

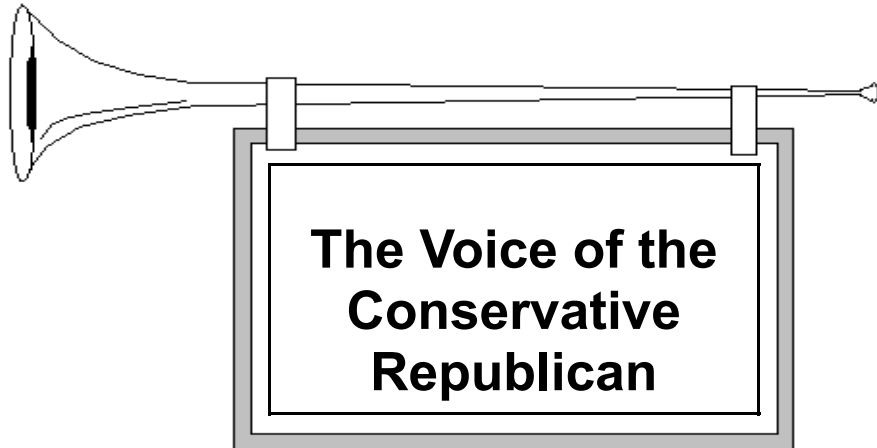
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**For if the  
TRUMPET  
give an  
uncertain  
sound, who  
shall prepare  
himself to the  
battle?**

**1 Cor. 14:8**



## TAPROOT Hosts Radio's Teri O'Brien



Teri O'Brien addressed the crowd at the TAPROOT picnic.

WESTMONT, IL-- Conservative Republicans enjoyed the trenchant political analysis of Teri O'Brien at their annual picnic, August 15.

They met at Twin Lakes Park in Westmont to hear the WLS (890AM) radio host, who arrived shortly after ending her usual Sunday broadcast which goes from 12 to 3PM.

Teri O'Brien entertained the crowd with her observations

about Alan Keyes' Democrat opponent for the United States Senate. She compared Barack Obama to the Manchurian Candidate. The original film first shows the Candidate, played by Lawrence Harvey, as a hero. The men with whom he served in Korea love him. They all use exactly the same words in describing him, the most wonderful, selfless, heroic, blah, blah, guy one could ever serve with.

But, when the intelligence officer, the Frank Sinatra character, uncovers the Chinese Communist plot to murder the U.S. Presidential candidate, he finds out all the men in Harvey's unit were brainwashed by the Red Chinese. In reality, the men in Harvey's unit hated him. He was the worst guy to serve with. He had a lousy attitude and a lousy personality.

The sparkling talk show host, thrilled TAPROOT members when she mentioned TAPROOT's picnic at least twice on her Sunday broadcast and (See page 2)



Renata Kocan, Chairman of the TAPROOT Picnic Committee, introduced the guest speaker, Teri O'Brien.

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# O'Brien Con'd from p. 1

on her website, [www.teriobrien.com](http://www.teriobrien.com).

Jim Oberweis, former candidate for the U.S. Senate, delighted the crowd with a visit and some family ice cream. He offered a strong endorsement of Alan Keyes, the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate. When he found out that the Republican leadership chose Keyes instead of him, Oberweis said, "Whew! That made me 3 million dollars richer."

The Chairman of the Picnic Committee, Renata Kocan, whose persistence convinced O'Brien to speak to TAPROOT, introduced the guest. She said that Teri O'Brien says everything she would have said if she had her own radio show.

Towards the end, State Representative Patti Bellock (47<sup>th</sup> District) came to visit for a while.

