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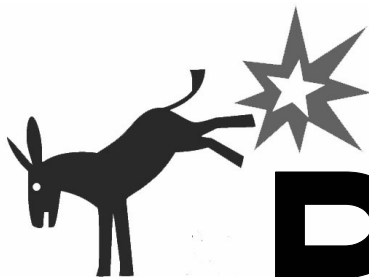
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January 2010

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays have been filled with family and friends and lots of good spirit. Now is the time to reflect on the previous year, ponder the next, and refocus on what matters most in our lives.

Just eleven months ago Dow announced he was running for King County Executive and we helped jump start the campaign with an endorsement and a generous donation. In June, we hosted one of the best attended and well organized candidate forums in the area. Our July endorsement meeting was a packed marathon. In August, Congressman Jim McDermott joined us to discuss health care with close to 400 people in attendance.

With your help, we lobbied Cantwell to be an outspoken supporter of the public option. We collaborated with Organizing For America to give Congressman Adam Smith the support to vote for health insurance reform. The year culminated with a huge victory for Dow, preservation of domestic partnership rights, and defeat of I-1033 in November. By December, we turned our attention to getting Senator Joe McDermott appointed to the King County Council with a resolution, a letter and phone campaign, and a strong presence at the Council meeting on December 14.

Yet, 2009 was also a very difficult year for many of us. Jobs and businesses have been lost, homes have been foreclosed, and family and friends have passed away. On December 13, the 34<sup>th</sup> District lost one of our finest when Cherrisse Luxa passed away after a battle with stomach cancer. She was a devout community organizer, an outspoken member, and a friend. Cherrisse was the go-to person in Burien and fought tirelessly for her community. At our meetings, you knew to expect a pithy question or well-thought point when she took the microphone.

While campaigning to Chair the District last December, my computer crashed completely. It would take weeks for my new laptop to be delivered and Cherrisse offered her brand new, cherry red laptop until mine arrived. During the great snowstorm she met me at Westwood Village to hand off the computer that helped me continue my campaign. That was the kind of friend Cherrisse was. Whenever I took a position or acted in a way she disapproved of, my phone would ring and she would pull no punches. That was the type of integrity and leadership she provided.

With all the issues facing our community and the world today, we could probably use a little divine intervention. May you organize the heavens, Cherrisse. We still need you and we miss you.

The new year will be filled with campaigns to re-elect Senator Murray and Congressman Smith and McDermott. We will also be working to elect Senator Joe McDermott to the King County Council. The legislative session will be a fight to preserve critical funding and support new revenue sources.

With all the important issues we work on and all the contention of politics, what a great time this is to remember what's most valuable. Nothing is more important than family, friends, and health. I wish you a healthy and prosperous 2010 enjoyed with your loved ones.

Onward,

## Meeting Notice

January 13, 2010

6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting  
The Hall at Fautleroy  
9131 California Ave SW  
Across from the YMCA

A tribute to Cherrisse Luxa

Update from Spokesman from the  
Highline School District

A Discussion on State Education Policy

Resolution Supporting Adam Eisenberg  
for King County Superior Court

Resolution to Recognize the Vietnamese-  
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## Appointing a County Council Member Takes Time - Lots of Time



Waiting for something - anything - to happen  
(Photo used with permission of WestSeattleBlog)

Around 20 to 25 of our members attended the December 14 meeting when the County Council was scheduled to appoint a replacement for Dow Constantine. Some came early, some came after work; some had to leave early, and some stayed for the whole ordeal.

The appointment process began after the Council of the Whole finished up other business, and after several recesses. This first recess of approximately two hours was due to Kathy Lambert's husband being involved in a fairly serious auto accident. She was trying her best to make it to the meeting in time for the vote, but was understandably unable to make it until 5:25 p.m. Shortly after she arrived, the business of appointing a replacement for Dow Constantine began. Julia Patterson moved to appoint Senator Joe McDermott. The vote was 4 - 4.

The vote that was the most difficult to understand was Peter von Reichbauer's. He was impressed by Joe McDermott and spoke eloquently of him. He was equally impressed by all the messages Council members had received supporting Joe and by all of us sitting there wearing "Joe" buttons. But he preferred a caretaker who would not run in 2010. Why this is so important is an unanswered question. It hadn't been a concern in years past and did not seem to be a concern in 2004 when Reagan Dunn was appointed to fill Rob McKenna's seat. Of course, since the position was then partisan, it was the Republican PCOs who chose the candidates, and they, like us, wanted a Council Member who would be accountable to them when the next election came around.



