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Want To Help America? Register Voters.

by John Hmurovic

Some people express their love for America by flying the flag. Some show their national pride by shouting "U-S-A" at the top of their lungs at international sporting events. Everyone has their own idea of what it means to be an American, and their own way of expressing their appreciation for living in the United States. But many Americans are failing to do the one thing that's needed to keep our democracy strong and effective: they are not voting.

In the 10th Congressional District, an estimated 36-percent of all residents ages 18 and above did not take part in the 2004 election. About 24-percent of those registered did not vote, and approximately 75,000 others were not registered. Tenth Dems is addressing that problem in our area. We are organizing sessions to sign up and train as many deputy voter registrars as possible.

The clerks' offices in Cook and Lake counties are responsible for conducting the training, but organizations like Tenth Dems are legally authorized to recruit and sponsor potential deputy registrars. If we have enough people interested in being voter registrars, the clerk's office will set up the training session for us.



ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

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Karen May Leads Fight Against Mercury Pollution

by Ellen Gill

George Bush went fishing on his vacation this summer. That was not a great idea for a lot of reasons, but one reason is mercury. Many of the freshwater fish preferred by sportsmen contain dangerous levels of mercury, a neurotoxin that can damage a person's central nervous system. Mercury has also been linked to an increase in incidents of autism, and disruptions in the growth of wildlife populations. Bush put himself, and us, at further risk with his "Clear Skies" initiative, which would allow greater levels of pollution than the Clean Air Act and grant loopholes to some of the larger polluters. With the federal government loosening standards, the states have to fill in the newly created gaps with their own laws to protect their residents.

Illinois has taken steps to regulate many sources of mercury pollution, most notably the enactment of the Mercury Reduction Act in 2004 sponsored by state Senator Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago) and state Representative Karen May (D-Highland Park), which forbids the sale of many mercury-containing consumer products and prohibits schools from purchasing mercury-containing products for the classroom. However, Illinois still needs to work on stricter standards for the two largest sources of mercury pollution: coal-fired plants and automobile switches used for lighting and some ABS brake systems.

Coal-fired plants are the largest source of mercury pollution in Illinois, emitting an estimated 6,000 pounds of mercury into the environment each year, and are the single biggest cause of the Mercury Advisories issues by the Illinois Department of Public Health for 14 bodies of water this year. Illinois has 23 quarter-century-old coal-fired power plants that avoid tighter mercury controls due to their age. Current proposals for new plants do not use the cleanest technology available. The Illinois EPA requires proposals for new plants to evaluate cleaner technologies, but does not require their use.



State Representative Karen May (D-Highland Park)

The Illinois Sierra Club and other environmental groups are concentrating efforts on improving the standards for the proposed Peabody Power Plant near St. Louis. Peabody plans to burn pulverized coal and then scrub the emissions with expensive equipment, but environmental groups want it to use a cleaner coal gasification method. Peabody claims that the gasification technology is not yet commercially viable.

The second largest source of Illinois mercury pollution is the incineration of automobile switches. Autos manufactured after 2003 do not contain mercury-laden switches, but mercury from older cars remains a problem. Last session, Rep. May

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Mr. Kirk: *Your Silence is Deafening!*

by George Rosenblit

Mr. Kirk, we, your constituents, have been patiently waiting for you to explain why House Republicans want to take money from the surplus in the Social Security Trust Fund to set up private accounts. It's obvious that this is a raid on the surplus which will scuttle a defined plan to keep the Social Security program solvent at full benefits until the year 2052. Under that defined plan, after that date, retirees would receive 80% of full benefits if nothing is done to tweak the program to extend its solvency.

So, Congress should be considering how to extend full benefits beyond 2052 without degrading the current program.

Why are your Republican colleagues, and President Bush, not interested in preserving a successful program which has benefited retirees and their families for nearly 60 years? Currently, over 47 million people are receiving retirement income, disability or survivor benefits.

