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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

by Bob Guenther

Times are a changin' in Lewis County and the results of the primary prove it! While I'm encouraged by the results, I'm slightly troubled by the turnout.

If Congressman Baird had received approximately six more votes per precinct, he would have taken Lewis County. I'm positive we have six more Democrats per precinct, but we need your help if we are going to get them to the polls on election day. Each person needs to talk to ten folks about how important this election is, and remind them to vote -- it will make a real difference in our results.

And to be sure, this election is important. Two to four sets on the Supreme Court will be appointed by either Al Gore or George Bush, control of the U.S. House of Representatives hangs in the balance and, most importantly, the future of Lewis County is at stake. So be sure to vote on November 7th, and bring a number of people with you to the polls!

In other news, I'd also like to invite you to attend our annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner on October 27th at the Centralia Legion Hall. Cat Underhill and Deanna Zieske are organizing the event. A number of candidates will be in attendance, so come on out and hear what they have to say concerning your future! In addition, we will be acknowledging the Democrats of the Year. This year's recipients are extremely deserving of the award and I hope you will join me in honoring them.

Also keep in mind, our reorganization meeting will be held at the Lewis County Courthouse on December 9th starting at 9:00 a.m. Our Slate Committee has been working on the development of our slate of officers for the coming two years. While only elected PCOs will be able to vote, everyone is invited to attend.

VOTE DEMOCRAT

On November 7th one of the most important elections in history will take place. Control of the White House and with it key appointments to the U.S. Supreme Court is at stake. So, too, is control of the U.S. Congress, the key executive positions in Washington (including Governor) and control of the Washington State Legislature. Here in Lewis County we have a chance to elect two Democrats as County Commissioners as well as representatives to the state House and Senate.

Democrats must get out the vote -- and that means we are counting on each one of you to vote, and to get your friends and acquaintances to the polls, too. In fact, by the time this *Demogram* gets to you many of you will already have received your mail-in or absentee ballots. We are counting on you to return those ballots marked for our impressive slate of Democrats running for office.

All of you have received flyers in the mail, at shopping malls and by candidates door belling in their efforts to get your vote. We hope you have read those carefully. The *Demogram* invited candidates to provide us with information that we might publish in this issue of our newsletter. We have included information from those candidates who were able to respond in this issue of the *Demogram*.

IN MEMORIAM

Daniel "Chett" Fickett
Sheila Hannum
Harold Hayden
Jane Krieg
Kennith Wiley

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Michele Cotner, Democratic Candidate for State Representative, 18th Dist., Pos. 1

The 2000 Primary has shown us some satisfying triumphs. Brian came close to winning Lewis, Locke was a resounding favorite, and Eric seems poised to become County Commissioner. However, we can also see some troublesome trends continuing over the last five election cycles -- fewer Democrats are voting and fewer of them bother to continue down the ballot to vote for all qualified Democratic candidates.

All Lewis County Democrats need to work together to reverse the decline in Democratic voting. You must call every one of your friends and ask them to help in the election this year. Tell them they must go down the ballot to vote for Michele Cotner, Kent Landerholm, Tom Beattie, Jeanne Massingham and Eric Johnson in addition to the leaders of our ticket, Al Gore and Gary Locke. We need their votes to win. Talk to your neighbors, get Democratic-minded citizens to register, distribute campaign literature, put out signs, man the phone banks, and help us get out our inclusive and community-spirited message and we will win in November!!!!!!

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REPUBLICAN QUERY ANSWERED

By Lew Zieske

During the height of the recent furor that so embarrassed Lewis County Republican Central Committee Chair Ron Averill I had the opportunity to read his offending statement about Eric Johnson in *The Trunkline*, the Republican's counterpart to the *Demogram*. In *The Trunkline* I found the following question posed and that I want to answer.

"A question to ponder . . . why is it when Al Gore and running mate Joe Lieberman, invoke the name of God and pray in public, they are not labeled dangerous, right-wing, radical, fundamentalists?"

The answer, as I see it, is really quite simple. Gore and Lieberman don't use their religious beliefs to judge other people. They do not attempt to paint their religious beliefs as somehow superior to others -- as the so-called only "right answer." And while the values they have acquired through their religious upbringing have framed their views of right and wrong, they do not attempt to use those religious beliefs as justification or as the measure for sound public policy.

Demonstrating one's belief in God is a far cry from forcing one's religious beliefs upon others!

