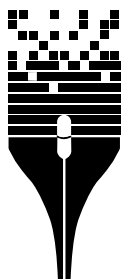


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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“He’s saying we just have to tweak the manual we have now, so I told him, ‘Well, go ahead and put into writing what tweaking is...” - Gov. Frank O’Bannon, on his conversation with Sen. Borst over new tax code rules, in The Times of Northwest Indiana.

## Pease retirement sends shock waves

### Top aide Brian Kerns up and running

By **MARK SCHOEFF Jr.**

*The Howey Political Report*

WASHINGTON - From the outside looking in, Rep. Ed Pease (R-CD 7) seemed to have the world by the tail on a downhill drag. On Saturday, he suddenly let go.

The highly regarded congressman had distinguished himself with his work on impeachment and highway funding. He served as Speaker Pro Tempore of the House and won re-election in 1998 with nearly 70 percent of the vote. Then he shocked the Hoosier political community by walking away one month before the campaign filing deadline. Pease, who was first elected in 1996, also removed himself from consideration for the post of president of Indiana State University, where he served as vice president for development before being elected to Congress.

“Ed Pease would have been re-elected,” said Brian Kerns, who was Pease’s chief of staff and is now running for his boss’ seat. “It was clearly a personal choice he made for a number of reasons, some of which he’s shared and some of which he may want to keep to himself,” Kerns told HPR.

Pease made his retirement announcement at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology on Saturday and has not been available for comment since.

While in Washington, Pease was a robbery victim and had to undergo surgery to remove an arterial blockage in his heart. In his retirement statement on Jan. 15, Pease said health worries didn’t factor into his decision. “I know myself well enough to understand that I find joy in the direct service of community volunteering, and that the best way for me to serve others is to find a position that is either directly involved in such work or allows me the time to do so.”

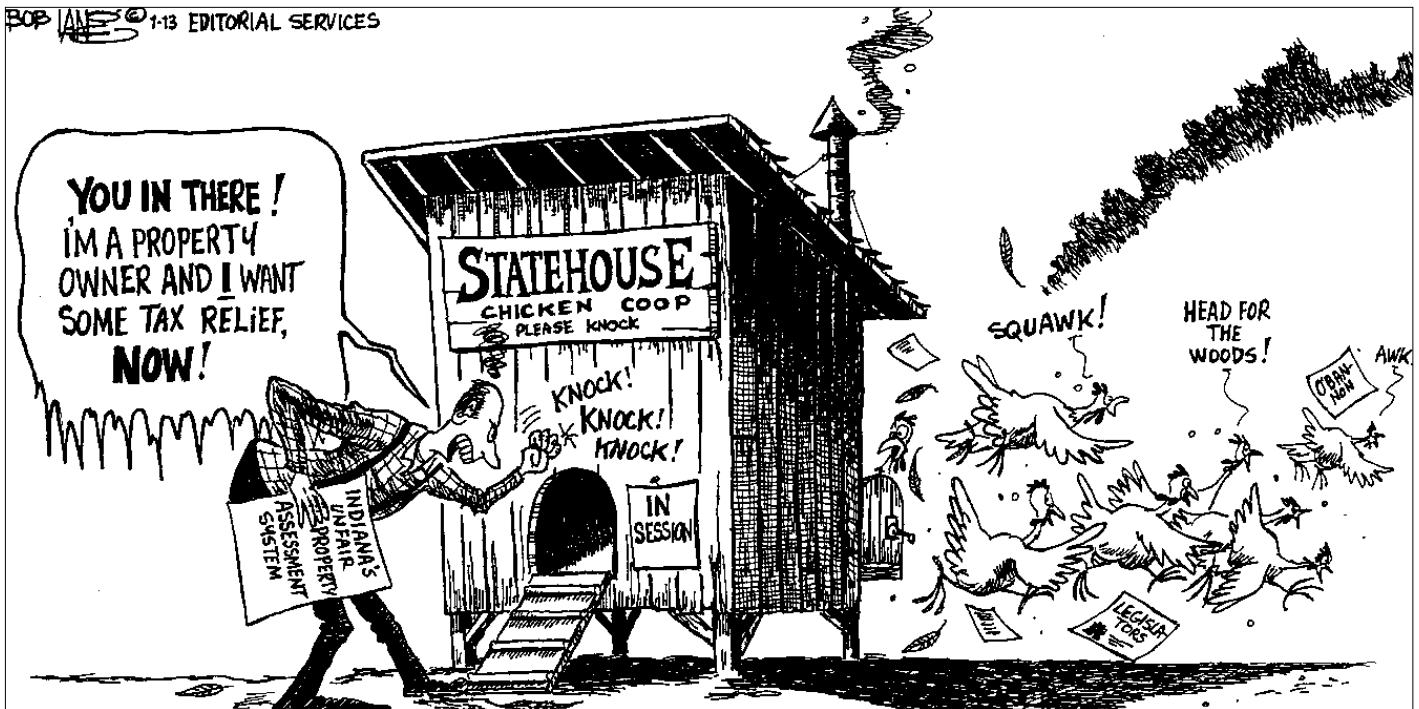
One of his colleagues anticipated Pease’s retirement, but not