Our "Joe" Button

After a couple more recesses Reagan Dunn nominated Jan Drago, who was not planning on running in 2010. The vote was 4 - 4. Another recess was called.

After the recess, Reagan Dunn nominated Arun Jhaveri, only it was hard to figure out who he was talking about because he used such a creative pronunciation of his name. Arun is a very bright, highly qualified man, but you would think if Reagan Dunn considered him to be the best person for this position, he would have learned enough about him to at least know how to pronounce his name. But more interesting is that, while Arun was on the original list drawn up by the appointment committee, his name was not one of the four sent to the County Council. A vote was not taken, and another recess was called.

When the Council came back, an amendment was made to change the name on the motion to Zack Hudgins. Zack had not made a decision as to whether or not he would run for the position in 2010. There also was the question as to whether he was willing to resign his House position. Another recess. When they came back, they announced that, while Zack was willing to resign his House seat and would not run for County Committeeman in 2010, he would run for the House seat he had just vacated. The motion was withdrawn. Another recess was called, a very long one.

We had been sitting there for quite some time with nothing to eat and we were getting hungry. It didn't help that the County Council had ordered pizza for themselves, and we could smell it. So we called a hunger strike. We weren't getting anything to eat anyway, so we might just as well make our starvation serve some purpose. After such a long time with nothing to do but watch Council Members parade back and forth from a room on one side to a room on the other side (sometimes with pizza in hand), and watching Reagan Dunn marching between rooms with his finger high in the air, proudly exclaiming "I have an idea!" we were getting a little silly anyway. We even had some ideas of our own. Goodspaceguy was one good suggestion. We later learned that Charlie Royer, who wasn't on any list, had actually been contacted about the position.

We finally broke our hunger strike when some kind staff person took pity on us and brought out a big bowl of Halloween candy. Sugar was probably not what we needed at that hour, but it was a welcome treat anyway. The Reese's Peanut Butter Cups went fast (They're good for you - protein).

The meeting adjourned shortly before 10:00 p.m. No decision was made.

# 34TH DISTRICT BULLETIN BOARD

## Volunteer Opportunities, Meeting Announcements, Notices

### Volunteer Activities

#### **Newsletter Mailing Party**

The February newsletter will be mailed on Saturday, January 30, at 11:00 a.m. This will probably be the month we have a larger and more complicated mailing due to our annual membership drive with membership form and envelope. We could use lots of help. If you can help, call Lois Elenich (932-6088) or Jackie Dupras.

### Meetings of the 34th District Democrats

#### **Executive Board**

The Executive Board will meet on January 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common Room, 7020 18th Ave SW. Any member of the 34th District Democrats is welcome to attend the meeting.

#### **Outreach Committee**

The Outreach Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m., January 21, at the Beveridge Place Pub, 6413 California Ave SW. This is the committee that plans the outreach events in the summer.

### Democratic Calendar

#### **First Thursday Democrats**

The first meeting of the year will be on Thursday, January 7 at Daystar, across from Westwood on Barton St SW. Lunch is \$7.00, and anyone may attend.

#### **Evergreen Democratic Club**

The Evergreen Democratic Club will meet on Tuesday, January 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Angelo's Restaurant in Burien, 601 SW 153rd St. The cost of lunch is \$12.00. County Councilmember Julia Patterson will speak on "What's Up With the County?"

#### **West Seattle Democratic Women**

The topic for the discussion group, meeting from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. will be "Like to be Labeled?: What are you? Liberal, centrist, or maybe even conservative?" The meeting will begin afterward, at 11:30 a.m. with registration at 11:15 a.m. The program: "The Female Perspective; What it is Like to Run for Political Office" with guest speaker Jessie Israel. Contact WSDW by 10:00 a.m. by Wednesday, January 27 at 206-935-3216 or wsdwomen@yahoo.com to insure a seat at the Thursday meeting. Lunch is \$12 for members: \$15 for non-members. Non perishable food goods and grocery receipts from the Morgan Street Thriftway and the Metropolitan Market will be collected to benefit the local food banks.

### **King County Democrats**

#### **Honors and Clean Energy Banquet**

KCDCC's annual Honors Banquet will be held on January 17 at 5:00 at the Machinists Hall 915 15th Pl S., with special guest Jay Inslee.

