

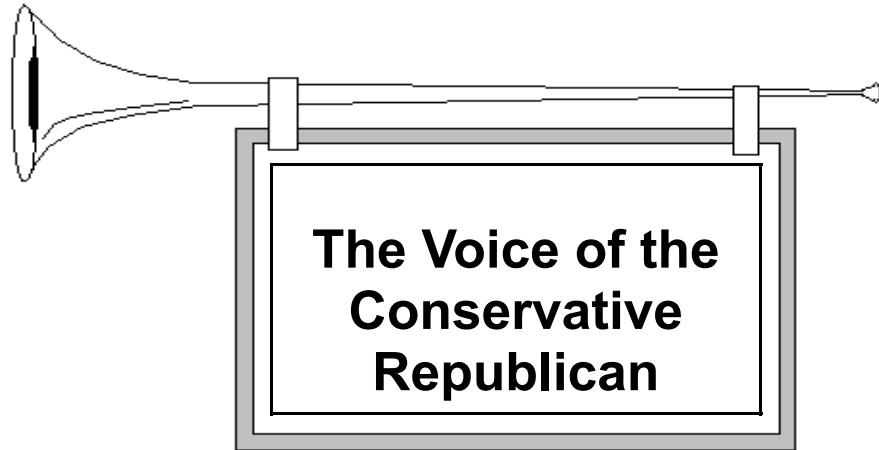
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**For if the
TRUMPET
give an
uncertain
sound, who
shall prepare
himself to the
battle?**

1 Cor. 14:8



Illinois GOP Waters Down Platform

Illinois Republican Convention

Conservative leaders maintained an intense schedule of activism in anticipation of the critical elections coming this November. Among the events in which TAPROOT leaders participated were the Chicago Conservative Conference, April 25; the Illinois Republican Convention, May 15; and Jack Ryan's Conservative Leaders Summit, May 22.

First Vice-Chairman Dave Diersen, **an appointed voting delegate**, managed to attend the Convention in Collinsville in spite of efforts of the RINO (Republican In Name Only) leadership to keep him away. After having reserved a hotel room at the convention site, Diersen found out that the management cancelled it at the instigation of one of Judy Baar Topinka's lieutenants. Topinka is currently the Illinois Republican Party Chairman.

The convention saw a failed attempt on the part of Republican conservatives to defeat the re-election of National Committeeman Bob Kjellander. Conservatives like Jack Roeser backed Steve Rauschenberger, a man with strong conservative credentials, to run against the incumbent. Conservative were also disappointed to see

the assembly vote in a watered down platform on the critical issue of the right to life. Jill Stanek, who blew the whistle on infanticide at Advocate General Hospital, wrote a critique of the platform in IllinoisLeader.com.

Jack Ryan's Leadership Summit

TAPROOT made a strong showing at Jack Ryan's Conservative Leaders Summit, which the Ryan campaign organized to energize the candidate's base in his bid to for a U.S. Senate seat.

The event occurred in Countryside, Ill., in the Operating Engineers Local 150 Union Hall, a place of symbolic significance to show that Ryan desires the support of a traditionally Democrat constituency.

Dave Diersen, Chairman George Kocan, Director Dennis Discoll, and members Vern McCarthy, Mark Stern, Arlene Sawicki and Karen Hayes attended. Sawicki and Hayes hold leadership positions in other pro-family, pro-life groups.

The summit brought out other leaders in Illinois politics like John Cox, host of "The Progressive Conservative radio show in WJGG; Penny Pullen, former State Representative and pro-life stalwart; Fran Eaton, Managing Editor of the Illinois Leader; Frank Penn, frequent guest of Tom Roeser's radio talk show; and Scott Thomas, host of his own radio show on WYLL.

Dave Smith, Citizens for Community Values, also attended. Smith received national publicity **(See page 2)**

McInerney Runs for Illinois House

TAPROOT's very own 2nd Vice-Chairman, Jack McInerney, has announced his candidacy for State Representative in the Homewood-Flossmoor district south of Chicago.