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**O'BANNON, BORST MEET:** The Times of Northwest Indiana reported that Gov. O'Bannon and Senate Finance Chairman Larry Borst met in an attempt to reach an understanding on property tax reform tobacco settlement money. Borst called it "a very good conversation" after complaining that the governor hadn't formally met for discussions. "I don't know why he says that," O'Bannon said. "Let me first say that I've received several letters from Sen. Borst and I've seen him many times and talked to him many times. On other occasions, I've been with him many times. He's a good friend." Borst says he favors a one-year delay in the state property tax reassessment. O'Bannon is

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the timing. "I was surprised but not surprised," said Rep. Steve Buyer (R-CD 5). "I thought Ed would do one more term. His leaving is a real loss for Indiana and the country."

Pease's thoughtful, intellectual approach to legislating and his gracious manner sometimes clashed with the harsh political climate of the nation's capital. Washington is "a false world. Ed Pease struggled with that, and it bothered him," said Buyer. "He longed for the banks of the Wabash, with the Sycamores, not the banks of the Potomac, with the rhetoric."

## Opponent on attack

Although Pease would probably have cruised to victory this year, he did have one official opponent, who seemed intent on attacking him. Just before Pease retired, Doug Hess entered the race. Hess also ran against Pease in the primary in 1998. In a statement released when he filed on Friday, Hess said he offered CD 7 voters "a choice that closer reflects the issues and family values of the people of the 7th District."

Hess told HPR that his "family values" theme related to the impeachment proceedings against President Clinton. Pease, a member of the House Judiciary Committee which brought the charges against the president for allegedly covering up a White House sex scandal, voted

in favor of all four articles of impeachment. But that wasn't good enough for Hess. "He made the lawerly argument," Hess, 26, said of Pease. "I would have liked to have seen him speak out more about the situation."

Hess, an Indiana State University graduate who works at Ivy Tech in Columbus and lives in Indianapolis, didn't offer any other criticisms of Pease. "I would leave it at that," he said. "I'm shocked to hear that he pulled out of everything, but I do wish him well." Hess said he will focus on education, health care, Social Security and crime in his race.

Hess' critical tone is an unusual commentary on Pease. He is almost uniformly praised. Buyer was effusive in describing Pease's role in changing the gas tax formula to increased significantly annually the amount of federal money Indiana receives to build roads. In 1995, Buyer introduced the formula-altering legislation. In 1997, after his election, Pease was appointed to the House Transportation Committee.

Buyer was the author of the highway legislation, but he didn't served on the critical committee. Pease's being appointed to the transportation panel was "a major coup for Indiana. Ed was a master in consensus-building in his work with the House and Senate," said Buyer. "It's one thing to introduce a bill. It's another to champion it." The funding has helped support the construction of the Hoosier Heartland Corridor in northern

Indiana and the extension of I-69 in southern Indiana.

"While you're driving around Indiana over the next few years, smile and think of Ed Pease," Buyer said.

## Kerns Off to Fast Start

Kerns, 42, wasted no time in kicking off his campaign to succeed his boss and emphasized road funding as an important issue. Other Republicans checking out the race include former state senator Dick Thompson, State Rep. Matt Whetstone, and Lafayette Mayor Dan Heath.

The Vigo County resident, who has been with Pease since 1996, announced his candidacy in Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Lafayette on Tuesday. He has converted a bedroom in his home into a campaign office, installing extra phone lines. He has made bumper stickers and buttons and has been doing a raft of media interviews.

He has hired the Washington fundraising firm Hammond and Associates and has signed up Deal Productions of Cincinnati to do his media work. Kerns is on the verge of hiring a pollster.

"We're very aggressive and fast-moving," said Kerns, who has a wife and five children and is an Indiana State graduate. He praised Pease for his civility and bipartisanship. He vowed to use Pease as a role model. "Ed set the right tone in Congress and began a good effort (to promote) the conservative values we serve in the 7th District."

