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Lake County Sheriff's Police Lodge Endorses Jason Patt for Lake County Sheriff



Adding to the growing list of endorsements for Jason Patt, the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 66, also known as the Lake County Sheriff's Police Lodge, officially announced its endorsement of Patt for Lake County Sheriff in the upcoming election (November 4, 2014) at a Patt fundraiser in Lake Forest on July 11.

"Jason Patt is our clear choice for Sheriff. Our constituents want change now and need a new leader who will restore efficiency to the Sheriff's Office. They want to proudly do their jobs, to the absolute best of their abilities, under a Sheriff who wholeheartedly

supports their mission to protect our County," explained Darryl Lewallen, President of FOP Lodge 66.

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, Waukegan Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 5, AFSCME Council 31, Lake County Firearms and Security, and Safe Kids Illinois, among others, have already endorsed Jason Patt for Lake County Sheriff.

"The backing of FOP Lodge 66, representing fellow officers in the Lake

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Vote for the Party

by Barbara Altman, Editor

It has become something of a cliché for North Shore voters to proclaim, "I vote for the individual, not the party." The implication is that a thoughtful and intelligent voter will carefully examine the qualifications, positions, and—when available—records of competing candidates before deciding which one to support.

Well, this thoughtful and intelligent North Shore voter is here to tell you that she rejects that approach to politics as antiquated and naive. No. I am proud to say that I vote for the party, not the person. I vote for Democrats.

Disclaimer: Although I have always been a Democrat, I have, in the distant past, voted for an occasional Republican. The most prominent example that comes to mind is Jacob Javits. When he



was a Senator from my home state, New York, he had my vote.

But, here's the thing. If Jacob Javits were alive today, no way would he be a Republican.

Today's Republican Party stands for policies so radically right wing, and so antithetical to my core beliefs, that I am confident that no one willing to call himself (or herself) a Republican could possibly share those core beliefs.

Oh, today's occasional Republican may talk moderation. But, without fail, when a 21st century Republican takes office, moderation takes off. Did Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker run on a platform of union busting, making it more difficult for students and working people to vote, and interfering with a woman's right to control her reproductive health? No. But in partnership with a Republican legislature, Walker has made these his priorities.

And take North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory. Elected in 2012 after promising in a debate not to impose any new restrictions on a woman's right to choose, within six months of his swearing in McCrory signed a law (inserted into a motorcycle safety bill) authorizing, among other things, rules requiring any clinic providing

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See inside for an introduction to the 2014 Tenth Dems Interns, including six articles written from their unique perspectives.



Who is Robert Dold?

The Illinois 10th Congressional District is where one of the closest and most closely watched races in the country is unfolding between Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL) and ex-Congressman Republican Robert Dold. So who is Robert Dold?

Where does ex-Congressman Robert Dold live? You won't find the answer anywhere on his website, but he lives in Kenilworth, five miles outside the 10th District.

Is Dold a Republican? You won't find the answer anywhere on his website, but yes, he is a Republican.

Is Dold a Tea Party Republican? You won't find the answer anywhere on his website (naturally), but that's a harder question to answer, partly because the Tea Party agenda has morphed into the mainstream Republican agenda so seamlessly that it's hard to tell the difference, and partly because Dold talks like a Tea Party Republican when it suits him, and distances himself from the Tea Party when he suspects his audience is not fond of the Tea Party.

But Dold's Tea Party connections are a matter of record. Dold's "problems with Internet tomfoolery and appearing to hide his perhaps 'true' conservative side from 10th District voters" was discussed in detail when Dold initially ran for Congress by Rich Miller in a post entitled "[Who really is this guy and where does he live?](#)"

The New York Times identified Dold as a Tea Party candidate in 2010, and *The Washington Post* listed Dold as one of 111 Tea Party-endorsed candidates in 2012. If Dold does not have Tea Party ties, he sure fooled a lot of people into thinking that he does.

And Dold has reliably voted the Republican Party line. When he served in Congress, Dold voted Republican 82 percent of the time – more than four out of every five times. Does the fact that some members of Congress vote with their party even more than Dold make Dold independent? If you think it does, review some randomly chosen Dold votes. Consider the votes discussed below; they all matter, and Dold was with the Republicans instead of us every time. No wonder that at the end of his term in Congress, *The Hill* listed Dold as one of "[Boehner's 100 loyal soldiers.](#)"

Bipartisan organizations that share our values have already endorsed Brad for re-election. These organizations put their reputations on the line when they make endorsements. Dold and Brad each served one term in Congress. It's easy to compare records. Brad wins every time. Thus far, Brad's endorsements for the 2014 election include the [Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence](#), [Planned Parenthood](#), [the League of Conservation Voters](#), the [Sierra Club](#), [the Human Rights Campaign](#), [JACPAC](#), and [NARAL Pro-Choice America](#). Click on the links to read why these groups endorsed Brad over Dold.

All of these organizations, with the possible exception of NARAL, previously endorsed Mark Kirk in this district, so Brad is not getting these endorsements because he's a Democrat. He's getting these endorsements because his record is better than Dold's on gun control, women's issues, the environment, LGBT issues and marriage equality, choice, separation of religion and state, and Israel.



