

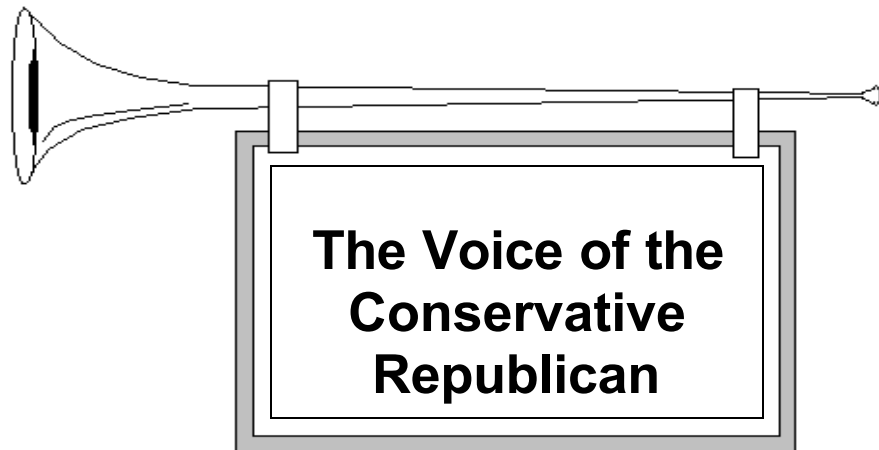
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**For if the
TRUMPET
give an
uncertain
sound, who
shall prepare
himself to the
battle?**

1 Cor. 14:8



Lake Co. Conservatives Stress Action

by **George Kocan**

Col. Raymond True, Chairman of the Republican Assembly of Lake County (RALC), visited with TAPROOT in Lombard, September 16, and described a dynamic conservative organization keeping the regular Republicans in line.

With its news magazine "The Platform" and its recruiting campaign, the organization has changed the political landscape in the county which is located northwest of Chicago and includes cities like Mundelein. Now, the regular Republican organization has its own publication to rival RALC's. True's organization also has access to an automated telemarketing system capable of reaching thousands of voters in a short span of time. This has succeeded in steering left-leaning candidates back to the straight-and-narrow.

The National Federation of Republican Assemblies (<http://www.gopwing.com/>) is a national conservative group started in California by Ronald Reagan, said True, at the monthly breakfast meeting, at the Old Country Buffet, last Saturday, Sept. 16. Radio talk show host and newspaper columnist Tom Roeser started the Illinois Republican Assembly a few years ago. The RALC backed Peter Fitzgerald when he ran for the U.S. Senate and became

"invigorated" in 2001 when the attack on the U.S. on 9/11 occurred.

True said that the group has a simple formula—"quality not quantity". It has tight requirements for membership, which includes a 4-page application form. "We want committed people," he said. One of its goals is to recruit Republican Committeemen and Township Chairmen.

RALC holds monthly meeting and has presented speakers such as Chris Lauzen, Andy McKenna, Rosanna Pulido, Teri O'Brien and Alan Keyes. It hosts an annual picnic, a Christmas Party and a "Reagan Day Dinner". It stresses adherence to the Republican national and Illinois platform. "We're an action organization, not a debating society," the Colonel said. #

Democrat Spices Up Conservative Picnic

Conservative activist Peter LaBarbera announced that he was quitting the Illinois Family Institute and re-activating his own organization, Americans for Truth (AFT). He made the announcement at TAPROOT's annual picnic, August 20, in Westmont, IL.

When he came to the Chicago area from D.C. (District of Columbia) to take over as executive director, LaBarbera found that the homosexual activists had free reign. There existed no organization dedicated strictly to challenging their agenda and influence. Having lived in an area dominated by the liberal Washington Post newspaper, (See page 2)

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he was shocked to discover how liberal the Chicago press is. He wants, therefore, to show the liberal press that there is indeed another side to the homosexual issue.

The homosexuals intimidate people through character assassination and harassment. When Democrat candidate for governor Glenn Poshard ran against Republican George Ryan, he opposed their agenda. So, they harassed him everywhere he went until they wore him down. They have to be challenged, LaBarbera said.