In an official statement, Kerns said, "I intend to have a constructive message that will focus on family friendly legislation, ideas for smaller government, lower taxes, a strong national defense and quality education. I believe Hoosiers in west central Indiana expect and deserve a candidate who will run a positive, issue-oriented campaign."

Kerns said his priorities would be tax cuts, highway and airport funding. Although he wouldn't forecast how much money he would raise, he said that depending on his competition, "this could be a \$1 million race."

Pease encouraged Kerns to become a candidate. "In many ways, what successes I may have had through the last three years has been because of the hard work of my staff, both in Indiana and in Washington. Brian Kerns has served as leader of that staff. He

would serve the district in this new role very well," Pease said in a statement issued on Monday.

Pease had amassed more than \$150,000 in campaign funds before retiring. He could form a political action committee with the money, send it to national or state political parties, give it to charity or refund it to donors. He is limited to \$1,000 contributions directly to candidates in each election cycle.

## Democrats Have Uphill Battle

The candidate who emerges from the Republican primary will be the favorite to win the general election, in this heavily Republican district. But Pease's retirement does give the Democrats one more chance to overtake the Republicans for control of the House of Representatives. The Republicans hold a five-Member majority.

Democrats currently considering the race include 1994 nominee Mike Harmless, 1996 nominee Bob Hellmann, State Rep. Sue Crosby, and 1999 Lafayette mayoral candidate Eileen Hession-Weiss.

"It's a tough district for us," said John Del Ceccato, spokesman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. "If we recruit a candidate who fits that district, that can be an opportunity for us."

With Republicans defending 22 open seats and the Democrats only six, the playing field tilts toward the Democrats. "This is the best open-seat environment for Democrats since 1958," said Del Ceccato. "House Republicans know that their weak grip on the majority is slipping, and many are heading for the hills."

But the national Republicans are confident about CD 7. "It's a very strongly Republican seat, so I don't think it will be tough for us to maintain," said Terry Nelson, field director for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

The Pease retirement could influence the Republican mood on Capitol Hill, said Amy Walter, House editor of the Cook Political Report. "Its impact on the makeup of the House is zero," she said. "Where it could have an impact is on morale. As Members see their friends and colleagues quit, it may give them incentive to say goodbye."

But Buyer said the GOP caucus is opt

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pushing for a two-year delay. On reassessment, O'Bannon said Borst "says when (the tax plan) gets passed out of the House, he'll look at it and then put his ideas in it, whatever they might be at the time." As for O'Bannon's favoring a wholesale change in the tax rules, the governor said of Borst, "He's saying we just have to tweak the manual we have now, so I told him, 'Well, go ahead and put into writing what tweaking is.'"

**COUNTIES SEE BURDEN:** County auditors are saying cuts in the excise taxes are shortchanging counties, cities, towns and school districts millions of dollars a year (Gary Post-Tribune). The newspaper reported, "Although legislators promised local governments wouldn't lose money when the excise tax was cut, county auditors say local revenue has declined every year. "All the counties originally thought those dollars not collected at the license branches would be replaced," said Porter County Auditor James Murphy. "It turns out they were not." The Indiana Association of Counties says that from 1996 through 1998, counties received nearly \$140 million less in excise tax revenue than they should. "That burden was shifted and placed on property taxes, which is

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already overburdened," said Lake County Auditor Peter Benjamin. "I suspect the real winner was the State of Indiana."

**FISH KILL HAS LIMITED LEGS OUTSTATE:** While the White River fish kill has dominated both print and television news in Central Indiana, it has been a secondary story in Northern Indiana. It got little play in Sunday editions in The Region, South Bend and Fort Wayne.

**HATE CRIME BILLS STALL:** The Fort Wayne News-Sentinel reported, "All legislation that would increase punishment for crimes committed because of race, gender, religion or sexual orientation is dead on arrival in the Senate." The newspaper said Sen. Richard Bray, R-Martinsville, does not want to hear any of the bills in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Said Bray, "A crime is a crime. Whether it is motivated nobly or by some devious reason, it is still a crime."

**LAKE COUNTY TARGETS GUN CRIMES:** Operation Bull's Eye, a 15-month investigation aimed at illegal guns, has resulted in 100 indictments (Times of Northwest Indiana). U.S. Attorney David Capp estimated that two-thirds of those arrested have been sentenced and sent to prison. Since June, the pro-

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mistic. "The Republicans are faring better than ever in the generic ballot test."

Any move by the Democrats to capture CD 7 would come at a high cost, Buyer said. "This is a pretty solid Republican seat. Democrats would have to think hard to commit \$600,000 or \$700,000 to that race. If Democrats want to throw money at it, I welcome it and hope they spend as much as they want. It would take good money away

from other races."

