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Don't Sing Along to Motown if You're Going to Give a Speech... and other lessons learned on the campaign trail

by Sharon Narrod

My first night at home in what seems like years (really only about nine days), and I have not left my computer for several hours (with the exception of trips to my laundry room to switch the clothes). Not enough hours in the day; not enough time to follow up on every contact, every idea, and every brainstorm for the world's best campaign line.

Lots and lots of handshaking. Introducing myself to people I do not know. Mostly they are friendly and welcoming, though sometimes they look at me as if I was a telemarketer calling at the dinner hour. It feels great when someone says I've got their vote.

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A Candidate's Diary

Lake County Clerk candidate Sharon Narrod is making her first run for public office. Between now and election day she will give us a regular account of what it's like to be a candidate. This is Part 3 in that series of articles.



State Representative candidate Sharyn Elman (D-Gurnee) (left) was one of those present for Sharon Narrod's (right) recent birthday party and campaign event.



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Senator Evan Bayh: A Proven Democratic Winner Appearing as Speaker at Tenth Dems Event in Highland Park

by John Hmurovic

Senator Evan Bayh is a Democrat on a winning streak.

He won for Secretary of State in 1986 in his first statewide race. He was elected governor in 1988, and again in 1992 with 62 percent of the vote. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1998 with 64 percent of the vote, and re-elected in 2004 with 62 percent.

The numbers make you think that he must come from a very Democratic state. But the fact is, he is from Indiana, a state that has gone for the Democratic candidate only four times in the past 27 Presidential elections. Somehow, Evan Bayh, 50, is a Democrat who consistently wins in very Republican territory.

How does he do it? When Senator Bayh speaks at a Tenth Dems fundraiser on Friday, June 30, maybe he will give us some clues. Maybe he will give us an idea of how a Democrat can win 62-percent of a state's vote while

Republican George W. Bush can do no better than 60 percent. Maybe he will tell us how a Democrat can win by such a large margin when the state's voters are choosing a Republican for Governor, picking Republicans to control every state office on the ballot, electing Republicans to seven of nine Congressional seats, and giving control of both houses of the state legislature to Republicans? That's what Evan Bayh did in 2004.

Some might argue that it's all in the name. The Bayh name has been a part of statewide politics in Indiana since 1962 when his father, Birch Bayh, was elected to the first of three terms in the Senate. As some people named Daley, Kennedy, Clinton, Stevenson, Madigan, or Bush can tell you, a familiar name does help the first time you run. But from there, you're on your own.

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The Bayh Record

Indiana Governor
1988-1996

- Recorded first eight-year period in 40 years in Indiana without a tax increase. Compiled \$1.6 billion surplus – largest in state history and three times the average national surplus at the time.
- Created 375,000 new jobs, or nearly 1,000 new jobs a week during his administration.
- Increased funding for schools in every budget – more than 3.1 billion new dollars, even during an economic downturn.
- Grew the economy while decreasing air and water pollution – toxic chemical emissions, for example, dropped 82 percent, and Indiana adopted some of the toughest water quality standards in the nation.
- One of only three governors in the nation at that time ever to receive the *Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award*, in recognition of Bayh's record of selecting more talented and qualified women for executive and judicial roles than any governor in state history – with fully half of top positions filled by women.

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What Mark Kirk Doesn't Get with his Suburban Strategy

by Ellen Gill

Mark Kirk has been traipsing around the country with his message that we are supposed to ignore national and international issues and focus on local issues that affect suburbanites (which sort of begs the question of why with a local plan he needs to do all the nationwide traipsing). 401K accounts for babies are in his focus – he doesn't want to talk about the war, NSA spying, failed prescription drug plan and a nonexistent healthcare plan, and tax cuts for the wealthy.

Kirk has said: "Suburban families feel they are under attack and believe they need a voice in Congress," and he is correct in that statement. But what Kirk doesn't get is that all the national and international issues he wants us to ignore are the source of our feeling under attack.

