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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“That absolutely, positively and totaly never happened. How strong is the validity of everything else?” - IU Coach Bob Knight, to Don Hein of WTHR-TV, on whether he threw President Myles Brand out of a basketball practice.

## McIntosh, Reed in GOP realignment

### Duo rallies around ‘Kids First’ Plan

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis

**HPR Forecast:** Supt. of Public Instruction Suellen Reed will easily win renomination at the Republican convention in June.



This was the week when there was a realignment of the stars in the Indiana education political picture.

On Monday, U.S. Rep. David McIntosh - borrowing the name of a BMV license plate program, Kids First - announced his first major campaign initiative. In a program that appears to be strongly influenced by former Hudson Institute analyst Carol D’Amico, McIntosh called for a replacement of ISTEP, vowed to clear cut non-teaching “overhead,” sought pay increases for teachers as well as accountability, and renewed the call for full-day kindergarten (the Morris Mills cafeteria plan), earlier K enrollment, charter schools, and state-paid textbooks.

**The McIntosh initiative** brought an anticipated scornful response from Hoosier Democrats. "It's really ironic that when it came to voting in Washington, kids often came last with David McIntosh," said Chairman Robin Winston. "Then, when it comes to campaigning for governor, suddenly he says kids will come first. Gov. Frank O'Bannon has a stellar record of forging bipartisan support to improve educational opportunities for Indiana's children, our college students and even our adults."

The Democrats released a statement noting the "10 points in McIntosh's Non-Education Record." It noted that he received a 15 percent rating from the National Education

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**O'BANNON SIGNS MEDICAID, WORKERS COMP:** With a revised figure of \$180 million less in the budget coffers than the \$200 million reported last month (Times of Northwest Indiana), Gov. Frank O'Bannon signed into law bills that would expand Medicaid eligibility and increase workers compensation. Signing those two bills into law on Wednesday gave Hoosier Democrats a major sigh of relief. O'Bannon also signed the Ten Commandments and tobacco settlement laws and said that a new biblical monument will be constructed on the Statehouse lawn.

**INDIANA ECONOMIC PICTURE CLOUDS:** Prospects of a severe drought and \$2-a-gallon gas prices have the potential of clouding the rosy Hoosier economic picture. The National Weather Service has issued an unprecedented spring drought warning for the northern two-thirds of the state that could have a devastating impact on the state's agriculture economy already buffeted by low livestock prices. The New York Times reported on Sunday that Republicans are gearing up to make the skyrocketing gasoline prices a major issue in the fall presidential and congressional campaigns (see Horse Race, pages 7-8).

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Association and 0 percent from the American Federation of Teachers.

Then on Wednesday, Republican Supt. of Public Instruction Suellen Reed all but took the wind out of any notion that she might be upset for a nomination for a third term. She released the names of Republicans endorsing her re-election that included 30 legislators (Bob Garton, Larry Borst, Paul Mannweiler, Morris Mills, Jeff Espich, Sue Scholer); five GOP CD chairs (including Roger Chaibai, John Earnest, Max Middendorf, Don Clark, Briane House, Roy Rogers and Virgil Scheidt); about 30 county chairs, including Allen County's Steve Shine; and other prominent members of the party's hierarchy - former Gov. Robert Orr, Jean Ann Harcourt, H. Dean Evans, Marian Miller, Pat Kiely, Beurt SerVaas, and Jack Cottey.

"This is what it takes to win a convention," said Terry Spradlin Tuesday night. "We believe the county and district chairs are very influential in winning the nomination." Reed warded off a 1996 convention floor fight from Rep. David Lohr by a 62-38 percent margin and went on to lead the GOP ticket, as she did in 1992. "There was a very conservative element in 1996," said Spradlin. "It may be there, but it's not as strong as it was in 1996. We have some very conservative

legislators who have endorsed her, like Dennis Kruse."

