

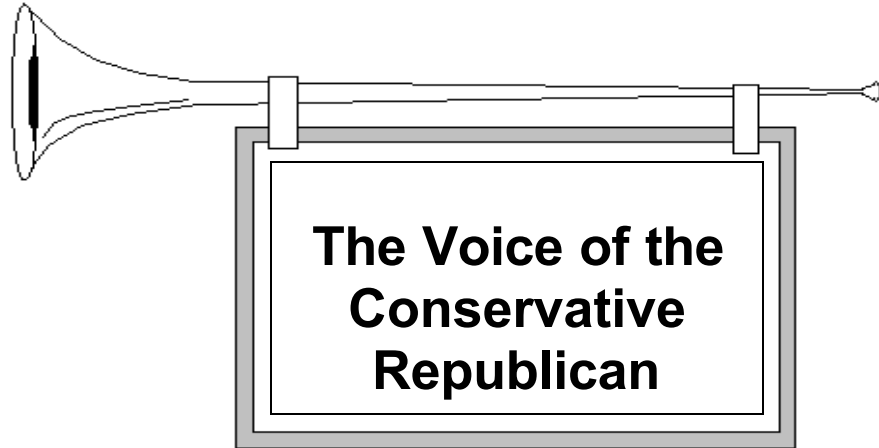
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**For if the
TRUMPET
give an
uncertain
sound, who
shall prepare
himself to the
battle?**

1 Cor. 14:8



Christians Can't Live with Deceit

by George Kocan

Some years ago, Sandy Rios hosted her own call-in talk-show on a Christian radio station. From 2001 to 2004, she served as President of Concerned Women for America (CWA), the nation's largest public policy women's organization with 500,000 members.

In her role at CWA, Sandy became a respected voice on Capitol Hill and at the White House, as well as a strong leader in the pro-family movement. During her time in Washington, she was on the front-lines in the homosexual marriage debate.

More recently, she joined forces with Culture Campaign (www.culturecampaign.com), an exciting new organization dedicated to awakening a sleeping army of concerned citizens never before involved in public policy.

Just this last Saturday (June 17), she gave a provocative talk to TAPROOT Republicans on the topic, "What Would Make Christian Voters Vote Republican?" at the club's monthly breakfast meeting at the Old Country Buffet in Lombard.

While presenting the topic, she turned it around and asked, "What would keep Christians from voting Republican?" and then

answered with a few examples. The Governor of Maryland, Robert Erlich, Jr.--a Republican--fired Robert Smith from his position on the Metro board because he expressed views critical of homosexuality. He made his remarks outside of work on his own time, Sandy added.

Christian churches in South Dakota are being harassed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) because that state has seen strong political activity in favor of banning so-called homosexual marriage. The IRS is threatening and the papers are hammering that threat and liberal churches promising to monitor conservative ones and report any purported wrongdoing. There are three issues on the November ballot, all of which have moral implications: A proposed ban on abortion, an amendment declaring that marriage is between one man and one woman and a gambling initiative. Churches are of course involved in the debate and that is what they are being threatened over. All of this happening from an IRS under a Republican president.

She pointed to Republican leaders in Illinois who appear in "Gay Pride" parades, like Judy Barr Topinka, with a pair simulating copulation on a float behind her.

By accepting the homosexual movement, Republicans must necessarily silence the Christians, she said. "They cannot embrace both."

Sandy complained that free speech is shrinking. The protections of the First Amendment are (See page 2)

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disappearing because of political correctness. Ann Coulter, conservative columnist, author and radio and television commentator, became embroiled in controversy because of critical remarks she made about millionaire widows who took partisan pot shots at President Bush and the war in Iraq. Sandy herself appeared on television defending Coulter's remarks.

Sandy herself sparked controversy when she criticized the Moslem god Allah to a Christian audience. With the help of the Daily Herald, this comment mutated into "hate speech". But, when she wrote a letter stating her point of view, the **suburban newspaper refused to print it**.