5:00 p.m. - High Donor Reception and Silent Auction

6:00 p.m. - Dinner provided by Dr. Mahadeep Virk and the East Indian Community in King County

6:30 p.m. - Program, including Honors Awards, East Indian Children's Dancing Group, and Special Guest Jay Inslee

RSVP to King County Democrats, \$65 suggested donation

#### **An Evening with King County Democrats**

Join the King County Democrats and New Media Panel, including David "Goldy" Goldstein and West Seattle Blog's Tracy Record on Friday, January 29, 7:00 p.m. at the Seattle Downtown Hilton, 1301 Sixth Ave. Appetizers and Refreshments are available. Suggested donation is \$35.

#### **Governor Rosellini's 100th Birthday Party**

Celebrate the life and time of Governor Albert Rosellini, 15th Governor of the State of Washington. Governor Rosellini actually turns 100 on January 21, 2010 and will be honored by The Sons of Italy with a good old fashioned Sunday Italian Dinner on Sunday, January 24, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at JFK High School, 140 S 140th St in Burien. Join in at \$50 per person or become a sponsor. Contact Suzie at the KCDCC office, 425.255.2679, to make a reservation.

### Community Events Calendar

#### **Julia Bolz - Presentation of Her Work**

##### **Educating Afghan Children**

The Southend Neighbors for Peace, along with St. Francis of Assisi Parish, are sponsoring a slideshow and presentation with Julia Bolz. Bolz is working in rural Afghanistan in her work to educate Afghan boys and girls. Friday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Francis Parish Hall, on SW 152nd St and 21st Ave SW in Burien. Enter parking lot from 20th Ave SW. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a bake sale. (More items for bake sale are welcome!) Bring ball-point pens, which are hard to get in Afghanistan, to mail to her Afghan students. For more information, contact Annie Phillips, 206-275-1393. [www.aynieducation.org](http://www.aynieducation.org).

#### **Drinking Liberally**

Drinking Liberally will not be having its usual meeting the month of January. Instead, drop by Mick Kelly's Irish Pub, 435 SW 152nd in Burien, around 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27 to drink a toast to Cherisse Luxa's life and bring up old memories of one of the most interesting people in our district, and who left us much too soon.

## The Latest on Maury Island

When we last left off with this story, U.S. District Court Judge Ricardo Martinez had ruled that the federal agencies had failed to uphold environmental laws when they awarded Glacier a permit to move forward with its plan to expand its operations. The U.S. Justice Department filed its notice of intent to appeal on the last day of the 60 day deadline.

In December the Justice Department revoked its intent to appeal, leaving Glacier on its own. Glacier had filed its own appeal and is not planning to withdraw it, but it will be difficult to prove a case in court without help from the Federal government. It was a weak case to begin with, and this makes it even weaker. It's not over yet, but this this is indeed good news.

## What a Bargain!

### Our Membership Dues Are Still \$15

In our last newsletter, it was mentioned that a look at raising our membership dues would be on the agenda for the December Executive Board meeting. But after a long discussion, the board concluded that we should be proud that our dues are among the lowest in King County. The 34th District Democrats is an inclusive organization that welcomes everyone, regardless of ability to pay. This is not an easy time for many of us.

But as you can see from the Treasurer's Report, money is still an issue. So, instead of asking those who can little afford it, perhaps those who can could consider giving more. Our dues are structured so that you can give any amount from \$3 to \$1,000. In addition, we are adding another feature: you may now make monthly payments, with a minimum of \$10 per month. More about this next month, or check our website.

## An Evening with the King County Democrats

Friday, January 29, 7:00 p.m.  
Downtown Seattle Hilton  
1301 Sixth Ave

Appetizers and Refreshments

### New Media Panel Featuring:

David "Goldy" Goldstein (Horsesass.org)  
Andrew Villeneuve (Northwest Progressive Inst.)  
Josh Feit and Erica Barnett (Publicola)  
Mark Fefer (Seattle Weekly)  
Dominic Holden (The Stranger)  
Tracy Record (West Seattle Blog)

Suggested Donation: \$35



## Year End Treasurer's Report

Balance as of January 1, 2009..... \$15,500

### Income

Membership Dues ..... \$13,601  
Garden Party ..... 11,203  
Bequest ..... 5,000  
Special Contributions ..... 5,000  
Miscellaneous Income ..... 1,051