## Derailing Zendejas

These developments appear to have all but taken the wind out of the sails of former Indianapolis Public School Supt. Esperanza Zendejas, who had publicly flirted with challenging Reed.

Zendejas showed up at a recent Johnson County Lincoln Day dinner, but sat at the back of the room and didn't mingle with the party faithful. Another potential challenger - D'Amico - is now playing a key role in developing the McIntosh education program.

Even if Zendejas attempted to make a challenge of Reed, it would be an uphill battle. Her legacy at IPS was pockmarked with controversy - such as advocating an end of arts and physical education, to closing naturally integrated IPS School 86 in the Butler-Tarkington neighborhood, to her premature exit after bitter disputes with the school board. Reed could easily frame that political equation into an "Indianapolis vs. Out-State" battle and win a convention floor fight.

## Reed and McIntosh

Even more significant is Reed's realignment with David McIntosh. Since 1996, there was some grumbling in GOP circles about the warm relationship Reed

enjoyed with Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

As late as early February, Reed was publicly defending ISTEP, while McIntosh and John R. Price were publicly calling for its demise. "Dr. Reed is holding the line and staying the course," Spradlin said in the Feb. 10 edition of HPR. "She doesn't want to do anything drastic - that would be foolhardy. To repeal the program would be poor public policy."

When McIntosh campaign manager Jim Huston was asked if Reed was having input in the candidate's new plan, he curtly responded, "David will be getting input from a lot of different sectors."

Since then, McIntosh and Reed have met face to face three times in meetings both camps describe as "cordial."

When McIntosh announced his Kids First plan on Monday, Reed released this statement: "The Kids First Plan holds promise for Hoosier students. Its focus on promoting the teaching profession and improving discipline in Indiana classrooms will enable our students to have the best opportunity for a learning-rich environment."

As for McIntosh calling for annual testing in place of ISTEP, Reed said, "Our testing program should not, and will not, be a static program that ignores logical improvements and we must not pass students along without the skills they need to succeed from one grade to the next. I am meeting with Republican leaders throughout the state to discuss how we can overcome the political obstacles that stand in the way of moving public education forward."

Said Spradlin, "There are vast areas of agreement. He's come up with a very positive, popular plan as far as promoting the teaching profession, enrollment date change, the full-day kindergarten program the Senate supported."

As for the long-term election prospects of Reed, a Democrat has yet to emerge. One name that has come up is Larry Grau, Gov. O'Bannon's top educa-

tion adviser. But Thad Nation of the O'Bannon campaign said, "We want to keep him right where he is." There has been no other credible name surfacing to date.

"We could have an unopposed convention and general election," Spradlin said.

### McIntosh record

Other than the criticism from Robin Winston, the only major players to take on the McIntosh plan were David Young of the ISTA and Republican rival John R. Price. Young told the Associated Press, "I think he kind of misses the boat." Specifically, Young said that the merit pay proposal would create a "disruptive atmosphere" between teachers. Price agreed, telling AP, "It can lead to severe problems in morale because it can pit one staff member against another." Young said the McIntosh plan didn't even cover class size, technology and reading.

McIntosh noted in his initiative, "No one answer in and of itself solves the problem, but I firmly believe that with leadership from the governor's office and bold dramatic reforms, Indiana can begin to turn the corner."

The rest of the discourse surrounding the McIntosh plan centered on the congressman's record since 1994. Indiana Democrats released a "10 points in McIntosh's Non-Education Record" that noted he attempted to abolish the U.S. Department of Education, voted to gut President Bush's accountability and standards plan, supports school vouchers, voted against Head Start funding increases, and voted against the Clinton plan to fund 100,000 new teachers.