The privatization of Social Security has been at the top of President Bush's agenda. He spent a great amount of time traveling around the country telling people that the Social Security program is bankrupt. Perhaps he thought that if he repeated that untruth often enough, the faceless masses would believe him. When he realized that most were not buying his pronouncements from the bully pulpit, he touted the idea of an ownership society which the intelligent masses did not buy. Bush's trial balloons turned into lead balloons.

Now, Bush has dumped this Social Security hot potato onto the lap of Congress, asking them to come up with a bill which extends the solvency of the program. His boosters in Congress, according to media reports, are planning to propose this blatant and horrendous raid on the Social Security Trust Fund surplus. This plan shortens the solvency period. So far, no plan for extending the solvency period has been forthcoming.

Mr. Kirk, have you asked President Bush why he has been pushing so hard for privatization, which he now calls private accounts? Isn't it obvious to you that Bush wants to degrade and destroy Social Security? Haven't you asked yourself why? Could it be that his objective has been to create a situation by the year 2019 whereby the Treasury would not be required to redeem more than \$6 trillion in the Trust Fund, the so-called I.O.U.s, which are really valid Treasury obligations? The Treasury would have to borrow more money to meet these obligations, increasing the deficit.

Why is it that there is no limit to raising funds to wage an unnecessary war or for ill-advised budget expenditures, yet there is so much reluctance to provide for important programs to improve the lives of our citizens?

Mr. Kirk, why haven't you conducted open forums in your district to listen to your constituents as so many of your colleagues have done? Why haven't you expressed your ideas to us on the subject of Social Security and other important matters to be considered in Congress? Why haven't we had meaningful dialogues?

Mr. Kirk, don't you have enough information to say "NO!" to privatization at this late date? Don't you care about the current and future elderly citizens in the 10th District? Are you in favor of pushing more people below the poverty level? Don't you have opinions?

Are you waiting for Bush to tell you what to say and how to vote? Don't you represent us? How would we know? You don't know our thoughts and we certainly don't know yours.

Mr. Kirk, your silence is truly deafening.



Cutting Off Our Noses To Spite Our Faces

By Ben Strubl

Recently, there has been a great deal of controversy over the 15 Democrats who voted for the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) that Congress recently passed.

Seeing the CAFTA vote as unacceptable, some Democrats have been urging retribution against the so-called "CAFTA 15." Liberal blogger David Sirota wrote, "All of these people should never get a red cent from labor unions or the progressive community again." He, and others, have even suggested that the CAFTA 15 should be expelled from the party.

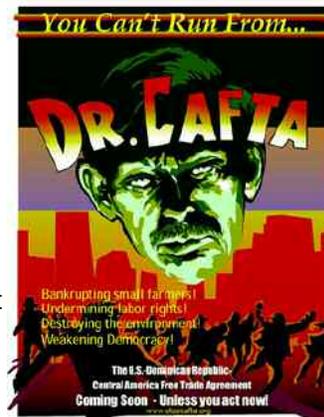
This position is not just wrong—it is dangerous. Let me preface the following remarks by making my own position clear: I think CAFTA is a travesty. Although I think protectionism is a lost cause, CAFTA seems to me an unfair agreement with no concern for worker safety or environmental protections. I believe it will likely result in a loss of American jobs and the exploitation of Central American workers. That's my opinion.

The CAFTA 15 believe otherwise—that's their opinion. I don't agree with them, but who am I to condemn any person for a disagreement over one vote - especially those Democratic members of Congress who represent districts that are predominantly Republican? Democrat Melissa Bean, in the neighboring 8th District of Illinois, is one of the CAFTA 15. In her two years in Washington she will likely cast as many good votes as Phil Crane, the man she defeated, cast in his entire lifetime of 17 terms in Congress.

As representatives, it is the job of congressmen to represent the wishes of their constituents. It would be very foolish of them to defy the will of the people in their districts. Of the CAFTA 15, eleven come from states that backed Bush in 2004. Four come from states that backed Kerry, including Bean from Illinois, and two New York African-American congressmen from solid Democratic districts who consistently receive excellent ratings from liberal and progressive groups. The other is a Washington state congressman, a long-time advocate of free trade, who also receives consistently high marks from liberal and progressive groups. In the past, they have provided votes against Bush's budget-busting tax policies, and against the war in Iraq.