David E. Smith, Senior Policy Analyst at IFI, will take over the leadership of that organization. Smith succeeded in getting the Federal Communications Commission to levy a hefty fine against radio "shock jock" Mancow Muller for on-air obscenity. He also attended the picnic and gave the crowd an update on the Protect Marriage Amendment (PMA), an advisory referendum to amend the Illinois Constitution to limit marriage to one man and one woman.

Both Smith and LaBarbera spearheaded the drive for signatures and gathered much more than enough throughout the state of Illinois. Various homosexual groups combined, however, to challenge the petitions. They allegedly found enough defective signatures to remove the referendum from the ballot. IFI's lawyer had filed an appeal. Many of the challenged signatures were perfectly good, Smith said.

Mike Fortner, mayor of West Chicago and Republican candidate for state representative, dropped by the picnic and said a few words about his campaign. It was going well, he said. Hardly anyone knows who his Democrat opponent is. Fortner assured TAPROOTers that he is pro-life, pro-gun and pro-PMA.

Perhaps the most unusual guest to show up at a TAPROOT celebration was Joseph Shannon, an attorney. He lives in DuPage County and professes to be a conservative on the hot-button issues like pro-life, guns, the homosexual agenda and the military. Unfortunately, Shannon (contact at 630-408-8472) is a Democrat and was running against Republican Judy Biggert in the 13th Congressional District. His appearance most certainly added spice to the event, prompting vigorous debate with some TAPROOT members. #

Time for Fair Tax Has Arrived

by Byrd Parmelee

The following notes were written while reading: *The FairTax Book* by Neal Boortz and Congressman John Linder (R-GA):

What problem? OFFSHORE FINANCIAL CENTERS (OFC): Between 1989 and 1995, more than half of all Corporations doing business in the United States, both foreign and domestic controlled, paid no U.S. Income tax (pg. 99).

Our government estimates that it loses at least \$100 billion each year in unpaid Tax collections due to Eurodollar transactions. There are 55 offshore banking locations: Switzerland, Cayman Islands, Nauru (in S. Pacific), etc. Enron was not alone. 50 years ago, Corporate America contributed... 1/3 of all the income taxes collected by the federal government. Today, that number is about 10%. Americans. People and production plants are leaving (the USA); because our tax code is chasing them offshore. There is a better idea, you know. It is called the FairTax. Eliminate the USA income tax, both private and corporate; replace with a simple and fair consumption Tax: The FairTax. GROWTH WILL (See page 3)

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Democrats Hate the Military

Daily Herald
November 19, 2006
Dear Editor:

I see that you have printed yet another article, on the front page no less, complaining about the VFW's endorsement of Senator Peter Roskam for the U.S. Congress over Army Major Tammy Duckworth. Unfortunately, the article was a bit one-sided, as so many of your articles are. Surely, this must bother you, since Fairness, Diversity and Balance are categories in your highly-touted Report Card. Nevertheless, the following argues the real reason why the VFW endorsed a Republican and not a Democrat, something that journalists should keep in mind.

Democrats have not treated the military well through most of recent history, going back as far as the Vietnam War. In 1991 Democrats cut the number of army divisions from 18 to 10, active fighter air wings in the Air Force from 24 to 13, and 546 ships to 300.

They reduced the defense budget from 6.2% (as a percentage of the gross domestic product) in 1985 to 3 %

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FOLLOW! Equivalent of a \$4 Trillion Tax cut over ten years. Without cutting government revenues one penny. The \$4 Trillion...go to the American Consumers to spend or to save. Stock and Bond values will go up.

Do not ask what does the FairTax can do for me; but rather what will the FairTax do for America? (pg. 182). FairTax can become law with citizen involvement. The FairTax Book by Neal Boortz and Congressman John Linder (R-GA) was written to help that effort. We can support Tom Wright the executive director of Americans for Fair Taxation (AFFT).

Support for replacing the Income Tax with FairTax mentioned in The FairTax Book has been received from: Congressman Collin Peterson of Minnesota; ACPA and Democrats whose original support of the FairTax was critical to its legislative launch; former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay who put the FairTax on the legislative map; President George W. Bush and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, a Republican from Illinois, both understand FairTax and provided a political landscape that allows for the passage of big ideas like this one.

