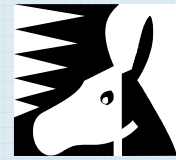




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## Thank You Bill

Members of the Clallam Co. Democratic Club and the Clallam Co. Democratic Central Committee sincerely thank you for your service as President of the "Club".

Your patience and willingness to step in to help out at a moments notice, as not gone unnoticed.

Whether it was rushing to make coffee at the Wednesday meetings, spending countless hours at the headquarters, and organizing the executive board meetings, you have always been there.

Unseen tasks, such as answering phone calls at home about everything from meeting dates to rants about some position the Democrats have taken that are either to progressive or to conservative to having to fill in at the last minute for someone who was to man the HQ or help at the Wednesday meetings.

My sincere thanks, for always submitting a column on time for the newsletter. It has made the job simpler and has assured that the edition gets published on time.

In a time when many Democrats have gone 'back in the closet', you have not been afraid to proudly promote a Democratic agenda, and support our local Democrats.



## Thank You Linda

Thank you for running a your campaign with hard work, a cooperative spirit, a solid fact based look at the issues before us, not only at the County level, but at the state and national level as well. Thank you for your talent at being able to look at all

sides of an issue, and work to resolve differences.

Thanks also to Ashley Merscher, Sam Gibboney and Pat Johanson for their work in Linda's Campaign and for all of you who phoned, waved signs and knocked on doors.

Though we wish you had won the election for County Commissioner, we are pleased that you will continue your work as executive assistant to Representatives Kevin VanDeWege and Steve Tharinger. You will be a positive force in Olympia.

If you still have the time, please continue producing the spectacular pictures you have made for National Geographic.

To all of us, YOU ARE A WINNER!



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## **KUDOS TO LOCAL DEMOCRATS**

Letters to the Editor are an effective way to let people know that there are reasoned approaches to current issues! Thanks to those who write Letters to the Editor. We need to see the Dems speak out loud and clear. Thanks to Barbara Jepson, Roger Fight, Kent Shellenberger, Bob & Ann Sextro for their Letters in the PDN or the Sequim Gazette.

Submit yours by e-mail or as snail mail. Be sure to keep them under 250 words and list the sources of your information. Go to [www.peninsuladailynews.com](http://www.peninsuladailynews.com) and then to Contact Us at [letters@peninsuladailynews.com](mailto:letters@peninsuladailynews.com) or mail to: Letters to the Editor Peninsula Daily News P.O. Box 1330 Port Angeles WA 98362. For Sequim Gazette deliver by Wed. to: 147 W. Washington St., Sequim; mail to P.O. Box 1750, Sequim, WA 98382 or e-mail to [news@sequimgazette.com](mailto:news@sequimgazette.com).

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Do you enjoy discussing domestic and foreign policy issues? The Sequim Great Decisions Group meets at 10:00 a.m. on the first and third Fridays of the month at the Sequim Library.

For more information, and to get on the e-mail list, contact John Pollock at: [jcpollock@olympen.com](mailto:jcpollock@olympen.com).

Visit the Foreign Policy Association website at: <http://www.fpa.org/> and navigate to Washington State discussion groups.

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phone 350 582-0659

2. CCDC General Meeting on Wed. Jan.11 at Pioneer Park 387 E. Washington St. Sequim. Election of Executive Board Members will take place

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**URGENT! SOMEONE NEEDED TO TAKE OVER THE PUBLISHING OF THE MONTHLY CLALLAM COUNTY THE DEMOCRATIC NEWSLETTER BEGINNING IN APRIL 2012. ALL INFORMATION NEEDED WILL BE PROVIDED. CALL OR EMAIL 360 683-9622 OR [mjpollock@olympen.com](mailto:mjpollock@olympen.com)**

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**The Chair's Corner**  
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## **Jay Inslee: A Proven Progressive Leader**

Nowadays, politicians disappoint and disillusion their progressive supporters at a rate bested only by first loves and diet programs. In American liberal circles, to express faith in a modern politician is to invite instant suspicion of your gullibility and sanity, like a stranger at a bar loudly proclaiming his belief in the unsurpassed combat prowess of pro wrestlers.

Rare is a candidate with a record that displays consistent good judgment and courage, but such a candidate is running to become Governor of Washington in 2012. His name is Jay Inslee, and he is the Democratic Representative for Washington's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.

If past performance is the best indicator of future accomplishment, then Inslee is the strongest candidate for governor of Washington in years. Ever since Jay was first elected to Congress in 1992, he has been right when it counts with the uncanny regularity of a student with a cheat sheet.

The only way to be consistently right on the issues in modern American politics is to be immune to the peer pressure of D.C. conventional wisdom, the bribery of Big Business lobbyists, and the intimidation of the Republican Party and the vast reactionary power apparatus that funds it. This massive chorus in favor of trickle-down economics, foreign policy adventurism, and restricting civil liberties has led countless Democrats astray from their values, but Jay Inslee has proven about as easy to bully and intimidate as a Clint Eastwood character in a Spaghetti Western.