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for his persistence in pressuring the Federal Communications Commission to fine the "Mancow" Radio show for its unremitting stream of indecency. The effort also landed him a \$3 million lawsuit for harassment from Mancow Muller, the host of the morning radio show.

Jack Ryan addressed the crowd emphasizing the precarious role of Republicans in the Senate. The Party needs to win the race in Illinois so that Vice President Dick Cheney does not have to break a tie in his capacity as President of the Senate. As of now, Republicans are short of votes to pass Tort Reform. The Party needs to keep Pat Fitzgerald as federal prosecutor, it needs the votes to maintain a free economy, to provide access to children of a high quality education, to prevent "the scourge of abortion" and protect the Second Amendment.

But, Ryan went on, issues alone do not win. We need to rebuild the Republican Party, to "empower people not institutions". Ryan's campaign needs to raise money for television, radio and direct mail advertising.

He pointed to Rick Santorum's successful campaign in Pennsylvania. It was successful because the grass roots were empowered. In the last election, Ryan noted that the voter turnout was poor in the Christian community. He has, therefore, embarked on a voter registration campaign in churches and asked the group to provide names of churches and contacts to follow through on the program. The point man in Chicago is Dan Proft and may be reached at dan@jackryan2004.com. Other contact info: 118 N. Clinton St., Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60661; 312-258-8600; toll free 888-880-2004; www.jackryan2004.com.

Chicago Conservative Conference

Joe Morris, Lincoln Legal Foundation, organized this year's confer-

ence which featured speakers such as the Family Taxpayers Network's Joe Wiegand, Americans for Tax Reform's Grover Norquist, State Senator Chris Lauzen, the Heartland Institute's George Clewes, TAPROOT member and political consultant Jon Zahm and radio talk-show personality Frank Penn. Conservatives assembled at the fancy Renaissance Hotel in downtown Chicago.

Joe Weigand started the proceedings by answering the question, "Is Bush a conservative?" The answer: "He's conservative enough." He explained noting that tax freedom day made its first step backward in recent history. Tax freedom day is the day on which taxpayers start earning money for themselves instead of for the government. It came two weeks earlier this year.

Weigand also praised President George W. Bush for his leadership in passing the ban on live-birth abortions.

Frank Penn, a decorated Vietnam war veteran and former Chicago police officer gave a brief dissertation upon political correctness, describing it as a variant of Marxism which places certain minority groups in an antagonistic role against the rest of society, for example, blacks and homosexuals. As a black man himself, he sees political correctness as severely damaging to the black community.

Grover Norquist answered another big political question, "Can conservatives win?" In their favor, he pointed out that conservatives have achieved a more coherent coalition than the liberals. The left, he said, is a "takings coalition". They are "competing parasites" whose ultimate interests conflict. He also pointed out that the Democrats' most statist age-cohort, the New Deal generation, is dying out.

Political consultant and TAPROOTer John Zahm discussed the importance of building a conservative "farm team" within the Republican Party. With many (See page 3)

The Chairman's Notebook by George Kocan

I received the following e-mail from one of Barack Obama's cheerleaders, Sen. Max Cleland:

"Barack's opponent, Jack Ryan, recently hired media consultant Scott Howell... Howell was the media consultant for my opponent during the 2002 campaign, and he and his team created one of the most disgusting, misleading and offensive ads in the history of campaigning...**an ad that put my face next to Osama bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, and said that I was**



soft on national security issues. What Howell failed to mention was that I volunteered for duty in Vietnam in 1967 where I lost three limbs fighting to defend my country and was later appointed to head the Veteran's Administration."

The message complained that the Republicans "will stop at nothing" to get elected. Imagine, a Democrat being soft on national defense! Who are these clowns to complain about "misleading and offensive" rhetoric? Remember the Democrat ad practically accusing George Bush of the chain-dragging death of a black man? Considering that Democrats only complain when Republican ads are effective, I thought that I would offer my own version of Obama's visage. I wonder how many limbs Obama lost defending his country?

