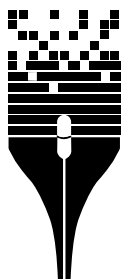


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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“There is absolutely no question in my mind that whether Roe vs. Wade is preserved or scrapped depends on what happens in the presidential election, and to pretend otherwise is naive...” - President Clinton

Bloody 8th Dems on record money pace

Perry, Hamilton combine for \$725,000

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

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EVANSVILLE - The 8th CD Democratic primary race between John Hamilton and Dr. Paul Perry will likely go down into the books as one of the most expensive on record in Indiana. The two have raised \$725,000 combined.

When U.S. Rep. John Hostettler’s \$210,000 war chest is figured in - 25 percent ahead of his 1998 pace - the three candidates have almost \$1 million.

Hamilton, the former head of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and a nephew of former congressman Lee Hamilton, will show \$255,000 raised on his FEC year-end report and \$225,000 cash on hand. Dr. Paul Perry was able to raise \$470,000 with \$250,000 coming from his own resources. Perry raised \$156,482 from more than 450 contributors. He had \$335,000 cash on hand at year’s end.

“We have a great message, great volunteers, a great plan and resources it will take to win,” Perry said. “In the 8th District of Indiana, people want real change in their health care programs and don’t trust the politicians to do it. Once they hear why I am running and what my priorities are, they ask me how they can help.”

Hamilton told HPR, “We’ll do what we need to do to get our message out. We raised more than our opponent. Obviously I didn’t have the luxury of giving my campaign \$250,000 of my own money.”

Hamilton plans to officially announce his candidacy on Feb. 7, beginning with his filing in Indianapolis and then

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JOHN KEELER "presumably" will take over the Marion County Republican Party after the February slating conventions, Indiana GOP Chairman Mike McDaniel told HPR on Wednesday. "Keeler was known to be a healer inside the Republican caucus," McDaniel said. "He's one of the very few names that seem to be acceptable to all parties in Marion County politics today. I think he would be an excellent choice. It's time to show a clean break and a clean change and John represents that." Current GOP Chairman John Sweezy is expected to back Keeler, McDaniel said.

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working south to Evansville.

The Bloody 8th, as well as the neighboring 9th CD race between U.S. Rep. Baron Hill and Republican challenger Kevin Shaw Kellems, promise to make Indiana's portion of the Ohio River valley crucial territory in what is going to be a sensational fight for control of Congress, which the GOP currently controls by a mere five seats.

John Goss, a former 8th CD chairman and adviser to Hamilton, cautioned against handicapping what will likely be a rollicking primary race based simply on money. "If you look at a traditional Democratic primary, from year to year they are the same voters. It will be difficult to bring out new voters, unless the presidential primary is still in play," Goss said. "It will be tough for an outsider to get new voters to the polls."

While the two candidates spent the last quarter of 1999 raising money, there have already been hints as to how this Democratic primary could become a slugfest. At the Democratic Editorial Association convention at French Lick last August, Hamilton supporters wore

lapel stickers reading "96-R, 98-R" - a connotation meant to show that Perry had voted in the Republican primary those years. They also noted that an orthopedic PAC Perry contributed to has actually made a campaign donation to Hostettler.

Carter Wells, Perry's campaign manager, believes Perry, who practices orthopedic medicine in Evansville, is up to the challenge. "We're preparing to run a very tough race. Dr. Perry is the person who can win in November."

Said Vanderburgh County Democratic Chairman Jack Waldroup, "Dr. Perry is doing what it takes to become our representative in Washington. His financial strength at this point is quite impressive. He is working across the district to make sure he has the grass roots support that is needed in a Democratic primary. I feel that fixing our health care system, protecting Medicare and Social Security are the priorities in this race and those are some of Dr. Perry's strongest suits."

Health care issues

Perry is already accenting health care issues to Democratic voters. "My patients are basing medical decisions on what their HMOs allow, not what they

need to improve their health," Perry said. "The HMOs are putting corporate profits above a patient's care and this is what I want to change. That is the reason I am running for Congress."

Hamilton on issues

From Hamilton's perspective, the question is this: "Who's the best Democrat to beat Hostettler?"

