

Beach Cities Democratic Club



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

March, 2006

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 7:30PM
David K. Hayward Center
2000 Artesia Boulevard, R.B.

Our speaker will be Jim Kennedy from Rob Reiner's Universal Pre-School Initiative (Prop. 82). We are also hoping to have a representative from Sherrod Brown's Ohio Senatorial campaign.

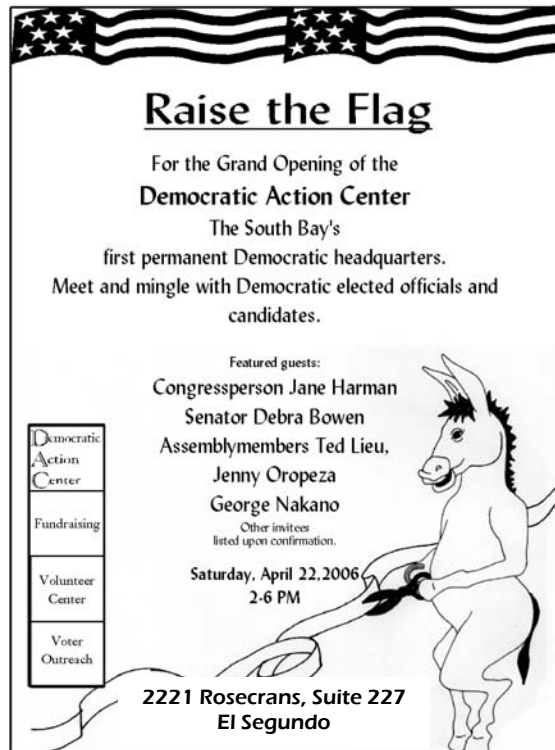
South Bay Democratic Candidates' Forum

Saturday, April 22, 2006
10 AM—1 PM

Note date and time change!
UFCW Local 770 Hall
25949 Belleporte Avenue
Harbor City

All Statewide Democratic candidates have been invited! Confirmed speakers include: State Treasurer Phil Angelides, candidate for governor; LA City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, candidate for attorney general; Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown, candidate for attorney general; Sen. Jackie Speier, candidate for Lt. governor; Sen. Liz Figueroa, candidate for Lt. governor; Assemblywoman Judy Chu, candidate for Board of Equalization

Sponsored by the Beach Cities, Torrance, Lawndale, Gardena, Lomita-Harbor City, Palos Verdes, Progressive, San Pedro, and West LA Democratic Clubs



Raise the Flag

For the Grand Opening of the
Democratic Action Center
The South Bay's
first permanent Democratic headquarters.
Meet and mingle with Democratic elected officials and candidates.

Featured guests:
Congressperson Jane Harman
Senator Debra Bowen
Assemblymembers Ted Lieu,
Jenny Oropeza
George Nakano
Other invitees listed upon confirmation.

Saturday, April 22, 2006
2-6 PM

2221 Rosecrans, Suite 227
El Segundo

Democratic Action Center
Fundraising
Volunteer Center
Voter Outreach

Mardi Gras Comes to South Bay



BCDC members and friends came together for a festive fund-raising party at the Redondo Beach home of Dale and Ken Petrusis on Sunday, March 5. Our hostess served up a sumptuous Cajun feast, which guests enjoyed in



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Calendar of Events

West LA Democratic Club Legislative Forum

Keynote Address by Michael Dukakis

Saturday, March 18,
12 noon to 4 PM

Venice Center for Peace with Justice and the Arts
1020 Victoria Avenue, Venice
www.westlademclub.org

CDC Annual Convention

March 24-26

Santa Clara Convention Center
The program will include endorsement considerations in all statewide primaries during a weekend of training sessions, speeches, networking, and campaign preparation.
www.cdc-ca.org
Contact Chris Stampolis,
CDC President, 800-446-9709

Back From Iraq

PVP Democratic Club invites you to view this compelling documentary and meet the filmmakers and Joseph Mahfouz, a US soldier back from Iraq. There will be a question and answer session following the film.
Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 PM
Peninsula Center Library
701 Silver Spur Road, RHE
Contact Barbara Farren, 547-9912

West LA Candidates' Forum

Saturday, April 22, 12:30 to 4:00
Culver City Veterans Memorial Aud.
4117 Overland, Culver City

New Frontier Democratic Club

General Meeting Tuesday, April 20
Board Meeting Tuesday April 6th
Baldwin Hills shopping center Sizzler
Corner of Stocker and Santa Rosalia
<http://www.nfdcla.org/>

Courtesy of Diane Strack

From the President

Fight Terrorism, Vote Democrat!

