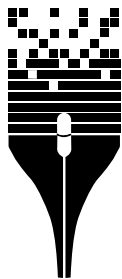


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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“People here don’t appreciate that kind of pettiness. If it doesn’t change, he is going to end up regretting it...” - Kevin Kellems, to The Hill newspaper, about Rep. Baron Hill and the story that challenges Kellems’ 9th CD residency.

Perry closes in on Hamilton in 8th CD

Name or hustle will decide Demo race

By **MARK SCHOEFF Jr.**

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WASHINGTON - Over the course of his distinguished congressional career, former Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-CD 9) was known for his thoughtful, measured, nuanced statements on U.S. foreign policy. But when it comes to his nephew's run for the CD 8 Democratic congressional nomination, Hamilton is blunt.

"He will win the primary," Lee Hamilton said of his nephew, John Hamilton, former director of the Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management. The elder Hamilton paused briefly to let the words sink in in an interview with HPR. "He's put together a very good organization. In terms of developing a broad base of financial support, he's done exceedingly well."

But John Hamilton, 40, faces a fierce challenge from Paul Perry, 36, an energetic and well-funded orthopedic surgeon from Warrick County who went up on television three weeks before Hamilton.

Lee Hamilton may be the only person in the district, or the state, who is certain about the outcome of the CD 8 Democratic primary on May 2. Political officials in the district say the race is too close to call. HPR's Horse Race forecast is "Tossup." Hamilton and Perry are competing for the chance to challenge incumbent GOP Rep. John Hostettler, who won re-election in 1998 with 52 percent of the vote.

"The turnout is going to be real low," said Jack Waldroup, Vanderburgh County Democratic Chairman. "They need to be on the phone calling people and getting

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ELIAN FALLOUT: Congressional Republicans calling for an investigation into the para-military recovery of Elian Gonzalez from the home of his Miami, Fla., family are going against public opinion, where an ABC News poll revealed that 59 percent of Americans supported the decision by Attorney General Janet Reno.

KINSEY A REPUBLICAN: Jonathon Gathorne-Hardy reveals in his new book, "Sex The Measure of All Things: A Life of Alfred C. Kinsey" that the famed Indiana University sex researcher was a Republican.

DNA FREES CONVICT: Convicted killer Jerry E. Watkins became the first Indiana prison inmate to be ordered freed after DNA evidence absolved him in the 1986 stabbing death of his sister-in-law. Gov. Frank O'Bannon had announced a committee to review the Indiana death penalty last month.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS: We received this message from the new College Republican President, David Veleta of Franklin College, copied and pasted: "HPR, their is a College Republicans press release attached to this e-mail."

them out to the polls. That's what it's all about."

Hamilton began the campaign with stronger institutional backing, thanks to his work in state government for IDEM and then-Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon. But

Perry has built substantial name ID through television advertising that has been up since Feb. 28. Each of his ads, and his entire campaign, focuses on health care.

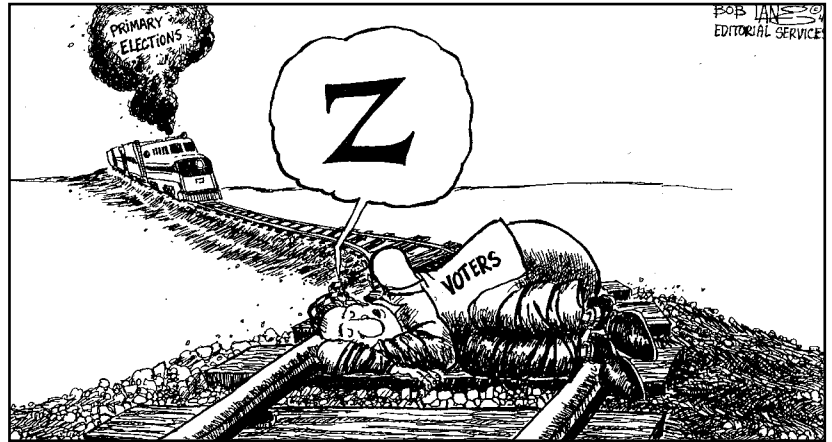
"John started out clearly with much stronger name recognition," said Anthony Long, CD 8 Democratic chairman. "Dr. Perry has worked tirelessly. I think with his approximately three week lead in television ads, name recognition has pretty well been saturated for both of them."