Dold is not pro-choice. Says who? Says [NARAL](#) and [JACPAC](#). Dold voted for the "[Let Women Die Act.](#)" No pro-choice member of Congress would do that. Dold also twice voted for the Ryan Budget, which would defund Planned Parenthood. Dold raised no objections to the recent Supreme Court decisions restricting women's rights, including the Court's [invalidation of buffer zones](#) around abortion clinics to protect patients from harassment and the Court's ruling in [Hobby Lobby](#) that the government can't require certain employers to provide insurance coverage for contraceptives. Is it because Dold agrees with the rulings, or is it because he'd just rather not say? Silence is not leadership.

This is leadership: On July 9, Brad introduced the [Protect Women's Health From Corporate Interference Act](#), which would prohibit for-profit employers from using religious beliefs to deny employees coverage for contraception or any other vital health service required by federal law. So far, no comment from Dold.

Dold doesn't even live in the district. In 2010, Dold whined about Dan Seals living two blocks outside the district, even though Dan's kids went to school in the district, Dan's house was within the boundaries of the district under the previous map, and almost anyone could throw a football from Dan's backyard into the 10th District.

In 2013, Dold bought a house in Kenilworth, five miles outside the 10th District. Were there no houses for sale in the 10th District? If living in the district was so important in 2010, why would Dold buy a house outside the district in 2013? Dold lives in Jan Schakowsky's 9th District, so he can't even vote for himself. Brad doesn't need to hire a big tour bus to visit the 10th District, because Brad lives in the 10th District.

Dold is pro-Israel, but for Brad Israel is a lifelong and personal commitment. Brad won a seat on the key House Foreign Affairs Committee, from which he advocates for a strong US-Israel relationship and has exhibited genuine leadership. Having visited Israel over a dozen times before running for Congress, Brad is a leader on Israel because his colleagues know that Brad's background makes him especially qualified on Middle East issues. House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD) said that "Congressman Schneider has an extraordinary understanding of the challenges facing Israel."

Who do you think other members of Congress are more likely to listen to – a person who speaks the language, has focused on Israel his entire life, and chose to serve on a committee that directly affects the U.S.-Israel relationship, or some guy from Kenilworth who never visited Israel until he ran for Congress and chose not to

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Meet the Tenth Dems Intern Class of 2014



Congressman Brad Schneider poses with some Tenth Dems Interns and leadership during intermission at the July 20 Ravinia FUN-Raiser.

by Tommy Donovan, Tenth Dems Intern

The Tenth Dems internship program provides high school, college, and graduate students the opportunity to become deeply engaged in the political process at the grassroots level. General assignments include staffing events and issue forums, participating in door-to-door canvassing with candidates, working in campaign offices, and conducting research. Interns may also choose to complete specialized assignments in new media, IT management, and political outreach, or work in a legislator's office. Internships are unpaid educational positions, and course credit may be available. Some of our interns find the experience so rewarding that they return to Tenth Dems in subsequent summers. In addition, many former Tenth Dems interns have gone on to law school or careers in Springfield or Washington, D.C. or with national non-profit organizations. Many also continue to volunteer for Tenth Dems.

Here's an introduction to this year's interns:

Erin Abrams is a rising junior at Lake Forest Academy. Aside from her summer internship at Tenth Dems, Erin is an intern at Beacon Academy, a new Montessori high school in Evanston. She aspires to one day be a pediatrician or practice medical law.

Matthew Bondy is a 2014 graduate of Glenbrook North High School, and will begin his freshman year at the College of William & Mary this fall. Matthew has been an active member of Tenth Dems for several years, and is now the Intern Coordinator. Outside of Tenth Dems, he is heavily involved with the Warm Hearts Foundation, a non-profit organization that operates in Kenya and Malawi. Matthew is interested in international relations and public policy; he hopes to pursue a career in foreign policy for the State Department or USAID.

Sam Braganca is a rising senior at New Trier High School, where he is the online editor of the school newspaper and a

member of the Model UN club. In his free time, he volunteers as a teacher for refugee children. Sam is interested in politics, international relations, and business; he hopes to become a lawyer or journalist.

Kenneth Broady is a senior at DePaul University where he is an English major. He also interned for Tenth Dems when in high school. Kenneth is an avid reader and writer; a few of his favorite authors are Franz Kafka, Jhumpa Lahiri, Philip Roth, and Grant Morrison. Aside from interning at Tenth Dems, Kenneth is working as a blogger for the app developer, Appoet. He is also part of a team that is creating an anthology of stories written by students of 826 Chicago, a free after-school tutoring program for Chicago Public School students. The group plans on donating all proceeds to literary education for disenfranchised students. Kenneth hopes to pursue a career in marketing.

Tommy Donovan recently graduated from Glenbrook North High School and is entering his freshman year at the University of Michigan. He was the captain of his high school debate team, and will continue to competitively debate at the college level. Tommy is interested in public policy and economics. He supports environmental protection, energy conservation, and economic equality.

Julian Douglass is a rising senior at the University of Missouri where he is studying journalism, political science, and history. Julian has been a play-by-play and color commentator at KCOU, his university's radio station. He also has served as a cameraman at channel 22 in Columbia, MO. Here in Illinois, Julian has participated in the political process as a local election judge.

