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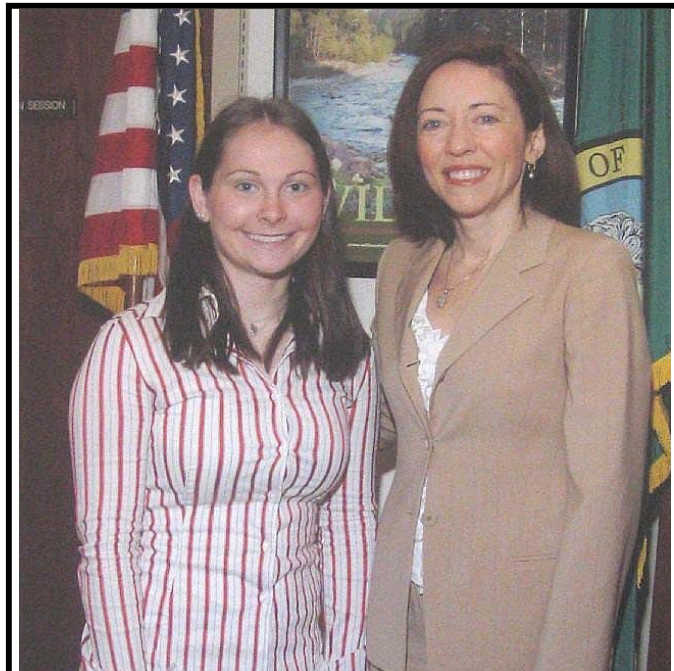


MEETINGS

NOTICE: New Meeting Place -

30 Jan Mon E-Board meets the Monday before the regular meeting at 6:30PM at **Fire Station 66, 9813 128th St. E., Puyallup.**

2 Feb Thu 7PM 25th LDOC will meet at Puyallup Library, 324 S. Meridian.



WHITNEY GRIMM SERVES AS INTERN FOR SENATOR MARIA CANTWELL

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6:30 PM at Mrs. Turner's
Restaurant in Puyallup.

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meets in Puyallup Library.

14 Jan Sat DEADLINE for
FOCUS Items, articles and
pictures.

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DID YOU KNOW?

*If you are average, in your whole
life, you will spend an average of
six months waiting at red lights.*

*Maine is the only state whose
name is just one syllable.*

*No word in the English language
rhymes with month, orange, sil-
ver, or purple.*

*On a Canadian two dollar bill,
the flag flying over the Parlia-
ment building is an American
flag.*

*There are 293 ways to make
change for a dollar.*

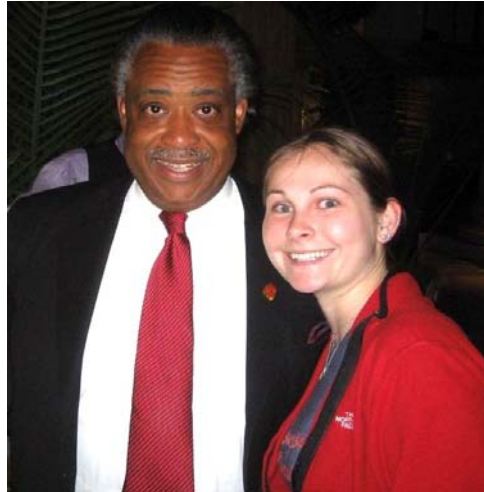
**WHITNEY GRIMM
INTERN FOR
SENATOR CANTWELL**
By Joan Cronk

Whitney Grimm was looking for something to do last summer, and when the opportunity to serve as an intern in Washington DC for Senator Maria Cantwell was offered to her, she snapped it up.

Grimm, now a sophomore at PLU majoring in social work, is the daughter of Dan Grimm, former State Treasurer for the State of Washington so she knew all about the life of a politician, but this experience in our nation's capital was an exciting one for her. She acknowledges she felt homesick, but was glad she stuck it out. "It turned out to be the best experience of my life," Grimm said. "My dad was thrilled I went. He said if he had the opportunity to do it, he would do it, even now!"

Grimm learned about the Senate and how it operated. She enjoyed the interaction with the Senator and other members of Congress. There were 13 interns in the office and she said they all formed a bond. "It was a really cool experience to me," said Grimm, "to be with kids that were interested in the same thing I was."

As valuable as being an intern was for Grimm, her grandmother, Lillian Grimm was most impressed when she heard that Whitney had met Rev. Al Sharpton! Grimm had traveled to Philadelphia for the Live Aid con-



cert and there he was, in the hotel lobby. Grimm asked for a photo with him and he agreed. "He was really nice," she said. "It was interesting being with someone that had run for President."

25th District Dems LAC meets before regular Club meeting

The 25th District Democrats Legislative Action Committee (LAC) meets on Thursday, February 2 at 6 pm just before the regular meeting at the Puyallup Library. The Legislative session has begun and we will discuss important bills we want to concentrate on. Please attend

even if you aren't a committee member. Please let me know your e-mail address and I will attempt to update fairly regularly with progress on our legislative priorities.

Important bills this session are (1) restoring the State Pension system, (2) Gay Rights, (3) Fair Share Medical bill and other health care issues including long term care, (4) Disaster Preparedness, (5) Unemployment insurance and restoring the 2nd quarter averaging (6) Dealing with Overcrowding Schools (7) further Election Reform and possibly Campaign Finance Reform WHEW and only a 60 day session!!