Below: Cathy Cavness smiles as she finds another voting Democrat during her telephone bank calls.



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FROM THE COORDINATED CAMPAIGN

Election time is here once again. As we approach the general election on November 7th, it is clear that this will be an historic election, and the most important election in over a half century. Not only do we have the opportunity to maintain the Presidency, but we also have the opportunity to regain control of the United States House of Representatives. More importantly, the next President of the United States will be charged with appointing between two and four new Justices to the Supreme Court. The future of the Court's decisions on issues from workers rights to civil rights to a woman's right to choose rests in the balance. And, we will be affected by the Court's decisions for the rest of our natural lives. With so much at stake, we cannot afford to lose.

Up and down the ballot and across the country we are in the fight of our lives -- a fight to determine the future of this great country. By no means will this fight be easy and it will be won on the ground, in our precincts and communities by people like you and me. One vote per precinct will be the deciding factor on Election Day!

We can make a difference, we can determine the future of this country for ourselves, our children and our children's children. By volunteering to man a phone-bank, knocking on doors, driving people to the polls on Election Day, we will win! We cannot do it without you! To be part of this winning effort, please contact the Lewis County Democrats at (360) 330-5006. Together we can win in November!!

"Don't dry up by inaction but go out and do things . . . Don't believe what somebody else tells you, but know things by your own contacts with life. If you do that you will be of great value to the community and the world"

Eleanor Roosevelt, 1938

Be of Value to Our Community! Ed.

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COORDINATED CAMPAIGN PROVIDES TWO WORKERS TO LEWIS COUNTY

Lewis County Democrats are again benefitting from Brian Baird's foresight in participating in the coordinated campaign effort. For the second straight Congressional Election Brian has used young folks recruited by the Strategic Consulting Group of Chicago, Illinois to provide help to key campaigns.

This year two young men are working in Lewis County on Brian's campaign and lending their efforts to all of the Democrat candidates for public office in Lewis County. Aaron Cook, age 25, and Stephen Morgan, age 22, are working out of the Lewis County Democrats offices in Centralia helping to organize and focus our efforts toward victory in November.

Aaron Cook is from Sandwich, Illinois, and is a graduate of North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. Before joining the Coordinated Campaign Aaron worked for Bigelow & Company, a Chicago company specializing in public finance. He is interested in investment banking, with a concentration on public finance for small communities. During the campaign Aaron is staying in the home of Bob and Barbara McInnis in Centralia.

Stephen Morgan is from Joppa, Maryland. He is a recent graduate of Messiah College of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Steve is interested in becoming an officer in the U.S. Air Force. During the campaign Steve is staying in the Centralia home of Brian Dow.

Steve and Aaron are two of 15 young people working out of the Third Congressional District. They share the official job title of Field Organizers for the campaign. Both arrived in Lewis County in early July and will leave for home in mid-November.

When asked what their favorite color is, both these young men said "The color of Democratic VICTORY!!!!!"

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MESSAGE FROM BRIAN BAIRD

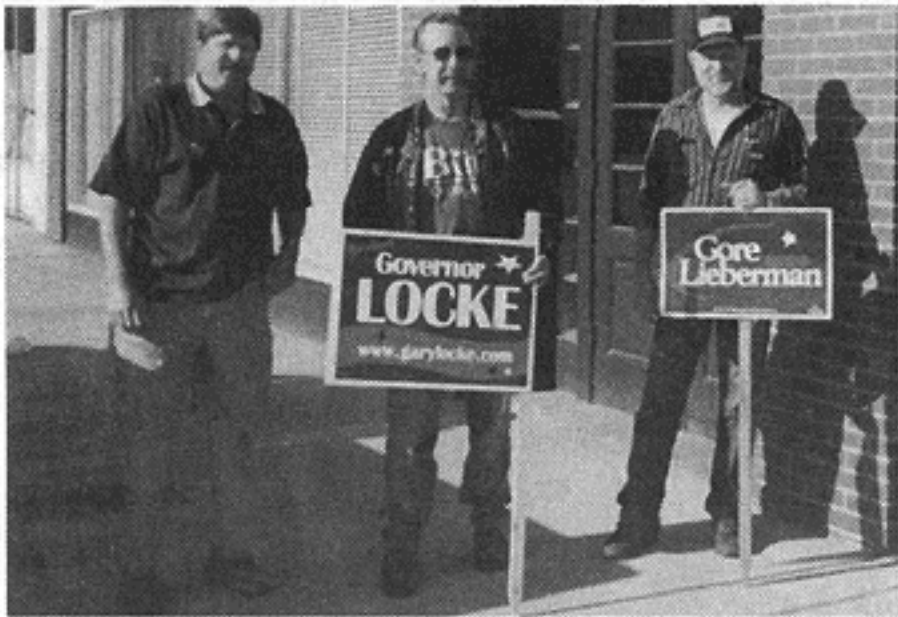
by Brian Baird, Congressman, 3rd District (D)