Even people in the Hamilton camp tip their hats to Perry's kinetic and peripatetic campaign. "He's been coming to our county since last September," said Mt. Vernon Mayor Jackson Higgins, who has endorsed Hamilton. "He's made himself very visible, and he's gained a lot of support by making those visits."

War of Endorsements

Both Hamilton and Perry have touted dozens of endorsements by local officials and political leaders from each of the 13 counties as evidence of their momentum. Higgins said he is supporting Hamilton because of Hamilton's efforts to bring grants to Mt. Vernon when he served as chief of staff at Commerce. Hamilton helped solve local water and sewer problems when he was head of the IDEM. Higgins will put out yard signs for Hamilton over the weekend.

Perry's signature issue, health care, is also the source of at least one of his endorsements. Warrick County Sheriff



Bruce Hargrave said he is backing Perry because of a painful experience in January surrounding the death of his father. "The dying wish for my father was that my mother could quit work and stay home with him," Hargrave said. "I have a personal interest in (Perry's) race because his primary issue is health care for seniors." Hargrave said he is sending postcards this week to Warrick County Democrats encouraging them to vote for Perry on Tuesday. Perry claims nearly 100 endorsements from mayors, city, county, and town council members as well as county party officials and special interest leaders.

Hamilton is receiving help from two high-profile backers. Indiana House Speaker John Gregg traveled to Vincennes with Hamilton earlier this week. Lee Hamilton told HPR he would be in Indianapolis on Thursday and Friday "doing some contacts" for his nephew. He wouldn't elaborate on what that meant.

Government vs. Health Care

Most observers agree that Hamilton started the race with an edge. He had worked closely with the most powerful Democrats in the state-O'Bannon and then-Gov. Evan Bayh. He was named by national Democratic Chairman Joe Andrew in a Feb. 1999 front-page item in the *Wall Street Journal* as being the kind of candidate the Democratic Party sought in the 21st century. Andrew formerly was head of the Indiana party. And, of course,

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Hamilton could bask in the reflected glory of his uncle's three-decade career serving neighboring CD 9. But political insiders have criticized Hamilton for running a lethargic campaign during the fall and winter. He changed campaign managers in March. He went up on television three weeks after Perry. A Washington watchdog group criticized him for failing to identify the occupations of 37 percent of his individual donors.

Hamilton brushes off negative reviews with a wry laugh. "Everyone's interested in evaluating the strategy and tactics of campaigns," he said. "My job is to work hard, which I've been doing for a year, getting the message out and articulating a vision. I've been putting a lot of miles on the cars."

The image of him Hamilton wants voters to have in mind on Tuesday is that of "someone who can hit the ground running and get results." His top issues are health care, education, retirement security, fiscal security and the appropriate role of government. He has been running a television spot on the need to protect privacy in the Internet age to highlight the last point. "While the Internet presents great opportunities, we don't want to lose our sense of privacy and personal space." Another Hamilton spot featured his uncle. A third one focused on Social Security.

Perry has been tenacious in staying on message. Each of his five television ads has been about health care. His signature causes are patient's rights and Medicare prescription drug coverage. He believes health care is a touchstone for a spectrum of issues, ranging from the environment to education to privacy. "Health care weaves through every aspect of our lives," he said. "Having kids who are ready to learn when they go to school requires good health care."

