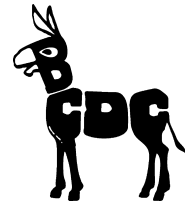


Beach Cities Democratic Club



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

October, 2005

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 7:30PM
David K. Hayward Center
2000 Artesia Boulevard, R.B.

Fundamentalism

What's behind the ascendency of the religious right? Will we end up with prayer in our schools and the Ten Commandments in front of City Hall?

Our October speaker will be Rev. John T. Morehouse, Minister at the Pacific Unitarian Church. Reverend Morehouse will speak on "Responding to Fundamentalism."

Get Involved

The West LA Democratic Club invites you to join them for a November screening of Robert Greenwald's new documentary *Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price*, spreading the word on Wal-Mart's effect on the everyday lives of working people and the quality of life in our communities. Keep checking their website westlademclub.org for updates on times and locations.

For questions or information call (310) 849-9939.

In Redondo Beach

A volunteer kickoff for the Redondo Beach based Democratic Action Center was held at Dominguez Park on October 15 to spread the word about the Governor's initiatives.

Tony Hale is the city captain and contact information is: volunteer-southbay@yahoo.com or phone 310-561-8523.

BCDC Endorsements

In our meetings leading up to the November special election, BCDC has made the following endorsements:

Hermosa Beach City Council

Jeff Duclos
Howard Fishman
Michael Keegan

Hermosa Beach School Board

Linda Beck
Lance Widman

El Camino Community College Board

Ray Gen

El Segundo School Board

Robin Funk

Hermosa Beach Initiative

No on F

State Initiatives

No on 73
No on 74
No on 75
No on 76
No on 77
No on 78
Yes on 79
Yes on 80



Stay Current

If you receive a printed newsletter in the mail, check your mailing label to see if your membership is current. If you don't see 2005 in the upper right hand corner, it's time to pay your 2005-2006 dues. \$25 per person, \$40 for two at the same address.

Public Forum on Nuclear Issues

The Environmental Priorities Network will host its eleventh Public Forum on Friday, November 11th, at the Pacific Unitarian Church, 5621 Montemalaga Drive, in Rancho Palos Verdes.

The Unitarian Social Justice Committee and the South Coast Interfaith Council are cosponsoring the meeting. Our speaker will be Rochelle Becker, Executive Director of the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility, who will speak on the serious threats posed by nuclear electrical generating plants. They cannot be considered a safe way to reduce global warming since they will cause nuclear pollution far into the future.

In late September, Ms. Becker attended a meeting in the Ukraine to plan a commemoration of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, and she will share the information from that conference with us.

A reception at 6:30 PM will include refreshments and drinks. The talk will begin at 7:30, followed by a question and answer period.

A donation of \$5.00 is requested but no one will be turned away. All interested community members are invited to attend.

To arrange for a table at the event, or for more information, please contact Lillian Light at 310-545-1384 or contact llight@verizon.net.

Bushism of the Day (from *Slate Magazine*)

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"We look forward to hearing your vision, so we can more better do our job. That's what I'm telling you."—Gulfport, Miss., Sept. 20, 2005.

Visit our Website at lafn.org/politics/bcdc

From the President

*Election Day
2008—
Schwarzenegger's
Accountability
Moment*



As we come to the special election, we need to keep talking to our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives to get them to defeat Arnold's mad power grab initiatives. Californians have come to realize that Schwarzenegger is wrong on California. His failure as a leader has made him the second-least popular governor in America (only Ohio's Bob Taft, who was recently convicted of a misdemeanor, is less popular, according to a recent Survey USA Poll). November 8 must be Schwarzenegger's Accountability Moment.

Like the kid who knocks over the Monopoly board, Schwarzenegger's special election is a political temper tantrum that hides the fact that two years into his term, California is in worse shape than it was when the Republicans took over in Sacramento. California has a larger budget deficit, higher health care costs, higher energy costs, and less money spent on schools than ever, and the Governor has no solutions. Schwarzenegger's California is a lot like Bush's America.

And instead of changing his policies, he is trying to change the subject.

Arnold is pushing initiatives that will cut-back on a woman's right to choose (Prop. 73), make it harder to hire new

teachers (Prop. 74), try to silence the political opponents (Prop. 75), give him unilateral power to cut education spending (Prop. 76), and re-draw legislative districts because he wants to deflect blame for his own failures (Prop. 77).

The two most blatant examples of the Governor's power grab are Propositions 74 and 75. Teachers have opposed Arnold because he reneged on his promise to restore \$2 Billion in education funding. Arnold's response is Prop. 74, which extends a teacher's probationary period from 2 years to 5 years. It does not buy a single new textbook or build a single new school building. But, in a time when we are trying to get more and better teachers, it creates a brand new disincentive to teach.

Proposition 75 is the same retribution. When Arnold proposed eliminating survivor benefits for police officers and reducing nurses in hospitals, police and nurses opposed him. Proposition 75 makes it much more difficult for these unions to oppose bad policy. This measure does not help balance the budget, reduce crime, or reduce healthcare costs, but it is a way for Schwarzenegger to punish political opponents.

Schwarzenegger's television commercials are shockingly honest—he says he wants to change Sacramento so that he can “reform” California. In other words, Schwarzenegger has played the game and lost, so he wants to change the rules midway through. We can't let him.

Lee Fink

A Democratic Majority in 2006?

FROM REUTERS ON-LINE, 10/13/05
With the 2006 congressional elections a year away, 48 percent of respondents said they preferred a Democratic-controlled Congress, compared with 39 percent who said they preferred

Republican leadership, NBC said.