Bush's and Kirk's war in Iraq has placed a financial burden on the country that suburban children will pay for the rest of their lives and has led to a budget that cuts funding of education programs, grants and student loans. Recent grads call themselves "Generation Broke," because they are saddled with about 20 years of debt after graduation.

Kirk thinks education means funding Chinese language courses and checking teacher backgrounds, but subjects like science and math that help us be innovators and job creators are being de-emphasized. Kirk stays silent while his party pushes religion over science in the schools and vouchers public education into oblivion. These issues are important to suburbanites, but cannot be found in the suburban agenda.

Kirk is focusing on baby 401Ks, but he is not interested in a health care system that works for them and their parents. He's content to keep us in costly health care programs which burden both businesses and families. The cost of health care prevents many from getting any, so those babies that he wants to give 401Ks to might not survive to collect on them. Health care is the major cause of bankruptcies, but Kirk voted for changes that punish people forced into bankruptcy due to catastrophic illness. We are not supposed to pay attention to that according to Kirk as no health care plan is in the suburban agenda.

The NSA spying Kirk wants us to ignore also affects suburbanites. It goes to the notion of government accountability. As the government increases its control over the people and chills free speech, it decreases its accountability to them. That is what happened in the Soviet Union. There was no accountability to the millions

injured by the nuclear accident at Chernobyl because over years of oppression, the people knew they had no voice, and no recourse against the government.

In the U.S., we also have connected corporations to think about and we are seeing decreased regulation and caps on injury awards in court cases. Speech is chilled, recourse is eliminated – and we are seeing the effects of these accountability reverses in the deteriorating safety of our food, drugs and water; in the eroding quality of our health care; and in the alarming state of our environment. If we don't stop this trend, we will have damages, but no say in policy or recourse for bad policy.

Here in the Illinois 10th Congressional District, we may not be on the cutting edge of world affairs. Most of us are just trying to make a living and a life for our families, so national issues can seem far away and life can be mundane. Our real issues are as they have always been, preventing the kids from killing themselves on their bikes and helping them make it through college, paying the mortgage, putting food on the table and gassing up the car. Thing is, the national issues that Kirk wants us to ignore are exactly the issues that are making suburbanites feel under attack.

Kirk does not understand that it is the totality of the downturns and backward thinking of his party's agenda that has been the disaster for the entire country, including the suburbs. The national issues that are missing from Kirk's suburban strategy – the budget deficit; trade imbalance; unemployment and outsourcing; unscientific thinking causing us to give up our role as the world's innovation leader; lack of affordable education; loss of opportunity; lack of healthcare and secure, well-paying and safe jobs; oil prices increasing the cost of everything; and the deflation of our national spirit caused by all of the above – are the issues that matter to suburbanites.

Under Kirk's suburban agenda, we will lose our voice, our recourse, our education, our money, our health, our opportunity, and our hope.

To protect our families and our suburban communities we need to go back to sensible American freedom with power in its citizens and an accountable government and tell Kirk that he has the wrong agenda for the suburbs.

Visit Ellen Gill's blog at <http://ellenofthetenth.blogspot.com/> for more commentary on 10th District news and issues.

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There is no shortage of candidates who need your money. And if they are Democrats, they are most likely worthy of your donations. So, with good candidates needing donations, national groups like MoveOn.org and the Democratic National Committee asking for help, and state, county and township Democratic groups also in need, why should you give anything to Tenth Dems?

We cannot claim we are more worthy of your hard-earned cash. What we can claim is that we will put it to good use, right here in your community. Tenth Dems was founded with the goal of helping to elect Democrats to all levels of office in every part of the 10th Congressional District. That's how your money will be used.

In 2004, we worked to elect John Kerry. When people here said they wanted yard signs and buttons to show their support, but the national campaign said it didn't have the cash to supply them, we bought and distributed thousands of signs and buttons.

We worked to elect Barack Obama to the U.S. Senate. We supplied his campaign with volunteers and other assistance, and we did the same for our Congressional, state and county candidates in 2004 both in Cook and Lake counties. We created literature in support of the candidates, which we distributed to thousands of households.