Money and Message

The degree to which a message resonates is usually proportional to the amount of money backing it. For Perry,

cash has never been in short supply. He has put approximately \$300,000 of his own funds into the race. He has raised another \$315,000. As of the March 31 Federal Election Commission report, he had \$66,153 cash on hand. Hamilton had \$169,476 on hand.

Perry would like to get credit for the fundraising he's done. "It's no simple achievement" to raise \$300,000, he said. "The real story is how someone like me, with no political experience, has been a good fundraiser. It's because health care is a dynamite issue." Perry's use of his own money is not creating a backlash, according to Long, because Perry's wealth is self-made, not inherited. "It's been done in a tasteful manner," said Long. "I'm not hearing any negatives."

Hidden Issue--Abortion

Long said an issue that has been off the radar may have impact on election day - abortion. Neither candidate has talked much about the subject. Hamilton, like the majority of Democrats, is pro-choice. Perry is pro-life. "As a doctor, he is sworn to protect life," said Carter Wells, Perry campaign manager. "He is a Roman Catholic and a father of five." Hamilton "believes government shouldn't be involved in the private decisions of people, including the decision to end a pregnancy," said Crystal Litz, Hamilton campaign manager.

"I really want to see how that plays out in a primary," said Long. He said Newburgh, southern Gibson County, west Evansville, and Daviess County each have significant Catholic voting populations. "Votes in those areas are going to be a true bench mark of how strong this issue is among Democratic voters."

Whatever the outcome, political officials praise the way Hamilton and Perry have run. "We've got the classiest two candidates running for Congress in the country," said Long. "The commercials we've seen come out of this are top drawer. They stick with you." ❖

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INDIANA JOBLESS RATE:

The state's unemployment rate for February was 3.6 percent, compared to 4.4 percent nationally. Employment is up 1.6 percent from a year ago. Jobless rates in neighboring states include 4.7 percent in Illinois, 4.8 percent in Ohio, 4.6 percent in Kentucky and 3.4 percent in Michigan. The highest county jobless rate in Indiana was 9.5 percent in Switzerland followed by 7.6 percent in Crawford, 7.5 percent in Orange and 7.4 percent in Perry and Pulaski. The lowest rates all surrounded Indianapolis: 2.3 percent in Monroe, 2.2 percent in Hancock, 2.1 percent in Johnson, 1.9 percent in Boone, 1.8 percent in Hendricks and 1.5 percent in Hamilton.

CHANNEL 13 REPORT ON SHERIFF COTTEY: WTHR-TV will be airing an expose on Marion County Sheriff Jack Cottey and allegations that he has been drinking alcohol while on duty. The report is due to air at 6 p.m. Thursday. Channel 13's investigation was the subject of a story in the Indianapolis Star earlier this month as two TV news investigative teams had been stopped by police for trailing Cottey.

SOUDER 'UNCOMFORTABLE' OVER RAID: Rep. Mark Souder, R-4th CD, said photos of the raid in Miami

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that removed Elian Gonzalez from his Miami relatives "made me uncomfortable" (Sylvia A. Smith, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). But the congressman said his second reaction was, "How would I do it differently. It's easy to throw stones." Souder wouldn't endorse the raid, but he didn't join congressional Republicans who denounced it as "a bungled mess."

JAPANESE LIKE I-69: Evansville Mayor Russ Lloyd Jr., just back from a 10-day trip to Japan, said that while Japanese business leaders didn't testify at recent public hearings on the extension of I-69 from Indianapolis to Evansville, they are very interested in the highway (Alan Julian, Evansville Courier & Press).

