

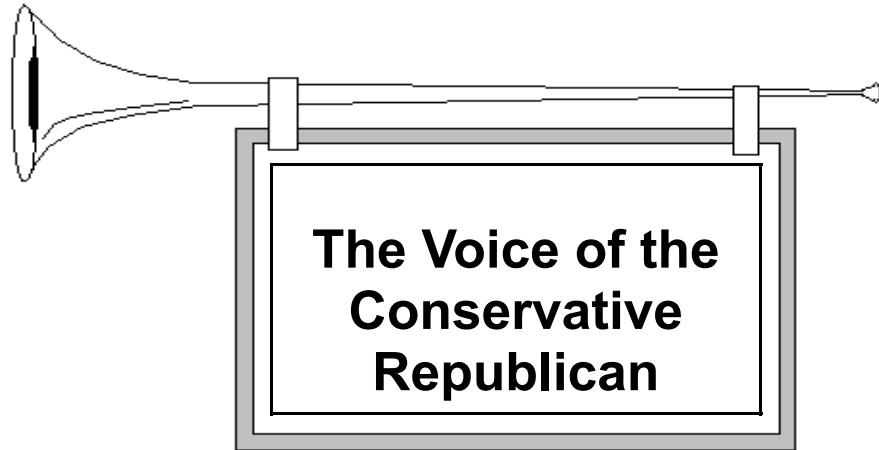
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**For if the  
TRUMPET  
give an  
uncertain  
sound, who  
shall prepare  
himself to the  
battle?**

**1 Cor. 14:8**



## TAPROOT Endorses Real Republicans

The TAPROOT Board has determined the following Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate as qualified or recommended: **Steve Rauschenberger (Elgin); Jack Ryan (Chicago); and Jonathan Wright (Lincoln).**

**Joe Wiegand (70<sup>th</sup>) and Pat Sutarik (54<sup>th</sup>)** have challenged the RINO establishment in their respective legislative districts as candidates for State Representative. They earned good conservative credentials on issues related to the right to life, the right to bear arms, limited government and low taxes. They received enthusiastic endorsements from the Family Taxpayer Network and the Illinois Center Right Coalition. TAPROOT proudly adds its name to that list.  $\Omega$

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### ***Judicial Candidates Make Pitch For the Circuit Court in DuPage***

TAPROOT members had the unusual honor of hearing five candidates for the position of Circuit Court Judge in DuPage County (18<sup>th</sup> Circuit). The candidates made their pitches Feb. 21, at the monthly breakfast meeting in Lombard. Their names will be on the ballot for the Republican Primary Election, March 16, 2004.

The Circuit Court Judge is elected, while the Associate Judges are appointed. The Circuit Court Judge appoints the Associate Judges in his jurisdiction. However, the Illinois Supreme Court can appoint a Circuit Court Judge in order to fill a vacancy before an election.

#### **Richard Russo**

All the candidates except Richard Russo have experience on the bench as Associate Judges. Russo, however, does have wide experience in law enforcement. He served as a Chicago police officer for 7 years and later as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney. He described himself as a conservative and does not believe in legislating from the bench. Contact: Citizens for Russo, 1775 Naperville Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187; [www.RUSS04.com](http://www.RUSS04.com).

#### **Ken Popejoy**

Aside from legal experience, the candidates have earned credentials in public service and in their **(See page 2)**

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# Judges, from page 2

personal lives. Ken Popejoy, nearly an Olympic runner in his youth, earned the highest rating from the DuPage County and Illinois Bar Associations. Contact: [www.judgepopejoy.org](http://www.judgepopejoy.org).

### Pat Leston

Pat Leston described himself as the "senior candidate in his legal experience." He has 30 years experience in business as well as law. He has practiced law in federal courts and even before the Illinois Supreme Court. Contact: Citizens to Elect Judge Patrick Leston, 125 S. Bloomingdale Rd., Suite 11, Bloomingdale, IL 60108; 630-715-6800; [www.judgepatleston.org/](http://www.judgepatleston.org/)

### Mark W. Dwyer

Mark W. Dwyer has served in every court division except Chancery. He is the only Associate Judge in DuPage to preside in a felony courtroom, which concerns cases of rape, murder and so on.

