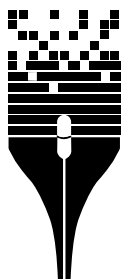


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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“One of the things you get with a lopsided district is that the winners never feel threatened and the losers always feel disenfranchised. That doesn’t help overall voter turnout...”- Republican Chairman John Sweezy, on the 6th CD, to the Indianapolis Star

High probability of a Gore/Bayh ticket

Electoral College favors Evan on ticket

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis and **MARK SCHOEFF JR.** in Washington

There was one memorable night in August 1996, at Chicago, during the first Democratic National Convention there since the bloody one in ‘68. This was the night of Evan Bayh’s keynote address - his formal ascension to the national stage. The buzz in the crowd was the breaking news of Dick Morris’s cavorting with a toe-tickling prostitute. There were two other towering figures elbowing, glaring and seeking a lengthy bask in the limelight: Hillary Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. Both spoke at length during the minimal network prime time coverage. Bayh proteges anxiously and quietly seethed at the infringement on Bayh’s airtime. Some of his allies wondered if the vice president and the first lady weren’t keeping the young governor in his place. Certainly the ‘72 fiasco when George McGovern gave his acceptance speech in the wee hours of the morning was a present thought as the Bayh aides waited in the hallways, taking frequent peeks at their wristwatches.

Evan Bayh began delivering his keynote address just minutes before the 11 o’clock news on the Eastern Seaboard, and many markets stayed with the speech. It wasn’t a great speech - though shorter than Bill Clinton’s bomb in ‘88. The fact that Bayh was giving this speech, however, was an establishment nod at a potential legacy.

In evaluating the unfolding circumstances of the 2000 presidential race, and after talking to key insiders, HPR is forecasting a strong probability that Bayh will join the Democratic ticket as the vice presidential nominee, thus cre-

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McCain: DON'T FEAR THIS CAMPAIGN: U.S. Sen. John McCain's stunning victories in Michigan and Arizona brought an emphatic plea to Republicans. McCain portrayed his crusade as one of a "Reagan conservative, protector of the unborn, a tax cutter." McCain declared, "I am Al Gore's worst nightmare. I will beat Al Gore like a drum." Indiana's presidential primary comes on May 2.

LUGAR ON VEEP RADAR: Sen. Evan Bayh's Hoosier colleague, Republican Senator Richard Lugar, is being mentioned as a possible vice presidential choice for Texas Gov. George W. Bush, if he can stave off Sen. John McCain after his stunning loss in Michigan Tuesday. "I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see Lugar on the short list because he complements Bush," said Charlie Cook of the Cook Political Report. "Bush needs someone with heavy duty substantive Washington experience and someone who exudes adulthood. That describes Lugar." Ron Faucheux of Campaign & Elections magazine, also ranks Lugar highly. "If Bush tries to get someone to compensate for his lack of foreign policy experience, Lugar would be a good choice. He would be on the short list."

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ating an ironic reunion of that weirdly audacious night in Chicago, and completely reframing the Indiana political environment. The chances of a Gore/Bayh ticket as a marquee feature just above the historic Hillary Clinton-Guiliani Senate race in New York makes great sense. Here is how we calculate this rather bold deduction:

■ **Electoral College:** Do the math. Democratic strategists believe Gore will carry New York, California, Pennsylvania and the Northeast. George W. Bush will carry Texas, Florida and most of the South, the intermountain West and the Great Plains. What is up for grabs is the Great Midwest: The biggest plums being Illinois (22), Michigan (18) and Ohio (21), for a combined total of 61 EC votes. Add other probable battleground states in complementary media markets - Kentucky (8), Missouri (11) and, yes, Indiana (12) with a favorite son on the ticket - and that number swells to 92 votes. The balance of the 2000 election teeters on a Great Midwest fulcrum. Evan Bayh emerges from the heart of it all.

■ **Reforming Governors:** We believe there is a strong potential that Gov. Bush will select a fellow reformer governor as a running mate. A McCain nomination would bring unpredictable choices. Bush defends his status as an outside reformer and has expressed great admiration for his brethren governors. Based on the Electoral College profile, three Republicans immediately jump to the forefront: Govs. John Engler of Michigan (now tainted), Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin and Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio. Bush is said to also greatly admire Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge. Bayh would be presented as a Democratic counterweight - a conservative, reformer (welfare) governor, and a

relative outsider (to contrast Bush's logical attack on Gore as the consummate insider). His geography would give him an advantage over other short list Democrats: Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, Energy Sec. Bill Richardson, or Sen. Diane Feinstein of California.