About the only way for the Democrats to pick up the CD 7 seat is to benefit from an unforeseen tidal wave - like tsunami created by Sen. Evan Bayh (D) joining Vice President Al Gore on the Democratic presidential ticket. "If you put Bayh on the Democratic ticket, he is regarded so highly by Republicans that it might have some impact down ballot in the state," said Stuart Rothenberg, editor of the *Rothenberg Political Report*. ❖

# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

## Ben Smith, Fort Wayne Journal

*Gazette* - One person, in a letter to the Indianapolis Star, referred to the "KGB-like operation of the IHSAA." There is rhetoric and there is rhetoric. But it's when you can put a name and a face to it - when it speaks in the voice of a Billy Hout, let down by an organization charged with uplifting him - that it becomes more than just hot and formless air. And so here is the Indiana High School Athletic Association standing at the bar, accused of being more than what it is but less than what it should be. What it is not is the KGB, a reign of terror, Bob Gardner in a commissar's tunic and bushy Joe Stalin eyebrows. What it is is an organization that made a stunning miscalculation, and now is paying the price for it. It hardly bears repeating that the decision to go to class sports, particularly class basketball, has been an unmitigated disaster. The evidence - crashing revenues, plunging attendance, yawning indifference - speaks for itself. In killing Hoosier Hysteria and replacing it with Hoosier Ennui, the IHSAA not only devalued its most precious commodity, but revealed itself to be unresponsive and even callous toward the majority of its constituency. A Fun And Pertinent Fact: The principals who voted for class hoops represented 89,856 stu-

dents. Those who voted against it represented 146,207. Is it any wonder the organization is under fire as a chortling old-boy's club, making decisions based solely on the needs of whatever scheming cadre has the leadership's ear? ❖

## Amos Brown, Indianapolis Recorder

- At the end, Steve Goldsmith showed no class. In a rare display of bipartisan respect, grace and class, key Republican politicians and political leaders along with key city movers and shakers attended Mayor Peterson's inauguration. Sheriff Jack Cottey, still criticized for lending his credibility to those race baiting campaign ads, showed class by attending the inauguration. But Steve Goldsmith couldn't delay his Florida vacation long enough to show respect for the mayoralty to attend his successor's inauguration. ❖

## Morton Kondracke, Roll Call

- The government's budget surplus apparently will be double previous estimates, possibly transforming the 2000 Congressional session and the presidential debate. The CBO reportedly is getting set to hike its 10-year non-Social Security surplus estimates by \$600 billion to \$1 trillion. ❖

# PERHAPS... WE WANDER

By Brian Howey

## Seth Denbo saves a chair; Nash should take notes

The legendary 9th CD Republican Chairman Seth Denbo once found an insurrection on his hands back in the late '60s or early '70s with one of his county chairmen. The local folks wanted him gone.

The county folk gathered in a local Southern Indiana high school gym and waited for Denbo to arrive and preside over the meeting. And he did, with a contingent of armed county deputies. Each deputy took a position at one of the exits with their arms folded while the rotund and squat Denbo slowly made his way to the podium. The gym was still abuzz when Denbo finally got to the microphone. He drew a revolver from his coat, fired several shots into the ceiling and the hall entered into a stunned silence.

Denbo then asked, "Anybody have any business here?"

No one said a word.

"This meeting is adjourned," Denbo proclaimed. End of insurrection.

Indiana political parties aren't what they used to be.

**This Saturday**, Floyd County Democratic Chairman Warren Nash will be on what the *Louisville Courier-Journal* calls a "trial-like proceeding" at the Redman Club in New Albany, an event open to the public. The Floyd County Democratic precinct chairs and vices will sit as a jury. Mike Jones, the 9th CD chair, will preside in presumably un-Denbo fashion.

Nash's political crimes? His detractors claim "neglect of duty, willful violation of party rules and failure to promote the party's best interest."

What this is really all about is Doug England's loss of the New Albany mayoral office to Republican Regina Overton

last November. That was a rollicking election for the Republican Party, with Floyd County Republican Chairman Jason Beal fleeing the county under what he called threats of physical violence. After England lost, he went to Overton's headquarters to congratulate the winner. He said there in the shadows stood Beal, who told him to "get the f--- out of here."

Nash's supporters have passed along a counter petition with dozens of signatures in support. His detractors will need a two-thirds vote to remove him, a tall task if the counter petitioners are firm.

