

Beach Cities Democratic Club



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

October, 2007

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 23, 7:30PM
David K. Hayward Center
2000 Artesia Boulevard
Redondo Beach

Our speaker will be Christina Kinane from Hillary for President. She will talk about Senator Clinton's plans for strengthening the middle class, providing affordable health care, and ending the war in Iraq.

Special Event With John Dean

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Democratic Club is inviting local Democrats to their special meeting to hear **John Dean**, former White House counsel to Richard Nixon.

Sunday, November 18
2:30 PM

Knob Hill Community Center
320 Knob Hill, Redondo Beach

Dean will be signing copies of his new book, *Broken Government: How Republican Rule Destroyed the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Branches*. Copies will be available for purchase and, per arrangements with the publisher, only copies purchased at the event may be signed.

Global Warming Town Hall and Resource Fair

Ted Lieu and the City of Torrance are sponsoring The Climate Project, with a presentation by Nick Karno based on Al Gore's movie "An Inconvenient Truth." The Resource Fair will feature: South Bay Energy Savings Center, the Tree People, Beach Bluffs Restoration Project/Sea Laboratory, and the Bio Diesel Cooperative of Los Angeles.
Thursday, October 18, 2007 6:00-8:30 PM
Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Toyota Meeting Hall
3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance
RSVP (310) 615-3515 or email: assemblymember.lieu@assembly.ca.gov

Hometown Fair Brings in New Democrats

BCDC had our annual booth at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair October 6-7. Members staffed the booth all weekend long and we registered over 60 new Democratic voters. What's more, the State Party pays the club up to \$4 for each new



name if we turn in a minimum of 100.

Diane Strack, our tabling coordinator, set up the booth and kept it going all weekend. Here she is (*top left*) making Democratic buttons, which also brought in money, and setting off for home at closing time with the entire booth contents packed into her car.

Also pictured: Ranoo Shipper headed home; and (*bottom*), Jason Gromski, Canvassing Coordinator for the Obama campaign (adjacent to BCDC booth).



From the President

California will have a major impact on which of our candidates is to compete in the election next



year. I encourage you to be involved in a campaign. Beach Cities Dem Club has had presentations from three campaigns so far and expects to hear from the Clinton supporters at our next meeting. We will be receiving ballots in January. Permanent absentee voters get to cast a vote before any of the early voting states. Sign up at our next meeting.

It was suggested to me at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair that we have more opportunities to table and do precinct work. Barbara Farren, who has been active locally for some time now, recently had a letter in the Los Angeles Times dealing with the killings

of civilians in Iraq. I had a short letter in the Easy Reader which was provoked by General Petraeus' testimony to Congress. We must speak out, and work together. Are you ready?

There are so many ways we can lend our voices to counteract the problems exacerbated by the Bushies. The problems are many: the war, environmental degradation, challenges to our civil liberties, the health care system that leaves so many behind, a weakened education system, media concentration now hands of so few, the electoral system that we no longer trust, and injustice in our justice system. All of these have been made worse by the Republicans and cry out for solutions. Change comes regardless of our behavior. We are given brains to solve problems and overcome obstacles. It is so tiresome to have ideologues that try to force the world to meet the vision they formed based on some credo that should have been thrown out long ago.

Ray Waters

Party Platform Meeting

The next meeting of the CDP's Region 17 will be held on **Saturday, October 20th**. As a reminder, Region 17 is made up of the 50th, 53rd, 54th and the 55th Assembly Districts. The meeting is being hosted by the 53rd Assembly District Democratic Congress and will be held at the Venice Center for Peace with Justice and the Arts.

Saturday, October 20
10:00 AM
2210 Lincoln Boulevard
Venice, CA

(one block NE of Venice Blvd)

The meeting is primarily to hear your thoughts on the California Democratic Party's Platform which will be adopted at our convention in late March in San Jose. This is an opportunity for you to press forward your ideas on what is most important

for us as Democrats. As you may know, our platform influences what is eventually adopted by the Democratic National Committee which in turn is shaped by whomever we select as our Presidential candidate.

I am pleased to report that CDP Platform Committee members Howard Welinsky and Brad Parker will be joining us for the meeting as well as Ken Maxey who is our CDP regional political director.

I hope to see you all on the 20th. Please pass this on to anyone who might be interested in attending.