The latest misadventure brought to you by George Bush and the Gang Who Can't Shoot Straight is its plan to allow US ports to be operated by Dubai Ports World, a state-owned company of the United Arab Emirates ("UAE"). The same UAE that was one of only three countries to recognize the Taliban. The same UAE that was home to two 9/11 hijackers (or—to put it in context—two more than Iraq). And the administration's defense was that Bush did not know about the deal. Apparently, the briefing ended up in the same scrap heap as the August 2001 Presidential Daily Briefing warning that Osama bin Laden would try to attack and the warnings by the National Hurricane Center that Katrina could top the levees in New Orleans. Sadly, Bush's best defense was summarized on the "Daily Show"—that it would in no way affect the criminally negligent security that already exists at our ports, and will do nothing to increase the mere 5% of containers that are screened. Living just a few miles from our country's two busiest ports, those of



us in the South Bay need to start reminding folks—if you want to fight terrorism, you better elect Democrats.

With his approval ratings falling to near-Nixonian levels, the Dubai ports deal has shown the American public that Bush is bad for the war on terrorism. It is in fact Democrats who are ready and able to fight the war on terrorism. Our own Jane Harman has been the leader in seeking increased port security. Democrats like Rep. John Murtha have called for us to end our involvement in Iraq so that our armed forces are not stretched too thin to handle real terrorism threats, rather than phantom WMDs. It is Democrats who have sought to reform the nation's intelligence agencies, which even the Republican Senate Intelligence Committee has deemed to be a miserable failure. While the claim is that DP World will divest its US port interests, the AP reports as of this writing that it refuses to disclose its plans or set a timetable, and it will take Democrats to insure that this happens.

For most of us, the Republican lobbying scandals, the enormous budget deficits, the anemic job growth, the complete mishandling of Iraq, and the shoddy prescription drug plan had convinced us it was time to elect a Democratic Congress. But if your neighbors still don't agree just remind them—if you want to fight terrorism, you better vote Democratic.

Lee Fink

February Recap

Looking Toward November

Our February program included meeting new candidates and hearing from old friends.

Marci Winograd, president of the Progressive Democrats of Los Angeles, introduced herself as a challenger to Congresswoman Jane Harman. Winograd, a teacher, is a long-time opponent of the Iraq war and was instrumental in getting an anti-war resolution passed at last year's California Democratic Convention. She said that Democrats who voted for the war are not secure in office. We need to recapture the party of Eleanor Roosevelt and Bobby Kennedy. She favors immediate withdrawal from Iraq and investing the war billions on social programs for education, health care, and housing.

Next we heard from Russ Warner's campaign for Congress in the 26th District. His campaign manager, Scott Haas, said that Democrats need only 16 House seats to take back Congress. Warner's eldest son Greg, after returning from military service in Iraq, urged his father to run for office to support the troops while honoring our veterans. The owner of a successful magazine distribution company, Warner pledges to support small business as the engine of the new American economy and to work for a sensible Iraq withdrawal policy.

Linda Wolin spoke in support of Warren Furutani, running for Assembly in the 55th District. Although Wolin left her paid position in the campaign because of her impending move, she has continued as a volunteer in the campaign. Furutani has endorsements from Jane Harman, Debra Bowen, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Ted Lieu, and several trade unions including SEIU. He has served on the Los Angeles School Board and the LA

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beautiful rooms festooned with Mardi Gras decorations. The proceeds are to be donated to Katrina hurricane relief.