■ **Gender:** Due to the traditional GOP sag with female voters, Bush might



be inclined to select Elizabeth Dole, who made her peace with him prior to New Hampshire. Many Democratic observers don't believe that will be a Gore priority.

■ **Battle of Congress:** Again, the fulcrum for control of the U.S. House lies in the Ohio Valley with key races in Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana's 8th and 9th CDs. With only six net seats between the Democrats and big power, Evan Bayh can make a reasonable case that his emergence on the national ticket could offset Sen. Richard Lugar's popularity in Indiana and perhaps nudge the 8th and 9th CDs into the Democratic column. The fact that U.S. Rep. Baron Hill and 8th CD challengers Paul Perry and John Hamilton have displayed potent fundraising power will make the Bayh scenario as part of the congressional picture very appealing.

■ **Shadow of Dan Quayle.** Evan Bayh is no Dan Quayle, and enough people know it.

■ **Vetting:** Evan Bayh is squeaky clean. National reporters wouldn't be calling Indiana newsrooms on the day of the veep selection bellowing, "Got any dirt on ...?" as they did in 1988 with Quayle.

■ **The Intangible.** This is where Joe Andrew comes in. The Democratic

National chair was a Bayh appointee when he emerged in Indiana, then whipped out of his orbit and on to the national stage a year ago. Andrew has the ear of both President Clinton and Vice President Gore. He is the essential conduit who will vividly and enthusiastically sell to Gore Bayh's aforementioned attributes. Plus, Bayh's ascension helps Andrew with things near and dear to his heart: It bolsters Gov. Frank O'Bannon and Baron Hill, nips the national emergence of David McIntosh in the bud, tips U.S. Rep. John Hostettler to defeat while helping the party regain control of the House, and sticks it to old nemesis Mike McDaniel - all back home in Indiana.

Of course, it was Dick Morris who ignited the Bayh/veep talk on CNN's *Larry King Live* late last year.

Bayh for Safety, Record

When it comes to choosing a vice presidential candidate, politicians have something in common with doctors, they have to follow the Hippocratic Oath: First do no harm. Washington pundits and scholars call Democratic Sen. Evan Bayh a safe choice for Vice President Al Gore, if Gore wins the Democratic presidential nomination. Other Bayh strong suits include his centrist positions, intelligence, executive experience as a governor, telegenic face and elite political pedigree. He also is scandal free.

Andrew said the vice presidential list is replete with people who share common policy approaches, including fiscal discipline, support for education reform, environmental preservation, Social Security and Medicare reform, and crime reduction. Bayh fits comfortably in the rubric. "He is someone who has not just preached fiscal discipline, he has lived it," Andrew said. "That's the issue that makes him and dozens of other candidates attractive." But Andrew played Bayh's vice presidential possibilities close to the vest. "I'm going to continue to advocate what's

in the best interest of winning. My job is to make sure we have a strategy to win, no matter who the presidential nominee is, let alone the vice presidential nominee."

Most observers agree that Bayh is on a short list with Richardson and Feinstein. "There's no homerun choice out there for Gore," said Charlie Cook, editor of the *Cook Political Report*. "If he starts looking for a good, solid double, then Evan Bayh will fit the bill. I can't think of anyone who has a better chance of getting the nod."

"The first thing Gore's going to have to do is decide whether he's going to put a woman on the ticket," said Ron Faucheux, editor of *Campaign & Elections*. "If you take the possibility of a woman off the table, then Evan Bayh would be the top choice among male Democrats at this point."

By virtue of his having to win elections and govern in a Republican state, Bayh has cultivated a moderate, crossover sheen. "What Bayh would bring is a clear appeal to the more independent-minded, less partisan voter," said Thomas Mann, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

Andrew's Influence

Joe Andrew, who is at ground zero in the Democratic battle zone, is in a prime position to help his friend. He will get ample opportunity to bend Gore's ear. "No one is going to have to lobby on behalf of Evan Bayh to get him into the mix," said Chris Sautter, a Democratic consultant in Washington. "On the other hand, it doesn't hurt to have a close political friend as head of the DNC." Andrew "wouldn't have his job, if he didn't have a relationship with Gore," Sautter said. It is unclear whether Andrew's voice will be decisive. "When you get to that choice, it's going to be Gore with a few trusted advisers," said Norm Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute. "That's how Gore operates. I'd be surprised if Joe Andrew is there." ❖

