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MEETING NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE DATE

Wed. SEPTEMBER 21ST

FROM 7-9 PM

SUMNER PUBLIC LIBRARY

1116 Fryer Ave.

Sumner, WA

Coffee hour 6-7 PM

Featured Speakers

This month we will feature speakers on both sides of two initiatives. The initiative to repeal the gas tax (I-912) and the initiative to outlaw indoor smoking (I-901). Both sides will give statements and answer questions from the body.

Also, Greg Schmidt, candidate for King County Sheriff will ask for the 31st District Democrat's endorsement.

ENDORSED CANDIDATES

The 31st District Democrats have endorsed the following candidates for the September 20th Primary Election.

Port Commissioner Position #3
Dual Endorsement

Peter Coates

<http://coatesforport.com>

Lloyd Hara

<http://www.LloydHara.com>

Port Commissioner Position #4

Jack Jolly

<http://www.jackjolley.com>

Executive, King County Council

Ron Sims

<http://www.ronsims.com/ontheissues.php>

ENDORSED CANDIDATES

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King County Council District 7

Geni Hawkins

<http://www.hawkins4kcc.org>

Municipal Court Judge in Auburn

Patrick Burns

Phone: (253) 939-7275

Future Plans for the 31st District
Democrats

Speakers for October 26th
meeting-

Jean Brooks, PCDCC Chair will address the membership. Also invited will be KCDCC Chair, Susan Sheary.

Congressman Adam Smith, 9th CD. Will also speak.

November and December meetings will be cancelled since they fall too close to the holidays.

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*Editorial Comment by MJ McGalliard
31st District Newsletter Chair*

Katrina Exposes All

The only difference I see between the disasters of Hurricane Katrina and 9/11/01 is nobody called me and said those now dreaded words, "Turn on the TV". We knew Katrina was coming, we knew when and where she would hit. And, Bush did nothing.

Our so called system of Homeland Security failed. The reasons why are many and predictable. The focus of the agency is protecting us from terrorism. Or more accurately, giving corporations huge amounts of money for high-tech gear that doesn't work. The people in charge are political cronies of the Bush Administration whose only qualification is the amount of

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money they raised for the GOP.

Were mistakes made or was the debacle simply the result of the class warfare perpetrated by the privileged, uncaring oligarchy?

I believe that question can be answered by the proposed response by Mr. Bush. He has come up with a plan that will cost 200 billion dollars and no way to pay for it. Of course, "Borrow and Spend" will be the primary source of financing. The other area they will look to will be to cut social programs. The Farm Bill, the Education Department, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid everything not Defense will be cut, finally giving them the chance to "drown government in a bathtub" and complete their rape of the commons.

Katrina blew away a lot more

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than trees and homes. Katrina's winds stripped off the last layer of veneer that masked the true agenda of the Neo-Conservatives. The levees of restraint have broken and the Karl Rove machine will use this flood of human misery to institute their agenda of bringing feudalism to the United States.

Suspension of the Davis-Bacon act, which says corporations must pay prevailing wages if they accept government work, while Halliburton gets no bid, cost plus contracts tells us everything we need to know about this 'Compassionate Conservative'. Our tax dollars will be used to build a tax free zone for the oil companies overlooked by a revitalized Redneck Riviera.

Question: "What is George W.'s position on Roe vs. Wade?" Answer: "He doesn't really care how people get out of New Orleans."