American Airlines, invoking their Rule 42, fired an employee for making politically incorrect remarks in private. Dave Parker achieved some notoriety in Massachusetts when he objected to the public school teaching his five year old son about homosexual "marriage". Just recently this same boy, now 7 years old, was beaten up in school by 10 other kids because of the family's Christian beliefs regarding homosexuality.

Other ways to discourage Christians from voting Republican is to change the Party platform, to run candidates who ignore the platform, and run candidates who are corrupt. "Christians can't live with deceit," she said. #

Letter to the Daily Herald

Rios Exposes 'Cunning Trap'

Dear Editor:

(5/11/06) Imagine my surprise when I read this week in the Herald that my presentation at the National Day of Prayer "sparked debate," that according to Congressional Candidate, Tammy Duckworth, my comments were "hateful," and finally, I could "not be reached," or so said Herald writer Eric Krol, who felt free then to embellish my comments with his own word... "bloodthirsty" to describe Islam.

Aside from the unreported "fact" that the annual event is not interfaith and privately funded, I would also like to note that Tammy Duckworth was not there to hear it. As a matter fact, neither was Senator Peter Roskam, upon whose shoulders was squarely placed the attempted "blame" for my "hatred." As both reporters knew, Peter Roskam was no more responsible for my remarks than I am for his votes in Springfield. How ridiculous...no...how cunning to lay this trap, using my words as the snare.

What terrible things did I say, you might ask? I talked about the uniqueness of the Judeo-Christian God and how the more I have seen his handprint on the many nations and people groups I have visited, the more convinced I am He is the one true God. I reminded them of the first commandment "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," and told them that Jehovah is NOT Allah. While Allah demands vengeance and blood on those who will not follow him, the God of our fathers offers mercy, grace and forgiveness to ALL through the blood of His only son. Truth or not ...which God would you choose?

I've made my choice and understand fully what that means. To Chinese Christians it means imprisonment, beatings and fines; in North Korea almost certain death; in the Middle East, your head in the process.

I can understand why Sheik Abdool R. Kahn, (whom the reporter tracked down in Villa Park for a reaction) would view my remarks as blasphemy. But I would not advocate killing him for saying it. I challenge him to deny the Koran doesn't offer that same freedom to "infidels" like me. When his holy book says "kill or convert" the non-Muslim, THAT sounds like "hate speech" to me.

Totalitarian states always move to "group think." They start (See page 4)

Please, Renew Your Membership

Dear Friend:

If you missed our exciting 2005 Christmas party, you also missed renewing your membership in TAP-ROOT. We pretty much drained our treasury with the costs of our newsletter and mailings, so we need your help.

We will continue our program of speakers who, as a certain radio host says, are “on the cutting edge of societal evolution”. Just last month, May, we brought you Rosanna Pulido, who gave a dynamic presentation and report on the federal government’s failure to repel 12 million illegal aliens. The failure includes the leadership of the Republican Party that appears to have no interest in organizations like La Raza and MEChA who promote “reconquista” and an ideology expressed in the slogan, “For the Race everything. For those outside the Race nothing”.

Before Rosanna Pulido’s appearance at our monthly breakfast meeting, in April, Congressman Ed Derwinski gave us a sober analysis of the March primary elections along with some hilarious commentary. In essence, he advised that Republicans need a strong ticket to bring in the greatest number of Republican voters to the poles in November. We were thrilled to have the Congressman as our guest and felt sorry for those TAPROOTer’s who missed the meeting.

In March, we had no meeting and encouraged the membership to work the streets and telephone trees for their favorite conservative candidates. In February, the scheduled speaker candidate for Lt. Governor Lawrence Bruckner cancelled because of a snowstorm. We, therefore, turned the meeting into an Open Forum.

In January, we saw Bob Heap debate Gwen Henry in their quest for the job of DuPage County Treasurer. Both brought impressive credentials to the contest and an incisive critique of county finances. Both imparted valuable information concerning county government. Both left the audience confident that whoever won, the county would be in good hands. Gwen Henry won this contest, but surely Bob Heap has many wins in his future.