You can also visit websites for the Washington State Democrats, the Washington State Labor Council, the Washington Environmental Council, Sierra Club and our own 25th District Democrats Website. Get Googling!

Important Dates:

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Other visits to the Legislature with Jerry as needed to attend hearings

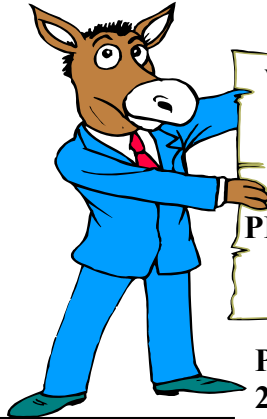
Monday, February 20. President's Day and Lobby Day in Olympia. There is also a PCO Training session during the day and a state party crab feed for \$40 at St. Martin's College in the evening.

Thursday, March 2, 6 pm. 25th District Democrats LAC meeting at the Puyallup Library.

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**There will be a
MANDATORY
PCO meeting at 0830
AM on Sat, 11 Feb at the
IBEW Hall,
3049 36th St, Tacoma.
This will be a training
session for the Caucus
meetings to be held on 4
May.
For further information
contact Audrey
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**WASHINGTON STATE
DEMOCRATS
ANNUAL CRAB FEED
AND
PRECINCT COMMITTEE
OFFICER TRAINING**

**President's Day - February
20**

St. Martin's College Pavilion,
5300 Pacific Ave S.E., Lacey

10:00 - 5 PM PCO Training
\$10 per person - with lunch.

5 PM Crab Feed
with special guest
Governor Christine Gregoire
\$40 per person - \$10 children
12 and under.

For more information or
RSVP,
please contact Shawna Ousse
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***YOU THINK YOU KNOW
EVERYTHING?***

*A dime has 118 ridges around
the edge.*

*All 50 states are listed across the
top of the Lincoln Memorial on
the back of the \$5 bill.*

*Babies are born without knee-
caps. They don't appear until
the child has reached 2 - 6 years
of age.*

*It's impossible to sneeze with
your eyes open.*

*There's no Betty Rubble in the
Flintstones Chewables Vitamins*

*If the population of China
walked past you, in single file,
the line would never end be-
cause of the rate of reproduction*

*I've learned that whatever hits
the fan will not be evenly dis-
tributed.*

*I've learned that the only people
who look good all the time are
only mannequins!*

*I've learned that sharing a smile
is priceless - so share!*





MY RIGHTS

Will we still be the Country of choice and still be America if we continue to make the changes forced on us by the people from other countries that came to live in America because it is the Country of Choice? Think about it! All we have to say is, when will they do something about MY RIGHTS? I celebrate Christmas, but because it isn't celebrated by everyone we can no longer say Merry Christmas. Now it has to be season's greetings. It's not Christmas vacation, it's winter break. Isn't it amazing how this winter break ALWAYS occurs over the Christmas holiday? We've gone so far the other way; bent over backwards to not offend anyone, that now I am being offended. But it seems that no one has a problem with that."

IMMIGRANTS NOT AMERICANS MUST ADAPT!

I am tired of this Nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks of 9/11, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Americans. However.. The dust from the attacks had barely settled when the politically correct crowd began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others. I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to America. Our population is almost entirely made up of descendants of immigrants. However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our Country, and apparently some born here, need to understand. This idea of America being a multicultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Americans ... we have our own culture, our own society, our own language and our own lifestyle. This culture has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials, and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom. We speak English, not Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society, learn the language!"

IN GOD WE TRUST

Is our national motto! This is not some Christian right wing, political slogan.. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women ..On Christian principles ...founded this nation..And this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home...because God is part of our culture. If the Stars and Stripes offend you, or you don't like Uncle Sam, then you should seriously consider a move to another part of the plant. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change..And we really don't care how you did things where you came from.

This is **OUR COUNTRY, OUR LAND, and OUR LIFESTLYE**. Our 1st Amendment gives every citizen the right to express his opinion and we will allow you every opportunity to do so! But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about Our **FLAG.. Our PLEDGE..Our NATIONAL MOTTO.. Our WAY OF LIFE..**

I highly encourage you to take advantage of one other Great American Freedom ..

THE RIGHT TO LEAVE!

25th District Democratic (LDOC) Membership Form -

Use this form to recruit friends and neighbors to join you in helping our Democratic party.

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Phone: () _____ **City/Zip:** _____

Precinct: _____ **Email:** _____

New Dues now in effect: Evergreen (includes Senior, outside district, etc) \$10 per member; Rainier \$25; Chair's Voice \$50; Senators Club \$100 (can be paid in installments). If you already paid dues they are good for this year.

I've enclosed \$ _____ for Club Dues, \$ _____ for the Victory Fund. Please write checks dues to 25th LDOC and Victory Fund Checks to 25th District Victory Fund (donations to both require separate checks).

Mail to 25th LDD, PO Box 372, Puyallup, WA 98371



As of January 1st, membership dues have started to trickle in to the treasury. The 25th District desperately needs these funds to continue to operate and to support Democratic candidates.

PLEASE get your dues in as soon as possible!

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