Thanks to everyone who came out and put up signs, made phone calls and knocked on doors for the primary! As the numbers clearly show, support for our party and our sensible stands on the issues is growing in Lewis County. Hopefully this is in no small part due to the hard work I have tried to do for, and the frequent visits I have made to, Lewis County.

Mostly, however, the increased support is due to the efforts of the many who have worked tirelessly in their communities to let their neighbors know about my common sense approach to the issues and some of my accomplishments as well.

The primary was only a practice exam, we face the real test in the general election. But together we can show that Democrats are talking about (and solving) issues that voters care about most. With such a good showing, we must resist the temptation to become complacent. There is a great deal of work yet to be done. Please join me, Maria, Eric, Jeanne, Tom, Kent and Michelle in our struggle to ensure a Democratic future for the county, our state and our nation.

DEMOS SPONSOR SUCCESSFUL SIGN BLITZ



Above: Brian Dow, Pat Underhill and Curt Deal get signs to place in Centralia

More than 30 loyal Democrats spent Saturday, September 16th canvassing Lewis County to place signs for our candidates in yards in town and along county roads. Workers met at the Carpenter's Hall for a continental breakfast. Sack lunches with drinks were provided to everyone who helped.

Sponsors estimate that over 800 voter contacts were made and that over 200 signs were placed throughout the county that day. Thanks for all your hard work.

MICHELE COTNER, STATE REPRESENTATIVE (18th District)

By: Committee to Elect Michele Cotner (D)

Effective, smart, experienced and creative, she'll fight for good education, secure health care, family wage jobs, a healthy business community, and safe communities that respect and sustain every person.

Michele Cotner is a Southwest Washington citizen and business owner who cares about, and has worked for, her community and the future of Washington State.

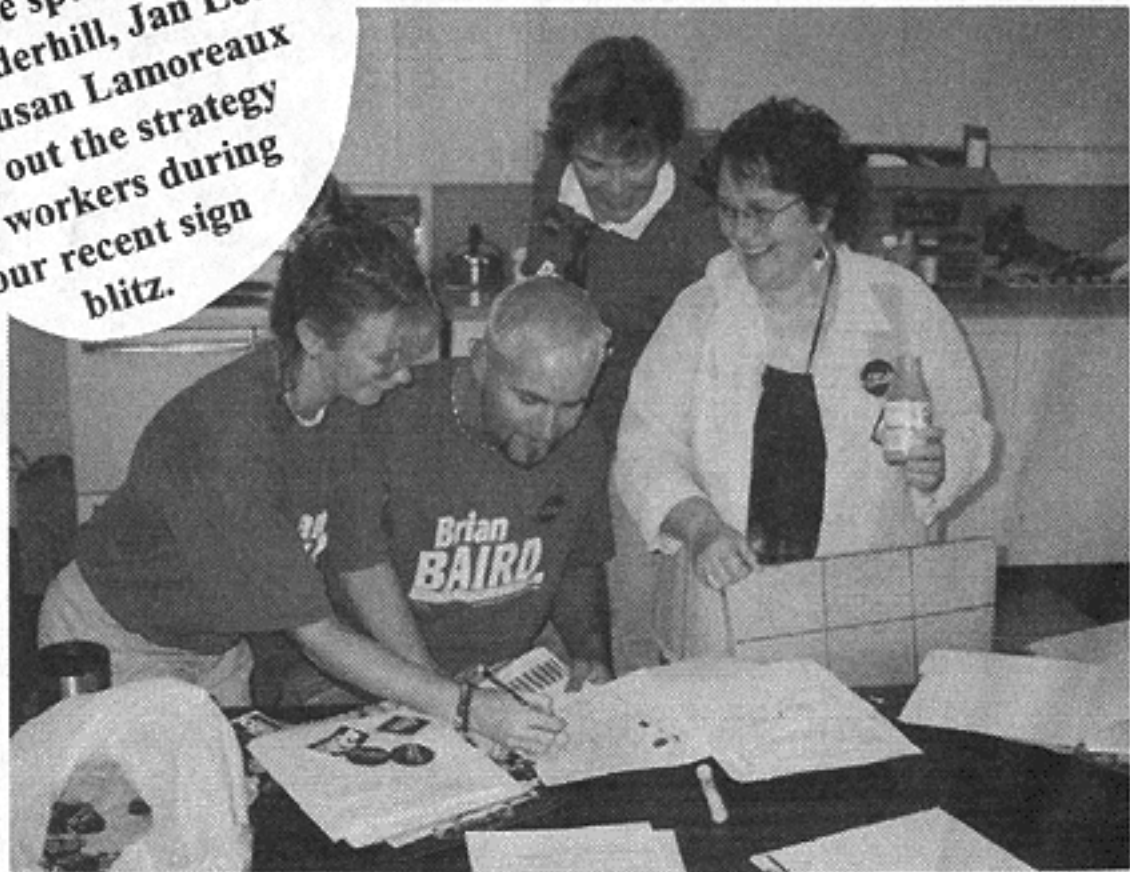
She managed the \$8.7 million remodeling of the Clark County Court House, which finished on time and under budget. She has developed new job classifications at the Vancouver School District, has worked to improve literacy through Clark College, and has shown her leadership as president of YWCA-Vancouver, state representative for the Women Entrepreneurs Organization, and president of the Vancouver Personal Computer Users Group.

