's Restaurant in Centralia, on Thursday, September 28th. Dinner off the menu is at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting following at 7:00 p.m.

Coming Events

Thursday, September 28

Lewis County Democrats

Monthly Meeting

Place: King Solomon's Restaurant

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 9

Lewis County Democrats

Executive Board Meeting

Place: Hickory Winds

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Chairman's Corner

Stu Halsan



Jim Summers is one of this State's Republican National Committeemen. A rising star of the State G.O.P. with his support in the conservative Pat Robertson wing of the party.

Jim Summers owes the State over Seven Million Dollars in unpaid taxes. The Department of Revenue estimates this to be the largest delinquency in State History.

Will the State Republicans put up with this? Anyone with a brain in their head could see that it's wrong. Surely they'll toss him out like the embarrassment he is. Wrong!

At the latest Republican State Committee meeting a motion was made to strip him of the National Committeeman position, but it failed.

Summers admits he owes the money, but blames all the fuss on "an absolutely virulent attack" by liberals in the news media, liberals in the Republican Party, Democrats in State Government, treacherous lenders who deserted him, and the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986.

His perspective must have been correct, because the majority of those present stood by him, agreeing that he should remain their representative as he battles the Communist Sympathizers who feel he should pay his taxes.

Most of us pay our taxes. It hurts sometimes, but we do it. Most of us in fifty lifetimes would never pay \$7.38 million of them, much less try to stiff the government in that amount.

At least while the tax-man is on his tail Summers says he won't be able to give the tens of thousands of dollars in contributions that he has given to conservative Republicans in recent years. Good for us anyway.

The Republicans never cease to amaze me.

20th District report

By Chris Bailey, Chairman
20th District Democrats

Did you know that a State Representative race costs each campaign approximately \$60,000 or more through the general election here in the 20th District? Did you know that a 20th District State Senate campaign can cost in the vicinity of \$200,000? The Republican incumbent spent over \$250,000 in the last campaign election alone.

We Democrats can't do it in big chunks like the GOP. We need LOTS of people willing to invest in good (Democratic) government. Our committee would like to help our candidates by raising funds for them as well. We had a "bowl-a-thon" scheduled on September 9th at Fairlanes Bowl in Centralia and raised over \$300.

If YOU wish to contribute to the 20th Legislative District's efforts, please send your checks to the 20th District Democratic Central Committee, c/o Chris Bailey, 618 South Gold, Centralia, WA 98531.

We also have available our "True-Blue Democrat" t-shirt for \$12.50. You can order those at the above address or by calling 736-2502. These shirts, designed on a cocktail napkin at the Little Red Barn in Rochester, were recently featured (???) in the *New York Times*. Christian Dior...eat your heart out!!

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Democratic Fair Booth a winner



Fair-Chair **Jan Leth** at the Blue-Ribbon Booth.

This year's Democratic Fair Booth took first place in the "Fair Theme" category at the Southwest Washington Fair. Our theme was "One Hundred Years of Good Democratic Government."

Coordinating the booth was great fun, and my special thanks go to **Ed Smethers** who worked his "magic" on two display cases for the campaign memorabilia.

Many Democrats donated from their prized political collections to make this year's booth a "number-one" effort. Thanks go to **Ed Smethers** (for discovering and purchasing the pictures of the Democratic Presidents), **Merrily Knutsen, Stu Halsan, Donna Karvia, Barbara Holm, Velma Jacobson, Joyce Barnes, Gary and Kay Odgaard, Jim Pea, Gordon and Carolyn Aadland, Jon Halvorson, and Walt Bowen.** Additional kudos go to the many who donated their time and personalities to oversee the booth during the six days of the Fair.

Jan Nontell put her seamstress talents to good use to construct the popular "Demo Bunny" which drew many people to the booth who were in hope of winning the cuddly animal. The lucky winner was **Jennifer Richards** of Winlock.

Congresswoman **Jolene Unsoeld** worked at our booth on Thursday, August 17th, and a picture of her, LCDCC Treasurer **Donna Kostick**, and our booth appeared in the *New York Times* on August 22nd.

Thanks again to all.

Jan Leth,
First Vice Chair
Fair Booth Chair

Children's Initiative gearing up for November ballot

BY JAN LETH

The Children's Initiative #102 heads for the November ballot, with a majority approval rating among our state's voters in recent polls and the support of over 100 organizations and scores of elected officials. It is one of the broadest coalitions of people in our state ever to work for a ballot issue.

We have six months to raise money, talk to our groups and do everything we can to get the word out to the rest of the voters that the Children's Initiative #102 is the only way to ensure a secure and certain source of funding for the health, protection and education of all of our children.