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McINTOSH HITS BMW: Republican gubernatorial candidate castigated Gov. Frank O'Bannon over "mismanagement" of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles on Tuesday. McIntosh said the BMW has had six months of turmoil, and wasn't prepared for the Y2K problems. He advocated putting BMW branches in banks and car dealerships. "Anybody who has waited in line know it's time to make changes," said McIntosh (WISH-TV)

O'BANNON STRIKES ON TAXES: Gov. Frank O'Bannon is alleging that the House Republican tax plan would increase homeowner taxes by 13 percent, while cutting business and utility taxes by 34 and 43 percent respectively. He charged that the Senate Republican tax plan would have residential property taxes increasing 33 percent and farm taxes by 3 percent while business and utility reductions would be 18 and 34 percent. "Both Republican plans would help businesses at the expense of homeowners," O'Bannon said.

O'BANNON PRIORITY DEFEATED: House Democrats let Gov. O'Bannon's priority bill that would impose higher penalties on industrial polluters die in their chamber. The first attempt died on Feb. 1 when bill author Rep. Jeb Bardon was sick when the bill was

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to be heard. Last Thursday, House Speaker John Gregg refused to call down a committee report for a vote. O'Bannon spokeswoman Cheryl Reed told the Anderson Herald-Bulletin, "The governor will continue to work through the legislative process to get that language revived in whatever form possible. It is still a priority for the governor." Said bill sponsor, Rep. Jack Lutz, "I don't know what they are afraid of."

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: Indiana's December jobless rate stood at 2.9 percent, compared to a 3.7 percent national rate.

VISITING GAMBLING GROUND ZERO: Tom Grey, executive director of the National Coalition Against Gambling, came to Hammond and told the Gary Post-Tribune, "Twenty percent of homeless people have a gambling problem. As long as we get our sewers done and a vehicle tax rebate, that's OK? I think we're better than that." Said John Wolf of the Indiana chapter, "We have reached a rather critical point here in Indiana. We're going to fight it all the way."

O'BANNON ON I-69: During the HPR Interview, we asked Gov. O'Bannon if the I-69 extension to Evansville would happen. He responded, "Well, it depends on the engineering report as required by the federal gov-

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O'Bannon defends ISTEP, IDEM

INDIANAPOLIS - I had been waiting in the ancient lobby of Gov. Frank O'Bannon's outer office, when I heard a familiar, yet peculiar noise.

A few minutes later, as the newspaper publisher-turned-governor greeted me in his office, I told him about the noise. I was listening to someone tap away on a typewriter. I hadn't heard that sound in a long time. O'Bannon, a man who continually talks about the new millennium and 2016, chuckled, talked for a spell about his 14-year-old grandson playing basketball, and the interview began.

Brian Howey: I haven't seen your reaction to the GQE. Put this into perspective. Where do we stand on ISTEP? Are you pleased with the 83/17 pass/fail ratio?

Gov. O'Bannon: There's no question that we need tests to assess what the outcomes are on our education, how well a student is doing. How well a school is doing. With the historic changes in the direction of public education that were passed last year - the standards assessment bill and the accountability bill - tests are a vital part of that. Doesn't mean it can't be improved. Our goal is that we set these standards like we do on the GQE, then make sure everything we do from kindergarten on follows certain standards in each class and they're tested to see if they're improving. It's based on continuous improvement of each student and each school building. The only way to do it is not more inputs; make the class sizes smaller; have a better building; pay the teachers more. This is based on outcomes; this is based on results. To do that you have to have some way to assess. The national education summit in 1996 that was called by the governors all over the country and the CEOs of the big corporations focused on standards and assessments. They're moving next to building capacity, teacher training, teacher quality and that type of thing. So you can do those standards. So we must have ISTEP

tests. We must have a Graduation Qualification Exam. Otherwise we don't know if kids have academic skills when they leave high school. What we've got now in Indiana - got a meeting this Monday; the Education Roundtable - in which it's half business people and half educators, deciding on the policies and programs here in Indiana and how they line up - align - to make sure we get the

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results by continuously improving the students. That took a lot of effort for the past two years to bring those groups together. And I'm talking about the Chamber of Commerce and the teachers organizations, who came together to pass the bills last year to set up the standards assessment and accountability. It had never happened before in the history of Indiana education. That's why I'm saying it's the most important thing.