On his website ([davidmcintosh.org](http://davidmcintosh.org)) the Republican said, "I am proud of my education record in Congress. As a member of the House Education Committee, I've focused on making sure local school corporations, parents and teachers are in charge of classroom decisions." ❖

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**ARIZONA INTERNET VOTE:** The first Internet election has taken place in the Arizona Democratic presidential primary. Internet voting took place from last Tuesday through last Friday. Voters were issued a personal identification number and then could log on at any computer or Democratic Party HQ to cast their ballots (Associated Press). The 13,000 votes cast on Tuesday surpassed the total Democratic primary ballots cast in 1996

**BUSH LEADS GORE:** A CNN-Gallup Poll released on Monday has Texas Gov. George W. Bush leading Vice President Al Gore 49-43 percent. However, an ABC News Poll had Gore leading Bush 48-45 percent.

**ASSASSIN COMMITTED:** A judge has committed Julie Van Orden, killer of former Evansville Mayor Russell Lloyd, to the Logansport State Hospital just as her sentence expired. "A judge thought keeping her in a mental facility would be in the best interests of the community," said Gary Scott, spokesman for the Indiana Women's Prison (Evansville Courier & Press). "I don't think she should get out, period," said Vanderburgh County Prosecutor Stan Levco. Current Mayor Russell Lloyd Jr. said, "I don't feel she should be let out of jail,

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but that's the way our justice system works." Mayor Lloyd told the Courier & Press he remembers running downstairs after the shooting in the family home in March 1980. He said he remembered seeing his father "lying there face up, blood coming out of his neck. I'll never forget that."

**KNIGHT BULLIED PLAYERS: A CNN-Sports Illustrated expose on Indiana University Coach Bob Knight quotes former player Neil Reed as saying that Knight threw IU President Myles Brand out of a practice, saying, "Get the hell out of here." Reed also said that Knight choked him for about five seconds before other coaches intervened. Richard Mandeville is quoted as saying that Knight once emerged from a toilet stall with his pants down during halftime of a game and said, "This is how you guys are playing." An IU spokesman denied that Knight ever threw Brand out of a practice. "There's no credibility to that particular allegation whatsoever and one can only wonder about the veracity of the rest of the story," said IU Vice President Christopher Simpson. On Wednesday, Knight told WTHR that he did not choke Reed and emphatically denied he threw Brand out of practice. "I hear CNN and Sports Illustrated is about to merge**

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# Candidates launch air war

Competitive, decisive primaries spur early action in 2nd, 7th and 8th CDs

By **MARK SCHOEFF JR.**  
*Howey Political Report*

WASHINGTON - Look for more salvos next week in what is already a heavy air war in Hoosier congressional primaries.

Democrat John Hamilton plans to go up with his first television commercial on March 21, according to Hamilton campaign manger Crystal Litz. Litz wouldn't reveal the theme or how big a buy Hamilton will make. But when he goes on the air, Hamilton will join Paul Perry, his opponent for the Democratic nomination in CD 8. Perry, an orthopedic surgeon, has been up with ads focusing on health care since Feb. 28. Perry's buy was \$55,000.

In three districts, candidates are going on television far in advance of the May 2 primary. In the CD 7 race to replace retiring GOP Rep. Ed Pease, Bob Griffiths has launched a thematic spot that calls Griffiths the "voice of values." The ad, which went up on March 1, will be seen about 10 times by voters in Terre Haute and Lafayette, and four or five times by Indianapolis viewers, according to his campaign. More Griffiths ads are on the way. "We're going to be talking about values and Bob's life experiences," said campaign manager Patrick Tamm.

In CD 2, Luke Messer has been up since January on cable with an ad that features supporters, including his mother, who highlight his background.

"When we walk into restaurants, people go, 'How's your mom?'" when greeting Messer, said his campaign manager, Zach Main. "We've got so much positive response, we want to keep a good thing going."

The heavy airwave traffic is a function of competitive primaries and primaries that could be the equivalent of a general election, said Amy Walter, House editor of the Cook Political Report. In CD

2, where GOP Rep. David McIntosh is vacating the seat to run for governor, and CD 7, "the primaries will probably be the race," she said. "If you're a Republican who has any hope to move on, this is your chance."