Hamilton said that Hostettler "has failed to serve communities and families in the 8th District. I have had eight mayors in the 8th District endorse my candidacy. That's what they're telling us about our investment in clean water. We have reduced toxic emissions by three-quarters in the state."

Hamilton and IDEM

While Hamilton intends to talk about health care, education and Social Security, the former IDEM chief will likely have to put his tenure as chief of the state's top environmental agency into perspective. Hamilton led IDEM from 1996 through 1999, stepping down last summer. IDEM has been in the news over the past month due to its controversial response to the White River fish kill between Anderson and Indianapolis. While the issue hasn't received the kind of media play in Southern Indiana as it has at points north, it is beginning to attract some significant attention. Last Sunday the *Bloomington Herald-Times* featured the issue on its front page under the headline "Nature lovers lament decline of White River" along with a map detailing the river's 39-county watershed, much of it in Southwestern Indiana.

Last week, State Auditor Connie Nass issued a release showing that from 1989 through 1999, IDEM had returned \$13 million in unspent funding. The gist is that IDEM has been poorly managed and unable to respond to events like the White River fish kill.

"I am very proud of my service to

Gov. O'Bannon and Gov. Bayh," Hamilton said. "Both have been outstanding administrations, and that includes environmental protection. The public expects clean air and water and we have delivered improvements."

In addition to a 70 percent reduction in toxic emissions during the two administrations - to be 85 percent by 2002 - Hamilton noted that he commenced a watershed by watershed water quality report beginning in 1998. He said that during his tenure IDEM recorded a record number of industrial fines.

He acknowledged that the combined sewer outfall issue - one that played a key in the Indianapolis mayoral race in 1999 - is still a volatile issue. "We're one of the states with the biggest challenges," Hamilton said. "We always tried to look at issues like that and see what was the most efficient way."

Conservative Democrat

Many Democrats believe that in order to be able to upset Hostettler, it will take a right-of-center Democrat like Paul Perry, who is pro-life and is sympathetic to 2nd Amendment rights, an issue that Hostettler used in 1994 to defeat Frank McCloskey.

Hostettler has never had an easy reelection. Republicans are hopeful that a ballot with George W. Bush, Dick Lugar and David McIntosh atop the ticket will help. Hostettler can only hope that the Perry-Hamilton primary will be a slugfest that will drain resources. Neither campaign ventured to say how much combined might be spent in the primary. It could, however, easily approach a half million dollars.

With Congress truly in play there can be little doubt that plenty of financial resources will come into play in both the 8th and 9th CDs between now and next November. ❖

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staved off an attempt to oust him with 67 percent of the vote on Saturday. Nash's attorney, Bill Lohmyer, read HPR's recounting of a caucus Seth Denbo chaired years ago in his opening remarks. "We were hoping for 50 percent and we got more than 50 percent," Nash told the *New Albany Tribune*. The *Louisville Courier-Journal* reported, "A teary-eyed, solemn Nash accepted hugs and handshakes after the tally was announced." Nash had been accused of violating party rules, neglect of duty and failure to promote party interests. The effort to remove him occurred after the Democrats lost the New Albany mayoral race. Said 9th CD Chairman Mike Jones, "I did not conduct the hearing in New Albany like Seth Denbo, but the hearing ran well and I think everyone felt it was a fair process."

A DAN LYNCH CARTOON in the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette has created an uproar in Martinsville and in the halls of the Statehouse. Lynch depicted State Sen. Bill Bray as refusing to hear a hate crimes bill. A second panel of the cartoon shows Bray surrounded by Klansmen, saying, "I'm from Martinsville. Duh." While JG editor Craig Klugman backs Lynch in light of Bray's refusal to hear a hate crimes bill, the head of the

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Martinsville Chamber of Commerce told WTHR-TV that the cartoon was "totally irresponsible."

MAYORAL RECORDS: Mayoral elections in Evansville and Muncie last year set spending records, along with those from Fort Wayne and Indianapolis. In Evansville, Mayor Russell Lloyd Jr. (\$557,079) and Rick Borries (\$557,227) were only \$148 (and 519 votes) apart (Evansville Courier & Press). In Muncie, Republican Mayor Dan Canan raised \$89,806, which is about \$20,000 more than his 1995 campaign and broke the record of then-Mayor Jim Carey (\$83,546) that same year (Muncie Star Press).

