P.O. Box 2192, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

October, 2004

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 26, 7:30PM David K. Hayward Center 2000 Artesia Boulevard, R.B.

Children's author and activist April Halprin Wayland will be our speaker. Ms. Wayland is an author of award-winning books for juveniles and teens and a member of the faculty of the Writers' Program of UCLA Extension. She will be speaking about her group of over 350 published authors and illustrators which has placed ads in swing state teacher publications.

This is the last pre-election meeting: come network with your fellow activists as we go the last mile together!

Harman Bike Ride

Come one, come all on Saturday, October 30th, to the Harman campaign's biennial Bike the Beach ride! The ride itself begins in Torrance at 11:00 a.m., but we'll kick things off at 9:00 a.m. with a breakfast in San Pedro. Stay tuned for the location.

Then it's off to Torrance to begin the ride. We'll meet in the parking lot of Paso de la Playa on the Torrance/ PV border. From there, we head north, stopping at the piers in Redondo, Hermosa, and Manhattan Beaches, and Playa del Rev in Vista del Mar Park, before finishing up in Venice around 3:00 PM. As in past years, Guy Dill will host a party for all the riders at his Venice Studio. You can join the ride at any point, or just come for the party at the end. Contact Stephanie Zarro at zarro@janeharmancongress.com or Aaron Preston at prestona @janeharmancongress.com, or call the campaign office at 310-328-9125.

Get On the Bus

There is still time to get on the bus to Las Vegas.

"The fight for the White House is in the Swing States. Please, please come every weekend," said Ann Sheridan, Kerry Nevada State Director.

With Nevada's five electoral votes at stake, volunteers from South Bay for Kerry have been flocking to the 3rd Congressional District by bus, leaving from the Metro station at Marine and Redondo Beach Ave.

The bus departs on Saturdays at 7 AM from the Metro station and returns on Sundays before 11 PM.

There is something for everyone to do, from walking door to door, data entry, phone calling, and driving voters to the polls. Nevada law allows for two weeks of voting, which began last weekend.

Travel cost is \$35 for the bus. Hotel is approx. \$60, or \$33 for a shared hotel room, or you can have a home stay with a local Kerry supporter.

If you are low on funds, you can still go. The committee will find a sponsor for your bus trip, and you can stay for free with a Vegas volunteer.

There are still three trips before the election:

Oct. 23-24
Oct. 29-31 (1, 2, or 3 nights)
Oct. 30-31 (1 night)
RSVP to Scott Haas at:
lasvegas4Kerry@aol.com
or call Al Lay at: 310-497-3013.

Our October 8 Debate watching party at Mr. Pockets drew a huge crowd including some luminaries. Ray Waters, Shirlee Browne, and Lori Geittman (right) share a light moment at the Manhattan Beach venue.

Volunteer Opportunities

South Bay for Kerry/Edwards Information: 310-515-3497 SouthBayforKerryInfo@att.net

Swing State Phone Banking

Weekdays, 6-9PM Weekends 9AM-8PM Jim Aldinger's house 1828 Pine Avenue Manhattan Beach 310-545-7514

Senator Barbara Boxer's Headquarters

5757 Wilshire, Suite 395, LA 323-904-4949 www.boxer2004.org

Jane Harman's Headquarters

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From the President's Pen

Wow! Here we are at the end of October. Where did the time go?



As you are reading this, there are less than two weeks until the election. The election that will define the course of the US for generations to come.

As we all know, we are on a tragically wrong road. The radicals running our government must be stopped.

We need John Kerry and John Edwards to restore our reputation in the world and our rights here at home.

I have been so proud, and in awe of all the grassroots volunteers here in the South Bay, who for months have been working nonstop to take our country back. Their dedication and energy are truly inspirational.

With all the organizing, fundraising, tabling, voter outreach and registration, precinct walking and phone calling, everything is in place for a big presidential victory here in California.

For the two remaining weekends, focus is on insuring a Kerry victory in Nevada. Our volunteers have been traveling to Las Vegas to help put their 5 electoral votes in the Democratic column. Their efforts have helped make a victory there very possible. Please sign up and get on the swing state bus if you can.

Turning our attention to our own backyard, it is vital that we elect Mike Gordon to the State Assembly.

Our 53rd District has been honorably represented by both Debra Bowen and George Nakano since 1992. We have been able to sleep easy, knowing that our interests and our environment were in good hands. Now, the republican attack machine is working overtime to discredit Mike. Emboldened by the rise of Herr Hummer, who has raised zillions of dollars, they have

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October Recap

Countdown

With only 39 days until the election, there was no formal agenda this month. The meeting opened with a rousing song "Votin' for Kerry" by a Torrance artist (zoomermusic.net).

George Nakano spoke on a bill he recently sponsored—AB 2093, which prevents cruise ships from dumping grey water within three miles of the coastline. The bill has been signed by Governor Schwartzenegger. Nakano told us that Democrats have only a 6% margin in the 53rd AD and we need to keep working hard for Mike Gordon.

George Wiley from Gordon's campaign thanked everyone for their support and echoed the warning that we should not take the district for granted.

Lori Geittmann and Ray Waters reported on precinct walking in their respective areas of Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach, and Jim Aldinger introduced the city captains for all three beach cities.

We heard from judicial candidate

Lori Jones, running in District 29. She is facing another Democrat, Gus Gomez, in her race. We also heard from Judge John Gutierrez who is running in Office 2. He has 21 years of legal experience and 11 years of service as an administrative judge. We voted to endorse both candidates and contribute \$100 to each of their campaigns.