Tabitha Hill is a rising senior at Vanderbilt University where she is a child studies major and human and organizational development minor with a pre-law track. She plans on attending law school after graduating, and hopes to pursue a legal career

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Thoughts About America on the Fourth of July

by Kenneth Broady, Tenth Dems Intern

As I marched with Tenth Dems on the Fourth of July, it got me thinking that other countries don't celebrate their Independence Day quite like us. Sure, there are days of independence celebrated all over the world, but there is nothing like America's special mixture of parades and fireworks and barbecues. Ours is a celebration where people declare that they are proud to be Americans.

For me, this year's Fourth of July capsulized some of what makes our government unique. On that day, I marched alongside Lieutenant Governor candidate Paul Vallas, who during his time as Chief Executive

Officer of the Chicago Public Schools fought to shorten summer vacation, a change that experts argued would decrease that persistent achievement gap between well-off and less fiscally fortunate children. Vallas is a forward thinker with an eye out for everyone, not just a privileged few. He and Quinn will make a powerful duo – as long as we make it to the polls this November.

This year's parade also gave me a glimpse into our future American government. As I marched, I passed out cards emblazoned with an anti-gun symbol to people clamoring for the chance to post them at home and at their workplaces. Many of those hands reaching out belonged to the children who will form the electorate of the future – an electorate that will know that guns aren't toys or accessories.

The celebration of American independence is more than apple pie and barbecue. That depth of patriotism that we have in America could be seen as arrogant by other cultures, but that's missing the central thesis. When I say that I'm proud of America, it isn't a declaration of perfection. It is instead a bold declaration of a belief that I can change my government and help move it ever closer to perfection.

That's part of why I'm an intern with the Tenth Dems. It's part of why I'm proud of America. **TD**



Pictured with Paul Vallas, Democratic candidate for Illinois Lieutenant Governor, are (standing) Matthew Bondy, 2014 Tenth Dems Intern Coordinator, and Tenth Dems leaders Adrienne Kirshbaum, Sharon Narrod, Daniel Berkowitz (and kneeling), Hon. Karen May, former State Representative, and Hon. Lauren Beth Gash, Tenth Dems Founding Chair.

A Firsthand Account of Our Broken Immigration System

by Joel Spiegel, Tenth Dems Intern

Last summer, I had the rich experience of interning at the Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants (ICDI). Our assignment, my co-interns and I would soon learn, would be to create a video that ICDI could use to showcase its social justice work. We spent nearly every day of the internship meeting with different partners of ICDI and interviewing them for the video. ([youtube.com/watch?v=7UI8B6P8zXE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7UI8B6P8zXE))

My co-interns and I had the opportunity to experience firsthand one of ICDI's programs, Court Watch, where people "serve as a presence in the Detained Immigration Court to let those involved in the court system know that people are watching and care about what happens to our immigrant sisters and brothers." We volunteered with the Court Watch program, and watched as a family was torn apart.

For me, the hearing was an emotional rollercoaster. Something that both surprised and bothered me was that the detainee was not physically present at the hearing. Instead, we heard him tell his story while being video-conferenced in, which took a human presence out of the situation and made it feel like he was removed from the process.

The detainee, Raul, explained that he had come to the United States over 25 years ago on a tourist visa and had overstayed the legally-permitted time. He quickly learned English and got a job working as a mechanic in a garage on the west side of Chicago. Raul also got married, and he has three children. Two of his children had completed college and had children of their own, and the third was just graduating high school.

How, after all this time, did Raul come to the attention of immigration authorities? My internship coordinator explained that the majority of deportations occur due to undocumented immigrants committing nonviolent crimes. But in Raul's case, there was no crime; he was subject to deportation simply because he had a taillight out and was found to be driving without a license.

During the hearing, testimonials from Raul's daughters and ex-wife described him as a man who shows unconditional love. But in order for a detainee who, like Raul, is undocumented to stay in the country, he and his lawyers must prove that without him his children would be put in an extreme situation. In the end, the judge ruled against Raul, and this father and grandfather of American citizens was forced to leave the United States.

During my internship with ICDI, I also spent a day in Cicero at the Marie Joseph House of Hospitality. ICDI's newest project, the House of Hospitality provides a temporary home to immigrants recently released from detention. My co-interns and I interviewed House Manager Joshua VanCleeef on the future of the house and on his involvement with ICDI. He explained to us how the housing for post-detention immigrants currently works. Generally, charity groups or individual homeowners with extra rooms house a few people at a time. Usually, these groups lack the funding and resources to account for the huge number of post-detention immigrants who depend on their services. Joshua then introduced us to one of his good friends who opened up his home to recently-released immigrants. We had the pleasure of meeting two Rwandan refugees who were staying in the home while they waited for their approved asylum papers to go through. By comparing their home to the House of

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Student Loans Create Opportunity for All



by Alex Pappas, Tenth Dems Intern

Student loans can be thought of as both a blessing and a curse. On the plus side, the ability to rack up educational debt is desirable as it gives students opportunities they otherwise wouldn't have had. Yet, student lending has gotten out of hand. Currently more than \$1 trillion in debt is outstanding, while real wages for young people have been decreasing. This is a problem that touches the lives of roughly 40 million Americans and dramatically affects the opportunities available to young people today.