ELKHART MAYOR Dave Smith told the South Bend Tribune that longevity and ethics were the decisive issues in his stunning 1,000 vote upset over four-term Democrat Jim Perron. "One factor was his longevity," Miller said. "People were ready for a change. Sixteen years is a long time in a political position. Secondly, the incumbent had a record that was not altogether admirable. Integrity became an issue. People want a mayor they can look up to and trust implicitly." Miller credited a slogan his 16-year-old daughter thought of: "My Dad is honest, and I should know, I live with him." And he also credited

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McDaniel sees "momentum year"

INDIANAPOLIS - Republican Chairman Mike McDaniel and HPR Publisher Brian A. Howey sat down at the Broad Ripple Brew Pub on Wednesday to further regale each other with stories and talk about the fascinating Hoosier political landscape.

As others at nearby tables leaned to hear our conversation, here's how it went:

HPR: I always give the chair the opportunity to lay out the world as only you can see it.

McDaniel: I feel good about where we are at least at this point because I think we're going to have a momentum year. I've been saying that for a long time. I'm excited because this is going to be the best ticket since I've been here. I believe George Bush is going to be our candidate and I think he is going to run very strong here in Indiana. Bob Dole won Indiana and I have to believe George Bush is going to do much better than Bob Dole. When you add to that Dick Lugar running for a record fifth term against a qualified guy who is virtually unknown, it looks like Lugar is going to be successful. And that is a tremendous amount of momentum at the top of the ticket. There is going to be a lot of advertising money spent on both of those campaigns. When you add to that mix a probable strong candidate for governor who will be able to raise and spend \$8 million to \$10 million or more, that's pretty powerful. In the legislative races, we've had a pretty good recruiting year in the House. I think we've got a chance to get that done with all the momentum at the top. The legislative races are critical to us because of reapportionment. The good news for us is that the Republican National Committee has also recognized the importance of that because you could have a very successful election day in November this year, but after reapportionment next year even if you had control of the U.S. Congress you could lose it all after reapportionment. So

they're interested in going after four or five states where it is close in one house where we can get 'em back and certainly we fit into that category.

HPR: How much money?

McDaniel: I don't know. It's too early to tell, but they've made it clear to me that they're going to show some real interest here, which is exciting.

HPR: What about the Congressional level?

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McDaniel: We've got six seats and there are two of them open. In the

McIntosh seat the two favorites have to be Mike Pence and Jeff Linder, both of which have raised pretty good amounts of money. I was very impressed with that, certainly in the short amount of time Pence has done it. One of the big decisions there was when Joe Hogsett decided not to run. He would have been formidable. I think the people on their side they are talking about now aren't as formidable because they are just not as well known, and that is difficult to do in a short period of time.

HPR: I still believe the 2nd could come into play.

McDaniel: Well, it could come into play, but I buy into this momentum at the top thing. It is a Republican district and we're going to have a strong candidate there and that will get some attention from the RNCC because their margin is so thin nationally they'll have to pay attention.

HPR: And the 7th CD?

McDaniel: With Ed Pease's surprise departure they called me 12 days before he said he wasn't running and said he was. He called me on a Saturday morning and told me he was taking his name out of consideration for the Indiana State University presidency. I said, "Good. You need to be in Congress." And he said,

“That’s the other thing I’m calling you about” and that’s how he told me. It was a shocker. But we’re going to pay attention to that one. We’re probably going to have another large field for that one. But I am confident that some people will get in before it’s over and we’ll hang on to that one. And I think we have a shot at picking up two seats. People laugh at me when I say two. Certainly have a chance for one. I think Kevin Kellems has got a shot in a momentum year. The other one I’m excited about - and people kind of look at me kind of funny - is the 3rd with Chris Chocola. He showed a report with about \$110,000 cash on hand, which is amazing for a short period of time. Now some of that is his own, but he raised about \$70,000 of that. He’s very serious and he’ll use his resources to hire the best talent available.