Chairman George Kocan expresses his gratitude to the team effort that made the picnic a success. The Secretary Carolyn Connell made sure that the tables looked attractive and were properly supplied. First Vice-Chairman, Dave Diersen came with banners, a canopy and a state-of-the-art public address system. Jack McInerney, Second Vice-Chairman, made sure that everyone signed up for our mailing list, while Treasurer Bob Graham collected the all-important donations which keep TAPROOT's unique educational program moving forward. Ω

## The Economy Line

# U.S. Unemployment Declines

by Bush/Cheney 2004

**Unemployment Rates Went Down in 49 States.** "Unemployment rates were lower than a year earlier in all but one state and the District of Columbia. Oregon again reported the largest rate decrease from a year ago (-1.9 percentage points), followed by Washington (-1.7 points) and North Carolina (-1.6 points). ... Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 46 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 4 states." ("Regional And State Employment And Unemployment: July 2004," Press Release, Bureau Of Labor Statistics, 8/20/04)

**Initial Jobless Claims Fall.** "The number of Americans filing first-time claims for unemployment insurance unexpectedly fell for a third week as companies continued to hold on to workers, a government report showed. Initial jobless claims fell by 3,000 to 331,000 from a revised 334,000 the week before, the Labor Department said in Washington. It was the lowest level since 309,000 the week ended July 3. The four-week moving average, a less volatile measure, fell 2,500 to 337,000." ("U.S. Initial Jobless Claims Fell 3,000 To 331,000 Last Week," Bloomberg, 8/19/04) <http://www.georgewbush.com/News/Read.aspx?ID=3326> Ω

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# LaBarbera Blasts Homosexual Agenda

The Executive Director of the Illinois Family Institute (IFI), Peter LaBarbera, denied that the homosexual movement is too difficult to fight, at TAPROOT's breakfast meeting June 19. He called for continued resistance, so that it fails to have a "free ride".

He explained how the gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgendered cabal operates in public schools. It typically targets some insecure boy and convinces him that he is "transgendered" and in need of a sex-change operation. And parents never find out about it.

"You never see a liberal promote smoking, but they promote homosexuality," he declared.

He added that the state and the federal marriage amendments are worth fighting for. He noted that in southern Illinois the Democrats are running on a pro-family plank, while the Democrat friendly union in the north, the American Federation of Service and Municipal Employees is pushing for homosexual benefits.

The City of Chicago and the State of Illinois spent \$6.5 million on a homosexual recreation center in Chicago. The homosexual lobby is no doubt grateful to ex-Governor George Ryan and state chairman Judy Baar Topinka for help in pushing the funding through.

Republicans should recall that George Ryan publicly endorsed the GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network) conference when he was governor and just this year Topinka participated in Chicago's Democrat dominated homosexual pride parade.

LaBarbera also mentioned the case of Matt Shepard, the homosexual who was beaten to death. The case received massive publicity and still garners widespread attention. For example, the play, "The Laramie Project", dramatizes the murder in a way that blames Christians for creating a hostile environment against homosexuals. The College of DuPage recently produced this play, in keeping with its policy of attacking Christian mores, as when some ten years ago the same theater department put on the anti-Catholic play, "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You".

LaBarbera pointed out that Shepard himself was a sexual predator who put himself in danger by strangers in unsavory bars. Shepard, he said, "hit on" a bar-tender who hit him back.

The IFI's David Smith will address TAPROOT's breakfast meeting September 18. Smith's complaints to the Federal Communications Commission about Mancow Mullers's raunchy radio show resulted in a harassment lawsuit of 3 million dollars. It also resulted in a highly favorable article in the Wall Street Journal and a

\$300,000 settlement from Mancow's radio station. TAPROOT was proud to contribute \$100 to Smith's defense fund.

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Peter LaBarbera, the Executive Director of the Illinois Family Institute, spoke at the monthly TAPROOT breakfast meeting.

## 'Mancow' Pays \$300,000

CHICAGO—David Smith, Senior Policy Analyst for the Illinois Family Institute, says he "feels pretty good right now" after Emmis Broadcasting and talk show host Mancow paid a \$300,000 settlement with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as part of a deal to stop airing indecent programming.