The Christmas party saw a spirited debate between Republican candidates Joe Birkett, Attorney General for DuPage County, and Jim Oberweiss, milk magnate and financial adviser. Both went aggressively after the conservative vote. The debate turned on the question of Birkett’s conservative credentials, because he allied himself with an open enemy of conservatives, Judy Barr Topinka. I think I do not distort Birkett’s message too much by paraphrasing it as, “Topinka is going to win. We have to make the best of it.”

Mark Aguilera, Director of Communications for the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, spoke about immigration issues in November. He noted that most Mexican immigrants are natural Republicans, pro-life, pro-family and have a serious work ethic. He made the observation that the immigration issue has become the “third rail” of modern politics. Whichever side a politician takes, he should expect a nasty shock.

The month of October brought two exciting candidates to the meeting at the Old Country Buffet. Mike Fortner, Mayor of West Chicago, ran for State Representative. Sandy Wegman, Recorder of Deeds for Kane County, ran for Lt. Governor. Fortner won with his platform of conservative policies. He advocated and implemented changes in West Chicago that privatized city services and saved taxpayers money.

At TAPROOT, we are constantly discussing and planning for the most informative, the most important and most energizing guests. We try to keep our membership up to date on conservative and Republican politics. We do these things through our meetings and newsletters. Please renew your membership in TAP-ROOT (\$25/year) and kick in a little extra. Part of our outreach program is to send out as many complimentary copies of the newsletter as the financing permits. We have included a coupon (page 7) and a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely, George Kocan, Director of Communications; Dave Diersen, Chairman

Derwinski Forsees Strong Showing

by George Kocan

Former U.S. Secretary for Veterans' Affairs Edward Derwinski spoke about political strategy at the monthly TAPROOT breakfast meeting, April 15. The former, eleven term Congressman focused on a number of area elections which will have an impact on the Republican Party.

Before going into details, he reviewed his credentials as a conservative Republican. The voters on the South Side of Chicago first elected him to Congress in 1958. He noted that President Dwight Eisenhower ran into the same troubles then that George W. Bush has now as a lame duck President. His popularity plummeted.

In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy ran for the presidency and "awakened" the Catholic vote, although, in Derwinski's opinion, the candidate was not much of a Catholic. Nevertheless, the Congressman survived that challenge.

Later on, Derwinski became chairman of Barry Goldwater's campaign for the presidency against Democrat Lyndon Johnson. He termed Goldwater a most interesting and inspirational candidate--honest to a fault.

He went on to tell a story about Goldwater's son, Barry Jr. who developed a reputation for being a playboy. They were at the Illinois State Fair on Republican Day, when Barry Jr. spotted an attractive woman in the crowd. The son came over to the father, with Derwinski standing by, and asked, "Dad, who's that red head?" The senior Goldwater replied, "We were worried about you...that's the kind of girl for you to marry...but you'll have to get by this 250 lb. Polack first."

Derwinski predicted that Peter Roskam will hold Henry Hyde's Congressional seat (6th CD) for the Republicans against Democrat Tammy Duckworth, with maybe more than 60% of the vote.

He termed the Alan Keyes campaign for the U.S. Senate a debacle, saying the Jim Oberweis should have been the candidate since he won second place in the election that saw first place candidate Jack Ryan resign. The result was that the election ticket had no weight at the top. Many Republican voters stayed at home allowing lower

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level candidates to lose to Democrats. This is not to say the Democrat gerrymandering did not also hurt the Republican ticket.

Phil Crane (8th CD) lost against Democrat Melissa Bean by 52% to 48%. Republicans, however, can win the seat back because Bean is not yet well entrenched. The prospects look good because Republican David McSweeney is well funded.

"We cannot win any state races without strength in Cook County," he continued. "We have a chance to win the presidency of the County Board with Tony Peraica. Stroger will probably not run. A strong Peraica run will give strength to the state ticket."

Regarding the Governor's race and Republican candidate Judy Barr Topinka, Derwinski said that she will not be easy to elect. She is "too natural," he said. Topinka is too spontaneous and too emotionally involved. On the other hand, compared to Rod Blagojevich, she is Joan of Arc. She "won the sweepstakes when she got Joe" as her running mate for Lt. Governor, he added.