HPR: So you think Roemer is going to get his toughest test?

McDaniel: I think so. A lot of these guys don’t want to pay for the talent. When he came to see me, he’s very presentable, very together, very successful business person. Articulate.

HPR: You see a Bush-Gore race?

McDaniel: Yeah, I see Bush-Gore, which is OK with me. All we have to do is mail out “*Earth in the Balance*” and send it to every UAW worker in Indiana. That ought to do him in. There’s some crazy stuff in there and certainly not what a lot of people who manufacture automobiles in Indiana would agree with.

HPR: Give us an inside view of a McIntosh-Price race. He said on WTHR-TV last night that the party would be united after the primary.

McDaniel: So far they have followed pretty closely Ronald Reagan’s 11th Commandment. I’m happy for that. And I’m glad he made those comments. I think David will whomp him with resources, quite frankly, when you look at what the two of them have raised. It’s difficult to compete with David’s TV. John articulates our issues very well and

because of that generates interest and publicity. So we have two good candidates.

HPR: Assess Gov. O’Bannon’s standing at this point.

McDaniel: The governor can be vulnerable. We’ve got to go out and tell the story and make the comparisons. We’ve got to go out and talk about what’s not being done. I don’t think there is anybody in Indiana who wouldn’t say that he’s a nice man. But there is clearly a pattern of being asleep at the switch as far as state government is concerned; handling some of the basic functions such as mental health and environmental issues, excise police, to even small issues like Y2K problems at the license branches that they glossed over. They seem to be kind of sleepwalking through this term. I was one of those people who said it was one of his advantages over Evan Bayh when he became governor was that having been a member of the state Senate, he was going to be able to get along and do things. Well, they do a terrible job of communicating with the legislature. That surprises me. I actually don’t think they communicate with their own, let alone our guys. Sen. Borst tells me that he doesn’t have contact for days and weeks with the governor, and then they think everything can be put together at the end. That’s bad. It dumbfounds me.

HPR: How does Attorney General Modisett leaving impact this election?

McDaniel: I think it’s huge, for a lot of reasons. It will be like having an open seat. Modisett was a proven vote getter. We see that as a real opening. I see Modisett is done in Indiana for quitting.

HPR: Would you encourage your gubernatorial nominee selecting a female LG?

McDaniel: I don’t think it makes that much difference. One thing I was disappointed in the mayor’s race was that some women over 50 thought it was a man’s job. I thought we were way beyond that. But I think Jean Ann Harcourt would be an excellent lieutenant governor. ❖

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God. “I believe God played a deciding factor in the outcome. The Bible says that the ‘Lord raises up and brings down.’ He determined it was time for a change in Elkhart.” Asked to complete the sentence, “I want to be known as a mayor who...” Miller responded, “modeled the character of God.”

USI PRESIDENT BACKS I-69: University of Southern Indiana President H. Ray Hoops (what a great Hoosier name) has endorsed the I-69 extension. “It is for the economic development of the entire state,” Hoops said (Evansville Courier & Press).

THE POKAGON BAND of the Potawatomi Indians announced their new casino site for New Buffalo, Mich., located just across the Indiana line on U.S. 12. The casino will be huge, with 3,000 slot machines, 100 game tables and six dining areas (Michigan City News-Dispatch). In contrast, the Argosy Casino in Lawrenceburg has the most tables in Indiana, 2,004, and the nearby Blue Chip in Michigan City has 1,336 slot machines. The Pokagons are offering local governments \$5 million.

THE 219 AREA CODE will likely be split and a new one established as early as 2001. The Utility Regulatory

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Commission says that the supply of available 219 numbers is about exhausted. The URC, according to the Lafayette Journal and Courier, "is weighing whether to split the 219 area and bring in a new area code for part of it, or lay a new code over the entire area that would be assigned to only new numbers.

FORMER SHERIFF PLEADS GUILTY: Former Vanderburgh County Sheriff Ray Hamner pleaded guilty to felony theft. He could face up to three years in prison. He was accused of stealing \$63,000 of undercover drug money.