As a student at the University of Michigan, I am incredibly appreciative of the opportunities I have been given. My experience at Michigan has helped shape the person that I am today and has opened innumerable doors to my future. And none of this would be possible without the help of the federal student loan program. Those who deride the program must realize that it is an important vehicle of opportunity for so many young people. Not only do many of my friends also depend on student loans, but in the 2011-12 school year 40 percent of all undergraduates did.

This opportunity doesn't come without costs. The economic downturn and the sluggish economic recovery have destroyed the once-healthy job market. Many students are unable to find meaningful work that allows them to both live comfortably and contribute to the wellbeing of society. High monthly loan payments can squeeze already low budgets to a breaking point. High overall balances can destroy people's long-term financial health by diminishing their credit, preventing them from purchasing a home or a vehicle or simply saving for retirement. These individual effects can collectively stymie economic growth; a dollar spent on loan repayment is a dollar not put to productive use in the economy.

Once I and other college students graduate, this may very well be the reality that we inhabit. In April, I was lucky enough to see President Obama give a speech at Michigan. He spoke about the necessity of economic opportunity for all and the problems with our current student loan system. He pointed to Zingerman's, a local and delicious deli that decided to pay its workers a livable wage without being forced to do so. I think he raised a good point:

our collective economic future depends on everyone working together to solve the problem. He called for a nationwide raise of the minimum wage and reform of the federal student loan program. Both are policies that our country desperately needs.

On June 9th, Obama decided to take a small step in the right direction. He issued an executive order that puts in place significant reforms, like income-based repayment plans and capping monthly loan payments at 10 percent of one's income. Many on the right have claimed that this is another example of an imperial president drunk on power. But the problem isn't executive overreach; it is profound Republican intransigence. Republicans' stubborn insistence on blocking everything the President does prevents the change we need.

I am thankful for Obama's willingness to take action in the face of such a dysfunctional Congress, but sweeping reform is impossible without Congress recognizing the harm its inactivity is doing to millions of Americans.

A primary goal of our politics should be centered on providing equal opportunity for all Americans. The federal student loan program has provided that opportunity for me and for millions of others. Repairing the student loan problem and guaranteeing future opportunity requires politicians who are willing to tackle the problem head on. It requires businesses like Zingerman's that are willing to meaningfully contribute voluntarily. It requires everyone to sacrifice something for family, friends, and neighbors. It requires a citizenry actively committed to reshuffling the deck in Congress so that the policies we need will be enacted. **TD**

Mentors Needed for 2014 College and Scholarship Applications

Make a forever impact on the life of a young person at Waukegan High School by serving as a College and Scholarship Application Mentor!

Roles and responsibilities of mentors:

1. Meet with your mentee at least once before the school year begins.
2. Assist mentee in all aspects of the college and scholarship application process.
3. Provide your mentee with a working phone number and/or email address.
4. Stay in communication with your mentee over the school year. Monthly communication first semester is recommended.
5. Meet with your mentee at least one time over Christmas break.
6. Keep all information that your mentee shares with you confidential.

Contact Chuck Gutman at chuckgutman@gmail.com if you are interested in mentoring a Waukegan High School senior.

Interns Attend Rainbow/PUSH Panel Discussion on Food Deserts

by Nathan Whiteman, Emily Binder, and Sam Braganca, Tenth Dems Interns

In a country like the United States, no one expects food shortages. Make no mistake, there are plenty of calories to go around, but calories alone aren't enough. There are large regions of Chicago called food deserts where people cannot affordably obtain healthy food. Residents might live within walking distance of a gas station or be able to take public transportation to a Walgreens, but they may have no reasonable access to a store that sells fresh fruits, meats, and vegetables. This means that even in America, the nation that exports the most food in the world, people are going hungry.

Enter Rainbow/PUSH coalition, a multiracial social justice organization founded by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., in 1966. This organization recently held its annual meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago. On Wednesday, July 2, the last day of the five-day conference, Rainbow/PUSH hosted a panel on potential solutions to the problem of food deserts. Several Tenth Dems interns attended, along with representatives of many large supermarket chains that operate in Chicago, including Safeway, Mariano's, and Jewel Osco. Public health and marketing professionals also were in attendance.

The panel opened with a discussion of the upcoming merger between Safeway and Cerberus Capital Management, the company that controls Albertsons. There was concern that the merger would cause stores that currently serve parts of the Chicago African-American community to close, or that local suppliers would be cut, damaging the area's economy. It was stressed that keeping stores open was a priority and that, if they closed, substitutes would have to be found.



Pictured with Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., are Tenth Dems leaders Bonnie Berger-Neel, Hon. Lauren Beth Gash, Barbara Altman, Marguerite Hampton, and Carolyn Rivers.

Many said they wanted to do more than hold ground during the merger; they wanted to improve the situation. The discussion shifted towards more permanent solutions to food deserts: attracting new stores to the area and helping local vendors. Part of what keeps new stores out of impoverished areas is the high cost of shipping products to those regions, so helping local vendors is good for both the stores and the consumers who gain access to fresher and less expensive food products.

A speaker who works with Mariano's talked about an annual Meet the Buyer expo that Mariano's holds. At the expo, stores introduce their buyers to products they may want to test, and sellers learn about what their consumer base wants without having to run full-scale trials. This allows stores to better target their products to individual areas. Additionally, companies that manufacture products popular in specific communities, for example, the Chicago African-American community, can show large companies that operate locally the value of their products.