POTENTIAL CARPETBAGGERS?: Jack Reynolds lives in Spencer in Owen County, and he's running for the Republican nomination for Congress in the 1st CD (Steve Walsh, Gary Post-Tribune). He's also run for Congress in the 7th and 10th Districts. Then there are Ralph Spelbring of Elkhart, running in the Democratic primary in the 10th District, and Douglas Hess, who lives in the 10th CD but is running in the 7th. So what is the deal? Nothing. Cristi Robertson, co-general counsel of the State Election Commission,

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PERHAPS... WE WANDER

By Brian Howey

The Hoosier watchdogs snooze

Last week the frontrunning Republican gubernatorial nominee came out with his "Families First" tax plan and called it the "defining moment of the campaign." David McIntosh said he would expand the homestead credit to 50 percent, which would provide homeowners with an average 25 percent property tax cut; freeze property taxes for people 65 years and older after the cut; create a new Farmland Protection Credit that would cut farm taxes by 25 percent; and eliminate the so-called business inventory tax. The plan was developed by several heavy hitters in the Republican/business establishment - former House Ways and Means Committee chairman Pat Kiely, now with the Indiana Manufacturer's Association, Kevin Brinegar from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, former Goldsmith aide Joe Loftus, and ranking Ways and Means GOP Rep. Jeff Espich.

"I pledge to you that as your governor I will work every day to guarantee that property taxes will be cut by 25 percent," McIntosh said. "Indiana desperately needs leadership to reduce Hoosiers' rising property taxes."

O'Bannon counters

The re-election campaign of Gov. Frank O'Bannon charged that McIntosh had not done his homework. "McIntosh's plan can't be done without raising taxes or making significant cuts in education and government services," Gov. O'Bannon responded. Campaign manager Tom New added, "I've seen a lot of tax cut schemes in my time, but I've never seen a plan that is touted to do so much with so little analysis or documentation." O'Bannon campaign spokesman Thad Nation observed, "He doesn't say how he'll pay

for it. The spending caps could save as much as \$150 million a year, but there is no detailed breakdown; no real numbers. You'll remember 1996 when the entire press corps made both campaigns show how much each proposal will cost and how they would pay for it. That is the standard we live by, and a standard that we expect McIntosh to be held to."

McIntosh acknowledged the plaintive wails from the O'Bannon campaign, telling HPR, "O'Bannon says it can't be done. But the courts are going to order it done and that will mean a 25 to 45 percent increase, even when he moves welfare off the property tax rolls."

Wait a minute! Wait a minute! Who in the heck is right, here?

Analysts take a bye

The problem is that the fiscal analysts from around the state are taking a bye on this one. HPR asked the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute, the Taxpayer Research Association in Fort Wayne, the Indiana University Kelley School of Business and the Hudson Institute for an impartial analysis of the known McIntosh and O'Bannon tax positions.

Bill Shel Drake of the Fiscal Policy Institute said he "didn't have time" to analyze the positions. So did Mitch Harper of the Taxpayer Research Association. Both of those independent analysts expressed reservations about wading into political hot water. In their defense, they are waiting with great anticipation the St. John tax hearing scheduled for this Friday. That ruling will reveal much about the state's financial future.

Hudson's Bill Styring did offer up some observations, even though it isn't in his job description. "We've got a legiti-

mate dispute as to where the state is right now. We have to try to figure out where the starting point is. We don't know that," said Styring. And there are several reasons for that. One of them is that top fiscal analysts don't know what the personal property tax credit that Ways and Means Chairman B. Patrick Bauer ushered in last year is going to do. There are also questions about the school formula. As Styring puts it, "The way they have it rigged, it's not how many kids there are in school statewide, but where they are." Then there is the question of an operating deficit. "I don't know if there is one or not," Styring said. He added, "I do know that conceptually, the McIntosh plan may be workable, given the proviso that the economy doesn't tank. That's about all I know. I don't think he's been irresponsible. But I, too, am asking for more details."