It has not been a great year for county political organizations in Indiana. In Lake County, Democratic Chairman Stephen Stiglich lost a bitter showdown to East Chicago Mayor Bob Pastrick and may have trouble hanging on to his chair in 2001.

**At least seven** GOP chairs have stepped down since November or are about to - Connie Carter replacing Jeff Hatfield in Vanderburgh; Brenda Terhune in for George Eastman in Delaware; and Robert Eichenberger replacing Beal in Floyd. Dan Bortner is the new Lawrence County chair. Steven Bowen has replaced Ken Wonderly (who is running for the Indiana House) in LaGrange. There may soon be other vacancies in LaPorte and DeKalb counties. "These changes are of a routine nature," said Lisa Kobe, Indiana Republican State Committee spokeswoman. "A lot of these people were just tired after the November election."

And then, of course, there is the big one - Marion County's once vaunted Republican machine - where this week's rumor du jour has former legislator John Keeler waiting in the wings to replace the embattled John Sweezy.

If changes in Indy don't come soon, the Feb. 5 county slating convention could be a doozy. ❖

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gram has been expanded to South Bend, Fort Wayne and Lafayette. The program is an initiative that combines the U.S. Attorney's office, the ATF, FBI and Indiana State Police. Lake County's homicide rate has dropped from 166 in 1995 to 103 last year.

**MAYOR SEEKS OPINIONS:** Fort Wayne Mayor Graham Richard spoke to the Downtown Rotary Club on Monday and asked members for their community goals for the next 10 years (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*).

**GOP SEEKS INTERNS:** Perhaps that is not a headline you'd see out of the Democratic committee, but Indiana Republicans are seeking interns to work a 40-hour week at \$400. Contact Matt Pippenger or Todd Vaught at 317-635-7561.

**FORBES, McCAIN SEEK HELP:** The Steve Forbes presidential campaign is seeking volunteers and paid coordinators in all 10 Indiana congressional districts. Contact Erik Hromadka at 317-926-0204. McCain is also seeking volunteers and can be contacted at 317-891-0687.

**FORT WAYNE PAPERS PUSHING JOHN WALDA FOR AG:** The Fort Wayne News-Sentinel quoted Gov.

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O'Bannon spokeswoman Cheryl Reed as saying the AG nomination is "wide open" and prominently mentioned Fort Wayne attorney John Walda as a serious contender. Walda serves on the IU Board of Trustees and unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 1978 and 1980 against Dan Quayle and Dan Coats. "No one is a front-runner at this point," the News-Sentinel reported. However, numerous high-ranking Democratic sources insist that Gary Judge Karen Freeman-Wilson is still the odds-on favorite to get O'Bannon's appointment, despite some internal concerns over some criminal defendants Freeman-Wilson has represented in recent years.

**RNC ENDORSES BUSH:** Indiana Republican National Committee members Mike McDaniel, Diane Adams and Bob Hiler joined 97 out of 110 in endorsing Texas Gov. George W. Bush. In other national GOP news, a Rules Committee was adjourned and will take up business in Indianapolis on May 11-13. The committee will come up with recommendations on super delegates and the presidential primary system.

**JACKSON IN KOKOMO:** Rev. Jesse Jackson observed Martin Luther King Day in Kokomo. "Whenever the playing field is even, and the rules are

## Indiana 2000 Racing Form

### gubernatorial, congressional races

**Governor: Republican:** U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, John R. Price. **Democrat:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon. **1996 results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** White River fish kill continues to dog O'Bannon administration with Central Indiana media coverage. News play in Northern and Southern Indiana has been mostly off the front pages and newscast leads. *NUVO* reports IDEM currently has 97 vacancies. IDEM officials tell the *Indianapolis Star* they weren't prepared for this type of event. Republicans claim IDEM has continually reverted funded positions under the Bayh, O'Bannon administrations. *NUVO* reports that McIntosh's League of Conservation Voter scorecard was 14 percent for 1998, and 19 percent in 1997. Price tells *NUVO* that he intends to "parachute behind the lines" in the May primary, seeking green votes in a low-turnout election. "David is not in a position to take advantage of environmental issues," Price said. Price also reports that a McIntosh representative was rebuffed at a meeting of 8th CD party chairs after Sullivan County Chairman Bill Springer sent a letter complaining that McIntosh wouldn't do joint appearances with Price. Springer reportedly said the days when the party dictates nominees "from the top down are over" and that it would be from the "bottom up" in 2000. Knox County chairman says Price could carry the 8th CD. Price carried a dozen 8th CD counties in the 1998 Senate primary race. On the money front, this could be a \$25 million to \$30 million race. O'Bannon's re-election campaign showed \$4 million raised and \$3.5 million cash on hand, compared to \$2.8 million for David McIntosh with \$2.3 million cash on hand. "This is the most money any candidate for governor has on hand nationally," said Tom New, O'Bannon's campaign manager. "It's even more than Steve Goldsmith had in 1996 and certainly more than we had in 1995." New said there was no DNC or DGA money in the O'Bannon totals. Said McIntosh, "I believe it demonstrates that people are eager and excited about our campaign to recapture the governor's office." Republican John R. Price raised \$67,159 with \$8,372 cash on hand. **General Status:** *Leans O'Bannon.*