Total Income..... \$35,855

### Expenses

Election Contributions ..... \$10,918  
Newsletter Production ..... 5,357  
Rental (Hall)..... 4,066  
GOTV, Sample Ballots, Voter Registration ..... 3,814  
Newsletter Mailing ..... 3,671  
Garden Party ..... 3,606  
King County Democratic Committee ..... 2,534  
Food and Beverage ..... 2,105  
Software Licenses and Fees ..... 1,108  
Advertising (Newspaper Campaign Sample Ballot .... 1,042  
Office Supplies ..... 1,027  
Miscellaneous ..... 839  
Credit Card transaction Fees ..... 603  
Contributions - Non Profit Organizations..... 550  
Printing and Copying (non-campaign ..... 539  
Outreach ..... 175  
Buttons (other advertising) ..... 142  
Other merchandise ..... 142  
Bank Service Charges ..... 36  
Postage (non-newsletter, non-campaign) ..... 34

Total Expenses..... \$43,307

Net Income ..... (6,452)

Balance as of December 26, 2009 ..... \$9,048

## Editorial Policy

The opinions expressed in submitted articles and letters to the editor are those of the author and not necessarily those of the 34th District Democrats or the Executive Board. All letters are subject to editing for space and content. Please keep to 300 words or less. Photos and notices of upcoming events are strongly encouraged. Mail to Jackie Dupras, 1920 46th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116 or jdupras@quidnunc.net.

## **Resolution to Recognize the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom Flag**

The following resolution, submitted by Marcee Stone on behalf of Linh Thai, will be considered at our January meeting:

Whereas, the end of the Vietnam conflict produced an exodus of over two million Vietnamese who sought a new life; and

Whereas, many of these refugees settled in King County, and an estimated forty-eight thousand Vietnamese-Americans and residents of Vietnamese descent live in and have a long history of contributing to the business, economic development, and culture of our county and city; and

Whereas, Vietnamese-Americans own and operate approximately 3,000 businesses in Washington that have gross sales and receipts of Four hundred forty six million dollars annually, pay fifty-six million dollars in taxes per year and employ many Washingtonians; and

Whereas, Vietnamese-Americans have excelled in engineering, government, architecture, education, medicine, acting, music, sculpture, and writing; and

Whereas, the City of Seattle's quality of life is greatly enhanced by the Vietnamese-American community in our city; and

Whereas, the vast majority of Vietnamese-Americans embrace the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom flag of the former Republic of Vietnam as a symbol of their heritage and promotion of freedom and democracy in their country of origin; and

Whereas the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom flag serves as a symbol of recognition and appreciation of more than fifty-eight thousands of American service men and women who fought and gave their lives in defense of freedom and democracy;

Now therefore be it resolved that the 34th District Democratic organization urge the Seattle City Council to:

A. Recognize the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom flag of the Vietnamese-American community and support the display of this flag at community events and at appropriate locations in Seattle; and

B. Encourage other cities and counties to also recognize the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom flag as the symbol of the Vietnamese-American community.



## **Resolution to Support Adam Eisenberg for King County Superior Court**

The following resolution submitted by Tim Nuse will be considered at our January meeting:

Whereas, the Honorable George Mattson has announced his intention to retire, creating a vacancy on the King County Superior Court; and

Whereas, the 34th District Democrats support an independent judiciary composed of well-qualified judges representing a diversity of viewpoints to dispense justice in our community; and

Whereas, Adam Eisenberg has served as a Commissioner on the Seattle Municipal Court since August 2004, during which time his duties include handling criminal trials, arraignments and reviews in the King County Jail, and regularly presiding over the Mental Health and Community Courts; and

Whereas, Adam Eisenberg has experience as a civil trial attorney having worked for four and a half years for the Allstate Insurance Company; and

Whereas, Adam Eisenberg has experience as a criminal trial attorney having served as an Assistant City Attorney in the Seattle City Attorney's office for over six years and having served as a Special deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the King County Prosecutor's office for one year; and

Whereas, as a sexual minority, Adam Eisenberg brings an understanding of the challenges faced by minorities in our society; and

Whereas, the King County Bar Association, the Washington Women Lawyers, the Latino/Latina Bar Association and Q-Law have all rated Adam Eisenberg to be exceptionally Well-Qualified to serve on the King County Superior Court; and

Whereas, the Joint Asian Bar Association and the Loren Miller Bar Association have rated Adam Eisenberg to be well-qualified to serve on the King County Superior Court; and;

Whereas, Adam Eisenberg has extensive experience as a journalist and as a published author, bringing excellent writing skills to the bench; and

Whereas, Adam Eisenberg served on the City of Seattle's Domestic Violence Council for five years, chairing its outreach subcommittee in which role he organized eleven public forums that explored how domestic violence is addressed in various communities including the African American, Asian, Latino, Native American, same sex, and immigrant communities and also explored teen dating violence, elder abuse, and how art therapy is used to help heal children who witness domestic violence;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the 34th District Democratic organization respectfully recommends that the Honorable Christine Gregoire, Governor of the State of Washington, appoint Adam Eisenberg to the King County Superior Court created by the retirement of the Honorable George Mattson.

