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that sort of thing were taken.” Along with notifying the Illinois attorney general’s office, the board of elections briefed members of the General Assembly and county clerks on the situation. “As soon as we’re at the point of knowing who’s affected we’ll send notice,” Menzel says.

Smoke-filled rooms

I found myself sitting in a smoke-filled room last week, and this time, it had nothing to do with politics.

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on cigars and pipe tobacco with the aim of building loyalty among customers. Eventually, he says, he’ll give the shop a facelift — new hardwood floors and updating the lounge area — to lure locals in to hang out and relax.

Roof over veteran’s head

Jim Peterson Jr. of Mount Prospect’s Peterson Roofing tells me his business, founded by dad Jim Sr. in 1978, is giving another free roof to a local veteran’s family.

This time, the recipients are David and Yosi Puma of Buffalo Grove. David recently left the Air Force and the couple bought a home, but the birth

roof on hold.

Peterson has scheduled the work for Aug. 6, weather permitting, and is inviting neighbors to join in an “installation celebration” as the project begins.

‘Righteous anger’

Days before former congressman Joe Walsh posted a controversial tweet reacting to the Dallas shooting that killed five police officers, he was telling a crowd at a Republican fundraiser he was headlining for GOP state Senate candidate Mike Amrozowicz not to “shy away from anger.”

“Righteous anger is a good thing,” Walsh said June 28 at

Grayslake, according to audio I obtained.

In the July 7 Twitter post, which has been deleted, Walsh wrote, “This is now war. Watch out Obama. Watch out black lives matter punks. Real America is coming after you.”

Amrozowicz’ Democratic opponent, Melinda Bush of Grayslake, has called on Amrozowicz to distance himself from Walsh. Amrozowicz, of Gurnee, has declined to comment.

Work-study

It beats summer school any day. Two Aurora University students are attending this summer’s political con-



TODAY’S SNAP

COURTESY OF AL SALVI

Here’s former state Rep. Al Salvi’s 23-year-old daughter, Mary, on the last night of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. Mary Salvi, who grew up in Mundelein, spent the summer working as an executive assistant to the RNC’s platform committee before starting law school in the fall.

Christine Williams, 19, of Chicago, is at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. Pontiac native Erica Brown attended the Republican National Convention in Cleveland last week.

They were chosen from among 40 applicants through the Washington Center, an independent nonprofit. They’re required to attend daily classes, interview six people, complete daily journals, write two essays and share experiences with fellow stu-