As much as I dislike CAFTA, I am immeasurably more disturbed that some in our party would advocate that we reduce the number of Democrats in Congress. One friend of mine said he was sorry he worked to get one of the CAFTA 15 elected. Why? How would the situation have been better if the Republicans won those 15 seats? They would, undoubtedly, have also voted for CAFTA, but would have also done nothing good for the country. What good does the loss of 15 Democrats accomplish for our country, or our party? Would Sirota and his followers next advocate that we cut off our noses to spite our faces?

The Democratic Party must make a clear choice—either we accept our differences and realize we are working for a common goal (much as the Republicans do), or we dwindle and die. It is only by remaining on a united front that we can overcome the difficulties that lie ahead for all of us.



Ignorance is NOT Bliss

by Brad Moss

Unwavering and unquestioned loyalty is not just a commitment in George Bush's Republican Party; it's the all-encompassing credo and ethos that defines the entire Republican political apparatus and strategy. Whether it is judicial nominations, Gulf War II, Social Security "reform," Karl Rove's "loose lips," or poorly-designed tax cuts, the message has remained the same: adhere to the President's message or perish. We in the 10th District did our part to try to end "Junior's" reign at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, giving John Kerry 53-percent of the vote in the 10th in 2004. Alas, the rest of the country didn't take our advice, and granted the President his second term.

While the President can stay in office without our support, Mark Kirk's entire obligation is to the 10th District. So how has Kirk been upholding that obligation? Has he been taking the "Purple" nature of the District in mind when dealing with the Republican leadership?

The answer is a horrifying and resounding NO!

In the incredibly partisan environment that pervades Washington these days, the country has become focused on those few individuals with the integrity and resolve to demonstrate that they stand for good governance and honesty, NOT Karl Rove's twisted partisan politics. Senators McCain and Lieberman stood at the forefront of the group of moderates who forged a compromise on judicial nominations, despite fiery ideological rants from both sides of the aisle. Connecticut Congressman Christopher Shays decided to "mess with Texas" by publicly lashing fellow Republican Tom DeLay for his despicable comments implicitly threatening federal judges in the wake of the Terri Schiavo situation. Even the co-author of the "Freedom Fries" incident, South Carolina Republican Congressman Walter Jones, has made an unprecedented, not to mention sacrilegious in the world of Bush and DeLay, about-face on the war in Iraq, demanding that the President own up to the glaring realities of the Downing Street Memos and tell both Congress and the American people the truth about the war.

So where has Kirk been on all of this? Has he, as a self-proclaimed moderate, lashed out at the ideologues in his own party for their outrageous attempts to dismantle Senate parliamentary procedures simply to ram through some radical judicial nominees? Has he, as a



Mark Kirk was one of the most ardent supporters in Congress for the war in Iraq, but has since cast votes against veterans benefits, as this sign held by Julia Targ of Highland Park indicates.

lawyer, stood up to "The Hammer" and reminded him that this is a country of laws, not of Texans, no matter what the result? But most importantly, as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and a Congressman with military personnel next to his home in Ft. Sheridan, has he joined Congressman Jones and the growing bipartisan forces demanding truth and honesty about the President's decision to invade Iraq? The answer remains the same: NO!

This silence is not meant to demonstrate that Mark Kirk is a bad person, per se. Everyone knows that he has portrayed himself as a moderate on abortion, gun control and the environment, but simply appearing to be a moderate on a handful of issues is not enough. The voters of the 10th District deserve a Congressman who will fight to ensure that the government remains accountable to the public and that truth and honesty remain the mainstay of American democracy. Mark Kirk has not only failed to do this, but he has seemingly decided that he'd rather fill the role of another pawn in Karl Rove's big political chessboard rather than the "independent voice" he claimed he would express back in 2000 and in subsequent years.

Congressman Kirk's silence is a violation of his commitment to the 10th District and its voters; let's return the sentiment in 2006 and provide him with a silent and empty Election Night party.