He avers that he is the only judge to have his decision affirmed by the U. S. Supreme Court. He ruled in favor of road-blocks set up for the purpose of finding a criminal suspect. The case involved a drunk driver who hit a cop and then left the scene. Although appeals courts ruled against him, the Supreme Court said, "Dwyer was right." Contact: 630-834-7450; <http://judgedwyer.com/main.htm>

### Stan Austin

Stan Austin has experience as a Circuit Court judge by virtue of his appointment by the Illinois Supreme Court to fill a vacancy. His candidacy represents the closest thing there is to an incumbency. Contact: 630-665-6618; [www.electjudgestanaustin2004.org](http://www.electjudgestanaustin2004.org).

### More Information on Judges

The Illinois Citizens for Life (ICL) rates political candidates on

their record as possible pro-life advocates. They use surveys, public statements and voting records for their evaluations.

The ICL has determined the following judicial candidates as qualified for election: **Stan Austin, Mark W. Dwyer and Richard D. Russo.**

Former Illinois State Senator Tom Johnson (West Chicago) and his wife Virginia, both stalwart defenders of the right to life, sent out a letter specifically endorsing Stan Austin for the Circuit Court. Johnson also practices law in DuPage County.

### Other Pro-life Candidates

Other Republican pro-life candidates of interest to DuPage area conservatives, which were listed by ICL, follow, with some comments by your editor:

#### For the U.S. Senate

Jim Oberweis; Jonathan Wright; Chirinjeev Kathuria (allows an exception for rape and incest and the use of RU486); Andy McKenna (rape & incest exception); Steve Rauchenberger (rape & incest exception); Jack Ryan (rape & incest exception)

Norman Hill, not rated by ICL, spoke at TAPROOT's meeting. He believes life begins at conception and must be protected.

#### For the U.S. Congress

Henry Hyde, 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; Phil Crane, 8<sup>th</sup> CD; Bob Hart, 13<sup>th</sup> CD; J. Dennis Hastert, 14<sup>th</sup> CD; Tim Johnson, 15<sup>th</sup> CD

**For Illinois State Senate** (not a complete list)

Joe Hedrick, 8<sup>th</sup>; Carole Pankau, 23<sup>rd</sup>; Kathleen "Kay" Wojcik, 28<sup>th</sup>

**For Illinois State House** (not complete)

Michael Aguilar, 24<sup>th</sup>; Bob Biggins, 41<sup>st</sup>; Terry Parke, 44<sup>th</sup>; Patty Bellock, 47<sup>th</sup>; Warren (See page 3)

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# US Treats Palestinians Unfairly

by George Kocan

In its most fundamental interpretation, the Moslem religion seeks to spread Islam throughout the United States and replace its Constitution with Sharia law.

Pastor Mateen Ellass conveyed this message at TAP-ROOT's monthly breakfast meeting January 17, at Lombard's "Old Country Buffet".

Elass spoke with convincing authority because he came to Christianity as a convert at age 20. He grew up in Saudi Arabia, the son of a Moslem father. He now serves as an ordained minister and Senior Pastor at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Warrentonville.

The conversion came after a long period of religious and philosophical searching that included an examination of Hindu beliefs. The Christians he met really loved each other, he said.

Moslems teach Islam as a religion of peace. However, the word Islam does not quite mean peace. It means surrender to God. All will have peace when they surrender to God. Otherwise they will have war with Islam. All Moslems have a duty to wage war against infidels, Ellass explained.

The pastor went on to caution the assembly that Islam contains within itself two broad movements, the Moderates and the Islamicists. Moderates view Jihad as a struggle, a struggle of the heart against spiritual realities.

On the other hand, the Islamicists take a literal approach to the Koran. Ellass termed them "ultra-conservative". "The Moderates do not have the Koran on their side," he added.

The pastor's family history has given him an insider's understanding of the Palestine-Israeli conflict as well. His own father grew up in the Golan Heights. The Israeli's dispossessed his own relatives who lost towns, villages and farms.

In the view of the Moslem world, rather than treating Arabs justly, the major international powers treated them "like dirt" to "solve the problem of Jews migrating to the U.S., England and France....they showed no concern for the Palestinians who were dispossessed."

