



Goodman, Tarleton legislators of the year

Representative Roger Goodman (45th LD), chair of the House Committee on Public Safety, will be presented with Disability Rights Washington’s 2018 “Breaking Barriers” Award at the organization’s third annual fundraiser, 5 – 7:30 pm, September 29 at the Panorama Room at the Pacific Tower, 12th Ave S, Seattle. The award is given to an elected official or public servant who has made very significant contributions to the rights of people with disabilities in Washington state. The award recognizes Mr Goodman’s work in bringing together law enforcement agencies and various communities to develop a new deadly-force law, which helps “to divert people with disabilities from the criminal justice system and to improve the lives of people affected by that system.” RSVP at www.disabilityrightswa.org/.

Representative Gael Tarleton (36th LD) has been named legislator of the year by Washington Conservation Voters for her “steadfast commitment to protect the health and environment of Washington state.” Highlights of her achievements include legislation for a 100 percent clean energy future, work on a carbon pollution bill, protecting the clean energy initiative, and protecting salmon and steelhead in rivers and streams.

Both representatives are members of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle.



Nate Caminos

Goodman says police reform laws result of building trust



Roger Goodman

Cantwell takes nothing for granted says Caminos

Nate Caminos, campaign director for Senator Maria Cantwell, provided members of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle with an insider’s view of the senator’s bid for a fifth term in the US Senate at its July 11 meeting. Ms Cantwell, first elected to the senate in 2000, “takes nothing for granted,” he asserted.

“We cover all 39 counties in Washington every year,” he added.

He went on to explain some of the mechanics of running a statewide campaign and supporting the campaigns of other Democratic candidates in Washington.

In order to hone its messages, the campaign conducted focus groups, from which it learned that people in Washington want gun control and affordable housing. Further, they don’t want to repeal healthcare legislation and they believe that immigrant families should not be separated.

In this campaign, Mr Caminos said, we need to break 50 percent in the primary, which means getting out the vote.

Mr Caminos has worked for Ms Cantwell for 11 years.



Representative Roger Goodman (45th LD), speaking at the July 25 meeting of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle described his role in bringing Washington law enforcement agencies, including all 39 elected sheriffs and 230 police chiefs, together with the diverse communities representing a grass roots movement to improve police training and accountability. It was a painstaking process, he said, but eventually everyone came together and the resulting legislation was passed in the last hour of the last day of the session.

Mr Goodman, who is running for his seventh term, was on hand to explain the events leading up to the lawsuit in his presentation “Initiative 940 and Police Use of Deadly Force; the Inside Story of How Police and the Community Finally Came Together.”

“It was a big win,” Mr Goodman reported, “but what’s important is that it was brought about by building trust among the parties.”

The Washington Supreme Court, he added, is now hearing arguments on a challenge to the process that brought about the legislation regarding Initiative 940, passed in March. The lawsuit, brought by Tim Eyman, argues that the legislature does not have authority to adopt initiatives and that I-940 should go to the people. The decision will be made soon, Mr Goodman noted, to meet the deadline for getting the measure on the ballot should Mr Eyman prevail.

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Notice

Members of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle will discuss and decide if and for whom the organization will hold fundraisers at its August 8 meeting. Only those endorsed by the MDC will be considered. Please be thinking about other criteria to be applied during our selection process.

op-ed

Thoughts about the “deep state”

By Allan Munro

President Donald Trump and his communications entourage have been fighting the investigation led by Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller by asserting it is an example of the “deep state” restricting his policy objectives (rapprochement with Vladimir Putin, forcing other nations to change their trade policies with protection tariffs, etc.). Trump apologists like Steve Bannon attribute a sinister pro-Hillary, pro-Democratic motive to the investigation. Here are the facts as I see them.