Howey: Are you getting the kind of accountability you sought in your 1999 State of the State address?

O'Bannon: Yes, we're working on that. Right now our standard, as judged by the Fordham Foundation, says we have the 10th best standards among all the states.

Howey: That 17 percent - did that surprise you? Put that in perspective.

O'Bannon: It was 40 percent to begin with. And through remediation that in '98 I had to find money ... \$5 million to help go to the schools and say, "You remediate these kids. We'll help you." They were doing it anyhow. They weren't dropping out. As long as someone cared and gave them support, they were going to pass it. We've got it up to 83 percent and with one more test, it ought to be, I don't know, close to 90 percent. That's what we said two years ago: Give us rem-

mediation money and get this done. The hard thing on that first class; what I told them, "It's tough on you. We don't know if you've really been prepared on that test to have everything aligned. To say that by the time you've been there you've been taught math and science and language arts that you've got to be able to pass. I'm so excited. That's one reason I look forward to the next four years. This is going to change education in Indiana. To dismantle it in some way is a great disservice to the leadership that has put this together.

Howey: How will the Roundtables influence accountability?

O'Bannon: When we started the informal roundtables back in '98, we talked about measuring results and we had people come in that are experts on standards and testing. Such as Achieve, which is the not-for-profit arm of the governors and businesses that they put together to judge the states. We just had our standards judged by Achieve this past six months. We need to improve. We need to be more rigorous. But they're jargon free and they're clear. That came out of the roundtable discussions. We had people come in and talk about early childhood development, education, new brain research. We've talked about teacher quality and the importance of professional training. That training at the college level and in-service has got to be focused again on those standards. The roundtable overlooks this and all the policies and programs that we have in Indiana education - whether we add to them, drop them or realign. It's a powerful movement forward. It's difficult to explain because everyone either talks about schools as failures or teachers working so hard they're getting burned out.

Howey: Do the urban disparities in ISTEP scores concern you?

O'Bannon: Sure. It's a big concern and something we ought to look at directly. We do know that how kids do in school is almost directly connected to the families' economic condition.

Howey: I've heard both the Republican challengers talking about going to the Iowa Test and that there ought to be some kind of assessment after each grade.

O'Bannon: I think we'll do that. We've got to see if there's improvement every year. The Iowa Test would not fit our standards. That has no relevance on what we're trying to do here. We've got to set our own standards based on the best standards we can find in the country.

Howey: Is the state on a "stay the course" mentality?

O'Bannon: The alternative is to say failure and stop when we've done some powerful things in the past 10, almost 15 years. We've done 250 disconnected improvements. We need to connect them all and focus on those standards. You can't do that by saying we're going to stop and start again. The way we're doing it now can be the most successful way that it can be done.

Howey: I want to shift to IDEM and the fish kill. From your perspective, what have we learned from the White River?

O'Bannon: There are still big disasters that can happen in a fish kill in the White River or any river. Ohio had the same thing in the Ohio River last June. They haven't got it answered yet. It's the same kind of results that we've had. We've got ours more focused on it. What we learned from this is that our rapid response team was there early; as soon as they were notified. They were notified a week late. They began to determine if it was harmful to human health and it wasn't. Then they kept watching it and the foam got bigger and the fish certainly died. DNR was there for that so they kept testing; over 300 tests to try and figure where it came from. They couldn't get the answers from the treatment plant initially. As we've looked at it and we'll be reviewing it, the biggest improvement could be on information.

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ernment's highway department. That's why we're looking at every alternative. We're looking at I-69 from Indianapolis past Bloomington to Evansville; from Indianapolis to Terre Haute down 41, or we're looking at no route. That's what the report will be about that everyone can look at. Hopefully it will be done with numbers that everyone says, 'These are the numbers' instead of different groups and places giving us new numbers."

NEW SOUDER STAFFER: Rep. Mark Souder (R-CD 4) has hired Elizabeth Vandelene Rogers as a legislative assistant. Rogers will handle federal budget and tax legislation, and regulatory issues, including commerce, trade and health care. Rogers previously worked for three years as assistant director of government affairs for the Insurance Institute of Indiana. Her husband, George, is a legislative assistant for Republican Sen. Richard Lugar.