SOUTHWEST INDIANA WAR CHESTS: The Evansville Courier & Press reported that State Rep. Russ Stilwell has raised \$33,000; Rep. Jonathon Weinzapfel has \$30,000; Sen. Richard Young \$28,000; Rep. Brian Hasler \$26,000; and Rep. Dennie Oxley \$20,000. All are Democrats. Republican Rep. Vanetta Becker raised only \$10,000, but has a warchest of \$49,000.

PEASE RETIREMENT: David Gogol of Baker & Daniels' Washington office commented, "The Pease decision is a loss for Indiana and the nation. He played a key role in bringing the Indiana delegation together around the highway bill. In the past the delegation did not meet together. Pease

Griffiths challenges Kerns

By MARK SCHOEFF Jr.
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WASHINGTON - Bob Griffiths, a Lafayette financial manager and community activist, is set to enter the Republican race to succeed retiring Rep. Ed Pease, potentially giving Pease chief of staff Brian Kerns a strong challenge from the other side of the seventh district.

Griffiths, who has never run for office, told HPR that he will formally declare his candidacy within the next week. Kerns, a Vigo County resident, entered the GOP primary field within days of Pease's shocking retirement announcement on Jan. 15. Kerns, 42, has the backing of Pease, who has served since 1996. Kerns' father-in-law is former Rep. John Myers, who held the seat for 30 years before Pease's election.

"This should be a race between Brian Kerns and me, and we'll let the people decide," said Griffiths, 61, a Merrill Lynch broker. "When voters see me, they'll know there is a choice."

On the Democratic side, West Lafayette Mayor Sonya Margerum told HPR that she will not run and State Rep. Susan Crosby will seek re-election. Jeff Clapper, a chemical engineer and business master's degree student at Purdue University, is seriously considering.

One of Griffiths' strong suits may be his bio. He has worked in the investment business for 32 years and has led several Lafayette community initiatives. In the early 1980s, he founded Greater Lafayette Progress, an economic development organization that is credited with helping bring the Subaru-Isuzu plant to Lafayette in 1985. Griffiths established Leadership Lafayette which promotes volunteerism, and is currently president of the Lafayette Board of Works.

"Bob is a very successful businessman who is well respected," said Ruth Davidson, Tippecanoe County GOP chairwoman. "He is a people person and a

problem solver."

The 1996 GOP primary drew 15 candidates in this heavily Republican district. Griffiths estimates the 2000 primary battle will require between \$200,000 and

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\$250,000. "We shouldn't have a problem in reaching that level," said Griffiths.

Republicans and Democrats alike told HPR that Griffiths is up to the fund-raising challenge. "Bob Griffiths will have a lot of money behind him," said Dudley Cruea, GOP vice chairman in CD 7.

Kerns went to work quickly after Pease's resignation, locking up the endorsement of Vigo County GOP Chairman David Lohr. In 1996, Lohr backed Dick Thompson, who may run again. "Brian's got a foot up on the other candidates because he knows the district so well," said Lohr.

For Griffiths, going to Congress would be the zenith of his public service. "My wife summed it up the best: 'Bob you've been preparing for this all your life, and this is your opportunity. I don't want you sitting around at 70 talking about what might have been.'"

Although it will be tough, Clapper thinks Democrats have a shot at the open seat. "We've had an incumbent (Republican) with a lot of name recognition 98 percent of the time. Obviously, a Democrat has to do well in a Republican county, so it makes sense that a Democrat from a Republican county would run," he said.

Clapper said the state party has approached him. A spokesman said that state Democratic Chairman Robin Winston is making CD 7 a priority. "We don't want to stifle competition," said Doug Davidoff, communications director for the Indiana Democrats. But "we're recruiting, and the optimal outcome is to recruit one great candidate." ❖

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: McIntosh begins statewide TV ad campaign with a biography commercial that takes him from his Kendallville roots, to the

Reagan White House, and to Congress. He notes his connections to Dan Quayle and Dick Lugar.

