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CHAIR CORNER

Michelle Loftus



March 2012

COME TO PRECINCT CAUCUSES MARCH 3rd AND COUNTY CONVENTION March 24th! We need your input to shape our platform and elect delegates for County and State Conventions. Be the process. Our Presidential Straw Poll will be watched by the Nation. Washington State will be a strong influence this year since we will retain all our delegates for the National Convention and since we are just before Super Tuesday.

Locally we have continued to have strong influences. The quick action of SJCRP members Marty Hughes, Cindy Carter and others alerted us to the town hall meeting in Anacortes covering the National Conservation Area Designation for San Juan County. The obvious question was, "Why was this meeting in Anacortes?" In my opinion this was not adequately answered. We had many voices against

this issue and efforts continue. Contact our County Council, Senator Maria Cantwell and Secretary Salazar. Contacting Ranker and Larsen is most likely a waste of time. We sure need to replace them.

Gordy Peterson, Tom Starr, Janice Petersen and others continue to shape our local government in the Charter Review Committee. Please give them encouragement in this daunting task.

Watch carefully our local responses to the Friends of the San Juans. The Freedom Foundation has strengthened our armor. If you need a "Friends don't let friends join the Friends" bumper sticker let me know. Such a misnomer.

We have had a positive response to our recent mailing and our Lincoln Day Events. It is apparent that you want smaller government, respect for property rights and freedom from restrictive regulations. We have fine candidates lining up to help us with this. Do you want to throw your hat in the ring? If so let's talk.

Stay strong. Pray. Keep up the good work.

Michelle

CAUCUS

March 3, 2012

10:00 AM

Let your voice be heard!

Orcas 1 & 2, Decatur, Blakely, Waldron meet at Orcas Island Fire Hall—24 Lavender Lane

Orcas 3 & 4 meet at American Legion on Crescent Beach Road

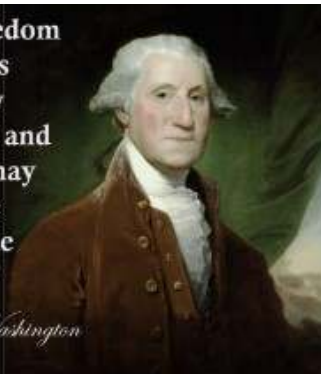
All San Juan precincts & Stuart Island meet at the San Juan Grange on 1st Street

Lopez 1 & 2 meet at Woodman Hall

Shaw Island meet at Levi Rawls' home.

"If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."

George Washington





San Juan County Education How much is enough?

Dave Vandaveer

Recently, voters on San Juan Island approved yet another increase to their property taxes for the purposes of education. Little matter that the proponents of the tax decided to almost double the levy amount in these tough economic times. After all, it is for the education of our children.

I doubt many of you question the total failure of our public educational system. Of course, it is all the fault of the parents. At least that is the "truth" being spread by our liberal neighbors. It can't be caused by an inadequate educational system.

Some of you might know that I like to browse the internet in search of data to support some of my more radical ideas. Well, point your computer to the following website.

http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d10/tables/dt10_035.asp

You will note that the information comes from the "National Center For Education Statistics", which is under our federal Department of Education (please don't snicker). Your tax dollars have produced this information, so you might be interested in what it shows.

Down near the bottom are data that have been adjusted for inflation. These amounts are in constant 2008-2009 dollars. The column headings are near the top, so you have to follow the data down. I invite you to inspect column 11, which represents information for the school year 1959-60 that many of us remember. Those were the days when students came out of school prepared for the workplace.

Follow down to near the bottom where we see that the "Total Expenditure per pupil in ADA" was \$3441 in today's dollars. Now, go over to the right to see that in 2007-2008 that same amount has increased to \$12,924!! That is 3.75 times as much money in current dollars. Does anybody believe that the kids are 3.75 times as smart?

Please note that ADA means average daily attendance, and that the expenditures include the current expenditures plus costs of capital and interest on school debt.

Now look at the top line in that lower section, "Annual salary of classroom teachers". Remember, this is just the salary and does not include the benefits which have been significantly improved in the last half century. In 1959-60 it was \$36,491 and has now increased to \$53,537. And that is for 9 months work.

