



# 25th Legislative District



## Democratic Focus



**DARSEY BURNER  
IN BELLEVUE AT DEBATE  
AGAINST OPPONENT**



**PROTESTERS CHARLEY STOKES, TYLER,  
CAROLYN AND STEVEN MERRIVAL SHOW  
THEIR SUPPORT FOR CITIZENS AT THE  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT  
WOODLAND SCHOOL.**

### MEETINGS

**NOTICE: SEE PAGE 2 FOR ALL THE UPCOMING MEETINGS.**



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**30 Oct Mon** E-Board meets at  
7 PM at Firestation 66,  
9813 128th St. E., Puyallup

**2 Nov Thu** 25th LDD meets  
at 7PM in Puyallup Library.

**7 Nov Tue** Meeting in Center  
White Elephant Sell

**18 Nov Sat** Deadline for  
FOCUS items, articles, etc.

2 Dec Sat Re-organizing  
meeting and County party at  
the IBEW Hall.

**4 Dec Mon** E-Board meets at  
7 PM at Firestation 66,  
9813 128th St. E., Puyallup

**7 Dec Thu** 25th LDD meets  
at 7 PM at Summit Mid-  
County Community Center  
with White Elephant/Holiday  
party.

**16 Dec Sat** Deadline for  
FOCUS items, articles, etc.

You are invited to submit your  
meetings/events to be included in  
the Upcoming Events.

## DARCY BURNER CAMPAIGN GAINS IN DEBATE

The fight for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat is continuing right down to the finish line. Darcy Burner and Dave Reichert participated in a debate in Bellevue in front of 400 enthusiastic audience members on October 10 with no clear winner. The crowd, which seemed to be pro Burner, often murmured as the Congressman responded, and candidate Burner hit the mark with remarks about Reichert being tied closely to President George Bush. The 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District includes parts of East Pierce County, South King County and Seattle's East side. Many of our 25<sup>th</sup> Democrats reside in this District. The Democrats of Pierce County need to get out and support this candidate and her issues. Burner said "George Bush is taking this country in the wrong direction," and she vowed to stand up to him. Reichert feels American troops should stay the course until a stable government is in place. When asked if he felt it was permissible for a pharmacist to decline to fill a prescription for birth control pills, Congressman Reichert responded "yes". Burner replied, "no." The lines in the sand have been drawn...let's get out and support Darcy Burner for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional seat!



### PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING PROTEST

**On the left is Audrey Chase discussing the fair share issued with a Pierce County employee.**

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
OF MEETING 5 October 2006**  
*By Charley Stokes*

Synopsis of Minutes of October 5, 2006 by Joan Cronk.

Meeting called to order at 7:07 by President Chase. Moment of silence was held for Laurie Thompson and the casualties in the Iraq war. Roll call of officers; minutes and treasurer's report (High-Five fund: \$231; Printing fund \$564; Club funds \$2369; Expenses \$118; Victory fund: \$2810. were all approved. E-Board recommended monetary distributions as follows: From Victory Fund: \$1500 to Bristol for the House campaign following a superior performance in the primary; \$500 to Representative Dawn Morrell's campaign; and, \$500 to Justice Susan Owens campaign.

Dr. Ron Morris presented the 25<sup>th</sup> LDD a check for \$3000, which were the funds that remained from Dr. Morris' 2004 legislative campaign. After a brief general discussion, it was moved and seconded and passed to pass the \$3000 through the Victory Fund to the Bristol campaign. M/S and passed to donate \$100 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in memory of Laurie Thompson.

Charley Stokes reported that the Puyallup Fair booth, including donations and money taken in during the fair, generated a total of \$3570.

Lauren Adler reported for the Morrell campaign and talked about "Dozens for Dawn" campaign for each 25<sup>th</sup> LDD member to place 12 campaign signs out in the community by Nash and McDonald signs.

Christy Stenberg, 25<sup>th</sup> LDD field organizer will be working in the 25<sup>th</sup> District to Get Out The vote on Election Day as well as phone banking between now and E-Day. Ask for volunteers and Christy can be reached at (253) 383-1678 or (253) 820-9195.

Discussion was held on the Pierce County Charter Review ballot initiatives.

At the November meeting we will review election issues.

December meeting: part one: yearly re-organization meeting joint with County party at the IBEW hall on the weekend prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> LDD meeting on 12/7/06. Part two: Thursday meeting 12/7/06 at Summit Mid-County Community Center (MCCC) with a White Elephant/Holiday Party. Bring a \$5 gift.

There was a call for donations to the food bank which will be at every meeting.

January kick off dinner on 1/4/07 at Summit MCCC. In order to maximize pre-pays and to insure efficient food planning, ticket price will carry minimum \$5 per ticket premium for at-door payees. Plan to buy your tickets early!

New Business: Charley Stokes announced the formation of a committee to secure the right of Initiative and Referendum for the citizens of Puyallup to commence post November 7. It will be a bipartisan effort so anyone wishing to participate in gathering signatures after Nov 7 please contact Charley.

Moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

## **ARE YOU SAFER NOW THAN YOU WERE IN 2000?**

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The President wants us to forget the Iraq war and let him do whatever he wants because “only he” can keep us safe. The emperor Bush isn’t wearing any clothes, and it’s time someone called him on it.

George Bush can keep us safe? In 2000 the United States elected a Republican President, a Republican Senate and a Republican House. At that time the United States had a huge budget **surplus**. Our Social Security and Medicare problems were solvable.

Today, all but forgotten because of the war in Iraq, we have a massive budget **deficit**. Both Social Security and Medicare are well on their way to going broke. Does that make you feel safe?

After 9-11, the country supported going after the terrorists hiding in Afghanistan. But then the Bush Administration decided to leave the fight in Afghanistan unfinished and go after Iraq.