The ads are running in the Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, South Bend, Lafayette, Terre Haute, Evansville and Louisville TV markets. The two

ads can be viewed at www.davidmcintosh.org. "While I'm well-known in Central Indiana because of my three campaigns for Congress, these ads will help introduce me and my campaign to Hoosiers throughout Indiana," McIntosh said." McIntosh also noted that he has 1,200 volunteers and appeared in rallies last weekend in Fort Wayne and New Albany with singer Sandi Patti. After appearances with Ray Boltz in Evansville and Indianapolis on Feb. 5, the McIntosh-Patti tour will resume with stops in Merrillville and South Bend on Feb. 12.

O'Bannon will speak to senior citizen groups in Fort Wayne, Mishawaka and Gary on Thursday in an initiative to help low-income senior citizens pay for prescription drugs. The proposal is part of O'Bannon's plan to use Indiana's share of tobacco settlement money. "Our most vulnerable elderly citizens cannot afford to wait for next year's General Assembly,"

O'Bannon said. "We need to enact a spending plan now so that our low-income seniors will no longer have to choose between buying the medicine they need or paying for food, electricity or heat." Fish kill controversy still dogs the administration, with coverage getting extensive front page play in Bloomington over the weekend. *NUVO*'s Harrison Ullmann wrote a sharply critical column of O'Bannon, titled, "We've got one more senator than Indiana needs, but we are one governor short of what we need." In the column, Ullmann wrote, "Gov. O'Bannon works mostly as Sen. O'Bannon worked, making the governor into a sort of senator-at-large in the legislative process. That is good enough, much of the time, but not good enough when we need a governor who will give us a little activity in the leadership processes. This is a harsh judgment for a good man." Ullmann continued, "Nobody, not even Republicans who intend to defeat him in the next election, wants anything bad to happen to Frank O'Bannon. However, it's not good enough to have a governor who wants. We also need a governor who does."

General Status: *Leans O'Bannon.*

U.S. Senate: Republican: U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar. **Democrat:** David L. Johnson.

1988 results: Lugar (R) 1,430,525, Wickes (D) 668,778. **1994 results:** Lugar (R) 1,039,625, Jontz (D) 470,799, Bourland (L) 17,343, Barton (A) 15,801. **2000 Forecast:** The Friends of Dick Lugar Committee reported \$2,037,960 cash on hand and Johnson will report \$500,000, with 820 individuals contributing (*Muncie Star Press*). Johnson told the newspaper that Lugar's "voting record has been increasingly partisan over the last couple months." Lugar delivered an address to the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco titled, "World Leadership in the New Millennium." Lugar said, "We are living in a world that is inherently unstable and turbulent. Any hopes originating a decade ago that the collapse of communism would usher in a simpler time have given way to the reality of enduring disorder and conflict." Lugar continued, "Today, more than 10 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the United States has reaped a very large peace dividend, which along with dramatically successful and entrepreneurial private investment, has contributed to the balancing of the federal budget. But despite the proliferation of international threats - or perhaps because of them - Americans remain reluctant to fully embrace a role as the world's leader." And Lugar said this: "At the heart of this foreign policy incoherence has been a failure of our leadership to forge a consensus about the nature of international order and the role of the United States. Rarely in history has one nation achieved

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was the catalyst for a more unified delegation." Gogol said that Pease's departure "is a big loss for the I-69 effort."

NO FLY ASH DECISION was made on a bill that would have significantly toughened environmental standards of dumping coal combustion waste (Joe Follick, Thomson Indiana). Follick reported, "It may have been the legislature's only attempt at solving the controversy and means the state's Natural Resources Commission will vote in March on new rules making it easier for companies to dump fly ash into mines." Gov. O'Bannon had urged a delay on a decision. A vote is expected in early March by the NRC. State Sen. Beverly Gard said the legislation was too complicated for her committee to vote on the measure. Sen. John Waterman told the committee, "The main thing, it's our drinking water that's being poisoned."

STATE AND LOCAL environmental agencies are discounting a published report that it was chromium that contaminated the White River (*Anderson Herald-Bulletin*).

MAYOR JUDY ANDERSON of Terre Haute delivered on part of a campaign promise - to reopen two fire stations. She announced the opening of

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one this week, with the other to open next spring.