Other panelists cautioned that Mariano's is a boutique, whereas megastores like Safeway follow a slightly different business model that depends on selling a high volume of items with extremely slim profit margins. In these instances, African-American public relations and marketing professionals may hold the key to helping megastores see how mitigating food deserts can be profitable. **TD**

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Hospitality, we got to juxtapose the new and the old systems.

Recently, President Obama has faced one of the biggest humanitarian challenges of his administration with the large influx of children illegally crossing the southern Texan border into the United States, most without any parents. When I hear stories about the thousands of children who die in the process of traveling from Central America to the US, I immediately think of Raul and his grandchildren. I couldn't imagine making the trip from the southern part of Mexico that Raul was from, let

alone if I were younger and alone and traveling all the way from Guatemala, Honduras, or El Salvador.

There is no doubt in my mind that the experiences I had while interning with ICDI gave me the skills that I will use in every future endeavor. The internship also gave me some insight into the social justice world, and advocacy as a whole. Those skills have transferred into my internship with the Tenth Dems perfectly, and I look forward to learning more about the grassroots organizing that both ICDI and the Tenth Dems do. **TD**

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abortions to meet the requirements applicable to ambulatory surgical centers. It is well known in the medical community that termination of an early-term pregnancy is not surgery.

Ironically, with the exception of onerous regulations that restrict a woman's right to choose, or a person's right to marry whomever he or she loves, today's Republican is against most government regulations. Indeed, today's Republican is pretty much opposed to government altogether. When criticized for presiding over the least productive Congress in U.S. history, Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner responded that Congress should not be judged on the laws it passes but on those it does not pass.

Taking Speaker Boehner at his word, I blame Republicans for not extending long-term unemployment insurance that would enable victims of the 2008 recession to feed their families and keep their homes while continuing to search for jobs; for not addressing our broken immigration system; for not raising the federal minimum wage so that everyone in this country who works full time can support a family on the earnings from that job; for not amending the Religious Freedom Restoration Act so that a corporate employer cannot deny women their choice of contraception under their health insurance plans; for not amending the Voting Rights Act to restore the Justice Department's ability to suspend new state laws that restrict access to the polls for minority groups (African Americans, Hispanics, working people, students, the elderly); for not reinstating the assault weapons ban and restricting the size of ammunition magazines to prevent the mass shootings that continue to plague our country.

And I blame Republicans for leaving millions of Americans without access to health insurance by refusing to expand Medicaid after the Supreme Court ruled that states could not be compelled by the Affordable Care Act (the ACA, a/k/a Obamacare) to offer Medicaid coverage to their poorest citizens. Even though expanded Medicaid is currently fully paid for by

the federal government, to date, only eight of the 29 states with Republican governors—Arizona, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Ohio—have expanded their Medicaid programs under the ACA. In contrast, of the 21 states with Democratic governors, the only ones that have not expanded their Medicaid programs have Republican-controlled state legislatures (Missouri, Montana, and Virginia, whose newly-elected Democratic governor replaced a Republican and is being stymied by the Republican-controlled legislature).

Republicans like to crow about how business is more efficient than government. Never mind that the premise is flawed—how many businesses declare bankruptcy each year? Or post losses? But more important, there are fundamental policy reasons for opposing privatization of government functions: the goal of private enterprises is profit, whereas the goal of government is to provide services. Conflating these two goals leads, inevitably, to the very fraud and abuse Republicans claim to abhor.

And don't get me started on taxes. I don't like paying taxes any more than the next person. But I know that I can't expect to live in a safe community, with good roads and public transportation, excellent schools, and reasonable regulation of unsafe products and industries unless everyone pays a fair share at levels that will allow government to function.

It's always prudent to judge a person more by what she does than what she says she will do. Whatever a candidate for elective office may promise, his record tells me much more than his promises. And however slim that record, one thing every candidate goes on record doing is to choose a political party affiliation. In today's polarized political society, that political party affiliation tells me just about everything I need to know about the candidate. That's why I vote for the party as much as for the person. That's why I vote Democratic. **TD**

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serve on (or could not get himself appointed to) a key committee? Only a tiny fraction of the pro-Israel community supports Dold; the rest support Brad, and with good reason.

For example:

- Brad co-sponsored [H. Res. 657](#), reaffirming Israel's right to self-defense, condemning the unprovoked rocket fire against Israel, and calling on Hamas to immediately cease all attacks against Israel.
- Brad's Hezbollah International Financing Prevention Act was passed by the House Foreign Affairs Committee.
- Brad signed the [Royce-Engel letter](#) calling for greater consultation on Iran sanctions relief.
- Brad [condemned](#) the American Studies Association (ASA) academic boycott of Israel.

- Brad's [Israel Qualitative Military Edge Enhancement Act](#) was passed by the House.
- Brad helped introduce the [Nuclear Iran Prevention Act](#), which passed the House.
- Brad co-sponsored the [United States-Israel Missile Cooperation Act](#).
- Brad co-sponsored the [U.S.-Israel Strategic Partnership Act](#).
- Brad authored [pro-Israel amendments](#) to the National Defense Authorization Act that were approved by the House.
- Brad sent a letter calling for the [prevention of Russian transfer](#) of advanced weapons to Syria.
- Brad sponsored a bill to add Holocaust survivors to a priority list for social services under the Older Americans Act.
- Brad helped introduce the [Visa Waiver Act for Israel](#).