College of DuPage
TAPROOT will stage an outreach to students at COD. We need volunteers to staff a literature table for a few hours. Call George at 630-393-6401.

Citizens for Community Values

Dave Smith and CCV are being sued for \$3 million by Mancow Muller for complaining to the FCC about the radio personality's chronic broadcast indecency. We have set up a "Dave Smith Defense Fund" to help out with legal costs. Please send a check to TAPROOT @ Smith Defense c/o Bob Graham, 32 Pebblewood Tr., Naperville, IL 60563.

Special Edition of the Trumpet

We need to raise funds for a special, tabloid edition of the Trumpet with an expected circulation of a few thousand. Please send a check to TAPROOT addressed to Bob Graham at the address above. Ω

People Want Leadership Not Pandering

TAPROOT Chairman George Kocan sent the following letter to the new Chairman of the DuPage County Republican Central Committee Kirk Dillard, April 30, 2004:

Dear Senator Dillard:

I read in the Daily Herald ("Dillard sets new agenda for DuPage GOP", April 17, 2004, p. 3, by Tona Kunz) that you want to appoint more women and minorities to the party's advisory committee. The newspaper quoted you as saying, "Those who don't want to include women and minorities are in for a surprise." The article gave the impression that Republican men deliberately exclude women and minorities from its ranks.



Illinois Senator
Kirk Dillard

Frankly, I don't believe it. After all DuPage Republicans elected at least five women to the government's highest positions: Judy Biggert to the U.S. Congress; Patti Bellock, Sandy Pihos, Beverly Fawell and Mary Lou Cowlishaw to the Illinois House. I do believe that the Daily Herald acts as a mouthpiece for the Democrat Party and will selectively quote Republican leaders to give the impression that the Party oppresses women and minorities.

I became a Republican Committeeman because the Republicans in my precinct (Winfield Twp. Precinct #2) voted me into the office. I had no opposition from any women. When I ran the first time against the incumbent Committeeman I lost. The incumbent earned a good reputation through (See Page 4)

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political offices open, there often are not enough candidates running for them. This requires that activists themselves run for school boards, park board, library boards and other such offices. Ω

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the years and deservedly won. A woman, whom I supported for Committeeman, did run against him before I did and lost.

Is the public supposed to believe, then, on the basis of such elections, that Republicans have a bias against women in politics? I won the election for Committeeman because the incumbent retired and moved to Kentucky. No woman ran for that position then. Winfield Township regularly experiences open precincts where no one wants to run, male or female. Those that do eventually come forth to volunteer for this position are mostly men.

In short, the reason that men and women show unequal numbers in Party politics is simply that women want it that way--they vote with their feet. I think it is wrong to play around with appointments and committees just so that Republicans can show everyone numbers that do not reflect reality but do pay hypocritical tribute to "political correctness".

However, if you insist on pursuing such a policy of "affirmative action", TAPROOT is more than happy to supply you with nominees to your committees.

The article also discussed the status of minorities in the Party. Again, it implies that Republicans treat minorities unfairly. Is that what you believe? In DuPage, African-Americans only make up 3.1% of the population. I'll bet that almost none of them vote for Republicans or have any interest in the Republican Party. I would like to see more African-Americans in the Party as long as they came to the Party out of a conviction that it rightly represented their family values and their dedication to Constitutional principles.

TAPROOT Republicans, in fact, in its history elected two African-Americans to serve on its Board of Directors, Lee Walker and Charles Wheeler. They are bright and energetic men who saw value in TAPROOT and agreed that the Republican Party needed to represent conservative principles to remain viable. But, those are not the kind of African-Americans that the "moderates" in the DuPage Republican Party seem to be chasing after.

Hispanics only make up 9% of the population of DuPage. The same argument obtains for them. I just don't see the numbers to give the Party a great advantage. Nevertheless, I do know that the Winfield Township Republican organization is working hard to interest Hispanics in West Chicago precincts in Republican politics. As I indicated before, comments about DuPage Republicans embarking on some recruitment drive to bring minorities into the Party is an indirect insult to the Party leaders who

have been working the streets all these years.