The Arab world sees the Israeli's as an occupying enemy, behind which stands the power of the U.S. Of the Palestinians the U.S. demands a stop to terrorism, but when Ariel Sharon, the Israeli Prime Minister, oppresses the Palestinians, all he receives is a verbal reprimand.

"The U. S. does not act as an impartial broker.... Israel has a right to exist, but we also have a right to a homeland," Ellass said.

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Kostka, 54<sup>th</sup>; Pat Sutarik, 54<sup>th</sup>; Paul Freolich 56<sup>th</sup>; David Wasserman, 58<sup>th</sup>; Joe Wiegand, 70<sup>th</sup>; Randy Hultgren, 95<sup>th</sup>. (Biggins, Bellock, Freolich, Wiegand and Hultgren are friends of TAPROOT.)

### In Cook County

For County Recorder, John H. Cox (a friend of TAP-ROOT); Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, John Michael O'Sullivan

### In Dupage County

For Auditor, Jim Raisins; States Attorney, Joe Birkett (a friend of TAPROOT);

For County Board: Paul Fichtner, 1<sup>st</sup> District; Daniel T. gibbons, 1<sup>st</sup>; Debra Olson, 4<sup>th</sup>

For Forest Preserve Commissioners: Marsha Murphy, 1<sup>st</sup>; Roman Strzala, 1<sup>st</sup>; Wally Brown, 3<sup>rd</sup>

(Wally Brown has been a member of TAPROOT for many years.)

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## Constitution restoration, from p.4

of the Constitution" (Jefferson). Passage of "The Constitution Restoration Act of 2004" will begin this process. I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically support this bill. I hope you will, too.

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## Celebrity Shows Interest in Picnic

Teri O'Brien, a gifted news analyst and radio host, has shown an interest in speaking to TAP-ROOT at its annual picnic August, 15. *Stay tuned* for more information.



Ω **Conservative Teri O'Brien hosts her own radio show on WLS, 890 AM on Sunday mornings 10 to 12.**

# Seat Belt Laws Subvert Freedom

by Nedd Kareiva

On July 3rd, Illinois became the 19th state to adopt a primary seat belt law. With the ink barely dry, police promptly issued tickets to unbuckled drivers and passengers without being stopped for any other reason. What a way to celebrate Independence Day, knowing you no longer have the freedom to decide whether to buckle up.

The stealth means by which the state's revised seat belt law was passed was known to few people outside the media and us politically minded people monitoring developments. And for good reason. Lawmakers know these laws are largely unpopular, despite the press and government bureaucrats trumpeting how seat belts supposedly save lives.

The state legislature this spring had an employee of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) testify in favor of a primary bill. There was no opposition because committees didn't want it publicized. Had the public been apprised of the legislature's intent to turn Illinois' secondary belt law, which had been untouched for 18 years, into primary, I daresay the rejection to the change in the law would have been greater than those supporting the upgrade to primary.

Prior to the law taking effect, an April poll from the Kankakee *Daily Journal* showed 2 out of 3 citizens rejected primary enforcement. This was nothing surprising. The seat belt law is largely unpopular in most states, except for those people standing to gain financially from its passage. Such laws were repealed by some states back in the 1980s when the seat belt law was secondary, meaning you had to be cited for another violation before getting a seat belt ticket.

But some politicians are undaunted by citizen repealed laws, thinking they know what's best for their constituents. And despite the 2/3rds rejection of a change in Illinois law, nearly 2/3rds of Illinois lawmakers thumbed their noses at the public with the stealth passage of this bill. And what should anger freedom loving Illinoisans, especially Republicans, is that half of the seat belt law supporters in the State House were Republicans. Such should be tossed out of office next November.

The mantra "Seat belts save lives" has been chanted mercilessly by public officials and do-gooders, thinking they have our best interests in mind. And while more

people have buckled up under fear of tickets, there is zero proof in the 3 1/2 months this law has been in existence that seat belts prevented more road tragedies.