Lee Fink, Jenny Oropeza and friend, hostess Dale Petrusis, Jim Aldinger



Community College board of Trustees. An activist since the 60s, he worked to establish admissions programs for minority students at colleges and universities throughout the United States and helped establish ethnic studies programs and departments on campus.

Wolin thanked the club for our years of support for her work for Jane Harman and Mike Gordon, and most



Marci Winograd, candidate for Congress in the 38th District

Club Business

It was announced that we can send one delegate for every ten members to the CDC Convention (see details on page 1).

We need four more volunteers to help Barbara Blum and Peggy Carter call members about renewing.

Bobbi Buescher reported that the AD committees will be dissolved at the end of the year and that "super clubs" will be formed in their place. These can perform some of the same fund raising and organizing functions within the guidelines of the McCain-Feingold legislation.

Jeff DuClos greeted the attendees. He lost the Hermosa Beach City Council election by a mere 189 votes and hopes to win the seat in the upcoming special election. Contributions can be sent to Friends of Jeff DuClos, P.O. Box 94, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.

Jane Harman's new field representative introduced himself. He said that Jane is hard at work on port security

Monroe's Corner

It is painful for me, at my age, to be so battered & bewildered & bereft of logic when I listen to our President Dubya. Having worked as a salesman for many years, I am familiar with shading the truth, slicing the facts thinly, and even outright lying on occasion. But at this point it would be good to quote the Bard Shakespeare who wrote... 'tis a tale told by an idiot, full of sound & fury, signifying nothing.

Our President Dubya is a liar and let me count the ways....the War on Terror in Iraq; the Katrina fiasco & disaster; our over-extended budget; our unbalanced economy; our inept Homeland Security Department; our tattered & battered Global reputation; the serious neglect of the neediest; 80% of our major ports are managed & operated by foreign companies; & worst of all, the intrusive snooping into our phone & mail systems. President Dubya may speak to the Lord every night & visit church on Sunday, but his waking hours are spent in a fog of his imagination. I hope the USA can survive intact until the end of his administration.

I recently read a most enlightening book written by Professor George Lakoff from Berkeley. The book is titled, "Don't think of an Elephant."

issues and proving that Democrats are doing a good job of protecting the country. She recently introduced a joint resolution of disapproval of the Dubai Port deal with Republican Senator Susan Collins. Jane's campaign office address is located at:

2317 N. Sepulveda Blvd
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
Phone: (310) 328-9125

Jim Aldinger gave an update on the undergrounding and beach cleanup



Professor Lakoff is one of the world's best known linguists. His emphasis is on how to frame a Democratic argument in the public political debate. He urges us to spell out carefully all our progressive positions. We must offer the truth clearly, precisely, honestly, simply & positively. We must focus on being progressive & offer clear & obvious fundamental values.

Now for some meat to put on these potatoes:

We must escape from the terrorist breeding grounds in Iraq.

We must have public campaign financing & full disclosure.

We must have single payer universal health insurance.

We must create assistance for the neediest among us.

We must balance our budget & pay the debt NOW, not leave it to the future.

We must get Uncle Sam & his cohorts off our phones & out of our mail.

We must elect a President, Congress, local politicians that work for "WE THE PEOPLE."

We must resolve problems & clean up blemishes of our virtues.

We must do it NOW and not later or eventually.

Here's hoping we get rid of all our major headaches by next week...next month....next year....next decade....or ever....

Monroe Weinstock

efforts in Manhattan Beach. He reported that the city is considering buying land from the school district and that community hearings are to be held. He also announced the formation of a new Democratic Action Center (see page 1) and said donations of equipment and office furniture are needed. The email address is: volunteersouthbay@yahoo.com.

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Beach Cities Democratic Club Membership Form



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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Other) _____

Email _____

Distribution of the club newsletter via e-mail saves money. Check this box if you would like to receive yours by e-mail.

I volunteer to:

Telephone Help with Mailing Hospitality Write for Newsletter

Register Voters Programs Legislative Membership Other _____

Annual dues are \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 for two at the same address.

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