CLERK POSTS TEN COMMANDMENTS: Delaware County Clerk Karen Wenger has posted the Ten Commandments in her private office after the Indiana House and Senate each passed bills approving the display. "I want to challenge the issue," Wenger told the Star Press. "I feel that

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strongly about it."

ALLIANCE FOR BETTER CAMPAIGNS FORMS: A star-studded "Indiana Alliance for Better Campaigns" announced its affiliation with the national organization and will "urge the television industry to open the airwaves to brief nightly forums in the 2000 election season." The co-chairs of the Indiana Alliance are former congressman Andrew Jacobs Jr. and former state senator Virginia Blankenbaker. Others involved are U.S. Rep. Julia Carson, Amos Brown, Prof. Steve Bell, Paul Severance, Prof. David Hadley, Mary Ann Maroon-Davis, Barry Levitt, Christopher Williams, Dr. Walter Gantz, Sam Jones, Suellen Jackson-Boner, Dr. Dick Yeager, C. Edward Weistheimer, Sheila Suess-Kennedy, Rabbi Eric Bram, Harriet Wilkins, Gordon Durnil, Rev. John Wolf, Karl Berron, Dr. Jack Miller, Sen. Becky Skillman, Sen. Richard Young, Jeff Modisett, Prof. William Blomquist, Prof. Patrick McGeever, Irene Wagner, Rep. Bob Behning, Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy and Marian Towne. The Alliance, a coalition of 31 advocacy organizations, will "challenge television stations to meet their public interest obligations by voluntarily airing five minutes a night of candidate-centered discourse 30 days prior to primary and general

Howey: Relayed to the public?

O'Bannon: Yes. And they didn't do it. If it's human health it's disseminated right away. If it's animal health then you do that a different way. It was confined to the fish. It didn't kill anything else. They knew, so they took that path. What happened was there was so much anxiety in the public with the dead fish and the big foam that there should have been more information and that's why we did the four meetings later on to explain every step that was taken. We'll review that when this thing is concluded; after we do our job of catching the polluter and levying the penalties, whenever that might be done. The last thing is we're the protectors and restorers of our rivers. Our rivers are in better shape in Indiana than they ever have been. It doesn't mean they are all the best.

Howey: The Republicans are saying the legislation you pushed in your State of the State speech is dying in the legislature because you don't want to talk about it.

O'Bannon: I've discussed it from the day in the first week that we knew what happened. I met with IDEM for the first two hours. We spent New Years Eve afternoon seeing if they'd taken each step properly. The next week I met with the press. We've followed this all the way through seeing if we took all the right steps. I think we have. That doesn't mean we can't do it better. They talk about staffing. I asked, "Did we have enough people on the rapid response team?" Yes we did. "Did we have enough people?" Well, they all had to work overtime; we could have had more people. It never fails in a crisis, you don't have enough people. When things are good, then you have too many people in government. Like the Republicans in '95 tried to cut out IDEM; tried to reduce the staff; tried to reduce their budget. They didn't want regulation.

Howey: Are the IDEM/DNR budget reversions fair to bring up?

O'Bannon: Sure. It's reversions

that we've had as long as I have been in state government. In every department of government. And out of those reversions they amount to one, one and a half percent. I think it might have gone up to 6 percent during the recession. It's lower than most departments. Those reversions go back into the general fund. We try to cut those down; we tell them "Don't budget your reversions." We say, if you're going to do it, do it up front, so we know what they are. It used to be we plan 50, 100, 150 million dollars out of \$8-9 billion budget. Over 10 years they total it up to over \$14 million (IDEM/DNR). In those 10 years, IDEM's budget has grown by 33 percent; grown by another third in the number of employees. But the impression you get - from people writing and listening - is we're understaffed. We've improved IDEM and continue to take those steps. We can do better, but the state is moving in the right direction.

Howey: Would you consider a death penalty moratorium?

O'Bannon: We always look at that. That's probably the toughest job as governor; going back and combing through everything that's taken place. Indiana has a very advanced system of protection against anyone being convicted on the death penalty while being innocent. I'm not saying it's perfect, because humans aren't perfect.

Howey: Politically, are you satisfied with where you stand at this point?