Listening, Not "Framing," Is Key To Election Success

by Mark Paul

On the first page of the preface to George Lakoff's *Don't Think of an Elephant*, he writes, "Reframing is changing the way the public sees the world." While this appeals to the latent revolutionary in any political activist, it's disastrous as a guide to electoral rhetoric.

In the commercial world, if a company tells an ad agency it wants to change people's minds, smart pros either walk away or insist on a very big check. In advance.

The problem is the same whether the subject is a candidate or a car: Changing minds rarely succeeds because first you must convince your audience they're wrong. Here are the roots of liberal arrogance (conservatives have their own variety) and our long decline from the 1964 landslide.

The Bush-Rove message machine failed

when it tried to reframe Social Security.

The good news is we don't have to change anyone's mind about Bush, DeLay, and Kirk. Public polls continue to show Bush & Congress trending downward on just about every issue, including trust. Confidence in Bush's ability to manage the war is now below 40-percent in the latest AP survey.

We don't have to change anyone's mind about the hundreds of billions wasted on the empty hoax that is the Bush-DeLay-Kirk homeland security policy, or about the broken healthcare system the GOP has done nothing to fix. Nor do we have to change anyone's mind about the casual cruelty Kirk revealed with his vote denying military health insurance to men and women serving under fire in the Guard and Reserves in Iraq.

All we have to do is reinforce what the public is already thinking about the GOP, then show voters that Democrats truly understand their interior monologues about the war, terrorism, and their lives.

Those Guardsmen, Reservists, and their families and friends know they're getting screwed on healthcare. What's more, many of them are just the ones who've been drifting from our party over the last 40 years. The Reagan Democrats are ready to come home. Let's put out the welcome mat... and listen to them. Listen carefully to Cindy Sheehan, who lost her son in Iraq and is, as I write this, camped outside Bush's fake ranch. That's all she asks of Bush. But he won't do it. Neither will Kirk.

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Stem Cell Forum to be Held in Glenview



Event speaker Dr. Mary Hendrix

Illinois has stepped forward in an attempt to be one of the leading states in stem cell research, but it can already boast about being home to some of the leading voices on this issue. Some of those leaders will be taking part in a Stem Cell Forum, hosted by Tenth Dems on Thursday, September 15, 7:00-8:30PM, in Glenview.



Event speakers, (l) Jeff Schoenberg, (c) Dr. Joel Frader, and (r) Dan Hynes

The speakers will include two of the state's leading political advocates for stem cell research, Comptroller Dan Hynes and state Senator Jeff Schoenberg (D-Evanston), who has led the legislative efforts to promote stem cell research in Illinois; Dr. Mary Hendrix, a Northwestern University cancer researcher who has testified at U.S. Senate hearings on stem cell research; Dr. Joel Frader, a Northwestern professor of pediatrics and a national authority on medical ethics and values; as well as people who are hoping that stem cell research can lead to a cure for diseases affecting them or loved ones.

In July, Governor Rod Blagojevich signed an executive order which set up a program to award \$10-million in grants to medical research facilities to study stem cells in the hope of using them to discover new ways to treat or cure a number of serious medical illnesses. Illinois was the first state in the Midwest to commit public money to stem cell research, and only the fourth in the United States.

Hynes said the Bush Administration's opposition to stem cell research left the state with only two options. "We could either refuse to acknowledge the inevitability and worth of scientific

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Mark Kirk's Role in Stifling Stem Cell Research

by John Hmurovic

The Republican Party controls the White House, the Congress, and is taking control of the Supreme Court. Here's what we have to show for it: an unnecessary war with no end in sight, and a budget deficit so deep that it threatens our economic future. If you read other articles in this newsletter, you'll see more about the Bush legacy: his plans to dismantle the Social Security safety net, cuts in pollution controls that, among other things, are leading to more problems with mercury pollution; and bans on stem cell research that threaten to knock America off its long-time position as the world's leader in scientific research.

"Don't blame me," you say. You voted for John Kerry, and for Al Gore four years earlier. You voted for Barack Obama and plan to support Senator Dick Durbin for re-election. Good for you. But did you vote for Mark Kirk for Congress? If you did, you are part of the problem.