Distributing some of that literature were scores of precinct committeemen, many of whom we trained in the several volunteer training sessions we conducted. We also recruited

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The Bayh Record *continued from page 1*

U.S. Senator
1998 – now

- Authored the Vehicle and Fuel Choices for America Security Act, calling for reducing oil consumption by 2.5 million barrels a day by 2016 and 7 million by 2026.
- Opposes both setting a specific timetable for the withdrawal of American troops and maintaining an open-ended and indefinite commitment of troops.
- Forced the Bush Administration to make good on its promise to provide states with extra funding for successfully enrolling children in Children's Health Insurance Programs.
- Supported expanded federal investment in high-tech research and development.
- Worked to help families with the rising costs of higher education by supporting legislation that would provide a \$12,000 tax deduction for college tuition.



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(D-Indiana)

Keynote Speaker at our Summer Fundraiser

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George Rosenblit
Anne Wedner

Friday, June 30, 2006
5:00 - 7:00 pm

At the home of
Jim & Heidi Kirsch
133 Laurel Avenue, Highland Park

Bayh in Highland Park *continued from page 1*

For better or worse, you have a record for voters to examine. That's what makes Bayh's winning streak so impressive. He couldn't win in Indiana without a record that appeals to all voters. In 2004, 74 percent of Indiana Independents voted for him, compared to 51 percent for Bush; and Bayh won 35 percent of the state's Republican vote, compared to John Kerry getting just five percent support from Indiana Republicans.

In less than two years from now, Democrats may already know who their nominee will be for President in 2008. Evan Bayh is widely believed to be one of the contenders. Can he win over voters in 49 other states and the District of Columbia who are not as familiar with who he is and what he has accomplished?

Decide for yourself. Tickets to the Tenth Dems fundraiser, featuring Senator Bayh, are available at prices of \$50, \$250, \$500, and \$1000. The fundraiser is being held on Friday, June 30, from 5-7 p.m. at the home of Jim & Heidi Kirsch in Highland Park. You can buy tickets and get more information by calling 847-266-VOTE (8683).

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some of those committeemen, just to run for township offices in 2005, and to run for Congress in 2006.

But our most important recruitment has been the hundreds of volunteers who we have brought into the political system. Tenth Dems has given many residents an opportunity to do more than just vote. We have given them a chance to work with like-minded people for the values that Democrats hold dear ... and to make a difference. Many of our volunteers have gone on to work for Democratic candidates. Thanks to the initiation in politics that we've given them, they are better equipped to help them win. Some of our volunteers have even run for office, and some of our interns have gone on to work for Democrats in Washington, Springfield and closer to home.

Our volunteers have knocked on doors, made phone calls, staffed offices, and sent out mailings for dozens of candidates running for State Representative, County Coroner, Township Trustee, and more. We've helped organize candidate forums in all 12 townships of the 10th District in Cook and Lake counties. We've held issue forums on topics such as stem cell research and global warming, and we've conducted movie nights and book clubs so people could meet and discuss some of the more important political documentaries and books. We've had volunteers march in parades, pass out literature at public events, and show up at rallies to support a candidate.

Why should you donate to Tenth Dems? Because we are an effective and active political group that does the grassroots work of politics right here in your neighborhood. Because we don't quit after an election, but continue to work at building a stronger Democratic Party for the next election. Because you believe as we do, that we need to elect competent and qualified Democrats to every level of office in every part of the 10th District. And, because we are doing something about it. But we can only do it with your help.

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2006 Democratic Candidate Profiles

Every month up to the November election, we will take a look at some of the Democrats on the ballot in 2006.

Anne Flanigan Bassi

Lake County Board District 23
Residence: Highland Park
District: Highland Park & Highwood

With more than 32 years of residence in Lake County, and four years on the County Board, Anne Bassi offers voters a public official with knowledge of the community and experience at solving problems. Her community involvement includes service as a school board member and a leader in the League of Women Voters. She has always had a strong commitment to protecting the natural areas of Lake County, and currently serves on the Lake County Forest Preserves Commission.



