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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“If you walk down the middle of the road long enough, you’ll get run over...”

- 3rd CD Republican nominee Chris Chocola, commenting on U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer’s “bipartisanship,” to the South Bend Tribune

Gender, Senate ties key in LG search

Harcourt, Lubbers in catbird seats

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

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INDIANAPOLIS - Jean Ann Harcourt remembers the first time she met David McIntosh. He was a darkhorse congressional candidate in 1993. She was opening up a new manufacturing plant in the Rush County town of Milroy and was backing Ann DeVore for Congress.

“I remember telling him that he didn’t have a chance to beat Ann DeVore,” Harcourt said. “We still laugh about that.”

Today, Harcourt finds herself on the top of a short list to be McIntosh’s lieutenant governor nominee, which he will announce later this month. Harcourt and State Sen. Teresa Lubbers both occupy conspicuous spots because they are females in a state where Republicans have experienced a serious gender gap; and because they have excellent relationships with key Republican warhorses and dinosaurs in the Indiana Senate.

Also elevated to HPR’s top tier list is State Sen. Murray Clark. Earlier this week, Lafayette Mayor Dave Heath told the *Journal and Courier*, “My belief is David McIntosh needs to choose the person who can best help him get elected and I told him that.”

But that’s not going to be the key strategy in the LG search. Indiana voters are going to vote for governor, not lieutenant governor. Election strategy actually will play a minor role in who the nominee is. That is a small reason why Lubbers, Clark and Newman are on the list. Stephen Goldsmith lost Marion County by about 20,000 votes in 1996 and Indianapolis now has a Democratic mayor. The

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ATTORNEY GENERAL SET FOR FORUM: Indiana Attorney General Karen Freeman-Wilson's campaign has confirmed that she will appear at the June 19 HPR/Baker & Daniels Forum on Campaign Ethics. The Forum also plans to invite the Republican attorney general nominee. The Forum has been certified for 5.5 hours of continuing legal education credits, including 3 hours for ethics. To attend, see www.howey-politics.com or call 317-254-0535.

SCHREIBER TO BE LG CANDIDATE: Hamilton County entrepreneur Mark Schreiber has been named the Libertarian Party's lieutenant governor candidate. Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Andy Horning asked Schreiber this past week and he will be formally nominated this weekend. He was a consultant to Horning's 1999 Indianapolis mayoral campaign and shot the video footage of Horning's helicopter crashing during a TV ad shoot.

REPUBLICAN CHAIRS MEET: National Republicans meeting in Indianapolis this week had an unusual request for Indiana Chairman Mike McDaniel. "The legal counsel for the RNC called me about two weeks ago and asked if we could supply a local parliamentarian."

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election theory is that Lubbers, Clark and Newman will help the Republicans recapture Indianapolis. The new reality is this: While Indianapolis is important, it is not the same bulwark that the Republicans needed to offset Democratic pluralities in Lake, St. Joseph and Vigo counties in the 1960s through the '80s. The doughnut counties are now seen as just as important as Marion County itself.

So while Sens. Clark and Lubbers could theoretically be viewed as helping to bring Marion County back into the fold, that is not what their primary strengths would be.

Two other elements have taken on increased importance: gender and working relationships in the Indiana General Assembly, particularly in the Senate.

O'Bannon's experience

There are two things that David McIntosh has learned from the O'Bannon experience of 1996-2000: Be ready to hit the ground running in January 2001 when any post-election political capital is at its peak, and have excellent working relationships with key fiscal legislators.

When O'Bannon upset Goldsmith, it took almost every man-hour the Democrats had to pull it off. Whereas Doc Bowen used his 1972 political capital to

move through his historic 1973 tax plan, O'Bannon wasn't ready. Fresh in the governor's mind was the Sam Turpin fiasco - an upset winner ill prepared to deal with the fiscal complexities of state government. That is why O'Bannon decided to appoint his "Blue Ribbon Commission" on taxes. What he ended up with was a muddled mess with taxes and reassessments that has become nothing less than a tar baby in a sticky pit. McIntosh understands that.

Senate relationships

The second thing he understands is the strange relationship between O'Bannon and House Ways and Means Chairman B. Patrick Bauer. While O'Bannon will vigorously defend the diminutive chairman from South Bend, there is no question that Bauer has dealt the governor some of his most embarrassing defeats - particularly with full-day kindergarten. Another was the mobile home tax credits that created the \$200 million budget shortfall earlier this year.

McIntosh recognizes that he has to be prepared to push through his tax revamping plan in 2001 when his political capital is at its apex, and he knows he has to have a vividly good working relationship with Senate Finance Chairman Larry Borst. The McIntosh camp characterizes its legislative agenda as "the most ambitious since Bowen."