THE FAIRTAX CAN BE EXPLAINED AS FOLLOWS (pg.74):

When passed and signed into law, the FairTax will repeal:

- * The individual income tax
- * The alternative minimum tax (AMT) (See page 4)

in 2000, the lowest since the Great Depression. Yet, during the Clinton years they dispatched the military to far-away places 44 times, compared to only eight times during the previous 45 years. They refused to allow pay raises for the military while, also, burdening them with ever increasing duties. Consequently, 30,000 military families had to resort to using food stamps.

During the election of 2000, Democrats did everything possible to invalidate thousands of absentee ballots in Florida from military personnel serving the country overseas, because it is well known that military people tend to vote for Republicans and their values. In 1993, Democrat Senator John Kerry voted against a law that would have helped new enlistees register to vote. This Democrat nominee for the Presidency has engaged in an unremitting campaign of defamation against the military, not to mention his latest joke, a real knee-slapper, which depended on the hilarious notion that only losers like George W. Bush enlist. (I tear up just thinking about it!)

In Congress, Republican veterans outnumber Democrat veterans 87 - 62. A study found that the ratio of military people describing themselves as conservative verses liberal to be 23 to 1. Republicans outnumber Democrats among officers 8 to 1. Sixty-six (66%) percent of officers believe that the nation's leadership is ignorant about military matters. A Democrat survey found that only about 1% or 2% of Democrat voters in Iowa and New Hampshire cared about the war on terror and homeland security.

Neither Democrat U.S. Senator Dick Durbin nor Barack Obama served in the military. Not even Congressman Rahm Emmanuel, Army Major Tammy Duckworth's sponsor, served.

Democrat draft dodger Bill Clinton said famously, "I loathe the military." Yet, Democrats enthusiastically elected him President. If they could, they'd elect him again. To be fair, however, he apparently does not loathe all military, since he sold advanced missile technology to the Red Chinese and gave nuclear technology to the Communist North Koreans.

The leading Democrat contender for the Presidency, Hillary Clinton did not serve; neither did the formal head of the Democrat National Committee Howard Dean. He got himself a health deferment for a bad back and then went skiing.

(Source: Patterson, Lt. Col. Robert "Buzz" (2004) "Reckless Disregard," Regnery Publishing)

Sincerely and Compassionately,
George Kocan

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- * Corporate and business income taxes
- * Capital gains taxes
- * Social Security taxes
- * Medicare taxes (+ all other federal payroll taxes)
- * The self-employment taxes
- * Estate taxes
- * Gift taxes

WHEN WE PASS AND IMPLEMENT THE FAIR TAX PLAN (pg. 111):

- * We start collecting 100% of our earnings in every paycheck.
- * We all get virtual raises; payroll taxes no longer siphoned from our checks.
- * We all start receiving monthly rebates (consumption to pay basic necessities).
- * We all start saving and investing without any tax consequences. #

Keyes Beats Topinka

From Tom Roeser (Nov. 14, 2006):

Memo to those...especially those media savants who called her "irrepressible," maintaining that the future of the GOP is to run social liberals: **Judy Baar Topinka totaled 1,332,735 votes across the state. Alan Keyes got 1,390,690.** Gee, wonder why we never saw that in the "Tribune"? #



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had allowed political signs to be placed on his store.

Adam Palicki, a former Wheaton resident, was convicted of burning down St. Michael's church in Wheaton a few years ago. Palicki was a Democrat.

On Nov. 4, vandals threw a rock, breaking the large plate-glass window of the Republican headquarters in Naperville. According to the Daily Herald, Jim Healy, a Republican leader, said, "It hit a desk and then a wall. It put a big gash in the wall." He has never seen such vandalism before," Healy added. Although the police would not confirm that Democrats were responsible, the vandalism most certainly repeats the pattern of Democrat election violence they perpetrate in Chicago.

A few short years ago, a murder occurred in Warrenville. This was the first murder in Warrenville for at least 20 years. The press reported that the victim had lived in Chicago. Since she knew her attacker, it being a crime a passion, I concluded that the murderer also had lived in Chicago.

The story dovetailed with a more recent article in the Chicago Tribune, which reported that the general crime rate both in the suburbs and the city had dropped over the years. It also reported, however, that the murder rate had dropped in the city and risen in the suburbs. Criminals, it appears, have been shifting their activities from the city into suburbs like Warrenville. For the first time in many years, a Warrenville family experienced a home invasion and rape.