James Houlihan

Cook County Assessor
Residence: Chicago
District: Cook County

James Houlihan was a three term legislator, administrative assistant to Mayor Harold Washington, and a tax reformer with the Fair Equity Tax Commission. His appointment as Assessor in 1997, and election to a four-year term in 1998, allowed him to return to the public sector as an advocate for taxpayers. He has developed an office that prides itself on accuracy and fairness. During his term they have expanded Internet service to provide reassessment data online, and he has backed legislation to increase the Home Improvement Exemption, increase the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption and provide speedier Certificate of Error refunds.



Lisa Madigan

Attorney General
Residence: Chicago
District: Illinois

Lisa Madigan became Illinois' first female Attorney General in 2003. Since being sworn into office she has worked to pass a lifetime supervision law to keep sexual predators away from women and children, led efforts to restore integrity to Illinois gaming, secured passage of laws to help stop the spread of methamphetamine and protected consumers from fraudulent practices. Prior to becoming Attorney General, Madigan was a State Senator and a litigator at a Chicago law firm. She also worked as a teacher and community advocate on Chicago's west side, helping prevent children from becoming involved in gangs and drugs.



Mary Ross Cunningham

Lake County Board District 9
Residence: Waukegan
District: Waukegan & North Chicago

One of the priorities of Mary Ross Cunningham over the past four years on the Lake County Board has been to provide affordable energy assistance for low-income senior residents of Lake County. In the years ahead, she wants to work for an increase in funding for affordable housing, senior programs, Medicare, education, and insurance for our children. She currently serves as vice-chair of the Lake County Board's Health and Human Services Committee. She is also active in the community as a board member of the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism.



Angelo Kyle

Lake County Board District 12
Residence: Waukegan
District: Waukegan & North Chicago

A member of the Lake County Board since 1990, Angelo Kyle has not only provided leadership on the county level, but also on the national level as President of the National Association of Counties. In Lake County, he is chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee. He has worked for affordable housing, development of the new community health center in North Chicago, homeless assistance, brownfield cleanup and an inmate re-entry program. His work in support of the Summer Youth Employment Program is helping young people from low-income families enter the workplace for the first time.



Robert Sabonjian

Lake County Board District 8
Residence: Waukegan
District: Waukegan

As a County Board member for the past eight years, Robert Sabonjian has worked to bring jobs to Lake County through commercial development, and has worked to provide county funds for pollution cleanup along the lakefront. He believes in putting the interests of the community ahead of any political party or personal gain. In the coming years, he plans to continue his efforts for job creation and pollution cleanup, as well as work for quality affordable housing, the formation of the Sheridan Road Development Council and to be a forceful voice for Waukegan.



Debra Shore
Metropolitan Water Reclamation
District Commissioner
Residence: Skokie
District: Cook County



Debra Shore is running for Water Reclamation District Commissioner because water matters. The District treats waste water for Cook County. Through its policies and practices the District affects flooding, beach closings, and the health of streams and rivers. For more than 15 years, Debra has been actively working to clean up and restore the forest preserves. She is a founding board member of Friends of the Forest Preserves. She serves on the board of the Illinois Environmental Council and the Council for U.S. Landcare Initiatives, is the founding editor of Chicago WILDERNESS Magazine and is a leader in the regional conservation consortium known as Chicago Wilderness.

Carol Spielman
Lake County Board District 22
Residence: Highland Park
District: Highland Park and Deerfield



Carol Spielman has served on the County Board since 1992. She holds a Master's degree in Political Science/American Government from Loyola and a Bachelor's degree in political science and economics from Barat College. She managed the continuing education admission program at Barat College; worked on a small business program for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; handled contract sales in a small private company; and taught American Government at Oakton Community College. Fiscal responsibility has been a high priority for her. She chairs the County Board Committee on Revenue, Records and Legislation, and is a member of the Health and Human Services Committee.