Jon LeVeque anticipates victory in November citing this state's strong tradition for enacting laws through initiative. Last year the voters overwhelmingly passed both the citizens' toxic cleanup and the minimum wage bills when the Legislature failed to act.

The House passed the Children's Initiative with bipartisan support and Governor Gardner endorsed #102. But a handful of State Senators, led by State Senator Linda Smith (R-Hazel Dell) vetoed the opportunity to pass the Children's Initiative last session. Washington State has been falling

behind in support for programs critically needed by children and Smith's pocket veto means the state will fall further behind unless we pass the Children's Initiative November 7.

We are not now investing what we need for our children. We are not investing enough for our children's health:

- The Pacific Northwest has the highest death rate in the U.S. among babies not yet 28 days old.

- 2 in 3 women, infants and children eligible for nutrition programs go unserved.

We are not investing enough for our children's education:

- 1 in 4 children never graduate from high school.

- Washington State is fourth worst in class size in the nation.

There is too much child abuse and neglect:

- 3,800 cases of abuse and neglect reported each month.

- 40% of abused and neglected children are under 4½ years old.

We can stop the slide in Washington by investing in our children's futures. The first and most effective step requires that you become active in the Children's Initiative Campaign. Your volunteer time and money will be put to use expanding the campaign throughout the state. Get involved in the future of Washington. The Children's Initiative can be reached at (206) 682-7424. The address is 416 Occidental Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98104.

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On the Bestseller Lists

BY STU HALSAN

What if...?

What if on November 22, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald and the other conspirators failed in Dallas and President John F. Kennedy survived the attempted assassination, critically injured and incapacitated?

What if the recuperating President, physically incapable of a strenuous 1964 re-election campaign, still was able to wield enough power to insure that his brother, Bobby, was given the Vice-Presidential nomination on the ticket with Acting-President Lyndon Johnson to run against a Republican nomination of Nelson Rockefeller and Barry Goldwater?

Whoa! Circle the wagons! Bring in J. Edgar Hoover, Fidel Castro, the Mob, the Vietnam War and a continued cover-up reaching the highest levels and you've got the story line of the book *Promises To Keep* by George Bernau, at your bookstores and elsewhere now. (Warner Books, paperback, \$5.95, 671 pages)

Promises to Keep is an intriguing story, fast paced, and an all around good read. At the start it is a bit contrived, as you try to get used to the abundant pseudonyms that the author found necessary to avoid lawsuits, but that passes soon. Kennedy is "President John Cassidy", Johnson is "Rance Gardner", Bobby is "Tim", Jackie is "Suzanne", Onassis is "Konstantine" and on and on. The only real name Bernau uses is Castro. (I guess he's not afraid of a libel suit there). After a hundred pages, though, you don't even read the names as they are written, but follow the story subconsciously substituting in the real ones.

Politics, intrigue, danger and its domestic and international ramifications all combine to propel the reader through page after page of a story so well set in an accurate depiction of events and details which we all remember that it blurs history and fiction.

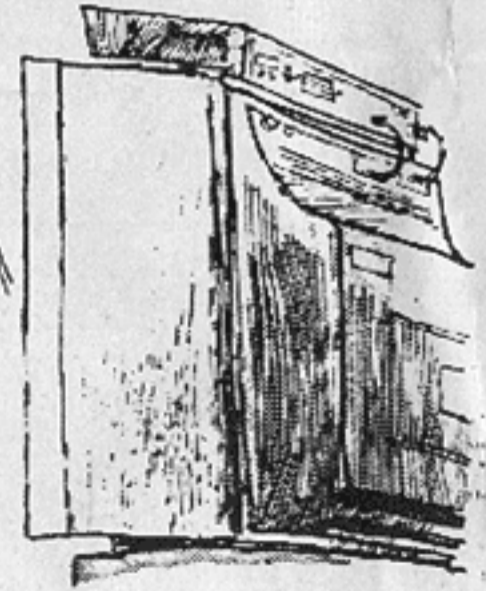
If the story fails, it is probably in the perpetuation and expansion of the Camelot mythology, as the "fictional" Kennedys have few, if any, human faults. That, however, for the Democratic reader, might even be a positive aspect because when we think back, now twenty-five years, we do think:

"What if...?"

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In the last episode of
"As The Soviet Empire Churns",
Lech was granted a divorce from
Mother Russia, provided she retains
custody of the Polish army.. The
Armenians and Azerbaijanis are feuding
while Mikhail suspects the Baltics of
having an affair with the outside world
and Fidel's disgusted with the
whole thing



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