Derwinski warned that the Democrats will not be split during the fall election. Their Party is run by professionals. On the other hand, Republicans do have a good state ticket. "Nobody will embarrass us," he said. We may be able to sneak up on them because they have become complacent. #

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Substances Act.

Homestead Exemption (HB 4789) – Re-enacts the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption and increases the income limit from \$45,000 to \$50,000, increases the senior citizens homestead exemption from \$3,000 to \$3,500, and amends the Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral Act to increase the maximum income limit from \$40,000 to \$50,000. #

Sandy Rios, from page 2

with redefining words like "hate" and intimidate people into agreement. The penalty for non-agreement becomes labels of "extremism" and sometimes "insanity." "Re-education" is then necessary to make sure everyone talks the "party" line." Ask the Russians if it weren't so. Ask the Chinese...ask the oppressed people of North Korea.

If saying that Jehovah God is King of Kings and Lord of lords...the Alpha and the Omega, is now "hate speech," then I will see you in the Gulag.

For Christ and His Kingdom! #

Blunt Words Energize Meeting

by George Kocan

"I am blunt. If the King has no clothes on, I'm the one who says, 'Hey, he's got no clothes on!'" said Rosanna Pulito, the State Director of the Illinois Minuteman Project.

TAPROOT Republicans heard the blunt talk at their monthly breakfast meeting, May 20, in Lombard. They also had the pleasant surprise to see Jim Oberweiss who came to the meeting at the Old Country Buffet.

The Minuteman Project's purpose is to encourage, or more accurately, demand that the federal government enforce the law along the Mexican-American border and prevent a flood of illegal immigrants from entering the country.

Pulito's observations should help Republicans understand what they have to do to convince politicians to take border control seriously. The recent, massive protests, the dynamic and charismatic brunet said, were a gift. They woke people up to the magnitude of the problem. Generally, people are asleep, she said. They tend not to vote. More seriously, those that do vote do not know the voting records of the candidates for whom they vote. They certainly do not know that most politicians have no regard for the U.S. Constitution and their oath of office, especially regarding the immigration issue.

Pulido, of Mexican ancestry, who worked for Jim Oberweiss during his campaign for governor, had occasion to meet with numerous Republicans on a recent yacht-fundraiser. She asked one politician after the other, "What is your stand on illegal immigration?" She reported that they hemmed and hawed rather than give a direct answer. They looked like they wanted to head for the door. But, they could not, because they were on a boat.

She offered that telephone trees and other methods of direct communication are important. She hears people complain, "Where is the leadership?" "Look in the mirror," she answers.

The discussion turned to the Mexican organization known as La Raza. La Raza means 'The Race' in Spanish. Yet, when Minutemen appear in public to protest the near total collapse of border security, left-wing organizations like La Raza call them racists and NAZI's. It was pointed out that La Raza receives at least \$15.2 million from the federal government. That is "our" tax money. Not only that, but big corporations like Coca Cola, Pepsi Cola, All State Insurance and State Farm Insurance give money to this organization that calls itself, La Raza.

An organization closely allied with La Raza is MEChA. It has a slogan that so far La Raza has refused to denounce, according to Georgia Congressman Charlie Norwood. The slogan: "For The Race, everything. For those outside the race, nothing." But, the public has yet to hear the Democrat-mouthpiece press call such as these racists. Organizations like MEChA advocate "reconquista", the re-annexation of the southwest U.S. back to Mexico.

Closer to home, the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, also receives taxpayer support, something like \$3 million.

Just a week ago, Pulido appeared in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago for a debate. The debate never happened. According to Pulido, the meeting was a set up. Although the newspapers reported that a shouting match broke out, she explained that there was no match. The Minuteman Project opponents did all the shouting, while she and her companions sat there quietly. Later on, she surmised that it was all a set up.