Smith, who filed 70 broadcast indecency complaints with the FCC between November 1998 and November 2003 for material aired by "Mancow's Morning Madhouse" on Chicago's WKQX, released the following statement today in response to the Emmis-FCC settlement:

"Emmis' payment of \$300,000 is an admission of guilt, and it is a tiny penalty for the violations of broadcast indecency aired by Mancow's Morning Madhouse. "That being said, however, our goal was to seek improvement in broadcast decency, and not vengeance. In my mind we've achieved our goal. Emmis, like other broadcast corporations, has adopted zero tolerance policies, and is now willing to operate within the law. I have to give credit where credit is due; Mancow's program *has* improved noticeably. Ω

# Alan Keyes for U.S. Senate



**Contact:** [www.Keyes2004.com](http://www.Keyes2004.com)

**Phone:** 866-578-8600; **Fax:** 312-756-0026;

**Donations:** Alan Keyes for U.S. Senate,  
PO Box 617817, Chicago, IL 60661

## Alan Keyes Supports:

Preserving traditional marriage.

**Protecting the life of the unborn.**

Returning government to its proper role under the Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

**School choice that respects the authority of parents in the education of their children.**

Free exercise of religion in public and private life.

**Second Amendment rights.**

Replacing the income tax with a national sales tax.

**Privatizing social security.**

Eliminating disincentives to competitive free enterprise.

**Health-care reform based on consumer choice.**

Low medication costs through free-market competition.

**Reversing trade policies that hurt American jobs.**

Strengthening national security.

**Preserving national sovereignty in world affairs.**

## Alan Keyes Opposes:

Abortion and euthanasia.

**The homosexual rights agenda, including same-sex marriage.**

Racial quotas.

**Government-sponsored health care.**

Tax-supported welfare.

**The tyranny of judicial activism.**

Expanded involvement in the U.N.

**Detrimental trade agreements like GATT/WTO.**

# Bush Establishes Pro-Life Record

*Editor's Note: Fr. Peter West compiled this list of pro-life and pro-family efforts of President George Bush. It is too long, going all the way to 2004, to print fully here.*

January 22, 2001 President Bush Reinstates Mexico City Policy (bans use of U.S. money for organizations that promote abortion overseas) <http://www.humaneventsonline.com/articles/01-29-01/mexicocity.html>

March 28, 2001 Reuters reports "Bush issues abortion rule order, outflanks Senate" [http://abcnews.go.com/sections/politics/DailyNews/bush\\_abortionrights010122.html](http://abcnews.go.com/sections/politics/DailyNews/bush_abortionrights010122.html)

April 17, 2001 President Bush Restricts RU-86 Funding and Close White House Feminist Office <http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2001/apr/01040303.html>

May 16, 2001 U.S. House Backs President Bush in Denying Funds to Overseas Groups That Promote Abortion Legalization <http://www.consistentlife.org/US%20House%20Upholds%20Pro-life%20Mexico%20City%20Policy.htm>

May 17, 2001 Bush Administration Begins Effort to Put Pro-Life Advocates on International Panels. Source: Washington Post

May 26 Bush Overrules Powell on Nominee, Appoints Pro-lifer to Important State Department Post [http://tennesseerighttolife.org/news\\_center/archives/05262001-03.htm](http://tennesseerighttolife.org/news_center/archives/05262001-03.htm)

June 1, 2001 Bush Won't Issue Gay Proclamation, Opts Out of Gay Pride Day. Source: Associated Press

June 21, 2001 Bush Supports Strongest Pro-Life Ban on Human Cloning. Source: Associated Press

July 6, 2001 Bush Administration Awards Abstinence Grants to CPCs, Pro-Life Groups

August 16, 2001 Attorney General John Ashcroft recently warned that less than 10 % of judges nominated by Bush have even had a hearing before the Democratically led Senate Judiciary Committee

August 28, 2001 Bush Won't Back Down to the United Nations on Abortion. Source: Reuters

January 31, 2002 Bush Administration Proposes Coverage of Unborn Children in Health Insurance <http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2002/jan/02013106.html>

January 31, 2002 Bush Administration Classifies Developing Fetus as Unborn. Child Source: Associated Press. States may classify a developing fetus as an "unborn child" eligible for government health care, the

Bush administration said Thursday, giving low-income women access to prenatal care and bolstering the arguments of abortion opponents.