The Democrats are now pushing strip clubs into DuPage County. One has filed suit against the county to force it to issue a license to operate in West Chicago, as reported in an article in the Daily Herald, August 4, 2004.

Back on May 21, the same newspaper reported that an organization of strip club owners, Association of Club Executives, has embarked on a voter registration drive and a campaign for the election of Democrat John Kerry for President. "We must do everything within our power to help ensure that Bush and his ultra conservative administration are removed from the White House," Michael Ocello, president of the association, wrote to 4000 club owners.

When Al Gore lost the election for President in 2000, those counties, which had strip clubs and pornography stores, also tended to vote Democrat. Communities allowing strip clubs also tend to experience a rise in the crime rate.

As more Democrats move into the suburbs, the situation can only worsen. #



Don't miss TAPROOT's Excellent Christmas Party

Date: Dec. 3, 2006, Sunday; **Time:** 2 – 5 pm;

Place: Orchard Brook Club House, 1089 W. 35th St., near the intersection of Highland Ave. and 35th St. in Downers Grove, IL. If you take I-88, you can turn off on Highland and go south. As you turn west onto 35th St. from Highland, the first building that you see on the south side of the street is the club house. You will also see a swimming pool and a large parking lot.

Bring your own snacks, adult beverages and something to share. We will supply coffee and drinks. *Bring a guest!* All conservatives are invited.

*Please, bring your checkbooks to renew memberships for a year. Membership fee is \$25/year.
No breakfast meeting in December. January breakfast meeting to be announced.*

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Democrats Remake Suburbs

by George Kocan

During the last election, the local Democrat Party mailed out a flyer which makes the following claim: **“Republicans are doing to DuPage County what they are doing to America.”** If Republicans have done such a bad job in DuPage Co., why are Democrats moving here? Not only are Democrats moving here, they are moving to the most Republican County in the U.S. from the most Democrat county and city in the U.S.

Democrats have had total control over Chicago for at least as long as Republicans have controlled DuPage. Democrats have everything--everything--their way. Yet, Democrats prefer to live in DuPage rather than Chicago.

Unfortunately, Democrats are not happy to leave well enough alone. No, they want to change DuPage into another Democrat enclave just like the one they left behind in Chicago by running for local offices.

They want it to reflect their style and culture, for example, their trademark approach to electioneering. In 2004, Brenda Lane, a resident of Wheaton, wrote a letter to the Daily Herald complaining about the theft of her Bush and Keyes yard signs. “It is a disgrace that people in this neighborhood could be so nasty,” she wrote and concluded, “I realize it is a reflection of how the Democrats are conducting the presidential campaign through deceit and lies.”

I have endured the same thing in past elections and even complained to the Daily Herald about it. But I have yet to experience the outright vandalism that beset Dave Diersen in

2004, also a resident of Wheaton. Democrat vandals not only defaced one of his Bush signs but also burned another one. Just a few weeks ago, a Democrat set fire to a Roskam sign in Wheaton.

Ryan McLaughlin, Peter Roskam’s Campaign Manager, reported that on Nov. 5, “...hundreds of Roskam signs were torn down or vandalized. Many also had other signs produced by the DuPage County Democratic Central Committee stapled to them. I guess when you can’t win on ideas, you try to win with dirty tricks.”

Last year, when my daughter married and moved to her own apartment in Wheaton, she parked her car in the designated lot. In her own words, this is what happened: “I placed a bumper sticker on my car stating: ‘Guns don’t kill people. Abortion clinics kill people.’ My political views apparently are not welcome by one of the residents here. I say this because, one night last week the bumper sticker was ripped off from the bottom of the back window. Near the window, on the back fender, someone had made a large dent. This is after the ribbon magnet stating, ‘Support our Troops’ had been ripped off the month before.” One does not have to stretch the imagination very far to conclude that the perpetrator was a Democrat.

A few weeks ago in Wheaton, a large man, along with three cohorts, entered 68-year old Robert Sandberg’s store, robbed and beat him nearly to death. CBS News called this criminal attack “the first of its kind in the suburb.” Coincidentally, Sandberg is a Republican who **(See page 4)**

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