

31st District Democrat's Newsletter



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MEETING NOTICE
31ST DISTRICT DEMOCRATS
WILL MEET from 7-9PM
Wednesday August 24th
SUMNER PUBLIC LIBRARY
1116 Fryer Ave.
Sumner, WA
Coffee Hour
6-7PM

FEATURED SPEAKERS RANDY GORDON



Mr. Gordon, a candidate for the 8th Congressional District, will speak about 'Black Box' voting machines and their effect on Washington State elections.

Dylan Malone Initiative 336

Dylan Malone, an advocate and spokesperson for Initiative 336 in memory of his son, Ian Riley Malone, who died after a long struggle with the injuries he suffered from gross medical malpractice, will also be speaking. If passed, Initiative 336 would:

- Revoke licenses of doctors who have three jury verdicts against them in 10 years for preventable medical injuries.
- Require disclosure of a provider's malpractice history to patients who ask.
- Outlaw secret settlements in malpractice cases.
- Sanction lawyers who file frivolous lawsuits.
- Require providers to promptly release records relating to adverse medical incidents.
- Create a supplemental insurance fund for doctors and hospitals. *(By Tamra Guinn, 31st District Membership and Public Relations Chair.)*

EVENTS CALENDAR

Bonney Lake Days- August 20th and 21st. Come by the 31st L.D. booth and get your '**Roach Free Zone**' button. Bring a friend to become a member.

Pierce County Democrat's Picnic- Sunday August 21st from noon to 4 pm at Spanaway Lake Park, shelter # 3. Military Rd and 152nd St. Donation Adults: 10.00 and children 5.00. There will be Hot dogs, hamburgers, salad chips and Beverages. Bring your auction items.

South King County Democrats' Dinner and Silent Auction- Sept. 12th at the Machinists' Hall in Auburn, WA.

Puyallup Fair-The Fair will be running from Friday, September 9th through Sunday, September 25th. All booths need to be staffed from 10 AM to 10 PM. If you can volunteer, please contact Charley Stokes at 253-848-8431 or e-mail at cwstokes@earthlink.net.

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CINDY SHEEHAN WANTS TO TALK TO GEORGE W. BUSH

Cindy Sheehan, mother of Casey Sheehan who died in the Iraq war, wants to ask 'W.' exactly why her son died- 'I would say, 'What is the noble cause my son died for?' And I would say if the cause is so noble has he encouraged his daughters to enlist? And I would be asking him to quit using Casey's sacrifice to justify continued killing, and to use Casey's sacrifice to promote peace.' (from AP) To find out more about Gold Star Families for Peace go to <http://www.gsfp.org/> . Other Cindy Sheehan sites- <http://www.meetwithcindy.org> Latest News from Crawford: <http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/?q=taxonomy/term/13>
President Bush's Saturday schedule (8/13/05) included a two hour bike ride, an evening Little League Baseball playoff game, a lunch meeting with Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice, a nap, some fishing and some reading. Don't you think he can take a few minutes to meet with Cindy?
(from Democracy for America)

GOT GAS?

I've got gas, cheap. In fact it seems to be free. Unfortunately, it's not the kind my truck runs on. The reason for my gastric distress is I am self employed and I sign contracts sometimes months in advance, I have no control over what my costs will be. When gas hits three dollars a gallon, I can't leave my truck at home and use public transportation to go to work because, a) public transportation in Western Washington is a joke, and b) my truck is part of the contract. Surcharges are not an option. What can I do? Eat the price of gas and wonder how many gigs will be gone next year.
Bush has killed several thousand people for oil and we are much the worse for it. My nephew, who is currently getting his Masters in International Relations, claims Bush will bring cheap Iraqi oil on line in time for the 2006 elections. Could be. The so called 'Energy Bill' that was finally forced through Congress and signed with much flair by Bush is nothing more than corporate welfare for oil companies. At a time when they are making record profits, they are given

billions tax breaks. What will they do with the money? Lower the price of gas? Or like the Florida drug lords from the 80's will they have so much cash on hand they will be forced to stuff it behind the drywall of their houses and repaint? Invest it in off-shore companies who are guaranteed big defense contracts? Fool me once, shame on you- Fool me twice and post record profits.
Even though inflated gas prices hit me hard, I don't believe we need to work for cheap oil. We need to do the work we didn't do in the 1970's during the first oil crisis and find renewable alternatives. (MJ McGalliard, newsletter chair)

BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS

Sharon Hodgins continues her drive to collect books for our troops overseas. If you have books to donate, please bring them to any meeting. Sharon ships the books at her own expense so any contributions are appreciated.

Ideas or comments for the newsletter?
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