"But Mark Kirk is not like those right-wing Bush Republicans," you say. "He's a moderate." Congratulations, you have accepted the marketing image his Republican supporters want you to swallow, just as many people accepted the image of George W. Bush as a "compassionate conservative" in the 2000 election. Now, how about considering the facts?

Mark Kirk has supported the war in Iraq since the start. "So did a lot of people, including Democrats," you say. But many of them have since said it was a mistake. They say that they believed President Bush when he said Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, and when he said Iraq played a part in 9/11. But even now, when we know that Bush was either wrong or lying about Iraqi weapons and its 9/11 connection, Kirk has not backed down from 100-percent support for the war. He's in the

same camp as Bush and the right-wing Republicans.

How about the budget deficit? Kirk is taking credit for the nearly \$10-million in funds coming our way for road projects, for billions that will be spent for a new METRA line through Arlington Heights, Hoffman Estates and Rolling Meadows, as well as a half-million for local fire departments. But why doesn't he take credit for our \$8-trillion national debt? Kirk's 100-percent support for Bush tax cuts contributed to this huge hole. The Republican philosophy is that we can wage wars around the world, build all the roads and bridges we want...and put it on the tab. Kirk is in the same camp as Bush and the right-wing Republicans who believe that.

"But wait," you say, "Mark Kirk supports stem cell research." OK. But here's a question for you to consider: If the Democrats were in control, would America have backed away from stem cell research? The U.S. House voted in May on a pro-stem cell bill. Only 50 Republicans (including Kirk) voted for it, while 180 opposed it. The Democrats in Congress supported it by a vote of 187 to 14. Now you tell me, which party favors stem cell research?

Has Mark Kirk been able to do anything to stop his Republican colleagues in their opposition to stem cell research? Of course not. He supported Dennis Hastert as speaker. Mark Kirk has helped put the Republican leadership in place. He helped give them the power to control the agenda. With Kirk's backing, the Republican leaders in Congress have adopted a right-wing agenda. They are responsible for blocking stem cell research, just as they are responsible for the war in Iraq and the budget hole we are in.

The conclusion is obvious. If you vote for Mark Kirk, you vote for the Republican agenda...and that agenda includes opposition to stem cell research.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE PUBLIC

Stem Cell Forum

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2005
Time: 7PM-8:30PM
Location: Park Center (the park district in The Glen)
2400 Chestnut
Glenview, IL 60026
1 mile west of Waukegan Road

Speakers include:

Sen. Jeff Schoenberg, Comptroller Dan Hynes,
Dr. Joel Frader, ethicist and
Dr. Mary Hendrix, medical expert

Our distinguished panel will discuss
the controversy and the promise of Stem Cell Research.



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progress, or we could embrace and find a means to harness it for the betterment of our citizens. We could be timid and reactionary, or bold and visionary. We chose to be bold."

Schoenberg said the state funding provided scientists "with more tools to aggressively pursue potential breakthroughs in finding cures for numerous diseases and conditions." In her testimony at a U.S. Senate hearing in July, Dr. Hendrix urged federal lawmakers to also provide funding. "To ban federal support for such research," she said, "is to delay the prospect of life enhancing biomedical breakthroughs." Hendrix acknowledged the ethical concerns connected with stem cell research, but said that scientists are willing to work with the Bush administration to "find ways to promote health, while at the same time respecting the ethical values of the American public."

Ethics and values are something Dr. Frader has dealt with during his professional career of providing care to terminally ill children. He has been the chair of the Committee on Bioethics of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and president of the board of the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities. He has also worked on various federal studies, including those pertaining to the ethical aspects of research on human beings.

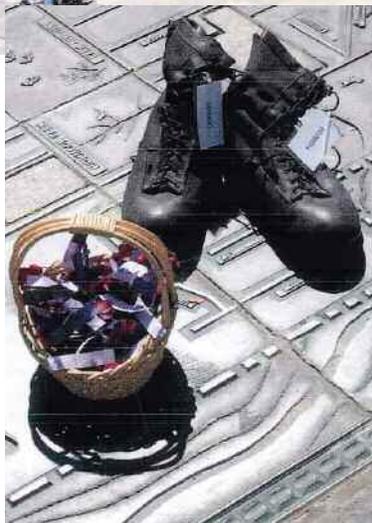
The Tenth Dems Stem Cell Forum is open to the public at no charge. It will be held at Park Center in The Glen, 2400 Chestnut, Glenview, which is a mile west of Waukegan Road. For more information, you can call 847-266-VOTE (8683), or e-mail info@tenthdems.org.