**August 5, 2002 Bush Signs Born-Alive Infants Protection Act. Source: National Right to Life Committee** [http://www.nrlc.org/Federal/Born\\_Alive\\_Infants/](http://www.nrlc.org/Federal/Born_Alive_Infants/) Ω

**From the Family Taxpayers Network,  
Jack Roeser, President & Founder  
August 26, 2004**

Dear Taxpayers and Friends of REAL Education Reform:

With one piece of legislation, Illinois politicians **are attempting to raise the Illinois personal income tax from 3% to 5%, and the Illinois corporate income tax from 4.8% to 8%.**

**HB 750** would also broaden the sales tax, eliminating certain exemptions while applying the tax to many service industries. This \$4.7 billion per year tax increase proposal is now the subject of hearings and a public disinformation campaign by the bill's leading Democratic proponents.

The Illinois State Senate Education Committee is holding hearings on the tax increase bill. At the first hearing last week in Bloomington, some 250 attendees rallied in favor of the legislation. According to Sen. Miguel del Valle, forty witness slips were presented in favor and zero opposed to the legislation.

The next subject matter hearing of the Senate Education Committee re: HB750, Senate Amendments 1 and 2, will be held Wednesday, September 15th from 10am to 1pm at the South Holland Community Center, 501 East 170th, South Holland, Illinois, 60473.

In addition, Ralph Martire, a former Mike Madigan staffer who heads the Democrat/union front group "Center for Tax and Budget Accountability" is continuing his disinformation tour throughout the state.

Now is the time for incumbent legislators to stand up and speak the truth about government sponsored education in Illinois: **we do not have a revenue problem; we have a spending problem.**

Please join FTN in opposing HB 750. We will soon have extensive information regarding HB 750 on our website [www.thechampion.org](http://www.thechampion.org), where you can always view the salaries of taxpayer funded teachers and administrators throughout Illinois.

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P: 847/428-0363 – F: 847/428-9206 – [www.thechampion.org](http://www.thechampion.org) – [mail@thechampion.org](mailto:mail@thechampion.org)**

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## **Saturday, September 11**

**Event:** "Grand Olde Picnic" Fundraiser and Rally

**Host:** Glen Ellyn Republican Woman

**Speaker:** Senator Dillard

**Cost:** \$30/person

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Location:** 22W207 Buena Vista Blvd., Glen Ellyn

**Contact:** Sue Bosman at 630-231-1770

## **Thursday-Saturday, September 16-18**

**Event:** Second Annual GOPUSA Conference

**Speakers:** Alan Keyes, G. Gordon Liddy; Paul Rodriguez, Insight Magazine Managing Editor; Dianne Thompson, President, National Federation of Republican Women; L. Brent Bozell, President, Media Research Center; Chuck Muth, President, Citizen Outreach; Mark Montini, President, CampaignSecrets.com; many others