## A Tribute to Cherisse From an Old Friend

Cherisse Luxa was a remarkable woman who touched all our lives while giving us all hell in our turn. Here's what I posted on Facebook after learning that Cherisse had left us: Ivan Weiss mourns the passing of our dear friend and sister-in-arms, Cherisse Luxa, who lost her battle with stomach cancer at age 62. Cherisse was a committed and compassionate police officer, a Ph.D. candidate, a public administration and policy wonk, a Democratic Party and Drinking Liberally activist, a champion of the homeless and disadvantaged, a tireless advocate for the city of Burien, an avid gardener and cook, and one of the world's great crazy cat ladies. Rest in peace, my sister. We will carry on to complete your work.

Cherisse was born and raised in Libby, Montana, home of the infamous W.R. Grace asbestos insulation plant. After moving to Seattle, she became a King County Sheriff's deputy, and worked on the Green River Task force in its attempts to track down the Green River Killer, a mass murderer who preyed on prostitutes.

The sheriff at the time was Dave Reichert, now the Republican U.S. Representative in WA-8, whom Darcy Burner tried twice to unseat. Cherisse always said she had been on good terms with Dave, and at one time entertained thoughts of trying to flip him to the Democratic side. Never happened, but it was fun to listen to her try to convince people that Reichert wasn't all that bad.

Cherisse was a pretty partisan liberal Democrat, though, and an early and constant supporter of Howard Dean in the 2004 presidential campaign. She went to the national convention as a Dean delegate, and for years after that, kept score of the WA Kerry delegates who had been respectful to the Dean delegates, and those who had not been. She got to know Howard Dean personally, had many pictures taken with him, and named one of her cats Howard.

In local Democratic politics, while I served as chairman of the district Cherisse was active (hyperactive) on all fronts. She was that rare combination of a wonk and an organizer. A Ph.D. candidate in Leadership Studies at Gonzaga University, Cherisse could digest bills before the Legislature, and complex administrative codes, as quickly and as thoroughly as anyone I have ever seen who was not a public official.

### A Celebration of Cherisse's Life

Cherisse wanted an Irish Wake. In keeping with that wish, the celebration of her life will be held at Mick Kelly's Irish Pub, 435 SW 152nd in Burien, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, the night Drinking Liberally would normally be meeting. Cherisse's network went beyond political borders and we're hoping to do that with this celebration - all are welcome. If anyone has any ideas re the celebration, or photos, etc. please contact Liz Giba at [ergiba@aol.com](mailto:ergiba@aol.com) or 206-762-3431



**Cherisse Luxa**  
1947 - 2009

She was impatient with the slow pace of local organizing efforts, and everyone involved, including me, felt the lash of her tongue at one time or another. But who the hell could keep up with her? She was one in a thousand.

She helped form Drinking Liberally in Burien, where we will hold her wake.

She battled her cancer to the end. She went down fighting. They gave her 30 days to live, and she made it to 90.

There are so many Cherisse stories that they could form 10 diaries, but here's one about her last days that typified this gallant woman's fighting spirit.

The day before she died, her neighbor and steadfast friend, Jim Clingan, who had been visiting her twice a day all along, told me he went in to see her, and she kept trying to get out of bed and walk, but couldn't get up. She asked Jim to help her up and Jim said "Cherisse, you need to just lie down and rest." Jim said she replied, "Why don't you just go home, then?" God damn it, she wanted to get up!

Jim Clingan is the chairman of the 34th District Republicans. That's the kind of magnetism and drive Cherisse Luxa had. I am not one damn bit ashamed that tears are running down my face as I type this. We will miss her so.

*Ivan Weiss*

Cherisse was a friend to me and a unique personality: passionate, outspoken, honest, always inquisitive. No one cared more or knew more about Burien or actually, all of King County. She had a great sense of humor, too! What can anyone say when someone like her is taken way too soon? The 34th is missing someone who contributed everything she could. I only knew her for the past five years, but I can imagine her as a talkative, precocious, fearless, stubborn little girl.