These Boots



Several area peace groups dedicated an outdoor display in Highland Park on Sunday, August 21. The display consisted of 26 pairs of combat boots representing over 1,820 U.S. military personnel killed in Iraq, and a pile of civilian shoes representing the tens of thousands of Iraqi deaths.

For more planned events in opposition to the war in Iraq, please see the events listed on page 7.



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Media Reform in Chicago

by Gregory Mysko

America seems to have become a nation of political illiterates. Many people still don't bother to vote. Some who vote don't investigate the issues on which, and the candidates for whom, they vote.

As the political campaigns for 2006 begin, it is a good time to turn our attention to media reform. We can write letters to the newspapers on behalf of candidates, but sadly, it seems it is time to write letters to editors and broadcasters asking them to give attention to political issues. Those of us who can remember the days of Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan must have noticed how the news business has changed in America. What was once the proud craft of journalism has been watered down by corporate entities into a mushy mix of entertainment and trivial pursuits. What passes for journalism today would have been considered junk entertainment not that long ago. True journalism, especially in television, is a very rare find these days.

All you have to do is watch an hour of Fox News or CNN to notice the endless minutes of garbage stories filling up the time. The most important events happening in America today seem to be pretty blonde girls being abducted, a runaway bride, and Michael Jackson. There even is a woman named Nancy Grace who has a nightly "news" show on one of those cable channels. They actually try to pass her off as a journalist. She is the world's foremost expert on both Michael Jackson and Laci Peterson.

In the Chicago area, the quality of political news reporting has been on a steady decline for years. Newspapers seem only to report political contests as sporting events, and they do that mostly in the last two weeks of the campaign. Discussion of issues is almost non-existent. But there is plenty of airtime and ink devoted to candidate adultery and drunk driving arrests.

During the 2004 congressional campaigns, how much attention was given to 10th District Democratic nominee Lee Goodman and the record of Mark Kirk? Did anyone know what the right-wing Republican opponent of Jan Schakowsky had to say? Instead, the Chicago media

Listening, continued from page 3

Listening isn't pandering, triangulation, or some mealy-mouthed attempt to replicate GOP talking points on values. Candidates win when voters think, "that's exactly right." Kennedy and Reagan understood this; so did Clinton. Obama gets it like nobody else today. Read his Knox College commencement speech. (<http://www.knox.edu/x9803.xml>)

Ending a failed war is the most difficult task there is in a democracy. I still have nightmares about Lincoln Park the first night of the 1968 convention, and I was just walking down Clark Street after a play, before the real madness began. Daley opposed that war, but hardly anybody was listening.

gave us major headlines and TV airtime on the babblings of Alan Keyes. The only Congressional race worth mentioning for them was Melissa Bean vs. Phil Crane.

Lee Goodman said the only issues discussion in the 10th District took place in the letters section of the local newspapers. Since then, Goodman started his own independent media outlet called AtCenterNetwork.com devoted to bringing substance and focus to local people and debates. He has given extensive time to in-depth interviews with declared candidates

for Congress that are available for viewing on his website. This certainly is a step in the right direction to make up the shortfall from the mainstream Chicago media. Independent local media may be one way to counteract the journalistic shortfall. There is still a long way to go, especially for television and talk radio.



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Things To Do, Places To Be!

This is a listing of just some of the things you can do and places you can be in the month of September to satisfy your need to be politically active. For more details on these, as well as for other events in the area, go to www.tenthdems.org, and scroll down to find "Upcoming Events" on our home page.