The primary television activity is a surprise to one Hoosier political veteran.

"I don't remember any candidate-  
**CONGRESS** Democrat or  
**WATCH** Republican-  
going on tele-  
vision this  
early in a con-  
gressional primary," said Chris Sautter, a Washington political consultant who has worked on Democratic races in Indiana since the early 1980s. "Television has increasingly become the weapon of choice in all races."

## CD 8 Dem Targets Hostettler

Sautter was Gail Riecken's media adviser in 1998, when she took on incumbent CD 8 Republican Rep. John Hostettler. When she went up on television on Labor Day with health care commercials, she dramatically reduced Hostettler's lead.

The Perry campaign is tapping the same vein, with ads on prescription drug costs and managed care reform. "Health care weaves through every aspect of life," said Perry campaign manager Carter Wells. The spots highlight that "our current congressman is not doing enough to solve some of these problems."

But focusing on beating the incumbent may backfire in the primary. "It's nice to be able to fund your own campaign like that, but it's very perilous in the primary to ignore your opponent and pretend that you're in a general election," said Curt Smith, Hostettler's former chief of staff and now vice president of the Hudson Institute.

Litz said television won't be decisive in the primary. "Television is going to be more effective in the general election, when you have a wider audience to reach. Contacting the voters is what's important to us."

Money is no object for Hamilton or Perry. Hamilton, the nephew of longtime CD 9 Rep. Lee Hamilton and former director of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, had \$225,000 on hand in January. Perry had \$335,000 on hand, with a large chunk of it coming from his own resources.

Both candidates should stay on the high road with their ads, said Sautter. "If the primary gets ugly, whoever emerges as the winner could be somewhat bloodied. There will be negative residuals that will stick."

## Off the Air, Not Under the Gun

Candidates who are not currently on the air denied that they feel pressure to change their tactics. "We chose purposely not to go up pre-window because we know we have greater name identification," said Brian Kerns, former Pease chief of staff and Griffiths' opponent in CD 7. Pre-window is a time period, which ended on March 15, when candidates are

charged a premium for airing their ads. "It's very early. I don't know that people in Indiana are focusing on the election yet." Kerns, the son-in-law of former CD 7 Rep. John Myers, wouldn't reveal when he will go on the air.

In CD 2, GOP candidate Mike Pence has not gone up on TV. "The stage we're in right now is that we're committed to television, radio, grassroots and mail," said Bill Smith, Pence's campaign manager. "The question is: Do you have the money to do all of it? We have the money to do it all now. We have three big fundraising weeks coming up, then we'll make final decisions on television." Pence has high name identification thanks in part to his syndicated radio show.

The campaign of state Rep. Jeff Linder is relying on direct mail to the more than 30,000 households in CD 2 that voted in the last GOP primary. The Linder campaign will make a television decision in April. "With direct mail, we feel we can really reach out to people," said Steve Boyce, Linder's campaign manager. Linder, who represents the southern part of the district, has targeted the northern part of the district with his mail pieces. ❖

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with the National Enquirer," Knight said.

**ZAPPIA TO LEAD GOP:** Former Democrat Len Zappia has been elected chairman of the St. Joseph County Republican Party (Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune).

**QUAYLE BUST:** Legendary stone carver Vincent Palumbo has been commissioned to create a bust of former Vice President Dan Quayle for the U.S. Capitol (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). Famed sculptor Frederick Hart created Quayle's bust in plaster just before his death last summer. The bust out of a \$20,000 block of marble will be placed next year on a pedestal outside the Senate reception room on the second floor just opposite of a bust of George Bush.