Dragon breath

Then there's Morton Marcus, director of the Indiana Business Research Center at IU's Kelley School of Business. In his syndicated column this week, Marcus took on one basic Republican assumption that we are a "high tax" state. "In Indiana, property taxes account for 31 percent of all state and local tax revenues. Nationally, the figure is 30.4 percent. Not much difference," Marcus wrote. With regard to the population, Hoosiers are personally taxed \$2,222 annually, which is 35th in the nation and 14.4 percent below the national average. As for reliance on tax revenue to run the government, taxes provided 67.6 percent of state revenues, with the national average at 69.7 percent. "Now you know," Marcus said. "We are not excessively dependent on property taxes. Thus armed, go forth and meet the candidates. You are better prepared for their dragon breath."

With specific regard to the McIntosh and O'Bannon tax positions, Marcus told HPR, "The proposals for tax changes now being broadcast by candi-

dates are most welcome. They may lack detail, but what's new about that? They may lack feasibility, but does that matter? This is the time for politics, not serious statesmanship. These proposals should be taken as seriously as yard signs. They are easy to set up and can be removed just as easily once the election is over."

And Marcus continued, "What these proposals reflect is the view of the candidates about the concerns of voters. That does not mean the voters actually do have such concerns. In a society where fake jewels are sold, fake proposals have equal value. Serious candidates would not promise tax reductions, spending caps, and other enticements without adequate accompanying documentation. But we expect declarations, not dissertations from our candidates. Serious voters will not be taken in by fluff. Are there enough serious voters? I don't know."

Go find the truth

The disturbing trend in all of this is that not one of these leading fiscal analysts had even heard from a reporter in the wake of the McIntosh announcement until we called. It's been a long time since Gov. O'Bannon exhorted the press corps to "go find the truth!" in September 1996 after Stephen Goldsmith's 38 tax increase assault.

The Associated Press's Mike Smith and WTHR-TV's Kevin Rader did take on the McIntosh assertion that property taxes had doubled, but came to different conclusions (Smith said they had, though he noted that "many homeowners have seen their property taxes increase, but they have not doubled" since 1988; Rader concluded they had not). NUVO's Harrison Ullmann wrote in his final Street story that they had not, but cited '89 figures.

As we enter the "defining moment" of the governor's race, we find the Hoosier watchdogs - be they fiscal analysts or political reporters - taking a nice sunny, spring snooze. ❖

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said, "Basically to run for Congress you only have to live in the state." First District incumbent Rep. Peter Visclosky doesn't seem to be worried.

CHRIS 'THE BODY' COOKE: Wrestler Chris Cooke is running in the Republican primary for a seat in Indiana House District 76 (Tim Starks, Evansville Courier & Press). But don't compare him with Jesse "The Body" Ventura, who wears the Reform Party label. Cooke is a Republican and mostly wrestles as a "good guy," while Ventura usually was a villain. Cooke, who only wrestles locally, is opposed in the primary by Dan Hostettler, brother of 8th District U.S. Rep. John Hostettler.

ILLIANA EXPRESS STUDY OKAYED: Gov. Frank O'Bannon says he is willing to work with Illinois Gov. George Ryan to study the feasibility of a proposed expressway across southern Lake County to relieve traffic on the Borman and Kingery expressways (Rich Bird and Terry Burns, Munster Times). O'Bannon said he supports a joint feasibility study by the Indiana and Illinois departments of transportation.

HILBERT FOUNDATION HANGS ON: Conseco's Hilbert Foundation, with most of its assets in 955,000

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shares of Conseco stock, has taken a hit in the stock market in recent weeks, but Executive Director Phillip Scheffsky said, "We're still doing our part in the community, but we have to stay within grant guidelines" (Greg Jefferson, *Indiana Business Journal*). Conseco stock closed below \$5 last Friday, down from a high of \$56.46 in April 1998.

SHERIFFS' JAIL FUNDS CURBED: Commissary funds, long a slush fund for many sheriffs' departments across the state, effective July 1 will be able to use the funds only on a list of defined law enforcement and jail operations items (William Lazarus, *Munster Times*). The bill was introduced by Sen. Becky Skillman, R-Bedford. She said the Indiana Sheriffs Association supported the bill.