Michele, 55, lives in North Vancouver with her husband, is a graduate of the University of Washington, and holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration. She has worked for 30 years in Washington, tirelessly building strong businesses and a strong economy, improving education, reducing government waste, and negotiating fair contracts with unionized labor. She will take her experience as a leader, successful negotiator, and educator and apply these skills in Olympia, for the 18th District.





X marks the spot. Sheila and Neil Underhill, Jan Leth and Susan Lamoreaux map out the strategy for workers during our recent sign blitz.



Lewis County Democrats Central Committee
Presents

Jefferson-Jackson Dinner 2000

Friday, October 27, 2000

American Legion Hall

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Social Hour 6:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

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JOHNSON MAKES TOTAL COMMITMENT TO COUNTY CITIZENS

By: Lew Zieske

Eric Johnson, of Centralia, recently demonstrated his total commitment to bringing responsible government to Lewis County citizens. Faced with allegations of Hatch Act violations as a state employee running for political office, Johnson chose the moral high road and resigned his \$65,000 a year job at the Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation to pursue his race for Lewis County Commissioner.

Johnson told *The Chronicle* "I think we had made our decision that this was the right thing to do at the right time." He went on to say his decision reflects "his tremendous commitment to the people of this county, risking a very good job at a time there's not a lot of certainty I'll be elected or not."

Eric Johnson was a virtual political unknown when he announced as a Democrat for the Lewis County Commissioner District 2 position against incumbent Russ Wigley. Since then he's garnered strong voter support, receiving a majority of the votes cast in the September primary election.

Johnson is married. He and his wife, Carrie, have two children. Johnson's campaign has stressed strengthening public safety, protecting natural resources (with emphasis on promoting good agriculture and timber practices), economic expansion and promoting greater cooperation among governmental agencies in the region.

JEANNE MASSINGHAM, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

The question that must be asked today is, "Is Lewis County government stronger and is it more respected today than it was four years ago?" Unfortunately, the answer is "No!" The present commissioner in the second district has failed to meet even those minimal standards that should be expected of a County Commissioner.

He has been a willing participant in setting the stage for deterioration of our excellent county road system -- terminating the director of the county roads department, the county road engineer and the road maintenance engineer -- for reasons of political expediency. Graham help change our excellent animal shelter into a shell of its former existence. He was part of the travesty in the east county spending over a million dollars to build a levee the wrong direction on the Cowlitz River.

We can no longer tolerate that sort of "leadership" from our County Commissioners. I want to change that.

A common concern I hear in speaking with the people is they don't get a great deal of information, or opportunity for input, on major issues until the decisions are made on issues that have a great import on their lives. This needs to be changed; there must be open government for the people!

As a woman I add a woman's perspective to the problems facing the county -- a perspective that has been missing from the Commission since Joanne Schwartz retired. I am committed to open government, sound fiscal management making sure that spending priorities match the people's priorities, and the protection of private property rights. These things I will work for as your Lewis County Commissioner.