Wrap Yourself in a Flag, and Give Yourself a Raise

Seals questions Kirk's pay increase, cuts in veterans' benefits



by John Hmurovic

It's time for the 4th of July. Out come the flags as we celebrate our nation. It's a fun and colorful American tradition.

It's also the time for another tradition: The Republican Party's attempt to amend the U.S. Constitution to make flag burning illegal. As the Chicago Sun-Times pointed out in a recent editorial, "this is a classic example of a solution in search of a problem." As the Sun-Times points out, not one protest of the war in Iraq has featured a flag burning. In fact, there have been almost no flag burnings at all in recent years. If the Republicans succeed (and Mark Kirk is on record as a solid supporter of this amendment) it would be the first time in American history that our Constitution has been used to restrict any form of free speech.

So why this attempt to change the Constitution? It's the same reason Republicans are suddenly interested in banning gay marriage after two years of ignoring the issue, why they are trying to stir up emotions on immigration, and why they are trying to scare us again into thinking that only Republicans can keep us safe. It's an election year. It's time for Republicans to act angry and scream, "We are patriotic, God-fearing Americans, while liberal Democrats hate our country and our values."

If you're a Republican, it's time to take the flag out of your closet and wrap it around yourself, and to declare that those who oppose the war in Iraq do not support our troops. To his credit, Mark Kirk has never been quoted as saying that. But he does claim that he supports the troops. Really?

Dan Seals, the Democratic nominee for Congress, is just one of many who look at Kirk's rhetoric and compare it to his votes and notice that something doesn't add up. "Just last year," Seals noted, "Kirk voted to cut veterans' benefits by \$13.5 billion over five years. Two years before that he voted to cut the same benefits by \$30 billion over ten years." A Kirk news release from May 2005 said that Kirk promised to work towards providing "our nation's veterans with state-of-the-art health care here at home." Great! But why did he then, Seals asks, "repeatedly cut the programs which provide that care?"

Perhaps the answer that Mark Kirk would give to that question is that as a Congressman who has supported every tax cut that has come before Congress, he has the difficult job of controlling our spending and choosing our priorities. OK. Let's put aside for the moment the counter-argument that giving tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans should not be a higher priority than caring for the soldiers we send to war. What spending programs win support from

Mark Kirk? What is more important to him than helping veterans of a war he has consistently supported from the start?

Well, in June, Mark Kirk voted to give himself a pay raise.

Mark Kirk votes to cut funds for veterans, votes to cut back on student loans, says we can't afford Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security, but votes himself a pay raise. He has supported cuts in money to go after child-support slackers, for enforcement of environmental laws, for spending on education, child care, job-retraining and for our national parks. For this, Mark Kirk deserves a pay raise?

Dan Seals says if he's elected, he will have different priorities than Kirk, priorities which better reflect the feelings of the thousands of people in the 10th District who will hang their flags on their homes and who will cheer as the veterans march by during the 4th of July parades. "It is our duty to provide our nation's retired serviceman with the very best care – this means well-funded programs, job training and assistance, and, yes, state-of-the-art health care. In the greatest nation in the world, we cannot allow any veteran to be without the care they have valiantly earned. I believe true leaders would not put their own bottom lines over that of our armed forces in a time of war."

Hey, Can This Yacht Run on E85?

by Paul Kelly

Think back, you thoughtful independent leadership types, to early 2001, when a cocksure Dick Cheney derided the Clinton-Gore team for having no energy policy.

We are oilmen, energy guys, Cheney would say. We are going to have a great energy policy. Look at California and the energy problems that state is having, they would say. That wouldn't happen under us. (Of course, it turns out Kenny Boy Lay and his accomplices artificially manipulated that crisis for big profit.)

Cheney got his oil buddies together to deliver Big Oil's dream list. The Bush-Cheney team rubber-stamped the Presidential Seal on the list, and pushed it on the American people as this administration's official energy policy.

What has that gotten us?