Regardless of the pressure applied, Jay Inslee has voted his conscience. And, regardless of how you classify yourself politically, Jay Inslee's judgment has proven wise. Progressive or conservative, Ron Paul libertarian or Bernie Sanders socialist, a huge majority of Americans agree in hindsight with the positions Jay Inslee has taken on the most important issues in recent American history.

Good judgment, ultimately, is not a blue/red, left/right, Democrat/Republican proposition. Wise policy decisions can be reached for absolutely opposite ideological reasons, and many Democrat have voted for catastrophic bills with the best of intentions.

That's why Jay Inslee record is so important. We already know his heart is in the right place, but his record proves that so is his judgment. He has earned the trust that he is asking the voters of Washington to place in him next year when they choose a governor.

Here are some reasons why:

In 1999, The Financial Services Modernization Act was crammed through Congress with overwhelming bipartisan support. This lobbyist-concocted swindle repealed much of the New Deal Glass-Steagall Act, neutering the government's ability to regulate deals between commercial banks, investment banks, securities firms, and insurance companies.

Jay Inslee voted "Nay." And he was right. The financial three-card-Monte that followed that bill's passage contributed heavily to the mortgage apocalypse of 2008 and our current recession. Jay Inslee voted to regulate the corrupt sub-prime mortgage industry a full year before it sparked the nation's economic meltdown

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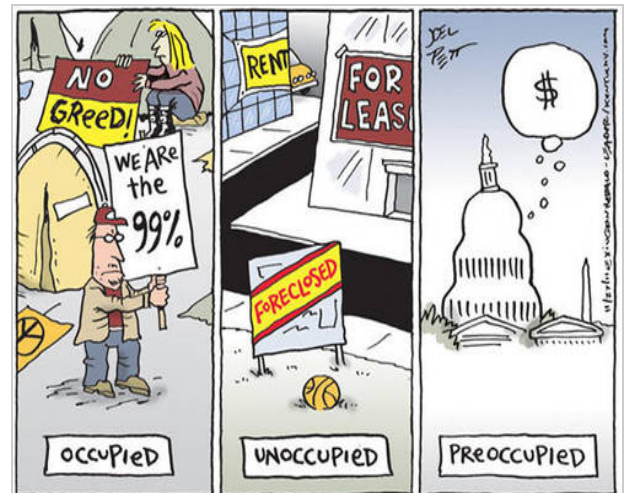
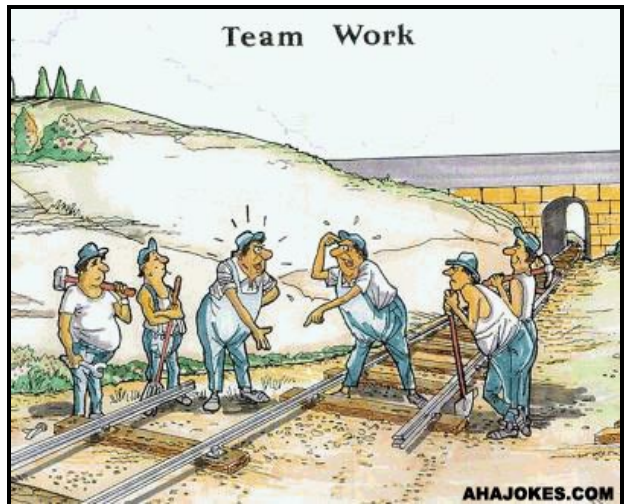
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This trend continues: unlike all previous major gubernatorial candidates, Jay’s support of same-sex marriage is unequivocal. Compare Jay’s record with his likely opponent in next year’s gubernatorial election, Republican Attorney General Rob McKenna, a Tea Party extremist who used Washington citizens’ tax dollars to sue the federal government to prevent healthcare reform and twice supported George W. Bush for president.

And I don’t expect Olympia to change Jay. “I’m not running for governor to all of a sudden turn into a piece of sugar candy,” Inslee told me in an interview two months ago. “Having lived through the Bush years and come out standing, I’ve always been willing to stand up for progressive values and the middle class.”

Visit [JayInslee.com](http://JayInslee.com) to learn more about a progressive leader with proven judgment and courage.



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### **REPRESENTATIVE NORM DICKS**

In the 111th Congress, I serve on two important Appropriations Subcommittees: Defense and Interior and Environment. Within these Subcommittees, I serve in positions of oversight on our nation's National Parks, National Forests, the environment, veterans, and defense--all of which are of great importance to Washington's Sixth District.

I am the Vice-Chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, on which I have served proudly for my entire tenure in the U.S. Congress. In this role, I have worked to increase funding for the Federal land management and conservation agencies within the Subcommittee's jurisdiction, including our National Parks, Forests, Tribal lands, and the Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, the Interior Subcommittee oversees important cultural agencies, including the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Smithsonian Institution.