And Brad still has six months left in his first term. **TD**

Slavery - Here and Now

by Tabitha Hill, Tenth Dems Intern

In today's world, the topic of slavery isn't likely to come up at the dinner table. Many people don't think it's even a concern anymore. After all, slavery was abolished in the United States more than 150 years ago. But slavery isn't gone; it has merely evolved into a new kind of horror. Today slavery takes the form of sex trafficking and forced labor.

On June 18, several Tenth Dems interns had the opportunity to attend the Chicago Bar Association's Human Rights Committee's panel on the ways we can get involved to help end modern day slavery. The panel included Laurel Bellows, the immediate past president of the American Bar Association; Judge Virginia Kendall, who sits on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; Katherine Kaufka Walts, the director for Loyola University's Center for the Human Rights of Children; Kaethe Morris Hoffer, the legal and deputy executive director of the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation; and Louis Longhitano, an assistant state's attorney for Cook County. The panelists explained that human trafficking is more than just forcing someone into prostitution. It occurs when an individual is forced into a situation where he or she is not being paid for work and for one reason or another has no way to stop doing that work.

Assistant State's Attorney Longhitano said that Chicago is leading the way in handling sex trafficking cases. Chicago officials have improved their thinking and procedures in dealing with the victims. One of the problems that prosecutors and juries encounter with victims of sex trafficking is that they aren't like other victims of violent, sexual crimes. They don't always exhibit behaviors that we expect. Many times the victims are angry, defiant, on drugs, and they may even be sympathetic to their pimps and captors. It is important that members of the jury and trial judges understand that these behaviors are the result of years of abuse. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office has found that bringing in an expert to explain this helps judges and juries to understand the victims' situations and render more appropriate verdicts that will get victims the help that they need.



Like Longhitano, all of the panelists are leaders in this field, doing everything they can to help end human trafficking. Hearing some of them talk about their work with victims was eye opening. I had no idea that enslavement still occurs, and I had no idea how prevalent it is in Chicago. According to the panelists, there are an estimated 16,000 to 25,000 women and girls involved in sex trafficking here in the city.

As the panelists explained, we can make efforts to end the epidemic, to save the lives of these human beings who are being forced into a life of abuse and suffering that they are powerless to escape. We can educate ourselves on the aftermath of such trauma, so that should we find ourselves on a jury we can make the right decision in order to help these victims. We can get involved in organizations that are fighting to end human trafficking. Most important, we can raise awareness about the subject and help everyone understand that it isn't a choice. A woman or child standing on a street corner selling his or her body is most likely not someone who wants to be there. Prostitution is not a victimless crime, and we need to work towards a future where it doesn't exist. **TD**

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County Sheriff's Office, further underscores the urgent need to clean up the reputation and competence of this county's chief law enforcement entity. The costly lawsuits and embarrassing headlines, which demonstrate the current Sheriff's lack of responsible leadership, prompt the need for immediate change. Thank you to FOP Lodge 66 and all who have acknowledged faith in my abilities to bring integrity, accountability, and trust back to the Sheriff's Office," said Jason Patt, following this most recent endorsement.



Controversies surrounding embattled Sheriff Mark Curran involve staff dysfunction and a barrage of lawsuits that have resulted in costly settlements and judgments, the burden of which falls on Lake County taxpayers. In addition to Patt's endorsements in the current Sheriff's own backyard, Teamsters Local 700, which represents many of the County's correctional officers, accused Curran of failure to properly oversee the jail and scapegoating staff "as a public façade while he prepares for an election campaign."

As the Democratic candidate for Sheriff, Patt promises to provide accountable leadership by eliminating unrest through management and policy changes, with an emphasis on the strong ethics and honesty needed to bring this office back to the basic business of law enforcement – the safety and care of Lake County families.



A U.S. Navy combat veteran, Patt is currently an investigator for the Lake County Coroner's Office with 18 years of law enforcement experience and over 1,000 hours in specialized training. A community advocate dedicated to protecting our families and children, Patt was recently lauded as a hero in the media (ABC, NBC, and *Chicago Sun-Times*) after rescuing a family from a flooding viaduct in north suburban Lake Bluff in conjunction with local police. **TD**

Jason Patt, Democratic candidate for Lake County Sheriff, was honored at a fundraiser in Lake Forest on July 11, at a private home on the beautiful grounds of the former McCormick estate overlooking Lake Michigan. Democrats supporting Patt were joined by Independents and Republicans, including a couple of GOP Committeemen who are alarmed by the troubling headlines and lawsuits generated by current Sheriff Mark Curran.



The End of the GOP – It Could Be a Reality Some Day

by Steven Gan

I am normally not considered to be much of a clairvoyant, but I recently surprised myself. Back on June 1st, 2014, I wrote an article titled, "We Democrats Need the Tea Party," in which I predicted that the Tea Party Republicans and their more moderate political siblings would end up fighting each other and pulling at the very fabric of the GOP.

I never thought it would happen so soon, but the first case in point was the recent Republican Senate primary runoff race in Mississippi in June. The incumbent, Senator Thad Cochran (establishment Republican) defeated challenger State Senator Chris McDaniel (Tea Party Republican). To date, though, McDaniel has not conceded to Cochran, claiming that the primary runoff was won by unethical political strategies that no self-respecting Reagan Republican would ever dare to employ.