Logan Square is familiar to George Kocan, who lived nearby some twenty years ago. He informed the gathering that the area has for many years had activists of the Saul Alinsky stripe from organizations like the NCO (Northwest Community Organization). This was a typical, NCO ambush, Kocan said. He also pointed out that, on the world wide web, the Communist Party USA has a website. On that website, it gives full support to the open border ideology promoted by illegal aliens and their representatives in the Democrat Party. Pulido concurred in Kocan's assessment of the Communist influence. Contact the Illinois Minuteman Project: www.IllinoisMinutemanProject.com; E-mail: Illinoisminutemanproject@yahoo.com; PO Box 911, Skokie, IL 60076; phone: 847-626-7818; membership fee: \$10. #

Source of Pride by Wayne Lela

[T]he CDPH [Chicago Department of Public Health] team noted that syphilis infections among gay and bisexual men in Chicago accounted for 73 percent of the city's syphilis cases in 2005, up from 54 percent in 2004....[S]tudies suggest that about 64 percent of all syphilis cases nationally in 2004 were among gay and bisexual men." That from a piece by staff writer Gary Barlow, "Gay men help fuel rise in Chicago syphilis cases," in the April 26, 2006, *Chicago Free Press*, page 6. #

Sen. Dillard Defends DuPage GOP

by Kirk Dillard,
State Senator

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Like Daily Herald DuPage columnist John Zimmerman ("Putting out an APB for missing DuPage County Republicans", May 7, <http://www.dailyherald.com/opinion/zimmerman.asp>), and many DuPage County homeowners, I took a deep breath while opening my property tax bill.

But after we catch our breath, it is important to understand that 93 percent of our property tax funds schools, the College of DuPage and municipal government. That is where increases are found. These entities are run by non-partisan elected boards and throughout the county, citizens, by referendum, have voted for tax increases for school districts, libraries and COD.

As the sponsor of the law that reduced the DuPage County board from 24 to 18 members — separating out the forest preserve — I have proven I stand for less waste, less government and lower taxes. As former Gov. Jim Edgar's chief of staff, I worked with Republican leaders to downsize state government by thousands of employees and Edgar left office with a \$1 billion surplus.

The portion of my tax bill attributable to elected DuPage County Republicans (county and township) went up .0016 percent, thousandths of a percent of inflation!

From 2000 to 2005 the number of county employees decreased by 7.5 percent and DuPage County government's property taxes per population decreased by 3 percent!

DuPage County has one-third the number of county employees per capita as Democrat-controlled Cook County. The city of Chicago has the highest sales tax in the U.S., Cook County's gasoline taxes are 50 percent higher than DuPage County's, and Chicago adds an extra sales tax to its gasoline. Unlike Democrats in Cook, DuPage does not have a soft drink, amusement, natural gas, electric, telecommunications, parking or special restaurant taxes.

In contrast, DuPage County Republicans have cut the county government property tax levy 10 years in a row, saving taxpayers over \$440 million; passed property tax caps over Democrat objections in Springfield, saving property tax payers billions statewide; maintained a AAA bond rating for DuPage County, a designation less than 1 percent of counties in the U.S. have achieved; increased operational efficiencies to run the lowest cost of govern-

ment in the nation among comparable sized counties; preserved more open space than any urbanized county in America.

How did DuPage County government accomplish all this? The old-fashioned way, the Republican way. Republicans tightened their belts, eliminated duplicate services and streamlined operations.

DuPage County Republicans have a track record of fiscal responsibility to the taxpayer and a conservative approach to governing. I am proud of what Republican DuPage County legislators and elected officials have accomplished for the citizens of our county — national surveys constantly rank DuPage among the nation's best in all categories! #

Saddam Ordered Suicide Attacks on US

Reprinted from NewsMax.com

A newly translated document from Saddam Hussein's intelligence files indicates that the Iraqi dictator ordered suicide attacks against U.S. targets six months before the 9/11 attacks.