In terms of hard numbers it makes much more sense for the Party to direct time and resources to the large pool of potential Republican votes among the whites who make up 84% of the population. As I work my own precinct, I do not give different presentations of literature to different minorities. Everyone gets the same message.

I also think it is a mistake to put a lot of confidence into polling surveys that support "moderate" positions. These are usually done by random telephone calls. Of those called only 25% typically respond. Of those who respond, how can anyone tell that they are lying, considering that such polling makes people angry and reluctant to cooperate? Those that do cooperate are a self-selected sample that will skew the results. For all I know, "moderates" want pollsters to know how liberal they are on issues like abortion and gun control while conservatives prefer to keep their opinions private.

I believe that Republicans will succeed when they convince the people that they represent a party of principle and not deal-making and patronage. There are no better principles to champion than those set down in the U. S. Constitution, against which the Democrats relentlessly war. Protection of the voiceless unborn from the abortionist's suction machine constitutes the essence of proper government whose very reason for existence is to protect the weak from the strong. The public looks to the Republican Party for leadership not for pandering to special interest groups. Ω

Kerry Lied about Vietnam

by John O'Neill

(excerpted from the Wall Street Journal, May 4, 2004)

HOUSTON-In 1971, I debated John Kerry, then a national spokesman for the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, for 90 minutes on the "The Dick Cavett Show." The key issue in that debate was Mr. Kerry's claim that American troops were committing war crimes in Vietnam "on a day to day basis with the full awareness of officers at all levels of command." Now, as Sen. Kerry emerges as the presumptive Democratic nominee for the presidency, I've chosen to enter the fray.

Neither I, nor any man I served with, ever committed any atrocity or war crime in Viet Nam. The opposite was the truth. Rather than use excessive force, we suffered casualty after casualty because we chose to refrain from firing rather than risk injuring civilians. (See page 7)

Illinois Families Have A Clear Choice for U.S. Senate Jack Ryan vs. Barack Obama On the Issues		
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Jack	Issue	Obama
<p>Pro-life.</p>	<p>Life</p>	<p>Pro-abortion. Supports abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy. Failed to support ban on gruesome practices of live birth abortions (<i>SB 1661, 1662, 1663</i>) and partial birth abortions (<i>HB 382</i>).</p>
<p>Pro-protection of traditional marriage. Jack believes that marriage should be defined only as a union between one man and one woman.</p>	<p>Traditional Marriage</p>	<p>Anti-protection of traditional marriage. Said Obama, "I will oppose any proposal to amend the Constitution to ban gays and lesbians from marrying." (<i>Windy City Times, 4/2/04</i>)</p>
<p>Pro-Second Amendment. Jack believes in a person's individual right to protect themselves, their family, and their property.</p>	<p>Second Amendment Freedoms</p>	<p>Anti-gun. Obama is an anti-gun extremist who even opposed legal protection for IL citizens who defend their homes and families from an illegal intruder with a firearm (<i>SB 2165</i>).</p>
<p>Pro-tax relief. Jack wants to make President Bush's tax cuts permanent.</p>	<p>Tax Relief for Working Families</p>	<p>Anti-tax relief. Obama believes federal taxes should return to higher levels. (<i>Rockford Register Star, 2/29/04</i>)</p>
<p>Anti-cloning.</p>	<p>Human Cloning Experimentation</p>	<p>Pro-cloning. Obama voted against a ban on human cloning (<i>SB 649</i>).</p>
<p>Pro-reform. Jack supports opportunity scholarships for children in failing schools in order to provide every child with a quality education.</p>	<p>Education reform and school choice</p>	<p>Anti-choice. Obama opposes school choice and even opposed the tuition tax credit for public and private school families (<i>SB1075</i>).</p>

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BREAKFAST MEETING

Saturday, June 19

Dynamic Defender of Family Values,

Peter LaBarbera Will Speak

Illinois Family Institute's (IFI) Executive Director Peter LaBarbera will speak at the TAP-ROOT Republicans' breakfast meeting on Saturday, June 19, at 8:00 AM, at the Old Country Buffet, in Lombard. The Old Country Buffet is located in the Highpoint Shopping Centre, 551 East Roosevelt Rd, about 5 stop lights west of Rt. 83 and ½ mile east of Highland Ave. (630-916-8808)

Learn about Peter's efforts to defend the Boy Scouts against the hate campaign organized by extremist homosexual activists, and about other activities of the IFI. Bring a friend.