According to the Republican Party of the state of Mississippi and the certified runoff election results, Cochran squeaked to victory by a margin of 7,667 votes out of a total 382,197 ballots cast. The meat of the controversy is the McDaniel campaign's claim that Cochran's team enlisted ineligible Democrats to shore up the scared-to-death (of losing his seat after six terms in the Senate) incumbent. In the original June 3rd primary, McDaniel had beaten Cochran, but neither garnered more than 50 percent of the vote, and so a runoff was necessary.

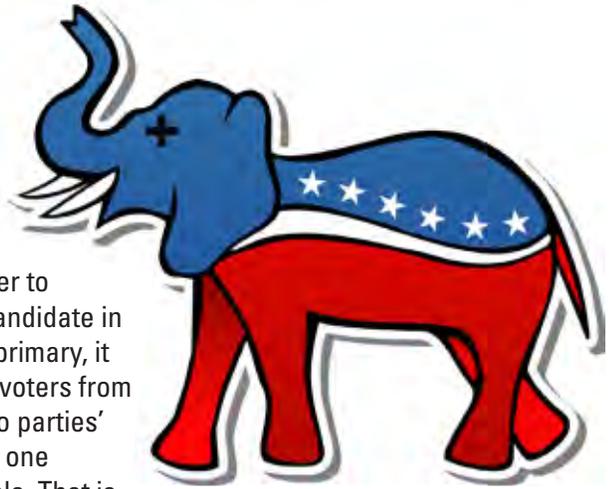
The Cochran campaign was not the least bit ashamed to admit its strategy of courting Democrats, and the strategy seems to have worked. According to a *New York Times* report, (<http://elections.nytimes.com/2014/results/primaries/mississippi-runoff>), Cochran's vote totals greatly increased from the primary to the runoff in Democratic counties that had overwhelmingly supported President Obama. In fact, Cochran scored big margins in Hinds County, one of the state's most liberal counties.

Although Mississippi law doesn't prohibit voters from crossing over to support a candidate in any party's primary, it does forbid voters from voting in two parties' primaries in one election cycle. That is, voters who cast ballots in the Democratic primary on June 3rd were barred from voting in the Republican runoff. Which makes perfect sense.

Understandably, then, the McDaniel campaign has been on a mission to identify those Democrats who were ineligible to vote in the Republican primary runoff. But McDaniel has been unsuccessful in his appeal to Mississippi's GOP bosses to support him in his quest to invalidate the runoff primary election result. Still, he continues to pursue the nomination and, to date, has not conceded to Cochran.

Could this same Republican/Tea Party intra-political meltdown happen again in other states? I certainly hope it does. I'm not saying that I'm overjoyed when Democratic voters are called upon to be the kingmakers in Republican primaries, but every Republican Party election that ends in dissension, conflict, and sour grapes fragments and weakens the Republican Party.

That's why I can't help smiling, as McDaniel's fight for GOP recognition, honor, and glory as the legitimate winner of the Mississippi Senate primary runoff goes quietly on and on. **TD**



Save the Date

Save the date to meet some of our Democratic candidates. We are planning to host Sheilla Simon, candidate for State Comptroller, on Sunday, August 17, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Then, meet Mike Frerichs, candidate for State Treasurer, on Tuesday evening, August 26, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. These "Meet the Candidate" events will be in the Deerfield area, exact location to be announced.



involving human rights issues and advocacy law. Specifically, she aspires to be a member of the Illinois Human Rights Commission. At Vanderbilt, Tabatha is the Judicial Chair of her sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha. She is also a student leader for Peabody College at Vanderbilt, where she helps to organize prospective student events and freshman orientation. Tabatha also tutors first graders through a program at Vanderbilt.

Sam Kornick is a rising junior at Stevenson High School where he is involved with student government. He is interested in public affairs, and has been a Democrat his entire life. Sam hopes to one day study at the University of Washington and eventually move to Seattle, where he will run for a state or federal public office.

Alex Mazza is a rising sophomore at Loyola University-Chicago, where he is a political science major. Besides politics, Alex is interested in movies, television, books, and comedy. He wishes to pursue a career in either campaign or policy work. Alex is a supporter of the Democratic Party because he votes based on the issues, and all his beliefs align with the Democratic Party's. Specifically, he is an advocate for social justice.

Hannah Mills will be a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall. She is a double major in political science and communication arts, and is a member of UW's Optima Dance Company. Hannah is an advocate for women's and human rights and hopes to pursue a career that allows her to make a difference in those areas.

Max Montenegro graduated from Coe College this spring with a BA in history. At Coe, Max was active in the Children of Promise Program, the Coe Environmental Club, the Student Alumni Association, the Flunk Day Committee, and the Coe College Democrats. Before attending Coe College, Max went to Highland Park High School, where he played football and baseball.

Olivia Nye is an incoming junior at Stevenson High School. She is on the executive board of Stevenson's Model UN Club, and a member of the Freshman Mentor Program, the National

Honors Society, and the French National Honor Society. Aside from her Tenth Dems internship, Olivia is interning at a law office this summer; she hopes to pursue a career as a lawyer or a psychologist. Olivia is a Democrat because, among other things, she is an avid supporter of women's rights and social justice.