Sergio Carrillo

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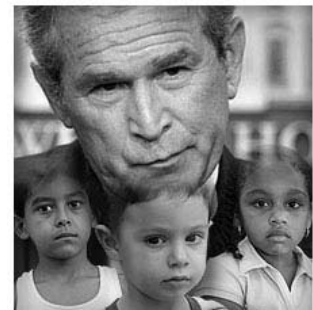
September Recap



Our speakers this month were from the Barack Obama campaign. Silvio Chianese spoke, along with a representative from the 36th CD Obama team, about why they are supporting the senator from Illinois. They stressed that Obama has worked with legislators on both sides of the aisle on different issues and has always been against the war in Iraq. The two groups are going to merge and prepare for the California primary.

Obama has a plan to immediately begin withdrawing our troops engaged in combat operations at a pace of one or two brigades every month, to be completed by the end of next year. He would call for a new constitutional convention in Iraq, convened with the United Nations, which would not adjourn until Iraq's leaders reach a new accord on reconciliation. He would use his presidential leadership to engage in diplomacy with all of the nations in the region on behalf of a new regional security compact. And he would take immediate steps to confront the ongoing humanitarian disaster in Iraq.

From MoveOn.org



We won't let him
get away with this!
SIGN THE PETITION

Jane Affonso also spoke on the Green Cities initiatives. She attended a joint meeting with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives and Ozone Action (ICLE), an activist organization that focuses on the threat of global climate change. She said there were sixty people from at least nine cities attending.

Club Business

It was announced that SB840, One Care Now Campaign, has been carried over into next year.

Edna Murphy has agreed to chair our voter registration committee with Lori Geittmann's assistance.

Sergio Carrillo, Region 17 director, has announced a regional workshop for those interested in becoming a delegate. He also spoke about the Republicans' petition, the "Presidential Election Reform Act," to put an initiative on the ballot regarding how elec-

toral votes will be assigned. Republicans want to distribute votes by Congressional District instead of the current winner take all approach. This could steal 22 of California's 55 electoral votes.

From the committees

The LACDP has endorsed Jeff DuClos and Mike DiVirgilio for Hermosa Beach City Council. Marc Saltzberg won his race for Venice Neighborhood Council.

The LA County Democratic Committee has passed resolutions to ban the death penalty in California.

From Elected Officials

Senator Jenny Oropenza has two bills on the Governor's desk: a bill that prohibits teens from driving while using the phone; and one that would give instant voting rights to new citizens.

*Notes for this article
courtesy of Kathleen Paralusz*

Monroe Redux

I would like to address President Dubya's recent veto of the bipartisan bill to extend children's healthcare coverage (Schip or State Children's Health Insurance Program). It is frequently simple to take a stand on any political issue by listening to Dubya and immediately taking the opposing position. If he is for something, I am automatically agin' it!!!

Dubya suggests that Schip is an 'incremental' entitlement program. *It is not* and in no way is it an 'incremental' step by the Democrats to establish a government-run health system. It is bipartisan!!! Dubya refused to sit in with the committee to plan the program, indicating that he had already been the "decider" and his head was set in stone. Projections show that a huge majority of the added children would come from the poorest families. This is a responsible move by Congress to cover at least 8 million children without health insurance.

Dubya is concerned some private plans may be crowded out of business by middle income families transferring to the government plan, but the fact is that middle income families have more serious worries about being dropped by private insurers. And generally, insurance companies have been remarkably adroit at replacing programs with revisions that generate larger margins of profit. Dubya has also proposed a budget that does not provide enough to cover the current health program and he is actually shrinking it. He has touted 'tax incentives' as the best way to expand coverage, but at the low income levels it is a meaningless gesture that is unaffordable & unrealistic.

I have a few choice descriptive names for Dubya, but I'll save them for a later more opportune time.



Monroe Weinstock

More on the "Presidential Reform Act"

The potential for trouble in the event of a close election is huge. Said Professor (Lawrence) Tribe: "This is really a prescription for a possible constitutional crisis in which we have one president if California electors act in accord with the method set out by the State Legislature, and another president if the electors are divided according to this ballot initiative."

BOB HERBERT, NEW YORK TIMES,
9/22/07

Iraq Vet in Torrance Election

Tim Goodrich is running for Torrance City Council in the June primary of 2008. As you may know, Tim is an Iraq war veteran. He spoke to our club in August on behalf of Iraq Veterans Against the War. I am sure that there are BCDC members who want to know more about his campaign. His email address is tim@timgoodrich.net.



Teresa Bird

Calling Phone Tree Volunteers

We still need more volunteers for the phone tree. You'll call five or six people a month to help boost turnout at our meetings and special events.

Money Matters

Club dues were payable on June 1. Membership is \$25 per person, \$40 for two at the same address.

Renew promptly if you want to keep receiving the newsletter.



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