GUIDE PROBABLE TARGET: Indiana is expected to file suit in Federal District Court this week charging Anderson's Guide Corp. with causing the December environmental disaster that killed 117 tons of fish in the White River between Anderson and Indianapolis (Kyle Niederpruem and Bonnie Harris, *Indianapolis Star*).

SOUDER SEEKS FEDERAL MONEY: Fourth District Rep. Mark Souder is seeking more than \$32.8 million

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Andrew Jacobs Jr., *Indianapolis Business Journal* - Many of those who oppose reuniting Elian Gonzalez with his father have in the past fervently insisted that a child needs both parents. Now they fervently insist that this child doesn't even need one parent. They were right the first time. I cast the Indianapolis congressional vote for a tough anti-trade law against Cuba. Castro deserved a smack. But the punishment should not be perpetuated; it should be ended now. It's high time for us to infiltrate and sabotage the Cuban Castro commies - with American sales-people. ❖

Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - Relax, all you political junkies. Your life is about to become anxiety-free. No more channel surfing and setting your VCRs in hopes of catching a congressional campaign ad. No more aimless driving in search of a billboard or yard sign. No need to laminate newspaper ads or listen to whiny radio hosts just to catch a whisp of a radio commercial. The e-age is everywhere, it seems, and congressional campaigns are no different. For the first time in history, congressional candidates in northeast Indiana have created campaign Web pages. They're filled with photos, opinions, press releases and - in one case - even a voice. Republicans Mark Souder and Mike Loomis deserve decent grades for their debut into electronic campaigning, which was a novelty four years ago but which has become de rigeur at the federal level. While both sites have flaws, they seem to have gotten their money's worth. The red-white-and-blue color scheme of Loomisforcongress.com is not inspired. But this is a political Web site, not an ad for an interior designer. Its overall tone is welcoming - which is a plus for anybody trying to sell something. "It has a

friendly feel that at times teeters into goofiness," said Tom Moores, who designs political Web pages. (He doesn't have any Indiana candidates.) But that goofiness is not necessarily a bad thing. Loomis' photo album is exactly that - a quick flip through his career with a heavy emphasis on candid shots of the campaign volunteers. It has a homey feel that seems well-suited for northeast Indiana. Souder2000.org, on the other hand, is less inviting, Moores said. "It's not a first-name type site. This is very typical of incumbents." ❖

Stuart Rothenberg, *Roll Call* - Let's look at what Bush needs. Clearly, it would be ideal to get someone from a critical state, though it almost never happens. Then-Sen. Dan Quayle (1992) was from Indiana. Then-Sen. Walter Mondale (1976 and 1980) was from Minnesota. Gore (1992), also a sitting Senator, was from Tennessee. Bob Dole (1976) was from Kansas. None of those picks made sense in terms of helping the presidential nominee carry a state. I suppose you could argue that New Yorker Jack Kemp (1996), Texan Lloyd Bentsen (1988) and Texan George Bush (1980) were from big states and were selected, in part, for that reason. But anyone who thought that Kemp could help Dole carry New York needed therapy, and Reagan picked Bush because he was the runner-up to the nomination and had a following in the party's more moderate wing, not because Bush was supposed to help carry the Lone Star State. Bentsen, of course, helped presidential nominee Michael Dukakis get a whopping 43 percent of the vote in Texas in 1988. Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, who surely helped John F. Kennedy carry Texas and win the White House, is the exception, not the rule. ❖