"If you care for your own children, you must take an interest in all, for your children must go on living in the world made by all children"

-- Eleanor Roosevelt, 1933 --



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CANTWELL CHALLENGES GORTON FOR U.S. SENATE

Maria Cantwell's bid for the U.S. Senate is sure to be one of the most exciting races in the country. Recent poll results show Cantwell leading incumbent Republican Senator Slade Gorton in November's general election race.

With the New Economy posing both challenges and opportunities for working families, Washingtonians can wait no longer to elect a candidate like Cantwell, an accomplished legislator and high-tech professional with the perfect blend of expertise and grassroots commitment to push for legislation that will provide enhanced resources and an amplified voice in the political process.

Cantwell has pledged not to accept a single dollar from special interest groups, providing her with the open-minded terrain on which to transfer the real power of democracy from narrow-minded D.C. special interests to the people of Washington State.

In 1992, Maria Cantwell became the first Democrat in 40 years to be elected to represent Washington's First Congressional District. Maria cast her first vote in the nation's capitol for the Family and Medical Leave Act, and fought vigorously for campaign finance reform. She helped pass the Brady Bill and battled powerful insurance companies to improve access to affordable, high-quality health care.

Maria Cantwell comes from working family stock and offers the citizens of our state the chance to return effective Democratic leadership from Washington to our nation's capitol.

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GARY LOCKE FOR GOVERNOR

Until Election Day, we can expect to see a lot of rhetoric coming from John Carlson, someone who has no experience in public office and has never been responsible to the citizens of Washington.

Carlson has been grandstanding, offering simplistic solutions to complex problems while Locke, as Governor, is working to make government more efficient, more accountable and more effective in providing services citizens need and want.

"Where was John?" Governor Locke asked. "When we were making the largest investment in education in state history, where was John? When we were trying to pass a charter schools bill, where was John? When we were establishing an accountability commission for public schools, where was John? When we were passing the strongest Patients' Bill of Rights in the nation, where was John? When we were working to spread the state's prosperity to rural areas, where was John?"

"When I was creating \$1.5 billion in new funding for transportation in this year's session of the Legislature, where was John?" Governor Locke asked.

Governor Locke has met the test of leadership. He raised standards for students and test scores are up. He reduced welfare caseloads by 40 percent and Washington State is considered first in the nation in moving people from welfare to work. Washington's unemployment is the lowest in more than 30 years and Washington is rated among the top four best-run states in America.

LANDERHOLM LOOKING FORWARD TO ELECTION

After the Primary on September 19, Kent Landerholm's campaign for State Senator (18th District) has been energized. According to Kent, "The results showed us exactly what we need to do to win in November. Turnout was lower than in previous years, and typically Democrats don't vote in healthy numbers in the primary. If we can get our supporters to the polls for the general election, we'll be celebrating in November." In order for all Democrats to come out on top in November, we need your support. We must continue our efforts to reach all Democratic voters in Lewis County. By contacting your friends and neighbors and getting them to the polls on November 7th, we will win!!

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SET FOR DECEMBER 9, 2000

The Democrats elected as Lewis County Precinct Committee Officers (PCO) at the General Election will meet at Meeting Room 2 of the Lewis County Courthouse Annex at 9:00 a.m. on December 9, to elect party officers for the next biennium.

The Reorganizational Meeting is open to all Democrats residing in the county and at the discretion of the Party chair all in attendance will have the opportunity to speak. A slate of candidates for party posts is being drawn up by the Nominating Committee. Serving on the Nominating Committee are Jan Leth, Bill Mason, Gary Odegaard and Michaelle Fries.

The Nominating Committee will be putting together a slate of nominees for the offices of Central Committee Chair, 1st and 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and State Committeeman and State Committeewoman. The Executive Committee will also include the position of Past Chair Emeritus.

Jan Leth and Bill Mason report that the Nominating Committee is pretty excited about the new group of people who are stepping forward to offer their leadership to the Lewis County Democrats Central Committee. The nominees will be presented for election at the December 9th Reorganizational Meeting.

LEWIS COUNTY DEMOCRATS CALENDAR

October 27, 2000
November 7, 2000

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The following quote from former President Jimmy Carter is a clear warning for all those interested in supporting George W. Bush. Ed.

"Watch me closely during the campaign because I won't be any better a president than I am a candidate."

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