

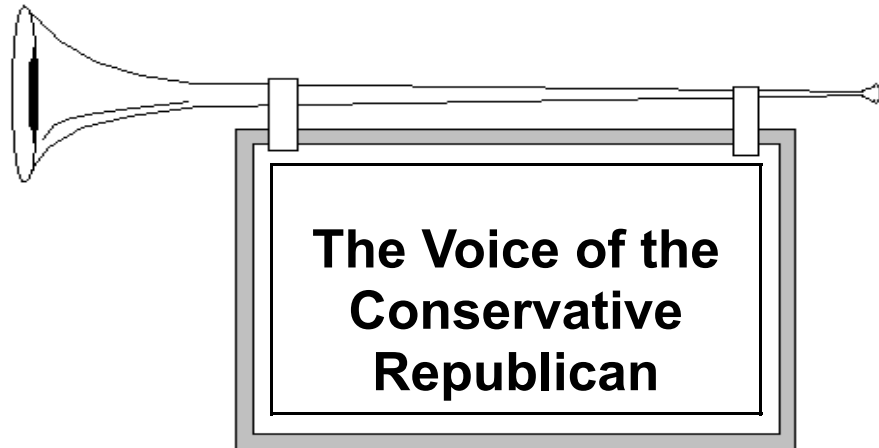
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**For if the
TRUMPET
give an
uncertain
sound, who
shall prepare
himself to the
battle?**

1 Cor. 14:8



‘Newspaper’ Unites Conservatives

Dan Proft, President of the *Illinois Leader*, spoke to TAP-ROOT’s breakfast meeting, April 19.

The *Illinois Leader*, a year old now, is an electronic newspaper operating on the internet at www.IllinoisLeader.com. It covers mostly state-wide political news that rarely makes it into the mainstream press.

According to Proft, the *Illinois Leader* creates a forum that unites conservatives. A community forms because the members recognize they share three important things related to any community: relationships, fears and values. The newspaper builds the shared relationships around ideas.

The *Illinois Leader* now receives 350,000 hits per day. Proft expects it to have great political influence because, if nothing else, “politicians want to read about themselves”.

Cox Tests Waters for Second Run

A surprise guest came to TAPROOT’s breakfast meeting April 19, the former candidate for the U.S. Senate, John Cox.

Since the election, Cox has been active building a state-wide base of conservative support and making his name known.

He now hosts his own radio program on WJG (1530 AM), Mondays and Wednesday s, 11 AM to 1 PM, “The Progressive Conservative”.

He recently published a booklet, (See page 2)



Guest speaker for April, Dan Proft listens to John Cox who talked about his possible candidacy for the U.S. Senate. TAP-ROOT members Joe and Carol Jurewicz are in the background. —photo courtesy of Vern McCarthy.

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“Blueprint for the Renewal and Rebirth of the Illinois Republican Party”.

Cox also has taken a leadership role in the formation of a new conservative group, the Illinois Center Right Coalition. And he has been testing the waters for a second run for the U.S. Senate and floated some ideas at the TAPROOT meeting, like for example, private accounts for social security and President George Bush’s tax-cut plan. He went against the TAPROOT grain, however, when he spoke in favor of present legal immigration levels, saying that we need it to fill job openings created by a population dearth because of abortion.

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Don Smith Reminds US About the Constitution

Don Smith, long-time TAPROOT board member gave a short talk on the U.S. Constitution at the April 19 meeting.

He made his comments to remind people that the United States actually has a constitution and that most politicians have continued to ignore it for a hundred years or so.

Smith reminded the assembly that the First Amendment was originally intended to prevent the establishment of a national religion not to eliminate religion from the public square.

The Constitution gives only Congress the power to wage war. Instead it “weasled out of declaring war” in the Gulf and other places by simply passing a resolution giving the President power to take military action.

Another example of the abuse of power occurred after the economic crash of 1929. Then President Franklin Roosevelt abused executive orders to grab power. He declared a bank holiday without any authorization, called in the gold coins and thus destroyed the dollar’s backing, and initiated a round of inflation. Ω

Coalition Will Hold First Convention

ICRC's first annual convention will be held on June 14, 2003, between 10:00 AM and noon at the Holiday Inn (Phone: 630-679-1600) at 205 Remington Blvd. in Bolingbrook (NW of the intersection of Route 53 and I-55).

This meeting is especially important because members who have paid their annual dues will be selecting our new Steering Committee. For more information about the Steering Committee nomination and election process, see the Steering Committee section on this site. Come early and partake in a Dutch Treat breakfast in the hotel lobby between 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM.

RSVPs must be received by Lidia at mail@thechampion.org or 847-428-0212 by June 13, 2003. Ω

We Need Missing Banner!

Someone has our *TAPROOT Republicans* banner proclaiming its name to the world. No one has seen it in recent years. We are asking members and former members to search their attics, basements and garages for it. We can certainly use it for our picnic, August 10 and our Christmas Party in December. Call George, 630-393-6401.