Save the Court Rally
Tuesday, September 6, 5:30pm
Federal Plaza
Adams & Dearborn, Chicago

Lake County Councilman Angelo Kyle at Democracy for America Meet-Up
Wednesday, September 7, 7:00pm
Flanagan's Restaurant
3201 Buckley Road, North Chicago

Bring Them Home Now Tour
Thursday, September 8, 11:30am
Eyes Wide Open Exhibit
St. John's & Central, Highland Park

Town Hall Meeting on Social Security
Tuesday, September 13, 7:00pm
Glencoe Women's Club
325 Tudor Court, Glencoe

Single Payer Health Care Forum
Wednesday, September 14, 7:00pm
Wheeling Township Building
1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights

Stem Cell Forum
Thursday, September 15, 7:00pm
Park Center in The Glen
2400 Chestnut, Glenview

Lake Michigan Beach Clean-Up
Saturday, September 17, 9:00am
Various locations along Lake Michigan

Attorney General Lisa Madigan at Lake County Democratic Women Luncheon
Sunday, September 18, 11:30am
The Hotel Moraine
700 N. Sheridan Road, Highwood

Chicago Foundation for Women Annual Luncheon
Monday, September 19, 8:30am
Hyatt Regency Chicago
151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago

March on Washington: End the War in Iraq
Saturday, September 24, 11:00am
Washington Monument
Washington, D.C.

Anti-Defamation League Walk Against Hate
Sunday, September 25, 3:00pm
Near Grant Statue
Lincoln Park, Chicago

"Reasons Why Liberals Will Win..." Book Club Discussion
Monday, September 26, 7:00pm
Vernon Area Public Library
300 Olde Half Day Road, Lincolnshire



Above, Ben Struhl, Intern Coordinator Extraordinaire, hands out flyers at the Ravinia Farmers Market on August 24.



Small group discussion were a part of a Tenth Dems seminar in Northbrook on "framing" issues in a political campaign.



Many Tenth Dems were in attendance at the Candlelight Peace Vigil held in Port Clinton on August 17. David Boris spoke to the crowd, many of whom signed up at MoveOn.org for the event. Nancie Blatt and Dottie Palumbo are pictured at far right.





Join Us

The Tenth Congressional District Democrats is a dynamic and growing organization working to support Democrats throughout the 10th District. Please consider joining us as a member, a volunteer, or chair a committee. Our Steering Committee is pictured at left during our August meeting. If you would like information about joining, contributing, volunteering or coming to a Steering Committee meeting, please call 847.266.VOTE or go to our website, www.tenthdems.org.

For information on how you can help victims of Hurricane Katrina visit www.tenthdems.org for a list of agencies offering assistance to the victims of that storm.

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introduced House Bill 1628 to reduce mercury emissions from automobile switches by creating a fund to remove them from junked autos before incineration releases mercury into the air. Unfortunately, while support for the bill seemed to be increasing, the bill was ultimately withdrawn for lack of votes under pressure from the automobile manufacturing industry.

With the Republican Congress failing us on national mercury standards

and auto and energy companies seeking to avoid stricter standards, our environmentally-minded Democratic Illinois legislators will be busy next session working to convince their colleagues to pass legislation to reduce mercury emissions into our air that rain down into our lakes, rivers and streams making the fish we eat toxic. However, since our air and water know no state boundaries, this process would be more effective if completed on a regional or national level. President Bush should consider that as he fires up the grill on those fish he caught on vacation.

Register, *continued from page 1*

Learning to register voters is not time consuming. The training usually takes one hour. At the end of that hour, you take an oath, and are then ready to sign people up to vote. The training session introduces you to the process, and lets you know the basic details of voter registration law. One part of Illinois law that surprises many new deputy registrars is that voter registration and politics are not allowed to mix. A deputy registrar in Illinois cannot discuss politics, wear a partisan political button, or hand out political literature while signing up voters.

All you need to do to become a deputy voter registrar is to be a registered voter and complete the training. Deputy registrars serve for two years, and may reapply for another term. If you have questions, call us at 847-266-VOTE (8683). To sign up for the training e-mail us at info@tenthdems.org. In your e-mail give us your name and address, as well as a phone number where we can reach you. When we have enough people signed up, we will set dates and find locations for the training sessions and notify you.

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