Don't miss

TAPROOT Annual Picnic, featuring Teri O'BrienAugust 15

Teri O'Brien hosts her own call-in radio show on WLS, 890 AM, Saturdays and Sundays from 12am to 3pm. She has a unique ability to entertain her audience with pointed, topical and humorous political commentary of a conservative persuasion.

Place of picnic: Twin Lakes Woods in Westmont, roughly between Fairview Ave. on the west and Cass Ave. on the east, at Williams St. Bring kids, friends, and extra chairs. Bring your own meat dishes and some food to share. We'll supply soft drinks. *We'll be happy to accept free will donations of \$5 per person.*

Time: 2pm to 5pm

For more info about both events contact: George Kocan at voteKocan@juno.com; www.taprootgop.org; 630-393-6401; P.O. Box 643, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

No breakfast meeting in July.

OTHER COMING EVENTS

Friday, June 18 ; Event: GOP Rah Rah Rally; **Speakers:** Jack Ryan and many others; **Host:** DuPage County Republican Central Committee; **Time:** 5:30 PM; **Cost:** \$20 (\$25 at the door); **Location:** Wilton Manor, 2200 North Main Street, Wheaton; **Contact:** Aaron Jacobs at 630-653-7200.

Sunday, June 20; Event: Dad's Day at the Ball Park; **Host:** DuPage State's Attorney Joe Birkett; **Time:** Noon; **Cost:** \$75; **Location:** Kane County Cougar Stadium, 34W002 Cherry Lane, Geneva; **Contact:** 630-690-7100.

Saturday, June 26; Event: Annual Convention; **Host:** Illinois Center Right Coalition; **Time:** TBA; **Cost:** Free; **Location:** TBA; *This event will feature the election of 7 members of the Steering Committee;* **Contact:** Lidia Downs at 847-428-0363.

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the housing market to make housing cheap for the Protestant immigrants from the south and to put pressure on the locals to disperse into the suburbs. The Federal Housing Authority, in collusion with the Quakers, the American Friends Service Committee, made loans in the suburbs cheap to attract ethnic migration there while refusing loans to the ethnics to keep their old neighborhoods up.

“Urban renewal” cleared properties that were not slums, just inhabited by Irish or Poles, and built far fewer homes than it destroyed. William O. Douglas in the Supreme Court decision, *Berman v Parker*, so greatly expanded the power of eminent domain that protection from the unjust taking of property became impossible. (That Douglas also participated in the unconstitutional abortion decision, *Roe v. Wade*, is no coincidence.) Ford Foundation’s “Grey Areas Program” became “The Great Society” welfare scheme of President Lyndon Johnson’s administration.

Louis Wirth, a sociologist at the University of Chicago, a creation of the Rockefeller Family, devised a “nationalities” policy patterned after one developed by Communist dictator Joseph Stalin. Social engineering and psychological warfare became the national policy for ethnic cleansing in the United States. In his capacity as Nationalities Commissar for the Soviet Union, Stalin stripped targeted peoples of their cultural heritage and displaced them into areas far from their ancestral homes. Perhaps Stalin’s greatest success in ethnic cleansing resulted from his scheme to starve 14.5 million Ukrainians to death when they refused to go along with his plans on farm collectivization.