O'Bannon: It's hard to say. All you can do is be committed to the political contest. If I'm asking people to support me with time and resources, I've got to be totally committed to it, as is Judy. Then go out and carry the message of what we've been able to do with all the people of Indiana over the last four years, whether it's a \$1.3 billion tax cut that effects all taxpayers, not just one group or the other. If we're talking about changing the direction of public education and I'll keep saying that all the way through because that's what is happening. ❖

Indiana 2000 Racing Form

gubernatorial, congressional races

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:** Lugar concluded a powerful week legislatively. He announced the Lugar Hunger Relief Tax Incentive Act which would allow small businesses, farmers and restaurant owners to benefit from tax breaks by donating excess food to food banks, soup kitchens and shelters. He announced the Sustainable Fuels and Chemicals Act by proclaiming, "Everybody is complaining about the high price of gasoline; Dick Lugar is doing something about it." That act would fund research and development to bring to market a cheap form of biomass ethanol that could replace much of the OPEC gas in the U.S. market. "This current price gouging by OPEC is the kind of event that could end our strong economic growth and trigger inflation and painful levels," Lugar said. **Status:** *Safe Lugar.*

Congressional District 1: Republican: Cyril B. Huerter, Mark Levya, Jack Reynolds. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, Sandra K. Smith. **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:** Visclosky is in great shape; it doesn't matter who the Republican nominee is. **Status:** *Solid D.*

Congressional District 2: Republican: Mike Pence, State Rep. Jeff Linder, Brad Steele, Luke Messer, Cliff Federle, David Campbell. **Democrat:** Ron Gyure, Bob Rock Jr., Troy Liggett, Angela Burks. **Independent:** Bill Fraizer. **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:** Fraizer opted out of the GOP primary and announced he will run as an independent. Phipps dropped out of the race and endorsed Pence, giving the latter even more clout in the religious right community. Linder began his radio ad campaign this week. While the Republican primary looks to essentially be a three-way race among Pence, Linder and Messer, Pence is the guy to beat. On the Democratic side, Angela Burks of Columbus decides to cash in on her Politically Incorrect appearance and run. This race is very muddled, with neither Rock or Gyure having much money. We haven't even heard from Gyure, which should tell you how plugged in he is. **Primary Status:** *Leans Pence (R); Tossup (D).*

Congressional District 3: Republican: Chris Chocola. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer, Steven W. Osburn. **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:** A good national dynamic for the Republicans could put this race into play as Chocola will be well-funded. This will be our national barometer race. **Status:** *LEANS D.*

Congressional District 4: Republican: U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, Mike Loomis. **Democrat:** Mike Foster, Dave Roach. **Geography:** Fort Wayne, Huntington, NE Indiana. **1994 results:** Souder 83,466, Long (D) 65,956. **1996 Results:** Souder 118,344, Houseman (D) 76,152, Bisson (L) 4,743. **1998 Results:** Souder 93,671, Wehrle 54,286. **2000 Forecast:** Souder and Foster will emerge, with Souder winning easily next fall. **Status:** *Solid Souder.*

Congressional District 5: Republican: U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer. **Democrat:** Greg Goodnight, John Arnold, McAlister Ellis, Jr., Hugh Salisbury. **Geography:** Kokomo, Marion, Peru, Monticello, Lowell, Northern Indiana. 1994 results: Buyer 108,575, Beatty 43,619,

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elections." Said Jacobs, "Thirty-second TV ads are the junk food of politics, and if voters are fed a steady diet of ads and get little of the healthful fare of issue forums and candidate debates, they will be badly malnourished and our democracy will suffer the consequences." Contact the Alliance at 317-205-3535.

CARSON SOUNDS OFF ON ELIAN: U.S. Rep. Julia Carson has again urged the return of little Elian Gonzalez to his father in Cuba. "Basically, it comes down to a family preservation issue and I am ashamed that maintaining the relationship between Elian and his father is not a priority held by our nation," Rep. Carson said.

MOCK ENDORSES PRICE: State Rep. Dean Mock, R-Elkhart, announced that he was changing his endorsement of David McIntosh to John R. Price in the governor's race. "It seems to me that if a candidate offers himself as a future governor to the voters, he has an obligation to set forth, in detail, where he would lead our state in the years ahead," Mock wrote in a letter to Price. "You have done exactly that. I am pleased to change my endorsement and proud to endorse you as the next governor."

FREEMAN-WILSON SWORN IN AS ATTORNEY GENERAL:

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Former Gary Judge Karen Freeman-Wilson was sworn in as attorney general on Monday. "I stand before you today, motivated by the past, humbled by the present and challenged by the future," she said at her ceremony at the Statehouse.