There is a deep state. It is composed of mid- to upper-level administrators and policy managers in the Defense Department, the CIA, the Justice Department, the FBI, the State Department, the Treasury Department, the other intelligence agencies (I’ve read there are 15 of them), and holdovers from agencies folded into Homeland Security. The revolving door “experts” who move from administration to think tank, university, or defense contractor and then back to the next administration should also be included. Altogether this amounts to tens of thousands, maybe hundreds of thousands of people. The New York Times reports that 4.1 million people have security clearance and 1.2 million people have high security clearance.

In many respects they are a very diverse group (Democrats, Republicans, studious nonpartisans, merit-system-protected appointees, etc.). But they have a common mindset that informs their actions, including:

1. Secrecy. Almost without exception they believe in and use on a daily basis the national security classification system.
2. Clandestine operations, disclosed only to members of the intelligence committees of the Congress.

book review

The Brethren: Inside the Supreme Court

by Bob Woodward and Scott Armstrong
Simon & Schuster, New York 1979

Reviewed by Pete Francis

The Brethren was written 30 years before “The Nine” (see review in July edition of The MDC News), yet is in many ways more timely and relevant today, as well as juicier and more entertaining. Published in 1979, it is primarily focused on the Supreme Court during the Nixon years and the first years of the Gerald Ford presidency.

The transition from the Earl Warren court to the Warren Burger-Nixon court brought major change. Just as now, the conservatives wanted to undo all of the important accomplishments of the previous era. And

3. Undescribed aid to states led by autocrats and dictators (think Saddam Hussein of Iraq and Al Sisi of Egypt).

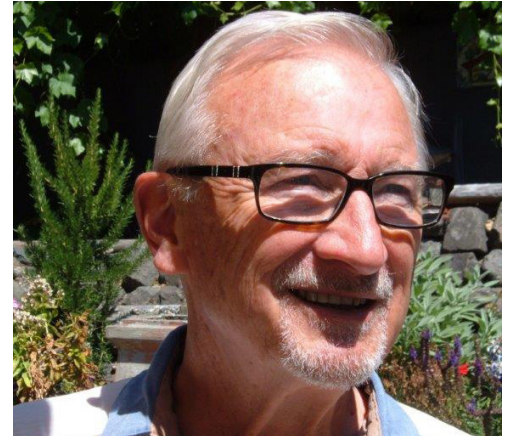
4. Increased defense budget appropriations.

5. Classified executive agreements that are not required to be ratified by the US Senate.

The mindset of the deep state members covers a lot more issues/practices than those identified above. Many deep state functions have been successful, but we are getting far away from the first of Woodrow Wilson’s Fourteen Points: the principle of “open covenants openly arrived at.” The lack of transparency encourages hiding of mistakes and interferes with political accountability.

Right now the deep state is horrified by Trump’s conduct. Because we Democrats are also horrified, we are rooting for members of the deep state, including Mueller, Comey, and McCabe.

We should maintain our independence because the time will certainly come when we become horrified by deep state action, such as Abu Ghraib, Black sites, and forcible regime change.



Pete Francis

Nixon managed to appoint 4 justices!

Some similarities to the present time:

- * a grand jury was investigating the president.

- * the issue of whether or not a sitting president could be indicted was before the court, and some of what they did then is direct precedent for issues which are now developing.

- * Nixon’s attacks on the grand jury are remarkably similar to what we have been hearing from Trump over 40 years later.

“The Brethren” treats each stage of each issue as if it were happening now. Kind of like reading a diary. You get the sense that the ideas are clashing right as you read the book, as if you do not know how it will be resolved. Whether the clash is over abortion, school busing, “obscenity”, or whatever, the form is a very readable narrative.

I have to mention Rehnquist, the extreme right Clarence Thomas of his day, before he became chief justice. He was known to all members of the court as devious, sneaky, and regularly disingenuous. His malign efforts were always a great disappointment to this fellow Stanford Law grad. He not only got away with it, but he was persuasive and influential enough to change the direction of the Supreme Court for many years.