In trouble. As you and I discuss which gas stations have regular unleaded for under \$3.00 a gallon, the big shooters at ExxonMobil discuss which tax shelters to

use for their big old bonuses for having the largest corporate profits in history.

What does the Republican-controlled House do? Well, they give the oil and gas industry financial breaks for deep water wells in the Gulf of Mexico. And the Republicans make sure that the American taxpayer pays for a good percentage of Big Oil's environmental compliance. I wonder if the big shooters at ExxonMobil have considered a third home or a second yacht as a tax shelter?

And what about Mark Kirk, our Republican congressman? Well now. He votes for subsidies and tax breaks for Big Oil. He votes against removing \$5 billion in Big Oil tax breaks from a bill. He makes sure to vote to relax environmental regulations for oil refineries and undermine environmental protections for oil drilling.

But, hey, Kirk is interested in this "E85," and he would like to see more gas stations in northeast Illinois sell the stuff. Stand back. That is powerful stuff.



E85 is a start, but to have that be the sum total of your energy policy? Dan Seals has called for federal investigation of potential price gouging by Big Oil. The Democratic leadership has called for finishing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline, which has been stalled since its Congressional authorization in 1976. Facilitating its construction will enhance the delivery of 35 trillion cubic feet of natural gas to the lower 48. The House Democrats want to roll back the huge tax breaks given to Big Oil and take that money to invest in new technologies and promote energy efficiency and conservation.

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On the upside, I get to do something I've always wanted to do, that is, go to all the festivals, fairs and craft shows my heart desires. I love looking at all of the booths, watching the little kids on the rides and searching out a vender for kettle corn – MY FAVORITE. Now I have the perfect excuse to do that; I'm campaigning.

The downside is that where I might stay home on a cold, drizzly day and save my carnival-going for fair weather, now I go, rain or shine, warm or cold. I have my handy shoulder bag. It's red, white and blue donkeys (courtesy of Carol Spielman, one of our best County Board members and a truly lovely person). I have my campaign literature, extra pens, campaign cards, a jacket, umbrella and a pair of gloves. Yes, gloves. This is Chicagoland.

The radio in my van is broken. It's on my to-do list, because it is just too quiet driving all over Lake County without something to listen to. I've learned that singing along to my CD of Motown favorites is not the best thing to do as you drive because it can leave you hoarse just before a speaking engagement. Maybe having no radio for a few days is a blessing in disguise.

I had my first fundraiser on my birthday. It was a great turnout, and I was overwhelmed with the warmth of the people that were there and the sentiments of those who couldn't attend.

Money, money, money. I find it difficult to convince people to donate to a race that doesn't involve a seat in the House (or the Senate for that matter), but little by little the balance in my account is increasing.

It is not even July 4th yet, but I feel as though I am running out of time. Every day is important. My mom was visiting for a few weeks, not that long ago, and she spent many an evening with my husband while I was out. I did take her to a coffee for Dan Seals, which she thoroughly enjoyed. She thinks that Dan is wonderful, and at least now she knows some of the faces connected with the names I mention in our phone conversations.

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A True Horror Flick Filled with Gore

by Ellen Miller

On June 4, over 150 moviegoers left the Renaissance Place Cinema in Highland Park feeling terrified. They hadn't just seen the latest aliens-attacking-the-earth sort of horror flick, but instead they witnessed something much scarier, something that Al Gore calls a "planetary emergency." They had seen *An Inconvenient Truth*, a movie far more frightening than *Silence of the Lambs* or *Psycho* because, as the title suggests, *it's real*.

Tenth Dems arranged a screening of *An Inconvenient Truth* followed by dinner at Bella Via with speaker Howard Learner, Executive Director of the Environmental Law & Policy Center in Chicago. The event sold out and Bella Via even ran out of food trying to accommodate the masses of people who came to show their support.

An Inconvenient Truth is Al Gore's attempt to make global warming issues more widely understood and recognized. While watching Gore talk about the environment for 100 minutes might not sound terribly thrilling, Gore's personality (who knew?) and the sheer subject matter made the film not only interesting but eye-opening and jaw-dropping as well.