Conservatives Get First Look at Potential Fitzgerald Replacements

Monday, May 19, 2003

By The Leader-Chicago Bureau
(chicago@illinoisleader.com)

CHICAGO -- On Saturday, over 200 Chicago-area conservatives heard ten different men declare that they were considering a run for U.S. Senate to fill the seat being vacated by GOP Senator Peter Fitzgerald in 2004.

At the Chicago Conservative Conference, "Winning with Ideas," nine Republican men considering the U.S. Senate run circulated among the conference attendees -- John Borling, Ray Choudry, John Cox, Jim Durkin, Dr. Chirinjeev Kathuria, Tom McCracken, Jr., Jim Oberweis, Steve Rauschenberger, and Jack Ryan.

The conservatives also heard from one lone Democrat, Matt O'Shea, who was received with a polite response from the audience.

By the end of the day, the conference's straw poll indicated that 28% of the attendees approved of investor-turned-school teacher Jack Ryan, 17% voted for former state lawmaker-turned-RTA chair Tom McCracken, Jr., and 12% each for state Senator Steve Rauschenberger and 2002 GOP primary candidate for U.S. Senate John Cox.

Only Jack Ryan (who is not related to either the former Governor or the former Attorney General) declared definitively that he is in the Senate race.

The rest of the panel said that they were "exploring" or "investigating" the possibility.

During the day long conference's lunch break, the audience heard from candidates in the first public introduction of potential candidates for the 2004 U.S. Senate race.

All of the possible GOP candidates supported expediting Bush's federal judicial appointments and tax cuts, although each had their own take on how deep the cuts should be.

The large number of potential candidates was disturbing to some attendees, and exciting to others.

"Looks like this may become a circus," one conservative from out of state said. From a different perspective another observer said, "This many candidates vying for the position shows that the Illinois GOP has a bench deep with serious possibilities."

"I am convinced that one of the men sitting up here today will be the next U.S. Senator from Illinois," former state representative and 2002 GOP candidate against U.S. Senator Dick Durbin Jim Durkin told the audience.

Durkin received one vote in the **(See page 4)**

McCarthy Blows Whistle on Alinsky Groups by George Kocan

Conservative work-horse Vern McCarthy gave the membership a short report, April 19, on DuPage United, which held a conference in the suburbs and drew an estimated 3000 participants.

About 5 years ago, a new Saul Alinsky inspired group was formed in Chicago, United Power for Action and Justice.

Among the sponsors were the Illinois Education Association, the Service Employees International Union and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The Archbishop of Chicago, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin gave \$1 million to help start this organization. When questioned, Bernardin answered saying that this was not the Church's money. Someone gave him the money to donate to the Alinsky group. No one in authority has yet pointed out that this constitutes the very essence of money laundering.

Most political observers would recognize that the list of sponsors, e.g. the unions, as arms of the Democratic Party, working on the Democrat agenda.

McCarthy's report showed the success of the Alinsky operation in expanding into the Republican suburbs to have Republicans fund Democrat politics under the guise of humanitarian and charitable contributions.

Since United Power began, 4 Catholic Churches in Naperville have donated money to this effort. When asked for an accounting of such funds, the operatives tend to be vague and secretive.

Greg Morrow Goes to His Eternal Reward

Stalwart friend of TAPROOT Gregory Vincent Morrow died at age 83. A resident of Chicago's south side, Morrow dedicated his life to pro-life, pro-family, anti-pornography and other causes having profound moral and political ramifications.

He fought his own bishops in the Catholic Church over their studied indifference to liturgical and sacramental abuses.

He fought against the Marxist, community organizer Saul Alinsky and the Svengali-like influence he had over the bishops who willingly turned over millions of dollars to Alinsky organizations like the Industrial Areas Foundation, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Call to Action.

Serious political observers have yet to catch up with Morrow's pioneering work. He was a teacher and a friend who always managed to make me go out on some new crusade when all I wanted to do was to stay home.

May he rest in peace.

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conservative straw vote.

Jack Ryan told the audience that while the Illinois GOP suffered a devastating blow in 2002, that positive things could come from the destruction. "We need to return to the ideals upon which this country was founded -- life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," Ryan said. He pleased prolife conservatives with his concern about the unborn through the aged, those he considered in need of protection.

Ryan promoted a strong military to protect an environment where economies thrive and perform best. He then said that "Happiness is achieved when helping others," as, he said, is mentioned in sacred writings of all religions.

Current Regional Transportation Authority Chairman Tom McCracken surprised many attendees with his strong conservative opinions, and his outspoken answers.

"We need to retake the mantle we proudly carried for years and be the party of vision, ideas, leadership and change," McCracken told the audience. "The old way of doing business must go out the door."

"I see a system upside down," McCracken, who is being encouraged to run by Senator Pate Philip (R-Elmhurst), said. "The condemned murderer is protected and the right to kill unborn children is a protected sacred right," pleasing prolife conservatives in the crowd.

"Government has spun out control," the former state representative and state senator told the crowd. "To find what I disagree with, I read the *New York Times*. To find what I agree with, I read the *Wall Street Journal*. To see my friends' names, I read the *Chicago Tribune*," McCracken said. He was one of a small group of state representatives who tried to oust Lee Daniels in the early 1990s as GOP House leader.