It would be almost impossible to overstate

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book review

Women and the Industrial Workers of the World in the Pacific Northwest, 1905 – 1924

by Heather Mayer

Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, 2018

Reviewed by Judi Gibbs, Write Guru

The Janus vs. AFSCME decision is yet another crippling blow to unions. In the wake of that decision, it is interesting to look back at the labor movement in this state.

Labor unions have had a significant presence in Washington State for more than a century. An early union that proved to be a major force was the Industrial Workers of the World—aka the IWW or Wobblies.

In an era when most labor unions represented only the skilled trades, the IWW represented workers of all occupations and skill levels, including those employed in logging, mining, and fishing—the extractive industries that were the backbone of the local economy a century ago.

History books give men most of the credit for work by the IWW. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn—the original rebel girl—was a notable exception. Mayer contends that women did much of the work that has been credited to men. Her book is to correct the record—to give women credit for their contributions to the IWW and to the labor movement.

The free speech fight was an IWW tactic used primarily along the west coast—and very successfully in Spokane. IWW organizers used street speaking to reach the working class. When organizers were arrested for speaking on the street, a call would go out to others to come speak and be arrested—and swamp the jails. At that point, the speaking ban would have to be rescinded. In Spokane, IWW arrests filled the jail and other nearby facilities. The arrests also highlighted the problems with the women's jail.

In a Missoula free speech fight, organizers tried to time arrests to take advantage of jailhouse meals, and law enforcement tried to time the arrests to avoid the meals.

The IWW was also involved in a tailors' strike in Seattle and a cannery strike in Portland. Involvement in the shingle weavers' strike in Everett resulted in the tragic Everett massacre. Efforts to establish a presence in Centralia resulted in the Centralia massacre.

The IWW outlook toward women was highly sympathetic. Women were viewed as worthy of making their own lifestyle decisions—rather than having somebody else make the decisions for them. Prostitutes



Judi Gibbs

were regarded as working class victims of capitalism; women's wages were too low to pay the bills. Signs during one strike read "40¢ a day is what makes prostitutes."

Although the book focuses on the Pacific Northwest, it has some interesting snippets from other parts of the country. Margaret Sanger, the birth control proponent, was an IWW member who helped organize the textile strike in Paterson, NJ.

During a strike in Louisiana, prostitutes refused to offer their services to strikebreakers, and IWW members stood in solidarity when the prostitutes went on strike against the brothel.

What happened to the IWW? The Sedition Act of 1918 made it illegal to be a member. People were arrested, tried, and sent to prison just for being members of the organization. Those who tried to bail out others were arrested. Women spent time in jail and prison just as the men did. A woman MD from Portland who wasn't even an IWW member spent time in San Quentin Prison for giving a speech at an IWW hall. In Chicago, 113 members were tried, convicted, and given sentences of one to twenty years, with most receiving at least five years. The leadership was in prison!

Full disclosure: I indexed the book. Labor history is one of my specialties, and this book has some of the most fascinating labor content that I have come across in a long time.

The book was originally a PhD thesis for a doctoral program at Simon Fraser University. It will be available for sale from Amazon in September 2018. (I may buy a nicely bound copy for myself.)

July

meeting notes

July 11th

More endorsements

Motions made at the June 27 meeting of the MDC to endorse two candidates who names did not appear on our endorsement ballot were passed unanimously. Endorsed were Joshua Schaer for King County District Court NE 6, Position 6 and Carolyn Long, candidate for US Representative in the 3rd CD.

July 25th

Allan and Eleanor Munro informed the membership that they had attended a fundraiser for Lisa Brown – candidate for US Representative, 5th CD – the previous Sunday and wanted them to know that Ms Brown has the full support of Joe Pakootas, whom the MDC supported for that seat in the last two elections. Mr Munro distributed flyers and contribution envelopes and encouraged members to show their support for Ms Brown. Completed envelopes were collected and sent to the Lisa Brown campaign.