But, you spout, we need smaller classes. OK, back to the top of the table. Over there in the left column, come down to the area labeled "Teachers, librarians, and other...", or the worker bees. It is in thousands. In 1959-60 there were 1,393,000 and now there are 4,056,000. Going up, the total enrollment was 36,087,000 and today there are 49,293,000. So 50 years ago, there were about 25.9 kids per real worker, and today there are only 12.15 kids per worker. The number of kids per worker, etc has been cut in half. How small do we have to go before the kids once again get an education?

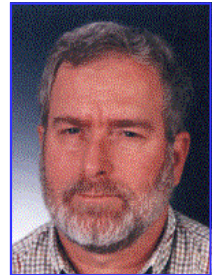
You can draw your own conclusions from the information available to you. Keep it in mind next time the schools plead for yet more money.



In the first place, God made idiots. That was for practice. Then he made school boards.
~ Mark Twain ~

Susan B. Komen Foundation & Planned Parenthood

Curt Wikstrom



It has come to my attention that the Susan G Komen foundation gives hundreds of thousand dollars each year to Planned Parenthood. In addition to killing hundreds of thousands of children each year, Planned Parenthood attempts to violate our freedom of conscience by lobbying for and getting Democrats to try pass for example, laws that would require pro-life groups to suggest abortion as an alternative.

It is time that we remove any support for this organization (Komen). There are other ways to support fighting breast cancer than contributing to a group so morally blind. The argument that Planned Parenthood should get money despite their evil nature just because they refer women to get mammograms makes me sick to my stomach. Groups like Komen, who can't distinguish between good and evil, should not be distributing our money. We should distribute it ourselves, directly.

The fact that 26 Democrats in the US Senate bullied Komen into continuing the contributions is also sickening. These same people give our tax dollars to Planned Parenthood as well.

I quit contributing to the United Way many years ago when they succumbed to political correctness and stopped supporting the boy scouts because they refused to accept sodomy

as ok. My contributions now go directly to the boy scouts, not a politically correct middleman. It is time to contribute directly to women's health as well.

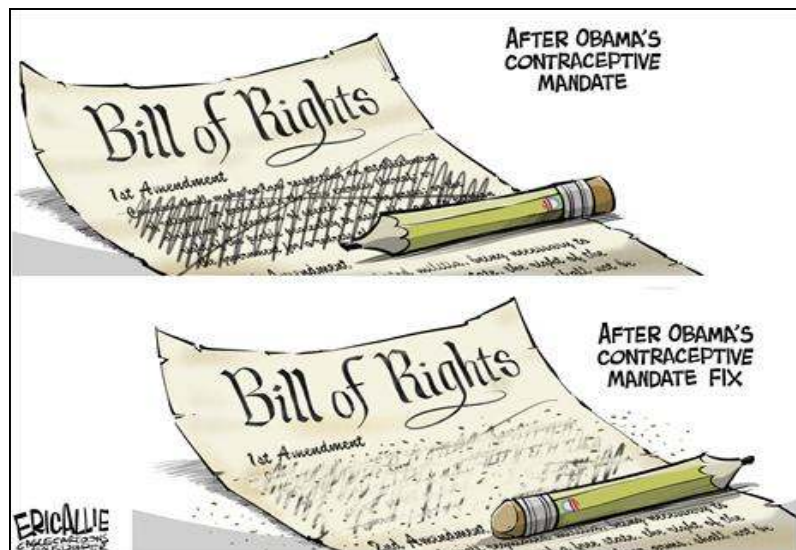
We can donate directly to our local health organizations and churches to assure that women get early warning about breast cancer. However, mammograms and radiation are not the best answer. Thermography detects breast cancer without the radiation. Like everything else there is a controversy about mammograms versus thermography. But thermography is also FDA approved. There is plenty of research about it, and much success. It can be misread by someone who isn't good at it. But that is also true of radiation, which we learned the hard way. The problem with radiation is that over time it helps to cause what it purports to discover.

100 years from now, if we

don't totally socialize medicine in the world, I would guess that it will be well

know that the best means to prevent breast cancer is a proper diet, free of the multitude of chemicals and genetic engineering that have infested our food production, not radiation once a year. By then chemotherapy and radiation (with some exceptions) will be banned, including the radiation they now give us every time we fly.

We need to take the pink ribbons out of our inventory, and quit promoting them. Instead we should support those who don't compromise with evil. We don't need to send our contributions somewhere else, only to have a fraction of the amount sent back to our local institutions, to give people free radiation, which might be harmful to them.





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