The 9-point difference was the largest margin between the parties in the 11 years the NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll had been tracking the question, NBC said.

September Recap

Looking Toward November

Three speakers were invited this month to address the upcoming election.

First, Anne Smith of Planned Parenthood Los Angeles spoke about the importance of defeating Proposition 73. Among other things, it would add language to the California Constitution redefining abortion as “death of the unborn child, a child conceived but not yet born.”

Senator Barbara Boxer and State Treasurer Phil Angelides have both said that Prop 73 could erode the reproductive rights women won under *Roe v. Wade*.

People interested in helping Planned Parenthood were encouraged to attend a kickoff on October 1. Contact Anne Smith at 213-977-5241, or at grassroots@ppla.org.

We then heard from Jeff Kiernan from Alliance for a Better California. He discussed the importance of defeating Propositions 74 through 78, and voting YES on Props 79—which would create a new drug discount program for people in need—and 80—to increase state control over California's electricity market.

ABC does not take a position on Prop 73 to avoid alienating Republican union members. Kiernan pointed out that we should not limit our campaign efforts to high-propensity Democrats but need to reach out to occasional voters and decline-to-staters as well.

To become involved with the local campaign, call the office at 559-226-0756. Also check out Alliance for a Better California's excellent website at www.betterca.com/.

Then we heard from Eric Bauman, LA County Democratic Party Chair. He gave an impassioned talk on our need to oppose the Governor's initia-

tives. The idea for a special election was conceived over a year ago when Schwarzenegger's popularity was at 77 percent and he dreamed of turning California into a red state. Even though his rating has since declined to 32 percent, the Republican Party may fare well in the election because they use simple messaging in their ads.

He said the Democrats' greatest strength is believability, since our constituency includes respected professions like firefighters, nurses, teachers, and police.



Eric Bauman

Club Business

We have over \$5,000 in the treasury, thanks to our active fund raising committee and many new members. Treasurer Edna Murphy has been ill and a get-well card was passed around. Happily, she is recovering well.

Ray Waters, chair of our local elections committee, named the candidates his committee has interviewed and recommends endorsing. Some were in attendance and took questions from the audience. Speakers included Howard Fishman and Jeff DuClos, both running for city council, and Linda Beck, running for reelection to the school board, all from Hermosa Beach. The club affirmed all three endorsements and voted to give \$250 to each candidate. A slate card is planned for October 15.

Ray Waters and DuClos recommended voting NO on Hermosa Beach Proposition F, and a motion was passed to oppose it.

Shannon Thomas gave a well-researched report on Proposition 80.

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Monroe's Corner

The Statue of Liberty stands tall in New York Harbor. She holds a welcoming torch in her right hand & a book in her left. We have a President who holds high his personal bible in one hand & in the other he has the U.S.A. by the scrotum. The world worries about a possible pandemic of the flu this season, but more frightening is the pandemic of political disaster that has befallen the U.S.A.

Let me outline only 18 of the more serious transgressions of the right wing disease & list the carriers. Karl Rove, known as the American Joseph Goebbels & exposed the name of a CIA agent. Dick Cheney, VP, being investigated by the World Court for excessive overcharges to African nations while he was CEO of Halliburton. Tom DeLay, one of a kind, being charged with campaign finance conspiracy & illegal travel paid by foreign agents. Jack Abramoff, friend of Tom's, lobbyist supreme, indicted for wire fraud & conspiracy. Bill Frist, Senate Majority Leader, investigated for insider stock trading by the SEC. Brother Neil Bush, illegal & questionable deals for Silverado Bank & Crest Investments. William "Bucky" Bush, an uncle appointed to a high tech supplier of single source electronics to the U.S. government. Michael D. Brown, former head of



FEMA, & we all know about him. Michael Chertoff, Director of Homeland Security Dept. with a background only as a criminal prosecutor. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, chief of staff to Dick Cheney, who probably exposed the name of a CIA agent. Roy Blunt, replacing DeLay & a dirty trail running thru Philip Morris cigarettes. Karen Hughes, a Bush mouthpiece & out of her league as Undersecretary of State for Public Diplomacy in the Middle East. David Safavian, tied hand & glove to Abramoff. Ellen Sauerbrey, a friend of Bush & a pending appointment to the State Dept. Alex Mazon, formerly with Halliburton & indicted for a \$1 million bribe from Kuwait. Michael Scanlon, another tied hand & glove to Abramoff. Philip J. Perry, nominated to be general counsel to Homeland Security Dept. & son-in-law to Dick Cheney. Elizabeth Cheney, Dick's daughter & appointed by Condoleezza Rice to second ranking U.S. diplomat for the Middle East & qualified only by her last name.

To go back to the top, there is still DUBYA, whose National Guard service records have disappeared & who took the world into a war on Iraq based on Weapons of Mass Destruction which have never materialized. Truly the pandemic is upon us!!!

I read recently that politics is like driving an auto. To go backward, you put it into R & to go forward you put it into D.

Monroe Weinstock



Ray Waters

She says it is complex and she recommends voting YES; a motion was passed to support it.

Ranoo Shipper announced that our next fund raising event will be the holiday party. No date has been set but it will fall within the first two weeks of December.

Lori Geitmann said the next meeting of LA County Committee will feature presentations by Alliance for a Better California and Planned Parent-

hood.

Lee Fink announced that the State Party Executive Board was meeting in Manhattan Beach on October 1 and 2.

Jim Aldinger said that Manhattan Beach has a new sister city: Passcagoula, Mississippi, a city of 28,000 residents that was badly affected by Hurricane Katrina.

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