**VIGO COUNTY DECLINE:** Vigo County has lost 1.7 percent of its population since 1990, the Terre Haute Tribune-Star reported. "It is the migration component that is negative for Vigo County," said Joan Rainey, research director for the Indiana Business Research Center. Surrounding counties all had increases, including Sullivan (13.4 percent), Clay (8.9 percent), Greene (9 percent) and Parke (9.7 percent). Across the Wabash River in Illinois, Clark County showed a 4

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percent increase and Crawford had a 7.1 percent.

**TERRE HAUTE I-69 RALLY:** This city's business leaders were trying to mobilize a huge turnout for two meetings on the proposed I-69 extension. The meetings were to take place at 4 and 7 p.m. Thursday. "I want to impress upon you, this is the Wabash Valley's single most important issue related to future jobs growth and economic vitality," said Rod Henry of the Greater Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce (Tribune-Star). An INDOT study has shown there would be a 40 percent drop in traffic in Terre Haute if a new terrain route is built between Bloomington and Evansville.

**MEEKS TO HEAD SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION:** State Sen. Bud Meeks was named interim director of the National Sheriff's Association. He served as director of that organization for eight years before returning to Indiana to run for the Senate.

**COOK, ROTHENBERG ON PRESIDENTIAL EPICENTER:** Washington analysts Charlie Cook and Stu Rothenberg both believe the presidential race will probably be decided in the Midwest. Cook said that Ohio, Michigan, Illinois - "the industrial states" - will be where the election is decided. Rothenberg said he would be looking at

# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

**Morton Kondracke, *Roll Call*** - Having locked up the Democratic presidential nomination by appealing to liberal interest groups, Vice President Al Gore needs to move to the center to win the White House. His most convincing move would be to name a New Democrat as his running mate, and the best of that breed is Sen. Joe Lieberman (Conn.), current chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council. Lieberman would bolster Gore in all the places where he's currently weak - with independents who supported either Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) or former Sen. Bill Bradley (D-N.J.), voters offended by the sex and money scandals of the Clinton-Gore era and political moderates sick of Washington's partisan warfare. Other Democratic moderates are being mentioned for the number two spot with Gore, including Sens. Evan Bayh (Ind.), Dianne Feinstein (Calif.), Bob Graham (Fla.) and John Kerry (Mass.); as well as Rep. Ellen Tauscher (Calif.) and Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. But Bayh, like Gore, is the St. Albans-educated son of a Senator, though he went to Indiana University, not Harvard. Lieberman went to Yale, but he was the first person in his family ever to go to college. ❖

**Steve Lubet, *Chicago Tribune*** - The last thing the Democrats want is a liberal retreat, since their real challenge is to pick someone who can appeal to John McCain's constituency. So here's a novel idea. Gore should break with tradition and name - gasp - a moderate Republican. Think of it: Our first National Unity Government. John McCain himself would be a perfect choice, of course, but he's too dutiful to make the switch. Fortunately, there's another great Republican who is probably available - William Weld, former

governor of Massachusetts and arch-nemesis of Jesse Helms. Weld is pro-choice, non-homophobic, libertarian on social issues, in favor of gun control and fiscally conservative on the deficit. That lines him up with, oh, about 65 percent of the electorate. ❖

**Brian Howey, *HPR*** - I couldn't resist responding to the logic of the previous columnist. If a bipartisan ticket is truly in order, how about Bush-Bayh? Even Mike McDaniel has called Evan Bayh a great Republican. ❖

**Rex Kirts, *Bloomington Herald-Times*** - Well, I see Neil Reed is at it again with his mouth. And he found a willing partner in CNN/SI. Now, I'm not an apologist or a cheerleader for Indiana University's basketball program and coach Bob Knight, but I do get peeved when I see bad journalism of the kind CNN/SI engages in. It's really irritating, for instance, for national publications to keep quoting Reed and his father Terry on matters pertaining to Neil's short stay with the IU program. Maybe CNN/SI should be asking questions such as, "Why did Neil Reed attend three high schools and two colleges? And what role did his father play in this scene?" One of the high schools Neil attended was South, as a sophomore. He moved to Bloomington after one year at South Spencer, where his father was dismissed as the head basketball coach during mid-season. South had a good ball club that year, returning such players as Chris Miskel, Erik Coyne and Jarrod Watson. But the Reeds expressed a strong opinion to coach J.R. Holmes that the team should feature Neil. The situation became tense and team unity suffered. The Reeds left Bloomington for Louisiana after the school year. ❖