**In heavy handed states like California and Michigan rigidly enforcing these laws, more people died with the seat belt on than off, according to 2001 figures from the National Safety Council.** And statistics from the NHTSA's Traffic Safety Facts 2001 show greater injuries to belted vehicle occupants than unbelted occupants.

Regardless of one's feeling about seat belts, most people believe they can determine their own safety measures without a state mandate. This law should be abolished. Contact your state lawmakers and to support repeal of this law.

Nedd Kareiva  
Founder of the Seat Belt Choice Coalition  
and [www.seatbeltchoice.com](http://www.seatbeltchoice.com).

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## Constitution restoration, from p. 6

"In interpreting and applying the Constitution of the United States, a court of the United States may not rely upon any constitution, law, administrative rule, Executive order, directive, policy, judicial decision, or any other action of any foreign state or international organization or agency, other than the constitutional law and English common law."

In other words, the Supreme Court would be prohibited **from basing their opinions on the rule of foreign law**. This is especially needful as Supreme Court justices such as Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg have demonstrated a recent propensity to do just that.

As you can see, this bill is needed in the worst way! And the encouraging thing is, it really does have a better than average chance of passing. In fact, at the press conference in Prattville, Sen. Shelby predicted the bill would pass the U.S. Senate. Rep. Aderholt feels confident it will pass the House as well.

Please contact your congressman and senators (and the White House) and tell them that your support for their reelections is dependent upon their support for this bill! There is nothing more important in politics this year than passing this bill into law! Not even the vote for President is more important. The federal judiciary must be reined in! It must be "bound down by the chains" (See page 3)

# TAPROOT's Next Breakfast Meeting

# No Meeting In March

April meeting *To Be Announced*

**Don't miss future program**  
Annual Picnic, featuring Teri O'Brien (?).....August 15

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# Congress Can Restore Constitution

by Pastor Chuck Baldwin  
NewsWithViews.com

(Springfield, VA, Feb. 21) Last week, a bill was introduced in both chambers of Congress to "limit the jurisdiction of Federal courts in certain cases and promote federalism." The House version is H.R. 3799, and the Senate version is S. 2082. The bill is titled, "The Constitution Restoration Act of 2004."

Initial sponsors of the bill include Rep. Robert Aderholt (AL), Rep. Michael Pence (IN), Sen. Richard Shelby (AL), Sen. Zell Miller (GA), Sen. Sam Brownback (KS), and Sen. Lindsey Graham (SC). Even though the introduction of this bill received little national media attention, it is the **most important legislation in the last fifty years.**

You see, what difference does it make who wins a presidential or congressional election if neither party will faithfully discharge their duty to the U.S. Constitution? We have seen Republican and Democratic presidents come and go. The same goes for congressmen and senators. Yet, government continues to get bigger and bigger, while freedom gets smaller and smaller. Neither has either major party done anything to reverse the trend toward socialism and globalism.

One of the major reasons for this unfortunate set of circumstances is an out-of-control federal judiciary. For the last fifty years, federal courts have run roughshod over the Constitution. For all practical purposes, America is now controlled by a tyrannical oligarchy of federal judges.

Thankfully, our Founding Fathers understood this potentiality and prescribed a way for Congress to deal with the matter. Under Article III, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution, Congress has the power and authority to regulate and except appellate jurisdiction of the federal judiciary, including the U. S. Supreme Court. That is exactly what H.R. 3799 and S. 2082 do.

Accordingly, under Sec. 102 of this bill, **"Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Supreme Court shall not have jurisdiction to review, by appeal, writ of certiorari, or otherwise, any matter to the extent that relief is sought against an element of Federal, State, or local government, or against an officer of Federal, State, or local government (whether or not acting in official personal capacity), by reason of that element's or officer's acknowledgment of God as the sovereign source of law, liberty, or government."**

This means, that the federal judiciary would be prohibited from interfering with any expression of religious faith by any elected local, state, or federal official. In other words, federal judges could not prevent the Ten Commandments from being displayed in public buildings or Nativity Scenes from appearing on court house lawns or "under God" from being recited in the Pledge of Allegiance or prayers being spoken in public schools, etc. This bill would limit the jurisdiction of the federal courts in these matters.

Furthermore, Sec. 201 of this bill states, (See page 4)

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