In these tight budgetary times, maintaining adequate levels of funding for these critical programs is a difficult task, but it is one I take seriously. I fought last year to increase support for the National Parks and several environmental conservation programs, and secured \$50 million for the EPA's program addressing the overall health of the Puget Sound. The clean-up of Puget Sound remains one of my top priorities.

We are lucky in Washington State to live and work surrounded by some of the country's most spectacular natural beauty, and it is the responsibility of all of us – including the Federal government – to ensure that our children and grandchildren inherit these fragile resources.

I also recently became the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, building on 29 years of experience on this subcommittee. Because of its significant responsi-

bility in allocating funds for our nation's security, our subcommittee has a very active schedule of hearings that are directed at understanding the basis for the funds requested by agencies and at performing oversight of the operations of the Department of Defense and related agencies. These hearings inform the committee's deliberations in appropriating funds that are used to pay, train and equip our military personnel, to maintain systems such as ships and aircraft, to develop and acquire new capabilities, and to provide health care for men and women in uniform and their families. The hearings also give us the ability to delve into problems such as health care for wounded soldiers and poor performance of defense acquisition programs. I am one of a few subcommittee members who serve on the Select Intelligence Oversight Panel that considers funding levels for classified programs.

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#### **NEW!**

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**<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/>**

**<http://www.olympus.net/community/dungenesswc/>**

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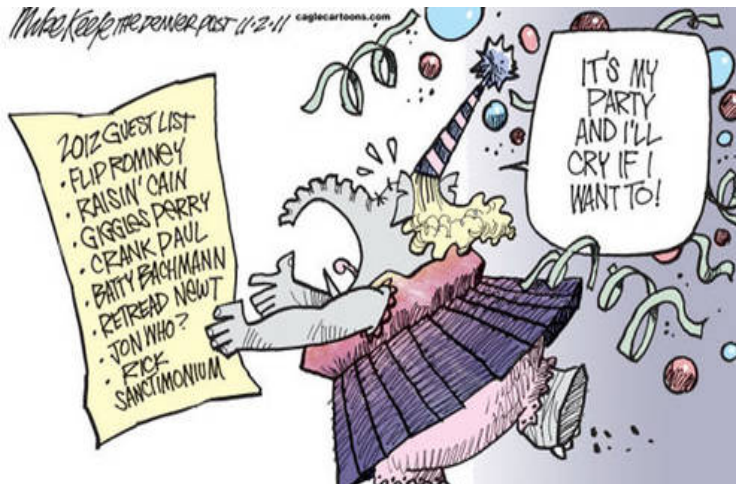
**<http://www.ucsus.org> (*Union of Concerned Scientists*)**

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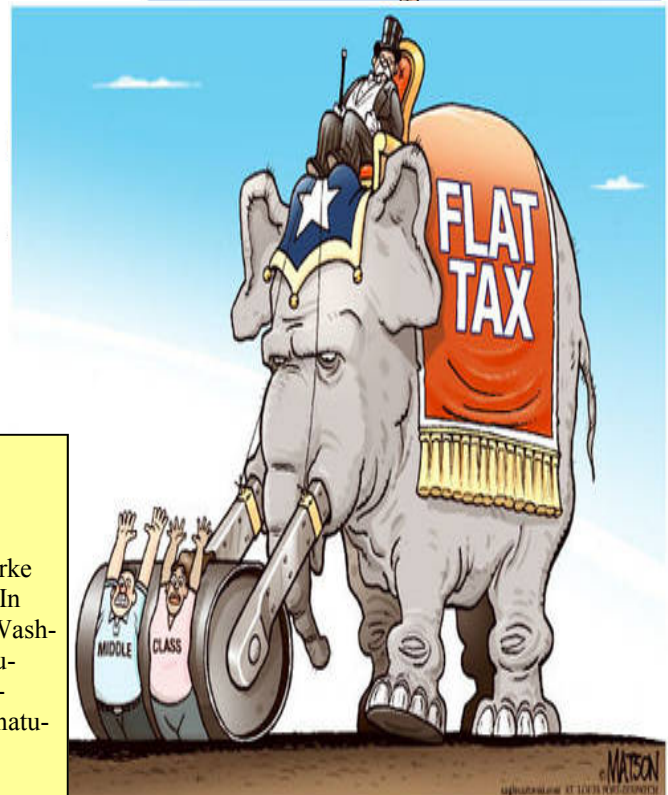


## YOU GOTTA'



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It was the best of times, it was the worst of times



### ANSWER TO THE GOVERNMENT QUESTION OF THE MONTH

[The Burke Museum](#) Founded in 1885, the Burke Museum in Seattle is Washington State's oldest museum. In 1899, the state legislature designated the museum as the Washington State Museum. In the following 100+ years, the museum continued to grow and flourish in collections and research, garnering worldwide recognition as a museum of natural history and culture.

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