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the importance of the Supreme Court to us as Democrats, and to all Americans. Long after Trump is gone they will be able, for example, to declare universal health care unconstitutional – even if passed by a large majority, signed in to law by whoever is president then, and supported by the vast majority of Americans. They will have the final say about social, environmental and regulatory matters. They would be able to block efforts to address income inequality, health care, gun safety, civil and voting rights, and climate change.

And sooner than later they will have the last word on presidential immunity and so-called "executive privilege," as well as on the legality of Mueller's appointment as special counsel (See Steven G. Calabresi, Northwestern Law professor).

Stay tuned!



mark your Calendar

August 22 – MDC meeting

Housing in Seattle: Will the Grand Bargain Actually Produce More Affordable Housing? Roger Valdez, director of Seattle For Growth, and Sarajane Siegfried, a 25-year low-income housing advocate and MDC member.

September 12 - MDC meeting:

On the Upcoming Census
Bruce Chapman, Seattle City Council (1971 – 75), Washington secretary of state (1975 – 81); director of US Census Bureau (1981 – 83), White House staff as deputy assistant to the president (1983 – 85), and founder of the Discovery Institute, a public policy think tank.

Sep 26 – MDC meeting

General endorsement proceedings led by MDC Vice President Jack Whisner.

October 10 - MDC meeting:

Healthcare for all; Challenges and Opportunities.

Bob Crittenden, executive in residence at the Seattle innovation hub Cambia Grove, served as Governor Jay Inslee's special assistant for health reform and senior policy advisor on healthcare, 2013 -2018. He was founding executive director of the Herndon Alliance, a coalition of over 200 organizations nationally doing communications for passage and preservation of the Affordable Care Act.

October 24 - MDC meeting:

The Role of Politics in a Time of Transformation.

David Korten, former professor at Harvard Business School, is an author, activist, en-

gaged citizen, critic of corporate globalization, and student of psychology and behavioral systems.

November 14 – to be determined

December 9 – annual Winter Holiday Party

5:30 – 7:30 at the home of Maryanne Tagney Jones and David Jones.

December 12 – MDC meeting

Planning for 2018.

MDC meetings take place noon – 1:30 pm, the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the Plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St unless otherwise noted. All are welcome.

Election 2018 upcoming campaign events

Saturday, August 18

Joe Campagna, candidate for judge in King County District Court Shoreline, invites MDC members to join him at the Celebrate Shoreline Festival, noon – 9 pm, at Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Ave N, Shoreline. His campaign is a sponsor of the event, which features pony rides, music, bouncy houses, petting zoo, food trucks, beer garden and more.

Thursday, August 23

An evening reception supporting the reelection of King County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg, 6 pm, 719 W Lee St, Seattle. Suggested contribution levels start at \$100. Among the sponsors are Chris Bayley, the Honorable Bobbie Bridge and Jon Bridge, Tim Burgess, and Senator Reuven Carlyle.

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The historic reforms require all law enforcement officers in the state to receive violence de-escalation and mental health training and to adopt guidelines for providing first-aid to save lives. They also amend the standard for justifiable use of deadly force, including adding a good faith standard and requiring independent investigation.

This is a first, Mr Goodman said, and has made Washington a national leader in police accountability.

Mr Goodman is chair of the House Committee on Public Safety and a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee. His legislative work has focused on reducing drunk driving and the harm from domestic violence and on expanding early childhood education programs. He serves as vice chair of the Law and Criminal Justice Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Public Safety Task Force of the Council of State Governments.

Mr Goodman earned his JD degree from George Washington University and an MPA from Harvard University. He served in Washington DC as legislative director, counsel and chief of staff for two senior Democratic members of Congress.



August 8th meeting

Constitutional law expert and MDC member Hugh Spitzer will speak on "Impeachment and Its Alternatives."

Membership renewal date appears on above label

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