The few names presented above merely scratch the surface of Jones’s substantial and important book. It constitutes a necessary resource in the understanding of how the federal

government operates, and why persons such as I assist at Mass at the Shrine of Christ the King in Winfield, Illinois, and no longer at St. Helen’s in Chicago, thirty miles away. Ω

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More than once I saw friends die in areas we entered with loudspeakers rather than guns. John Kerry’s accusations then and now were an injustice that struck at the soul of anyone who served there.

During My 1971 television televised debate with John Kerry, I accused him of lying. I urged him to come forth with the affidavits from the soldiers who had claimed to have committed or witnessed atrocities. To date no such affidavits have been filed.

John Kennedy’s book “Profiles in Courage,” and Dwight Eisenhower’s “Crusade in Europe” inspired generations. **Not so John Kerry, who has suppressed his book, “The New Soldier,” prohibiting its reprinting.** There is a clear reason for this. The book repeats John Kerry’s insults to the American military, beginning with its front cover image of the American flag being carried upside down by a band of bearded renegades in uniform—a clear slap at the brave Marines in their combat gear who raised our flag at Iwo Jima....

Today America is engaged in a new war, against the militant Islamist terrorists who attacked us on our own soil. Reasonable people may differ about how best to proceed, but I’m sure of one thing—John Kerry is the wrong man to put in charge.

Mr. O’Neil served in Coastal Division 11 in 1969-1970, winning two Bronze Stars and additional decorations for his service in Vietnam. Ω

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Yearly membership in TAPROOT is \$20. Enclosed is my application for membership with \$20 _____. Enclosed is a donation of \$500__ \$100__ \$50__ \$25__ \$15__ \$10__ for the expenses incurred by TAPROOT’s many activities. The donation entitles you to an annual subscription to the *Trumpet*. Make your check out to TAPROOT REPUBLICANS OF ILLINOIS and send it to PO Box 643, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

Book Review

Feds Wage War Against Ethnic Americans

E. Michael Jones, *The Slaughter of Cities: Urban Renewal as Ethnic Cleansing*, St Augustine Press, South Bend, Indiana (2004), 668 pps. ISBN 1-58731-775-3

A Brief for Reparations **by George Kocan**

E. Michael Jones tells the story of urban renewal in America from the turn of the 20th Century to about 1980. The term ‘urban renewal’ is emblematic of this story because of what it conceals and not what it reveals. What could be more sleep-inducing than a history of government programs planned by intellectuals at the Ford Foundation to provide affordable housing for poor people?

Jones, on the other hand, documents, from a wide variety of government documents, essays and memoirs, the blood-boiling indictment that a well-defined elite orchestrated federal housing policy to destroy the political base of Polish, Italian, Irish and other ethnic Americans in the major, industrial cities.

This elite carried out a ruthless policy of deceit and betrayal to preserve its political power. It heartlessly dispossessed millions of persons, by provoking urban riots and warfare, by subverting the U.S. Constitution, and engaging in covert genocide. Although Jones never discussed it, his brief makes a compelling case in favor of reparations for ethnics

whom urban renewal drove from their communities.

Jones makes clear that the WASP, the White Anglo-Saxon Protestant, is as much an ethnic group as any other. The acronym refers more to a cultural heritage than a specific religion. Someone like Paul Blanshard, who wrote the influential book, *American Democracy and Catholic Power* (1949), started out as a Congregationalist minister and ended up as libertine, free-thinker. He came under the influence of the professional atheist and socialist John Dewey before he wrote his book. Eventually he became the head of the parent organization known as Americans for the Separation of Church and State. Principled Protestants are not likely to find much theological affinity with the likes of Blanshard and Dewey, although they may share emotional bonds with those having ancestors who emigrated from the British Isles.

The WASP establishment differs from the other ethnics, of course, in its status as a ruling elite and in its inclination to exert power indirectly, through paid intermediaries and surrogates. For example, when the ethnic labor unions’ growing power in the auto industry became intolerable to Henry Ford, he used local black ministers to recruit unskilled sharecroppers from the south, even though Detroit had a surplus of skilled laborers. The migrants, who did not know how to live in a modern, urban environment, came into conflict with the locals over housing.

The federal government manipulated (See page 7)

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