We heard from M.T. Karthik from KPFK radio, who expressed concern about the lack of political dissent permitted at the Convention in Boston. The station is pacifist and promotes the view that the war in Iraq is illegal.

Sean Eggers, who started the Democratic Club at El Camino College, thanked club members for their support.

Alyse Laemmle, from the League of Conservation Voters, spoke about the importance of this election on environmental issues.

In closing, Bobbi urged every member to take advantage of the many volunteer opportunities and work hard for our candidates until election night. Thanks to Kathleen Paralusz for the use of her notes for this writeup.



More scenes from the Debate Party: State Treasurer Phil Angelides (top), actress Valerie Harper (right), and Kerry staffer Tina McKinnon who organized the event (top right).









HARMAN U.S. CONGRESS

Proposition 62
Prevent Louisiana-Style Elections
Vote NO!

Proposition 63
Mental Health Programs
Vote YES!

Proposition 64
Protect Consumers
Vote NO!

Proposition 66 Reform "Three Strikes" Vote YES!

Proposition 67
Telephone Surcharge
Vote NO!

Proposition 68 Non-Tribal Gaming Vote NO!

> Proposition 69 DNA Samples Vote NO!

Proposition 70
Tribal Gaming Compacts
Vote NO!

Proposition 71
Fund Stem Cell Research
Vote YES!

Proposition 72 Expand Health Care Vote YES!

Superior Court Judges

Office No. 18 Mildred Escobedo Superior Court Referee

Office No. 52 John C. Gutierrez Administrative Law Judge

Office No. 29
Lori Jones
LA County Deputy District Atty

Office No. 53 Daniel Zeke Zeidler Superior Court Referee

Office No. 69
Donna Groman
Superior Court Commissioner

Ballot Measures

Proposition 1A
Protect Local Gov't Revenues
Vote YES!

Proposition 59
Public Records, Open Meetings
Vote YES!

Proposition 60 Preserve Voter Choice Vote YES!

> Proposition 60A Surplus Property Vote YES!

Proposition 61 Children's Hospital Projects Vote YES!



Monroe's Corner

I'd like to think my literary efforts make a political difference. I'd like to think that we can & will elect

Kerry-Edwards, Boxer, Harman, and my favorite Mike Gordon. I'd like to think the fighting & killing in Iraq & Israel/Palestine will end. I'd like to think we will have a Freeway World Series. I'd like to think positively, progressively & liberally. I'd especially like to think that we are all doing all we can to give this November election our best effort.

And another thought, in 1783, Ben Franklin described England as a "once great & happy country, being torn apart by avarice & ambition while our public councils are confounded by private interests." Sounds like the good old U.S. of A. in 2004.

The world knows that Dubya is despicable or Bush is a Bumbler, and that the Republicans are reprehensible. Personally I have had a belly full of Rumsfeld's rumbles, Rove's rants, Wolfowitz's shining, Cheney's chatter, and Condi Rice's concoctions. Since our "selected" President Dubya has been in office, the USA has literally lost face worldwide. The USA has lost too many jobs, amassed enormous deficits, stifled honest legal criticism, curtailed freedoms, allowed 45 million to be without healthcare coverage, penny-pinched programs and, worst of all, changed our history from help thy neighbor to favor major business orientation. And I must not overlook environmental destruction! Since when do we compare corporate wealth to people's health & have to choose between the two???

I write this shortly after the first two debates, & on KCET, the historian Michael Beschloss likened the Kerry-Bush debate as Adlai Stevenson

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(President, continued from page 2) targeted OUR district as the #1 in the state to take over. We cannot let this happen. Mike is an enormously qualified candidate and will be a great asset to us and to the Assembly. He has run a thoughtful and honest campaign and we need him in Sacramento.

Moreover, it is not only this race that is at stake. If we lose, and they are able to gain a foothold, it will be exceedingly difficult for us to unseat the incumbent in two years. And, Debra's seat in the Senate will be hard to retain when her term is up if Greg Hill is sitting in the Assembly, while the "I'll never take any special interest money" governor is up for reelection in 2006. We must terminate their long range plans for our home towns now. Mike needs our help. Please call his headquarters at 310-322-2234 and volunteer to make calls, work on mailings or walk a neighborhood.

There is still much to do in these last weeks. If you are already working hard, thank you and keep it up. If you

have been unable to get involved yet, please make every effort to help. This election will be won by getting our voters out to the polls in overwhelming numbers.

We cannot rest, we must make it happen.

We want November 3rd to be the happiest day we have had in four years. Be a part of the Victory 2004, there's not a moment to waste.

Bobbi Buescher

This is It

If we have your email address, this is the last issue of the *BCDC* newsletter you'll receive through the US mail unless you have specifically opted out of email delivery.

BCDC saves crucial funds by distributing the newsletter electronically. If we do not have your email address, please contact Steve Zucker at szucker@dslextreme.com.

going at John Wayne. I have a special place for the movie hero Big John. During WWII he refused to enter the

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During WWII he refused to enter the service because they would not give him a commission. The Edwards/V.P. Cheney affair was like Kennedy/V.P. Nixon where Nixon ended up the heavy & Cheney ended as the War Monger!

And finally, some months ago I mentioned a Dr. Steven Hatfill who was deemed a "person of interest" by the FBI. Since 2001 they have sliced him & diced him, but still have filed no charges in the Anthrax attacks. Just this month a Dr. Kenneth Berry has also been saddled with "a person of interest" connotation. Both men had their lives disrupted, their homes invaded. And any presumption of innocence before proven guilty is out the window. The charges & investigations supposedly are done to clear their names. So, how does the USA clean up a toilet with a dirty mop?

Monroe Weinstock