MORE INDIANAPOLIS BUDGET SHORTFALLS: The Peterson administration in Indianapolis is already scrambling around trying to figure out how to cover a \$10 million police/fire pension shortfall and must cover a \$33 million loan for Circle Centre Mall due on Aug. 1. Now the Indianapolis Star is reporting that there is another \$15 million shortfall in Children In Need of Services fund. Mayor Bart Peterson said he will approach the legislature for help in the CHINs and pension funding.

DEDELOW ANNOUNCES FOR LG: Hammond Mayor Duane Dedelow Jr. has formed an exploratory committee and announced he is running for the Republican lieutenant governor nomination. "The Democratic Party has always counted on Northwest Indiana, particularly Lake County, for a large Democratic plurality. I believe that possibly with some of my background in labor support as well as my ability to attract Democrat and independent voters may be a bonus to the statewide Republican ticket," Dedelow told the Times of Northwest Indiana. ❖

Alfred (L) 3,328. **1996 Results:** Buyer 133,604, Clark (D) 67,125, Lehman (L) 5,255. **1998 Results:** Buyer (R) 101,567, Steele 58,504 (D), Waters (L) 2,317. **2000 Forecast:** Greg Goodnight has the AFL-CIO and ISTA endorsements and will win the Democratic primary, but it's tough to see how Buyer will be in much trouble. **Status:** *Safe Buyer.*

Congressional District 6: Republican: U.S. Rep. Dan Burton. **Democrat:** Nick Arena, Darin Patrick Greisey, George Holland, Nag Nagarajan. **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 decries *Indianapolis Star* story saying this race is over before it begins. But it would be hard to find a pro in either party that would say otherwise. **Status:** *SOLID R.*

Congressional District 7: Republican: Brian Kerns, Bob Griffiths, Dr. Alex Gatzimos, Doug Hess, Matt Branam, Bryan Donaldson, Tony Duncan, Michael Graf, John Timm. **Democrat:** Jeff Clapper, Sam Hillenburg. **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:** Former legislators Dick Thompson and Dan Pool - who challenged John Myers in 1996 - are backing Griffiths, as well as Tippecanoe County Chair Ruth Davidson. Ed Pease is backing Kerns, so this is a two-way battle that, as Max Jones of the *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* wrote, "will be wide open" because "there's not a household name in the bunch."

HORSE R A C E

Republican Primary Status: *TOSSUP.*

Congressional District 8: Republican: U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:** John Hamilton, Dr. Paul Perry, John W. Taylor. **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:** Perry began officially announcing his campaign Tuesday in Evansville and Sullivan, with additional stops in Vincennes, Indianapolis and Bloomington on Wednesday. Hostettler's brother, Daniel, is challenging State Rep. Jonathon Weinzapfel in Indiana HD76. Weinzapfel lost to the congressman in 1996, so that will create an interesting sideshow. **Democratic Primary Status:** *TOSSUP.*

Congressional District 9: Republican: Kevin Shaw Kellems, Michael Bailey. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Baron Hill, Lendall B. Terry, James McClure. **Geography:** Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, Connersville, 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:** Kellems released a video tape of the candidate showing up at Hill's Seymour campaign office. Kellems has alleged that Hill is running his re-election campaign via his congressional office and calls the Seymour address "Hill's phantom campaign office." A Hill spokeswoman said that the campaign office has been up and running and the year end 1999 FEC report showed that utilities had been paid. In the video tape, Kellems looks into the camera and says, "We're just here to make sure he got the letter I have written to Baron Hill to ask him to discuss the issues with me all over the district. It's dark, no signs up or anything, and, oh look, there's that letter. I had left that letter there a week ago, I slipped it under the door because no one answered." Kellems then interviewed a nearby shop keeper and two residents on the block who said there had been no campaign activity. **Status:** *Leans D.*

Congressional District 10: Republican: Tony Samuel, Marvin Scott. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Julia Carson, Bobby Kern Hildago, Ralph Spelbring. **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:** Scott entered the Republican race. On the Democratic side, so did perennial candidates Bobby Kern Hidalgo and Ralph Spelbring of Elkhart. Ho-hum. **Republican Primary Status:** *LEANS SAMUEL.*

- Brian A. Howey ❖