**Congressional District 2: Republican:** Mike Pence, State Rep. Jeff Linder, Andrew Phipps, Brad Steele, Fred Wenger, Bill Fraizer, Luke Messner. **Democrat:** Ron Guyre, Bob Rock Jr., Troy Ligggett. **Geography:** Muncie, Anderson, Richmond, Shelbyville, Columbus and East Central Indiana. **1994 results:** McIntosh 93,592, Hogsett 78,241. **1996 Results:** McIntosh 122,288, Carmichael (D) 83,478, Zimmerman (L) 4,662. **1998 Results:** McIntosh (R) 99,584, Boles (D) 62,426, Federle (L) 2,236. **2000 Forecast:** Republicans are still waiting to see if Bill Fraizer gets in. Very quiet on the Democratic side. **Primary Status:** *Leans Pence (R); Tossup (D).*

**Congressional District 3: Republican:** Chris Chocola. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer. **Geography:** South Bend, Mishawaka, Elkhart, Northern Indiana. **1994 results:** Roemer 72,497, Burkett 58,787. **1996 Results:** Roemer 114,381, Zakas (R) 80,748, Taylor (L) 2,331. **1998 Results:** Roemer 84,625, Holtz 61,041. **2000 Forecast:** Chocola, who is CEO of a \$270 million company, tells the Elkhart Truth about his challenge to Roemer, "It's not something I woke up thinking about every morning. But it was in the back of my mind, this unanswered question about politics. I set a deadline for myself, and as we moved closer to it, the question just wouldn't go away. I'm a strong believer in things happening for a reason." Chocola favors school choice, saying, "Our parents should have more control, even the right to say where their children go to school. Competition is very important. There's not one industry or company that hasn't benefitted from it, so it's time we make our schools more competitive." As for Roemer, Chocola characterized him as "sitting on the fence most of the time but still delivering votes when the President and Dick Gephardt need them." Elkhart County has not produced a

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congressman since band instrument manufacturer C.G. Conn was in office 100 years ago.

**Status:** *LIKELY D.*

**Congressional District 6: Republican:** U.S. Rep. Dan Burton. **Democrat:** Nick Arena, Darin Patrick Greisey. **Geography:** Greenfield, Franklin, Tipton, Indianapolis collar counties. **1994 results:** Burton 136,876, Bruner 40,815. **1996 Results:** Burton 189,461, Dillard-Tramell (D) 58,362, Peterson (L) 5,295. **1998 Results:** Burton (R) 135,169, Kern 31,472 (D), Hauptmann (L) 21,015. **2000 Forecast:** Nick Arena, a commercial lender at National City Bank, enters the race in a district that has voted as the third-most Republican in the United States. "As the recent subpoena of Elian Gonzalez shows, my opponent continues to take actions which serve his own interests, not those of families and children," Arena said. "To subpoena a six-year-old boy is at worst an abuse of Congressional power and at best a misguided action for political gain." Arena said that Burton "has embarrassed the people of Indiana with his legislative actions." The Arena committee can be contacted at 317-253-1824 or a nfarena9@yahoo.com. This will be an extremely tough race for Democrats to win, as Burton has more than \$1 million cash on hand. But Arena looks to be the highest caliber of candidate Burton has faced in a long time. **Status:** *SOLID R.*