In a tie for third place was Senator Steve Rauschenberger (R-Elgin), who is known in the State Senate as a fiscal hawk, and John Cox, a businessman who ran as in the Republican primaries for the 10th Congressional District in 2000 and for U.S. Senate in 2002.

The first freshman and youngest Senator ever to be appointed as the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Rauschenberger told the group, "I am really proud to be in a party of small government. This may be one of the most important party primaries in a generation. It will allow the Illinois Republican Party an opportunity to define what the "post-Ryan" Illinois GOP will be."

"The shame of the 90s is that we failed to consolidate the gains made in 1994," the eleven year veteran senator told the audience. "On the issue of welfare reform, the state of Illinois and its legislature took the first major step in reversing Johnson's Great Society. The rest of the na-

tion took what was started reforming here, and saw victory in 2002. We need to focus on the wonderful victory we had in reforming welfare in Illinois."

John Cox, an accountant and financial advisor, Cox told the group, "We need to stand for something as the Republican party. I call for a code of ethics for this state where no state employees do campaign work on state time, where we do not allow the appearance of impropriety."

Questions were asked from three different conference sponsors, and each of the candidates responded to the questions. One question involved calling for the ouster of Bob Kjellander as the Illinois GOP's national committee-man and a public apology to the past state chairman Gary Macdougall for the way he was ousted from his position, and replaced by current chair Judy Baar-Topinka.

Senator Rauschenberger gave a firm agreement to a call for the ousting of Kjellander, and others acknowledged what they called inappropriate responses to Macdougall's leadership in the Illinois GOP last year.

McCracken suggested it was not time to pick another fight within the GOP, but to focus on defeating the Democrats. Jack Ryan suggested that Macdougall be acknowledged and appreciated for what he did as party chair, but called for "lifting each other up."

"Gary is a good man," Ryan said. "I wish he were with us here today."

One person who many suggested would be a candidate for the GOP nomination for U.S. Senate, former Senator Patrick O'Malley, attended the conference, but did not present himself as considering a run for U.S. Senate in 2004. Ω

UN-believable

"The (United Nations Commission on Human Rights) is the primary U.N. organ responsible for human rights protection. The current chair is Libya. Yes, Libya. In addition to Libya, three of the State Department's list of state sponsors of terrorism are current members-- Cuba, Sudan and Syria. On April 15, the commission adopted a resolution sanctioning the use of 'all available means including armed struggle'--which includes suicide bombing--as a legitimate tactic against Israelis. Only five countries, including the U.S., voted against. The U. K. and France abstained, and Russia approved."

- Wall Street Journal editorial, 4/28/03

TAPROOT's Next Breakfast Meeting DON'T MISS

**Churinjeev Kathuria,
Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate
The other 7 candidates have also been invited.**

Saturday, June 21, 2003

8:00 am, the talk starts at 8:30 am

Old Country Buffet, 551 East Roosevelt Rd., Lombard (630-916-8808),
in the High Point Shopping Center, south side of Roosevelt Rd.,
about 5 stop-lights west of Route 83.

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your check out to TAPROOT REPUBLICANS OF ILLINOIS and send it to PO Box 643, Downers

Rev. Bob Vanden Bosch Gives Legislative Report

(From Rev. Bosch's Newsletter) Phyllis Schlafly was magnificent in her rebuttal of Rep. Lou Lang on the effects of the ERA, in the Illinois House. While HJRCA 1 (ERA) passed out of the Senate Executive Committee on a partisan roll call (Republicans all NO, Democrats all YES), it was unable to pass out without Senator Jones saying he would hold more hearings on ERA this summer.

After the Committee hearing, another senator, who was in the committee hearing asked Senator Jones to have a hearing in her district. When he asked why, she replied, "I'd like the people in my district to know how bad ERA is."

At this point, Senator Jones does not have the votes for passage of ERA, and it does not look as though he will. Please continue to pray, as hearings are held, and ERA could come

up for a vote anytime they are in session for the next 18 months.

Although none of our legislation passed, we were able to stop the worst legislation (for the most part).

SB 1075 did pass, making churches liable for the life of anyone who has been molested by a staff member. This could have a severe adverse impact on church insurance rates.

HB 721, the O'Hare Expansion bill passed with an amendment to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The amendment is limited to only affecting the cemeteries. We have reason to believe it could be struck down by the courts.

HB 211, requiring insurance companies to cover contraceptives passed both Houses. This will cover forms of birth control that are really abortifacients.

Bills we were able to stop:

SB 681 Gender Violence Act, redefining gender to include sexual orientations.

SB 101 Gay Rights Legislation that would have covered cross dressing and transgender issues.

SB 99 Sex Ed Bill to teach sex education, family life, and health including sexual orientation.

HB 2486 The Clinic Access Bill designed to stop sidewalk counselors at abortion clinics.

HB 3589 Stem Cell Research Bill using stem cells from any source, including aborted babies and fetal stem cells.

Thank you for your prayers and calls. There has never been a session in which there has been so much evil in legislation. Ω



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