Indiana 2000 Racing Form

GOVERNOR, congressional races

Governor: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, John R. Price. **Democrat:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon. **Libertarian:** Andrew Horning. **1996 results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* endorsed Price, which is probably the kiss of death for a Republican. It hasn't been a real good week for McIntosh. Price chided him during the *Indianapolis Star*/WTHR debate about his "guarantee" that his 25 percent property tax cut will pass the legislature, saying, "David, it doesn't work that way." State Sen. Morris Mills reacted to the tax plan by saying, "It's going to be awfully tight. I'm not going to cut the rug out from under him right away, but it's going to be a challenge." Many observers have commented that Doc Bowen raised sales taxes to cut property taxes and likened the McIntosh plan to Reagan's promise to increase defense spending, cut taxes and balance the budget. McIntosh is getting nicked up for not supplying numbers to back up his plan. The *Elkhart Truth* editorialized, "Rolling back property taxes can't be as simple as McIntosh makes it sound. Nevertheless, he has laid out the most explicit program of property tax relief presented so far." The *Star's* editorial page columnist Larry Macintyre wrote that the McIntosh tax cut plan "is not impossible," but this is the same guy who predicted that Bart Peterson will stick Indianapolis residents with \$150 sewer bills. **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, Robert Rock Jr., Troy Liggett, Angela Burks. **Independent:** Bill Frazier. **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:** In the 2nd CD, Republican Mike Pence had a \$300,000 to \$222,000 lead over Jeff Linder (Rick Yencer, *Muncie Star Press*) in the March 31 FEC reports. During the last reporting period, Pence had spent \$126,000 while Linder has spent \$190,000. Luke Messer finished the period with \$60,000 and Brad Steele had \$50,000. The GOP primary has turned into a Pence airwar vs. Linder groundwar. Linder's camp told HPR, "We expect to surprise some people." On the Democratic side, Ron Gyure had raised \$70,000 and had \$37,000 cash on hand. Robert Rock Jr. had \$55,000 with more than half still on hand. Troy Liggett came in third with \$35,000 while Angela Burks failed to file a report. Gyure, Rock and Liggett said they were depending on radio and direct mail to get their message out. Liggett seems to be the Democrat with some momentum at the end. The organizational money is still on Rock with his Madison County base, but this has been an extremely lackluster campaign that could make a surprise possible. **Primary Status:** *LEANS PENCE (R); Leans Rock (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:** We expect Souder to be easily renominated. **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, 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:** Goodnight raised more than \$145,000 in the first quarter while Buyer raised more than \$17,000 (Dave Kitchell, *Logansport Pharos-Tribune*). Goodnight's report to the FEC listed more than 4,000

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in the next federal budget for his pet projects (Sylvia A. Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Although Souder's district does not include South Bend, \$24.8 million of Souder's requests is for Notre Dame programs. Souder won a master's degree at ND and says he's a "super-big Notre Dame fan." He also wants \$7 million for a new building at the Air National Guard post at Fort Wayne International Airport.

MORE MONEY REQUESTS: Both of Indiana's U.S. senators and Rep. John Hostettler, R-8th District, are asking Congress for \$1 million for upgrading Indiana 56 into West Baden Springs (Mary G. Johnson, *Bedford Times-Mail*). The full cost of the project is estimated at \$9 million.

NIPSCO UNDER FIRE: The arm of the governor's office responsible for defending the interests of residential energy customers has charged that NIPSCO unfairly used a legal loophole to collect \$31 million in electric rate profits (Joe Carroll, *Munster Times*). A company spokesman said the profits collected above the ceiling set by regulators did not violate the law. The law allows the company to collect excess profits to make up for periods when it didn't attain the allowable profit level. The company said it underearned

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by \$501 million since 1987, when the law went into effect, and overearned only during the last seven quarters.

UE SURVEY RESULTS DISAPPOINTING: A Faculty Senate survey at the University of Evansville showed that 55 percent of those responding are not optimistic about the school's future (Patricia Swanson, Evansville Courier & Press). Only 72 of the 178 full-time faculty polled responded to the survey. UE President James Vinson downplayed the credibility of the survey because of the lack of control over who responded. The annual survey was conducted via the Internet this year.