DOCKSIDE GAMBLING is all but dead, the Gary Post-Tribune reported. Said State Rep. Bob Kuzman, D-Crown Point, "My support for dockside is firm, but when you open up this issue it isn't just dockside. It's horse racing and video poker and everything else."

ONE THOUSAND MARCHED in Fort Wayne last Saturday as pro life activists protesting the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision.

DAMON BAILEY was approached by House Democrats about challenging State Rep. Brent Steele, R-Bedford. Bailey told the Bedford Times-Mail that he had been asked, but felt it wasn't a route he wanted to go at this point in his life.

PORTAGE DEMOCRATS are seeking an internal truce after a bruising mayoral election in 1999, the Times of Northwest Indiana reported. "It's time to bury the hatchets," said Ken Elwood, president of the Portage Township Democrat Club. Last year Doug Olson upset incumbent Mayor Sammie Maletta. Said Portage Township Assessor John Scott, "I think it's a good idea. I think it's going to work." ❖

the military, political, economic, moral and cultural power that we enjoy today. But much of this American advantage has been squandered by an inability to translate our enormous assets into a coordinated foreign policy." Later, Lugar said, "The good news is that we should see our foreign policy responsibilities not as a burden, but as a natural advantage that offers innumerable opportunities." **Status:** *Safe Lugar.*

Congressional District 1: Republican: Open. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky. **Geography:** Northern Lake, Porter County. 1994 results: Visclosky 68,612, Larson 52,920. 1996 Results: Visclosky 132,430, Petyo(R) 56,205, Crass (L) 3,122. 1998 Results: Visclosky (D) 92,634, Petyo (R) 33,503. **2000 Forecast:** "I do not take my re-election for granted," Visclosky told the *Times of Northwest Indiana* after he announced he was seeking his ninth term.

Visclosky could be running handcuffed to George McGovern and Monica Lewinsky and still win. **Status:** *SOLID D.*

Congressional District 2: Republican: Mike Pence, State Rep. Jeff Linder, Andrew Phipps, Brad Steele, Bill Fraizer, Luke Messer. **Democrat:** Ron Guyre, Bob Rock Jr., Troy Liggett. **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:** Linder about ready to pick up the pace on issues. Rock will show about \$25,000, which is going to be a further turnoff to DCCC and money spigot folks. Stuart Rothenberg told the *Indianapolis Star* that the 2nd and 7th CD open seats won't figure into their national schemes, which is really an incredible observation. Huge missed opportunity for Indiana Democrats. **Primary Status:** *Leans Pence (R); Tossup (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:** Arena called press conference to announce porch step campaign. Arena penned a guest column in the *Kokomo Tribune*, saying, "The Republican leadership in Congress is not doing its job. It's time to bring fresh leadership to strengthen our legislative system." As for Burton, Arena said, "I am committed to working side by side with other elected officials to get the job done, instead of getting bogged down in partisan politics." **Status:** *SOLID R.*

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:** Republicans acknowledge that Sabatini will be a tough challenge for McClain. Sabatini reclaimed the seat after 22 years in the GOP column and helped forge the first 50/50 House split. Sabatini authored legislation that established the red and blue flashers on police squad cars. He retired in 1992 after suffering heart problems. He served one term as Cass County sheriff, deciding not to seek a second term. He has been honored as Indiana State Policeman of the Year. "I'm truly overwhelmed with the support and encouragement that I've received from the residents to make this run," Sabatini told the *Logansport Pharos-Tribune*. **Status:** *LEANS R.*

House District 80: Republican: Open. **Democrat:** Rep. Ben GiaQuinta. **Geography:** Southern Fort Wayne. **1994 Results:** Becker 5,206, GiaQuinta 5,199. **1996 Results:** GiaQuinta 7,707, Becker 6,365. **1998 Results:** GiaQuinta 6,066, Becker 3,540. **2000 Forecast:** Republicans are awaiting word on whether Debbie Helmke, wife of former Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke, will run. Her candidacy would immediately move this seat into play after her husband completed three stellar terms as mayor. Debbie Helmke is a school teacher who mostly stayed out of the limelight during her husband's terms. **Status:** *LEANS D.*

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