After an accessible explanation of global warming, Gore went on to present the facts. He explained statistics about the increasingly warm temperatures, rapidly escalating carbon-dioxide levels, and the rising number of hurricanes. While scientists used to believe these sorts of things happened cyclically, Gore's graphs show that in recent years, the figures have grown so much that they are literally off the charts.

The facts are real. There is 100 percent agreement among scientists. For that reason, Gore argues, the issue is not political. It's moral. And it's up to each individual to help stop it, because, as Gore states in the movie, "You can't make somebody understand something if their salary depends upon them not understanding it."

During the post-movie discussion, Learner informed the group that the Midwest is actually responsible for five percent of the carbon dioxide pollution in the world and 20 percent in the United States. Because the Midwest has the largest concentration of coal plants as well as plenty of truck drivers, we emit more pollution than most countries in the world. "We are the center of the problem," said Learner. "We must be the center of the solution."

Learner listed several ways to combat global warming, including solar power and getting more gas miles per gallon. He explained that ten years ago, cars got 40-50 miles per gallon, while today they get 20-30. Getting 40-50 miles per gallon would essentially cut global warming in half. He urged people to buy compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), which use one-fourth as much electricity as normal light bulbs and are ultimately cheaper because of the money saved in energy costs.



Howard Learner of the Environmental Law & Policy Center spoke to a large crowd about climate change at a Tenth Dems sponsored discussion following a recent screening of the movie in Highland Park.



"We know the problems. Scientist agree on the impacts," said Learner. "We need to find a way to transform frustration into action."

Along with individual efforts, it's crucial to have a government that understands and places priority on environmental issues. Mark Kirk has an inconsistent record on oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve, voting in favor of drilling on close votes in the House, but against it when the outcome is one-sided. He has also supported a mass sell-off of public lands, a weakening of clean air laws, against environmental justice, in favor of cuts in funding for environmental protections, and against scientific integrity in public policy making. Kirk's voting record is why the League of Conservation Voters gives him a pathetic 39 percent approval rating on environmental issues.

Global warming is what Learner calls "the challenge of our time." The inconvenient truth is that if we fail to act, temperatures will keep rising, hurricanes will keep coming, glaciers will keep melting, and the world as we know it might not exist for much longer.

But with the right government officials, individual efforts, and the decision to act, we can combat global warming. That is the hopeful truth.

Ellen Miller is a recent graduate of Highland Park High School who will be attending Barnard College in the fall. This summer she is a Tenth Dems intern.



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And what of Cheney and the boys? Well, if your energy policy entails giving Big Oil taxpayer money to increase energy supply, somehow decrease energy supply thereby raising prices, make sure you don't promote conservation one iota

thereby raising demand, and get Big Oil record profits, you've achieved everything you've dreamed of. And more.

Last one on the yacht is an average tax-paying American citizen!

Goings On in the Tenth!

Below: 10th District Congressional candidate Dan Seals and US Senator Barack Obama at a recent fundraiser for the Seals campaign. US Senator Dick Durbin, several congressmen and a number of local officials have also hosted fundraisers for Seals in recent days to show their support for the Democratic nominee.



Below: Lake County Board candidate Del Parra (D-Libertyville) and Tenth Dems volunteer Patty Livingston helped staff the Democrat's booth at the recent Libertyville Days.



Above: State Representative Karen May (D-Highland Park) and Bruce Nilles of the Sierra Club spoke after a recent showing of the HBO film, "Too Hot Not To Handle," about the threat of global warming. The movie was shown free to the public by the Moraine Township Democratic Organization.



Over 75 people attended the first Shields Democrats political pizza party on June 25th, including (left) State Sen. Terry Link (D-Waukegan), County Board candidate Carrie Travers (D-Lake Forest) and State Sen. Susan Garrett (D-Lake Forest). Below, Dan Seals listens to future voters.



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