# Indiana 2000 Racing Form

## 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:** O'Bannon is expected to announce for re-election on March 22-23. Tipper Gore will stump for O'Bannon on March 24. Evan Bayh and Joe Andrew will host a Washington fundraiser for O'Bannon on March 28 with a special guest - President Clinton. After last week's HPR lead story, we had a number of Democrats expressing anxiety over the turmoil surrounding Gov. O'Bannon. This week saw the

governor have a much better week. His signing of Medicaid eligibility expansion and workers compensation legislation prevented what could have been a mutiny within Democratic ranks. However, his actions were overshadowed in the Indianapolis media market by the controversy surrounding IU basketball coach Bobby Knight (this is Indiana, mind you). McIntosh called the Medicaid action a "flip" by the governor and said, "While I'm pleased the governor eventually did the right thing by signing this bill, I'm disappointed that he even threatened to veto legislation so important to Hoosier parents and families. Playing politics with people's lives is wrong and that is not the kind of leadership Indiana needs." The administration had several upbeat events and other issues that diverted the negative attention to other topics. O'Bannon called for a study committee on the death penalty, although this could create some controversy with an upcoming execution. If the issue warrants study, why execute anyone until the study is done? IDEM's Lori Kaplan also announced she would develop a new environmental emergency response contingency. The problem with that is many people are wondering what State Rep. Jim Atterholt was asking last December: Did the state have such a contingency?

Apparently not. Oops! On the McIntosh "Kids First" education plan, the Republican unveiled a television ad campaign on that topic that ran in the Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, South Bend, Lafayette, Terre Haute, Evansville and Louisville markets. Some Democrats are fretting that the governor has yet to respond to what has been nearly six weeks of McIntosh TV. While it's early, some Democrats recall similar Goldsmith and Gilroy non-responses that played a role in their defeats by O'Bannon in 1996 and Bart Peterson in '99. O'Bannon campaign manager Tom New said this about the McIntosh education plan: "McIntosh appears to be interested in bringing his failed Washington agenda to Indiana. McIntosh is using ISTEP results to attack our schools, but at the same time says that ISTEP is an inadequate test that needs to be replaced. In Washington you might be able to have it both ways, Congressman, but not in Indiana." **General Status:** *Leans O'Bannon.*

**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:** Pence completed a trip to Washington in which he picked up the endorsement of the National Association of Convenience Stores, a PAC that normally doesn't endorse during primaries. Pence also has nods from the National Auto Dealers Association and the National Association of Builders and Contractors. Pence will have big fundraisers in Richmond (10 co-hosts), Anderson (10), Muncie (20) and two in Indianapolis with co-hosts that include Ron Hunter, Jim Kittle Jr., Fred Klipsch and Hart Hasten. Steele pledged to help keep "America's \$2 trillion dollar non-Social Security budget surplus from being wasted as happened with Indiana's \$1.3 billion budget surplus." Linder raised about \$3,500 in a "low dollar" event in Columbus this week that was hosted by Sen. Bob Garton and Rep. Dave Yount. Linder was

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"indicator states" - Missouri, Kentucky, Iowa and Delaware - but agreed with Cook that the Midwest "is where this election will be won or lost." As for California, Rothenberg said, "The Republicans might as well write this one off." By the pair's calculations, Bush has a current 209-207 Electoral College lead over Gore, with 122 votes mostly in the Midwest "on the bubble." As for a potential running mate, Rothenberg said that "geography will matter." Cook predicted that Bush will take a long, hard look at Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge.