**Congressional District 7: Republican:** Brian Kerns. **Democrat:** Open.

**Geography:** Terre Haute, Lafayette and Western Indiana. **1994 results:** Myers 104,359, Harmless 55,941. **1996 Results:** Pease 130,010, Hellmann (D) 72,705, Bourland (L) 7,125. **1998 Results:** Pease (R) 109,553, Hillenburg (D) 44,749. **2000 Forecast:** This is what Horse Race said last week: "Pease is a rising star in what has been a high-caliber and extremely interesting Hoosier Congressional delegation. The sky is the limit for Pease in the House and Democrats are not talking about seriously challenging him in 2000." This week, Pease is out, chief of staff Brian Kerns has his endorsement and entered the race on Tuesday. Vigo County Chairman David Lohr has endorsed Kerns. We're still hearing that former legislators Dick Thompson and Dan Pool are eyeballing this race. Another possible candidate is David Holt, a former education staffer for David McIntosh and now with the Indiana Chamber. On the Democratic side, the short list apparently is State Rep. Sue Crosby, former State Senator and 1996 nominee Bob Hellmann, 1994 nominee Mike Harmless, and former Lafayette City Clerk Eileen Hession-Weiss. She ran a better-than-expected race for mayor in 1999, losing to incumbent Republican Dan Heath by only 741 votes. The downside for a Crosby candidacy is that House Democrats would have to defend her seat and they're squeamish about that. **Status:** *LEANS R.*

**Congressional District 8: Republican:** U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:**

John Hamilton, Dr. Paul Perry. **Geography:** Evansville, Bloomington, Vincennes and SW Indiana. **1994 results:** Hostettler (R) 93,529, McCloskey (D) 84,857. **1996 Results:** Hostettler (R) 109,582, Weinzapfel (D) 106,134, Hager (L) 3,799. **1998 Results:** Hostettler (R) 92,227, Riecken (D) 81,381, Hager (L) 3,395. **2000 Forecast:** This race has been really quiet. Neither campaign has any sort of visible letterhead or website. Press in Evansville and Bloomington have no idea what either campaign is up to. Sources tell us that Perry has been extremely active in Vanderburgh, Warrick and Gibson counties. State Rep. Dave Crooks was to host an Indianapolis fundraiser for Perry. Hamilton has concentrated on fundraising. "We did very well," said Hamilton campaign manager Lisa Wagner. "We'll show a good amount of money." Hamilton's announcement should come during the second week of February. Doug Moore from the Visclosky congressional office will act as Hamilton's field director. Hamilton may get some attention for his role as a former director of IDEM, which has been under fire for the White River fish kill. **Democratic Primary Status:** *TOSSUP.*

**Congressional District 9: Republican:** Kevin Shaw Kellems. **Democrat:** U.S.

Rep. Baron Hill. **Geography:** New Albany Jeffersonville, Madison, Nashville and SE Indiana. **1994 results:** Hamilton 91,459 (D), Leising (R) 84,315. **1996 Results:** Hamilton (D) 128,885, Leising (R) 97,747, Feeney (L) 2,315. **1998 Results:** Hill (D) 92,477, Leising (R) 87,278, Feeney (L) 2,397. **2000 Forecast:** Hill will release campaign FEC figures within the week. He is expected to have a significant lead over Kellems, who announced he had raised \$130,000 with \$100,000 cash on hand. Hill out-spent Jean Leising in 1998 by a \$1 million to \$650,000

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public and the goals are clear, we can all go to the next level," said Jackson (Kokomo Tribune). "You can't limit the market based on the fields of race or gender."

**ARMEY SIGNS ELIAN LETTER:** U.S. Rep. Dan Burton announced that House Majority Leader Dick Armeay had signed a letter asking AG Janet Reno not to allow Elian Gonzalez to be returned to Cuba. When First Lady Hillary Clinton appeared on David Letterman's Late Show Wednesday night, the host referred to Burton as a "bonehead" for subpoenaing Elian.

**BAYH HEADED TO IOWA:** An informed source tells HPR that Sen. Evan Bayh will head to Iowa this week to campaign for Vice President Al Gore. Bayh stumped for Gore in New Hampshire this week.

**ALI'S BOXING GLOVES:** Democratic sources are telling HPR that boxing gloves given to the City of Indianapolis by Muhammad Ali were missing when Mayor Bart Peterson claimed the mayor's office earlier this month.

**TB CASE REPORTED:** Allen County recorded its first case of multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis. It involved a man who moved

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in from another country.

**COUPLE SUES HARDER:** Democratic Presidential candidate Heather Anne Harder of Crown Point is being sued by a couple who gave her \$4,000 in earnest money on a downtown bookstore. Harder told the Times of Northwest Indiana, which described her as "largely unknown locally or nationally," that she may not make it back for a scheduled Jan. 31 hearing on the lawsuit. The New Hampshire primary takes place on Feb. 1.

The Census Bureau is seeking thousands of Hoosiers for what it describes as "temporary, well-paid employment." Anyone interested in a census job should call 1-888-325-7733.

The Chicago Tribune reported that Indiana will likely keep all 10 of its congressional seats after the 2000 U.S. Census. Ohio, Illinois and Michigan are all forecast to lose at least one seat.