Going to war in Iraq meant leaving the war against terrorism on hold. The war on terrorism was in Afghanistan NOT Iraq. Did starting a new war make us feel safe?

The Bush Administration claimed there were ties between Saddam Hussein and Al-Qaeda. There weren’t. It claimed Saddam had a nuclear weapons program. He didn’t. It claimed that there was a massive program to produce weapons of mass destruction. There wasn’t. It asked Congress for a carte blanche to go to war in Iraq, **promising** that war would be the very last resort. But it wasn’t.

By waging an unnecessary, badly executed war in Iraq, the Bush Administration succeeded in convincing even moderate Muslims that the United States is fighting a holy war against them. Has that made us safe?

The Iraq war has created a **recruiting and training ground** for terrorists (all our intelligence agencies agree this is true. ) Did that make us safe?

The war has also removed the only natural counter-balance to radical Iran. Saddam and Iran were mortal enemies. Now Iran has no counter force to its power. Does that make us feel safe?

By pouring billions of dollars into Iraq, by squandering more than 2500 precious American lives and many thousands of American wounded, the United States is ill-equipped to protect itself. It’s not just Katrina. Our ports are under-protected. Our chemical plants are under-protected. Much of the U.S. remains vulnerable because, “there just isn’t the money,” while our armed forces are stretched to the limit. Has that made you feel safe?

By pulling out of Afghanistan prematurely in order to invade Iraq, we have left Afghanistan in peril. Now the Taliban is back – both threatening the government and **exporting massive amounts of drugs** –largely because we didn't finish the job we started. Osama bin laden remains at large. Has that made us safe?

The resounding answer to these questions is NO! The actions of the President and Congress have put our seniors at risk, put our troops at risk and created a breeding ground for new terrorists, which virtually assures that we will indeed be attacked again. The President is right that we can't simply "leave" Iraq. But should the same people whose mistruths, half-truths, and total ineptness have turned a war that never should have been fought into disaster, be trusted to have the honesty and competence to solve the problems they created? Does that make sense?

The Bush administration is good at spin. It is GREAT at spin. But will spin make us safe?

Criticize the Democrats all you want, and there's plenty to criticize. But this much is clear. Six years of the emperor Bush and a Republican Congress have left the United States massively weakened and very unsafe indeed.

**As I See It**  
*By Betty Ogden*

My granddaughter Kahra (holding her baby girl) and I invaded Republican territory by attending Mike McGavick's Bradley Park rally recently. We wanted to see what Maria Cantwell's opponent had to challenge her candidacy. We hoped to get answers for Republicans who are considering shedding their Bush-blinders, and Democrats wavering over Maria's continued support of the Iraq War.

McGavick has campaign charm in abundance. When we entered the Bradley Park pavilion he spied us immediately and left the podium to welcome us. Unimportant us. How cool! BUT...

I knew he was bucking his party's policies on several counts. Was he a true Republican courageous enough to speak up when he thought his party was wrong, and therefore deserving of serious consideration? Or was he merely an opportunistic politician willing to say what was necessary to attract dissenting voters from both parties??

McGavick's skill at handling spontaneous questions made prescreening unnecessary. Questions he did not want to answer were either skillfully diverted into pressing his own agenda or passed off as something he needed to think about before answering.

A bevy of ladies dressed in red cowgirl outfits led the cheering section of Republicans that applauded him on cue. One pointblank question was, "Are you pro-life or pro-choice?" The answer was, in effect, "Yes-no-sort-of". (This drew immediate enthusiastic applause led by the cowgirl ladies.) Another question was: "How does your conscience reconcile laying off 1700 workers and sending their families into poverty while accepting for yourself \$28 million as a bonus from Safeco?" The answer - "I deserved it for rescuing Safeco from bankruptcy" - drew more enthusiastic applause.

The humongous gas guzzler he travels around in to his open-mike rallies betrays his irresponsible stand on environmental issues. So does his having been campaign manager for anti-environmentalist Slade Gorton. He was a lobbyist for the insurance industry which may well explain where his wanting to privatize Social Security comes from. He has close ties with Alaskan senator Ted Stevens, in trouble for promoting the infamous "Bridge to Nowhere" as well as oil-drilling in the Arctic Refuge. McGavick supports Arctic Refuge oil-drilling and - guess what - has the oil industry backing him. His calculated openness about a past DUI infringement backfired when it was found he misrepresented the seriousness of what actually happened. We now know we cannot trust his word.

As I balanced his campaign charm against what he actually stands for I saw a wolf in Republican clothing; yes, an opportunistic politician willing to say what was necessary to attract dissenting voters from both parties. When are voters going to stop using a friendly front as a criterion for electing officials to high places in government?

He is no threat to our gutsy Maria, who on environmental and other issues has served us well, and with the courage of her convictions. We must get out in full force to support Maria Cantwell. For a better world for Kahra and my baby great-granddaughter... and for everyone.

FRIDAYS - 12 NOON TO 1 PM

LISTEN TO FRANK AND AUDREY ON KLAY 1180 AM

(And if for some unknown reason you miss it you can go to <http://www.liberaltopia.org>  
There is a link on the right hand side of the screen that says Frank and Audrey.)

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

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I've enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Club Dues, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Victory Fund. Please write checks dues to 25th LDD and Victory Fund Checks to 25th District Victory Fund (donations to both can be on same check).

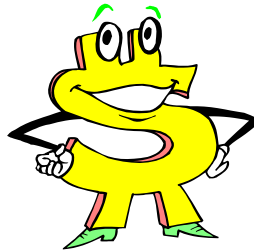
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THE  
RUSH!**



**BE HAPPY!**



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