**SUBTERRANEAN HUSTLING IN MARION COUNTY GOP RACE:** Sources tell HPR that Marion County Sheriff Jack Cottey and Lawrence Mayor Tom Schneider have added at least 200 new precinct committee members in a move to bolster the county chairman prospects of John Keeler. The former legislator is in a battle to replace John Sweezy with Washington Township Chairman Monty Combs. Sources close to Combs say they have been denied access to county GOP lists and rules. The Republicans meet to choose a new chair on March 22.

**EVANSVILLE EYES NEW HS:** The Evansville-Vanderburgh School Board will consider adding a sixth public high school within the next six

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months, the Courier & Press reported.

**BAYH INTRODUCES ED REFORMS:** Sen. Evan Bayh and seven members of the newly formed Senate New Democrat Coalition introduced groundbreaking legislation that would "radically revamp federal education policy and refocus it on raising academic standards for all students." Joining Bayh on the measure were Sens. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, Mary Landrieu and John Breaux of Louisiana, Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, Bob Graham of Florida, Chuck Robb of Virginia and Kerb Kohl of Wisconsin.

**LUGAR SPONSORS MEDICARE LEGISLATION:** U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar will be the original co-sponsor of legislation that would create a fundamental shift in the Medicare program. Lugar said the Medicare Wellness Act "is the most comprehensive effort made to refocus Medicare on health promotion and disease prevention. It provides new screening and counseling benefits, research money for elderly disease prevention and it will test new treatment concepts." Lugar has been a long time advocate of preventive medicine, sponsoring the annual Dick Lugar Health Fair in downtown Indianapolis.



planning to campaign in Bartholomew, Delaware (two days), Rush and Madison (two days) counties this week. **Primary Status:** *Leans Pence (R); Tossup (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:** Loomis said the Clinton administration should suspend the 4.3 cent excise tax on gasoline through the end of the year. Loomis also favored opening up Alaska's 1.5 million Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil exploration "as long as measures are taken to assure compliance with state-of-the-art environmental protection" (Mike Dooley, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*). **Status:** *Solid Souder.*

**Congressional District 7: Republican:** Brian Kerns, Bob Griffiths, Dr. Alex Gatzimos, Doug Hess, 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:** Matt Branam drops out of the race, citing a lack of desire to raise the money needed to compete. This development will have little impact on the race, which is clearly coming down to a Griffiths vs. Kerns dynamic. Griffiths continues a heavy rotation of TV ads and signs the "Taxpayer Protection Pledge" from the Americans for Tax Reform. **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 picks up endorsements from Evansville City Council members Curt John, Steve Melcher, Connie Robinson and Steve Bagbey. Former congressman Lee Hamilton stumps for his nephew in Evansville. "You have plenty of people in Washington who can give a pretty speech. What you need is someone who can build consensus," Lee Hamilton said (*Evansville Courier & Press*). The former congressman also endorsed the I-69 extension between Indianapolis and Evansville, but said, "That is a decision that is not going to make everybody happy." **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:** Hill called on Congress to act on the gasoline price gouging, co-sponsoring the Oil Price Safeguard Act which would encourage the government to use the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. "It seems like every weekend when I go home to Indiana, the price of gasoline is a little bit more expensive," Hill said. "I believe it is now in our national interest to draw down a small amount of crude oil from the SPR to stabilize prices and convince the OPEC ministers to increase their production." **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:** Samuel criticized Carson's vote against the Wage and Employment Growth Act, saying he supports a \$1 minimum wage increase over two years. "This is a fair and balanced bill," Samuel said. He also released "10 Solutions for the 10th District" that include hiring more federal prosecutors to focus on drug and gun crimes, eliminate the marriage penalty tax, and passing tax relief for working families. **Republican Primary Status:** *Leans Samuel.*