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mark and won by just over 5,000 votes. The Kellems campaign observed, "Hill must out-spend Kellems by a wide margin to win." The *Cook Political Report* said, "This district may never be safely in the Democratic column. This district has been trending Republican over the last few years and this culturally conservative area is not all that hospitable to many planks in the Democratic platform. A down year for the Democrats could mean big problems for Hill."

**Status:** *Leans D.*

**Congressional District 10:** **Republican:** Tony Samuel, Marvin Scott. **Democrat:**

U.S. Rep. Julia Carson. **Geography:** Indianapolis. **1994 results:** Jacobs (D) 58,573, Scott 50,998. **1996 Results:** Carson (D) 90,869, Blankenbaker (R) 69,248, St. Angelo (L) 3,505.

**1998 Results:** Carson 69,673, Hofmeister (R) 46,892, Peterson (L) 3,009. **2000 Forecast:**

Samuel officially declares his candidacy with

U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, 1996 nominee Virginia Blankenbaker and Supt. Suellen Reed attending events. Andrew Horning, the 1999 Indianapolis mayoral nominee for the Libertarians, is said to be considering this race. **Status:** *Likely D.*

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## 2000 Indiana house races

**House District 24:** **Republican:** Rep. Rick McClain. **Democrat:** Bob Sabatini.

**Geography:** Logansport, Cass, Carroll, Miami counties. **1994 results:** McClain 10,421, Frantz (D) 7,686. **1996 Results:** McClain 15,538. **1998 Results:** McClain 10,281, Fincher (D) 7,345.

**2000 Forecast:** Sabatini, a former legislator and Cass County sheriff, takes aim at McClain in what will be a highly-competitive race. Sabatini has his substantial base in the more populous Cass County and Logansport, potentially giving McClain his most serious challenge.

Republicans believe they can hold on to this seat even if they lose Logansport. If nothing else, Republicans are going to have to allocate some resources in order to defend this seat. **Status:** *LEANS R.*

**House District 57:** **Republican:** Roger Laird. **Democrat:** J.D. Lux. **Geography:**

Shelbyville, Shelby, Bartholomew and Rush counties. **1994 Results:** Linder (R) 12,626. **1996 Results:** Linder 13,730, Thayer (D) 6,704. **1998 Results:** Linder 12,741. **2000 Forecast:** Shelby County GOP Chairman Roger Laird will stand in to defend this seat against rising star Democrat J.D. Lux. Lux ran credibly in 1996 against State Sen. Robert Jackman. Lux has raised \$14,631 with \$12,541 cash on hand. Republicans initially thought Jean Ann Harcourt would run, which would have been a fascinating race. Harcourt decided not to leave her Milroy school supply firm. Laird is seen as an extremely credible candidate capable of defending this seat. Should be a great race. **Status:** *TOSSUP.*

**House District 60:** **Republican:** John Shean. **Democrat:** State Rep. Peggy Welch.

**Geography:** Bloomington, Bloomfield, Lawrence. Greene and Monroe Counties. **1994 results:** Bales 11,825, Anderson 5,210. **1996 Results:** Bales 15,743, Germann (L) 1,931. **1998 Results:** Welch 10,172, Ellington 8,987. **2000 Forecast:** 1998 nominee Jeff Ellington is still considering this race, but local sources say he will have trouble raising money this time. Bloomington City Councilman David Sabbagh, described as pro-business and new e-economy but moderate to liberal on social issues, is also considering. Shean still appears to be the Republican front-runner in a race the GOP hopes to retake a lost seat. **Status:** *LEANS D.*

**House District 66:** **Republican:** Open. **Democrat:** Terry Goodin. **Geography:**

Seymour, Scottsburg, Crothersville, and Jackson, Scott and Clark counties. **1994 results:** Bailey 8,097, Williams (R) 6,353. **1996 Results:** Bailey 12,247, Loy (R) 7,290. **1998 Results:** Bailey 11,768, Rust (R) 6,499. **2000 Forecast:** Dr. Goodin is superintendent of Crothersville Community Schools and was approached by both Republicans and Democrats to run (*Crothersville Times*). "It was both parties encouragement that pushed me to really seriously consider running," said Goodin. State Sen. Jim Lewis will support Goodin, who was raised in Scott County. Seymour attorney Jeffery Lorenzo considered running but opted out, Democratic sources tell HPR. Goodin has a residency problem, living outside the district. Last month he began paying on a single bedroom efficiency apartment in Crothersville. Republicans are still recruiting a candidate. **Status:** *LEANS D.*

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