Alex Pappas is an incoming senior at the University of Michigan, where he is a political science major and a business minor. Alex is the captain of the University of Michigan's intercollegiate debate team and was recently a runner-up at the National Collegiate Debate Championship. After he graduates, he plans to attend law school or to move to Washington, D.C., to pursue a career in government. This is Alex's second summer as a Tenth Dems intern.

Ariel Sheffey is an incoming junior at Deerfield High School, where she is member of the cross-country team, the Model UN Club, and the Deerfield High School Dance Company. Her academic interests include economics and English. In addition to being a second year intern at Tenth Dems, Ariel is also interning for State Representative Scott Drury.

Joel Spiegel is a 2014 graduate of Stevenson High School. This fall, he will begin his freshman year at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he will double major in political science and resource economics. At Stevenson, Joel started Students Fighting Discrimination, a club that ran campaigns to fight different forms of discrimination and mobilized students to make changes. Joel has also been an active member of his community: he was President of his Jewish youth group, participated in the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs Teen Engagement Program, was an intern at the Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants, and was recently elected the Democratic Precinct Committeeman for Precinct 283.

Nathan Whiteman is a junior at Lawrence University pursuing a degree in history and economics. He is vice chair of Lawrence's Model United Nations club. Nathan also writes weekly for the *Lawrentian*, Lawrence's newspaper. He also was the president of his high school philosophy club. **TD**



Father Flannigan, Your CEO, and the Supreme Court

by Jack Altschuler

“And now Father Flannigan will lead us in an invocation that will be meaningful and appropriate for all of us.” With that, the head coach of our public high school varsity football team opened the season kick-off meeting for parents and team members on that warm August evening in 1963. Father Flannigan stepped up to the microphone and in his deep baritone voice said, “We pray together...,” and he intoned for a couple of agonizingly long minutes, at last ending with, “This we pray in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.”

My father and I looked at each other with a “Huh?” expression. Father Flannigan’s invocation was something other than appropriate for us. Indeed, it was inappropriate for any non-Christian and even some Christians. So much for “meaningful and appropriate for all of us.”

The First Amendment to the Constitution tells us, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” Of course, our public high school was and is a government institution, and Father Flannigan’s very specifically Catholic words were uttered as part of an official school function. His prayer-like, indeed, any prayer—was not appropriate for the occasion, as it clearly expressed religious favoritism, the very thing the Pilgrims left Europe to escape. That tacit favoritism is what “prohibits the free exercise thereof” of any religion other than the one mentioned, and it also prevents the free exercise of no religion. And today’s Supreme Court, that interpreter of the Constitution and the intent of the Framers, can’t seem to figure that out.

On May 5, 2014, the Court ruled in a 5-4 decision that governmental meetings may include Christian prayer. Members of the town board in Greece, New York, were the plaintiffs in this lawsuit seeking effectively to establish a government-sanctioned religion—Christianity—for their town. That would necessarily mean a concurrent prohibition of the free exercise of any other religion. In

the past the Court has ruled that prayer in public schools isn’t kosher (had to throw that in), primarily because the school children are effectively captive and cannot escape the imposition upon them of another’s version of religion. And it is the “captive” part that, for this Court, is the critical issue, rather than the “Congress shall make no law” part. Apparently, the Greece town board members and other meeting attendees are not captive, which means that government-sponsored Christianity – specifically Christianity – is okay, this according to five male, Roman Catholic members of this Supreme Court who ruled as much.

With reasoning like this, no wonder the infamous Alabama Supreme Court Justice Roy Moore has declared that the First Amendment only protects Christians.

Go ahead, Father Flannigan, and offer prayers in church, and in your Sunday school classes, and in your parochial school. Those are religious institutions, and your prayers are appropriate there. But keep your benedictions out of our government, our public institutions, and our laws. They aren’t appropriate there, regardless of the wrong-headed decisions of our inappropriate Supreme Court.

The next step toward theocracy just happened, as those same five Republican, Roman Catholic men decided in the Hobby Lobby case that employers can cite their religion as sufficient reason for withholding health insurance coverage for birth control from their employees. Surely the next step will be a Christian Science CEO claiming he doesn’t have to supply medical insurance for his employees at all.

There are quite a few million Americans—including many religious leaders—who believe there really is supposed to be a separation of “church and state” and a freedom from anyone else’s religion. If only the Supreme Court could figure out this simple concept.

One last thing: As you can see, the righty majority five keep legislating from the bench, this time by warping the First Amendment. How come we’re not hearing a howl from conservatives about that? **TD**



Tenth Dems Volunteers are Well-Represented at this Year's Lake County Fair



Tenth Dems volunteers helped staff a booth at the Lake County Fair.



l. to r. Lake County Clerk candidate Janet Kilkelly, Ed Erwin, County Treasurer candidate Glenn Ryback, Lieutenant Governor candidate Paul Vallas, Lake County Board Member Audrey Nixon.



Sheila Simon and her husband, Perry Knop, chat with Tenth Dems volunteer Laura Tomskey.



Hon. Sheila Simon, Democratic candidate for Illinois State Comptroller, pauses at the Lake County Fair to pose for a photo with Tenth Dems interns Tommy Donovan and Matthew Bondy.



Knop and Simon, with Lake County Sheriff candidate Jason Patt.

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