Dated March 11, 2001, the Iraqi memo reads:

To all the Units

Subject: Volunteer for Suicide Mission

The top secret letter 2205 of the Military Branch of Al Qadisyia on 4/3/2001 announced by the top secret letter 246 from the Command of the military sector of Zi Kar on 8/3/2001 announced to us by the top secret letter 154 from the Command of Ali Military Division on 10/3/2001 we ask to provide that Division with the names of those who desire to volunteer for Suicide Mission to liberate Palestine and to strike American Interests and according what is shown below to please review and inform us.

The document is signed by Air Brigadier General Abdel Magid Hammot Ali. While the big media has so far ignored the find, Captain's Quarters blogger Ed Morrissey notes:

"If this translation stands up to further scrutiny, it will provide a substantial answer to the question of Saddam's role in terrorism, both in general and specifically aimed at America.

"This memo will prove that Saddam had no intention of remaining neutralized in the region. He not only funded and encouraged terrorism, but he actively recruited terrorists from the ranks of his own military to carry out suicide attacks on American interests." #

TAPROOT's Next Breakfast Meeting Jim Oberweis

reports from Sesabe, AZ, a border town and China

Saturday, July 15, 2006

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, and about 1 1/2 miles east of Rt. 355.

TAPROOT Picnic (no breakfast meeting in August).....August 20



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Blagojevich Pushes Radical Schemes

SENATE REPUBLICAN WEEK IN REVIEW : May 22-26

From Sen. Peter Roskam's Office

Springfield, IL – Reactions to Governor Rod Blagojevich's latest campaign scheme, a \$10 billion education funding plan, have ranged from stiff opposition to skeptical at best, according to Illinois State Senator Peter Roskam (R-Wheaton), who is unconvinced that the plan to sell off the Illinois Lottery is the most effective and responsible way to revamp the education system.

The Governor's proposal, announced at a Chicago press conference Tuesday, includes selling the state's annual revenue stream from the Illinois State Lottery to a private investor in return for a large up-front windfall of cash, which he estimates would total \$10 billion.

However, several newspaper editorial boards have already pointed out that the Governor's plan would leave a \$2 billion-per-year hole in the budget after only four years, calling the plan a "quick infusion of money" that "spends tomorrow's revenues on today's needs."

Senate Republicans maintain that while education funding is an issue that needs to be tackled, any proposal needs to reflect careful thought and consideration as to the feasibility of implementing such a plan and the long-term consequences that may accompany it.

Furthermore, lawmakers question why the Governor, if he is truly committed to reforming education, did not present the plan during the spring legislative session and work on a bipartisan, responsible, and effective solution.

The Senator noted that lawmakers also have cause for concern based on the Administration's dismal track record for introducing radical ideas to raise money that ultimately fail or

completely backfire. In the past three years, he has advocated doubling the number of gaming positions to generate money for schools, legalizing Keno to pay for school construction, selling the Toll Highway Authority Headquarters, the state's main office building in Chicago, and Illinois' 10th riverboat license, and eliminating the State Board of Education. None of those proposals have met with success.

Also worth noting, the Blagojevich Administration has an affinity for under-funding its current commitments, and stealing money that has already been designated for specific purposes. Just this week, Governor Blagojevich signed Senate Bill 1520 which authorizes him to raid another \$1.1 billion from the pensions of downstate and suburban teachers, after having pilfered \$1.2 billion from the same retirement systems in 2005.

Other legislation signed into law this week includes:

AIDS/HIV (SB1001) – Creates a new special fund to be used for grants for programs to prevent HIV transmission and other activities that are consistent with the African-American HIV/AIDS Response Act.

CPA review (HB 4726) – Requires firms and individuals licensed under the Illinois Public Accounting Act to undergo a peer review in order to renew their license.

Credit reporting (SB 2310) – Allows any consumer to place a security freeze upon their credit report. Allows a consumer reporting agency to charge a fee of up to \$10 to place, remove, or temporarily lift the freeze with exemptions for persons older than 65 from the fee for placement and removal, and persons who are victims of ID theft.

DXM (HB 4300) – Provides that a drug product containing dextromethorphan may not be sold, delivered, distributed, or possessed except in accordance with the prescription requirements of the Illinois Controlled **(See page 4)**

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