HIGH TECH HELP: Gov. Frank O'Bannon announced a new pilot program designed to help Indiana companies keep their high-tech personnel. "The Technology Enhancement Certification for Hoosiers Fund will keep Indiana's economy humming," O'Bannon said. "Indiana companies say they needed to fill 4,700 new advanced information technology jobs last year and they'll need at least that many - or more - of these workers this year."



donors, of which 3,400 are Hoosiers. Buyer declined to comment on the report. Goodnight views his run against Buyer as a 15-round fight. But Goodnight hasn't socked Buyer on the impeachment issue to generate campaign cash. After President Clinton's impeachment by the House on charges of covering up a White House sex scandal, political observers warned of a backlash against House impeachment trial managers like Buyer. Goodnight, however, said he has not received money from any organization that is out to punish the House prosecutors. "I haven't reached out to those groups, and they haven't contacted me," said Goodnight. Some modest amounts of money have come from people who have said they're personally peeved about the impeachment imbroglio. But the majority of funds have been raised the old-fashioned way-at golf outings, hog roasts, and private homes. Goodnight says his support comes from "working people in the district. I consider professional people working people-nurses, farmers, teachers. We're getting a broad base of support." Buyer's office said he won't comment on the campaign until after the primary. Buyer is the target of a TV ad in the Indianapolis market urging him to oppose free trade with China. **Status:** *LIKELY 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:** Our guess is that Nick Arena will emerge from the Democratic primary to challenge Burton. **Status:** *SOLID R*.

Congressional District 7: Republican: Brian Kerns, Bob Griffiths, Dr. Alex Gatzimos, Doug Hess, Bryan Donaldson, Tony Duncan, John Timm. **Democrat:** Jeff Clapper, Sam Hillenburg, Michael Graf. **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:** Shirley Baker, 7th District Republican chairperson and vice chair of the state party, named Kerns, Griffiths and Gatzimos as the front runners and said of the race, "I don't have a feel for it" (Peter Ciancone, *Terre Haute Tribune Star*). Neither do we. This race is a real wild card, with a slight edge (or, better yet, hunch) to Griffiths for getting up on the air quickly and having a regional power base in the Lafayette area, as well as some key endorsements in rapidly growing Hendricks County. Gatzimos does not appear to have much of a ground organization, but folks can't ignore his big media presence. Kerns was up on TV this week with an ad that describes him as a "Republican" (haven't heard that in a TV ad much lately) and showing him with John Myers and noting the Ed Pease endorsement. One real wild card as far as Kerns goes is: will folks in the Indianapolis TV market confuse him with national laughingstock Bobby Hidalgo Kern, the 6th CD Democratic nominee in 1998 and fodder for A. Whitney Brown on the Comedy Channel? **Republican Primary Status:** *Leans Griffiths*.

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 is involved in a residency dilemma. *The Hill* reported that Kellems paid taxes on property in Indianapolis and used it as his "principal place of residence" between 1995 and 1998 while he voted in Madison. Kellems said his "home" has always been his family's farmhouse near Madison, which has been in the family for 120 years. Kellems won the endorsement of Indiana Right to Life, creating a flap with Bailey. Hill reported \$613,793 raised and \$550,735 cash on hand, compared to \$103,613 cash on hand for Kellems. Bailey reported less than \$200 cash on hand. **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 received the Indiana Right to Life endorsement, but Samuel appears to have the organizational support and he is a slight favorite in the GOP primary. **Republican Primary Status:** *Leans Samuel*. ❖

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Wedge Politics: The Strange Bedfellows of Pat Robertson and Al Sharpton?

11:45 a.m. Ethical Considerations For the Candidate,
featuring Gov. Frank O'Bannon and Senate candidate David Johnson.
Lunch served.

1:30 p.m. HPR/TeleResearch Polling Results and Political Analysis
Of Election 2000 and Related Issues, with Brian A. Howey, Mark Schoeff Jr., Jeff Lewis, & Ronald Gifford.

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