*Dina Johnson*

Cherisse joined the 34th District around the middle of 2003 and became a PCO soon after. was the PCO Coordinator around that time, and as PCO Coordinator, I did a lot of driving people's campaign stuff around. There weren't quite as many PCOs then as there are now, but it was still a lot of driving. Cherisse didn't ask me if I needed help. She just told me that she was going to handle Burien and most of White Center. All I could do was say Thank you. From reading many of the comments about her in the blogs and elsewhere, this is what people seem to remember most about her.

*Jackie Dupras*

### Howard and Harris Need Homes

Alcie and Tweed are happy in their new home, but Howard and Harris are still without a permanent home. These two cats are good buddies and would be happiest if they were adopted together. If you or someone you know can offer them a home, contact Liz Giba at [ergiba@aol.com](mailto:ergiba@aol.com) or 206-762-3431.

# Town Hall Events That May Be of Interest to Democrats

## **Forming a More Perfect Union: David Swanson**

**Tuesday, January 5, 2010 7:30 – 9 p.m., Downstairs at Town Hall, \$5**

David Swanson, author of *Daybreak: Undoing the Imperial Presidency and Forming a More Perfect Union*, is a leading voice for prosecuting Bush and Cheney for war crimes. Bush and Chaney altered the way American government works and deteriorated the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Swanson lays out a plan for reclaiming democracy and declaring our rights.

## **Income Inequality and Societal Health: Wilkinson & Pickett**

**Friday, January 8, 2010, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Downstairs at Town Hall, \$5**

Gross income inequalities are understood to be divisive and corrosive; in generally wealthy societies, the poor have shorter lives and suffer more from almost every social problem, from ill health to long working hours. But unequal societies are bad for everyone within them. Learn how to shift the balance from self-interested consumerism to a friendlier and more collaborative society.

## **The Digital Media Revolution: Hanson R. Hussein on the Middle East**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.; Downstairs at Town Hall, \$5**

In the second installment of Town Hall's series: *The Revolution is Here: How Digital Media and Awakened Citizens Are Changing the World*, Hanson Hussein will discuss how people under authoritarian regimes, such as Iran, are using new technologies to communicate, and seizing back some of the concentrated power formerly exerted through a tightly controlled state media. UW Political Scientist Lance Bennett responds to Professor Hussein's case, and moderates the audience discussion.

## **Bail Out the Newspapers: Robert McChesney and John Nichols**

**Tuesday, January 19, 2010; 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Downstairs at Town Hall; \$5**

Robert McChesney and John Nichols, authors of *The Death and Life of Great American Newspapers*, believe the federal government should intervene to save newspapers, and journalism—and they have history on their side: The founders who wrote a free-press protection into the First Amendment provided subsidies to the burgeoning print press of our young nation.

## **The Empathic Civilization: Jeremy Rifkin**

**Friday, January 22, 2010; 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Downstairs at Town Hall; \$5**

Rifkin believes we sit on the cusp of a great experiment to date—refashioning human consciousness so that humans can live and flourish in the new globalizing society—and that the development of empathy is central to a future in which we think and behave like the whole world matters.



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## Calendar

### Happy New Year!

Thursday, January 7, 11:30 a.m.  
**First Thursday Democrats**  
Daystar, Across from Westwood on SW Barton St

Tuesday, January 12, 11:30 a.m.  
**Evergreen Democratic Club**  
Angelo's Restaurant, 601 SW 153rd

Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 p.m.  
**34th District Democrats Monthly Meeting**  
The Hall at Fauntleroy

Sunday, January 17, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
**KCDCC Legislative Action Committee Meeting**  
IAM Hall, 9125 15th Pl S

Sunday, January 17, 5:00 p.m.  
**KCDCC Honors and Clean Energy Banquet**  
IAM Hall, 9125 15th Ave S

Wednesday, January 20, 7:00 p.m.  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
7020 18th Ave SW

Sunday, January 24, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
**Governor Albert Rosellini's 100th Birthday Party**  
JFK High School, 140 S 140th St

Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m.  
**KCDCC Monthly Meeting**  
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Ave N

Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.  
**Celebration of Cherisse Luxa's Life**  
Mick Kelly's Irish Pub, 435 SW 152nd

Friday, January 29, 7:00 p.m.  
**An Evening with the King County Democrats**  
Seattle Hilton, 1301 Sixth Ave

January 29 and 30  
**Washington State Democrats Quarterly Meeting**  
Washington State Trade and Convention Center