**Speakers:** Please visit: <http://www.gopusa.com/conference/speakers.shtml>

**Cost:** \$199

**Location:** JW Marriott, Washington, DC

**Contact:** [www.gopusa.com/conference/](http://www.gopusa.com/conference/)

## **Saturday, September 18**

**Event:** Committeemen Meeting (A Breakfast Meeting by Invitation.)

**Host:** New 4 Township Committeemen -- Lisle, Downers Grove, Naperville, and Milton Townships

**Speaker:** Alan Keyes has been invited

**Time:** 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM

**Location:** Signature Room, Woodridge

**Contact:** FJFB@aol.com

## **Saturday, September 18**

**Event:** Rally for America

**Host:** Hastert for Congress Committee

**Event Chairpersons:** John & Nancy Castle and Terry & Connie Peshia

**Special Guest:** Vice President Cheney

**Time:** Doors open at 4:45 PM, cocktails at 5:00 PM, and dinner at 6:30 PM

**Location:** Northern Illinois University Convention Center, 1525 West Lincoln Highway, DeKalb, Illinois

**Contact:** Lisa Wagner at 630-879-1988 or 630-234-2279 or lawagner3@aol.com

**RSVP Due Date:** September 13, 2004

## **Thursday, September 23**

**Event:** Benefit Dinner

**Host:** Heartland Institute

**Speakers:** Robert Novak and John Fund

**Cost:** \$55/members, \$70/nonmembers

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** Hilton Chicago Hotel, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago

**Contact:** 312-377-4000, <http://www.heartland.org/>

## **Friday, October 8**

**Event:** Viva Oktoberfest 2004

**Host:** Milton Township Republican Central Committee

**Speaker:** TBA -- Hopefully, Alan Keyes

**Cost:** \$45/person or \$400/table of ten

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Carlisle Banquet Hall in Lombard

**Contact:** Mark Klage at 630-668-5027, [http://www.miltonrepublicans.org/page\\_files/oktoberfest.html](http://www.miltonrepublicans.org/page_files/oktoberfest.html)

## **Thursday-Saturday, February 17-19**

**Event:** CPAC 2005

**Speakers:** TBA

**Cost:** Please visit [www.cpac.org](http://www.cpac.org)

**Location:** Ronald Reagan Building, Washington, DC

**Contact:** Please visit [www.cpac.org](http://www.cpac.org)

**For more information on upcoming events, please visit:**

**Alan Keyes Campaign:** <http://www.keyes2004.com/calendar.php>

**IllinoisLeader.com:** <http://www.illinoisleader.com/calendar/>

**Illinois Republican Party:** <http://www.ilgop.org/calendar/>

**DuPage County Republican Central Committee:** <http://www.dupagegophq.com/calendar.htm>

**Milton Township Republican Central Committee:** [http://www.miltonrepublicans.org/page\\_files/events.html](http://www.miltonrepublicans.org/page_files/events.html)

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# TAPROOT's Next Breakfast Meeting

## David Smith

With the Illinois Family Institute, Dave Smith successfully petitioned the Federal Communications Commission to enforce the law regarding obscenity on the radio.

### September 18, 2004

8:00 am, breakfast, 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.

***Don't miss future programs***

December 5.....Christmas Party

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# Don't Miss Exciting Political Events

by Dave Diersen

Monday, September 6

Event: Naperville Labor Day Parade



Conservative Republican Alan Keyes visited the Wheaton Train Station in his whirlwind campaign for the U.S. Senate. He was invited to the Labor Day Parade in Naperville.

Time: 10:00 AM

Starts At: Mill and Fifth Streets

Participants: Hopefully to include Speaker Hastert and Alan Keyes

Contact: Gary Vician at

[gary.vician@napervillerepublicans.org](mailto:gary.vician@napervillerepublicans.org)

Wednesday, September 8

Event: Monthly Meeting

Host: Milton Township Republican Central Committee

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Wheaton Bowl Banquet Hall, 2031 Gary Avenue, Gary & Geneva, Wheaton

Cost: Free

Contact: Jeff Fawell at 630-665-9300

Saturday, September 11

Event: Patriots' Day Picnic

Speakers: Senators Roskam and Dillard and hopefully, Alan Keyes

Invitees: All Milton Township voters and their families, all Republican elected officials who represent voters in Milton Township, and all Republican candidates seek to represent those voters.

Cost: Free

Time: Picnic: 11:00 AM, Program: 2:00 PM

Location: Memorial Park, Hale & Seminary, (See page 6)

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