While there is no official LG "short list" in the McIntosh campaign, here is HPR's rationale for putting Sens. Lubbers and Clark and Jean Ann Harcourt above the first cut.

First tier

Jean Ann Harcourt: As the HPR Daily Wire reported on Tuesday, Harcourt and her brother and business partner have agreed that she would accept the LG nomination if offered. Harcourt is a former Republican National Committeewoman, a businesswoman and mother, and was first female president of the Indiana Manufacturer's Association. She has long-time friendships with both Sen. Borst and the IMA's Pat Kiely. "Larry loves me," Harcourt told HPR. "He's been to my house. He even sent me a polar bear. I've had a seat at the table and the doors are starting to open."

Harcourt has been a workaholic on behalf of countless Republican candidates and has an excellent relationship with Indiana GOP Chair Mike McDaniel. She would give the GOP ticket additional strength in the doughnut counties.

There are two potential controversies with Harcourt. There is concern over McIntosh nominating a running mate from his 2nd Congressional District. That is a story with a media shelf life of a couple of days and they reside on different sides of U.S. 40 - the symbolic dividing line between North and South.

The second is that she is pro-choice on abortion, although the way the Republican Platform Committee handled that, abortion is not likely to be much of a floor issue.

Finally, there is the gender gap. "There is clearly a gender preference among women for Democratic candidates in Indiana," noted TeleResearch pollster Jeff Lewis. Both Govs. Bayh and O'Bannon have polled well among Hoosier women. The last NUVO/TeleResearch poll revealed that education was the top issue with independent female voters.

Sen. Lubbers: Gender is in her favor. While she has two teenage children, she is indicating that she would accept the nomination. However, associates of Lubbers say she has worked passionately in the Senate on education issues and is hesitant to leave that work behind. However, she does have the necessary working relationship with Borst and could help pull Marion County into the Republican column. Lubbers has not declared herself to be "pro-life" but has consistently voted that position.

Sen. Murray Clark: He is an excellent fundraiser, has a long family political history in Indianapolis (his father, Alex, was mayor), and has good working relationships with Borst and the Senate.

HPR's second tier of LG candidates includes Marion County Prosecutor Scott Newman, St. Joseph County Prosecutor Christopher Toth, and Mayor Heath.

Why are they in the second tier? Historically, prosecutors haven't made good statewide candidates. Goldsmith lost both of his statewide runs. Former St. Joseph County Prosecutor Mike Barnes lost a 1984 race for Congress. The public tends to view them in black and white terms.

Heath brings less to the table than HPR's first tier candidates when it comes to demographics, gender and working relationships in the Senate.

Other news media have mentioned State Reps. Vaneta Becker, Brian Bosma and Mike Murphy. What the Republicans don't want to do is to defend any more House seats - particularly in Becker's case in Evansville.

Hammond Mayor Duane Dedelow has been openly running for the position. Reaction from key Republicans who have seen him on the Lincoln Day circuit have been, at best, mixed. Plus, there were ethical questions raised during his 1999 re-election campaign in Region newspapers concerning travel and clothing expenses. McIntosh would not want such controversies to tag his running mate. ❖

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an. They said they were expecting a spirited discussion on the future presidential primary system and they wanted to point to an impartial parliamentarian." McDaniel selected Indianapolis Councilor Toby McClamroch for the position. "I find it interesting that the RNC wanted me to find an independent parliamentarian. This could be very interesting and spirited meeting."

BUSH HIERARCHY HERE: Attending the conference are key players in Gov. George W. Bush's presidential campaign: Karl Rove, chief strategist; Joe Allbaugh, campaign manager, and Maria Cino, political director. They are attending to coordinate with the 50 state parties. "We're doing that earlier than it's ever been done," McDaniel said. "There was a huge disconnect between Dole and state parties in 1996. Here we are getting this together 70 days before the national convention."

BUSH LEADS GORE: An NBC/Wall Street Journal Poll released Sunday had Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush leading Vice President Al Gore, 46-41 percent. The poll also showed Bush leading in the Midwestern states by 6 percent. Gore leads Bush among women, 43-41 percent.

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BAYH GROUP OFFERS EDUCATION PLAN: An education amendment offered by Sen. Evan Bayh and his Senate New Democrat coalition colleagues during Senate debate on an education bill was defeated Tuesday, 84-13. But elements of the plan are included in the Democratic alternative and it is playing a key role in negotiations between Democrats and Republicans, Bayh told Indiana reporters on a conference call Tuesday. If the vote had been on tabling, or putting aside the amendment, rather than an up-down vote on the measure, it would have garnered more support, said Bayh staffers. On an up-down vote, members toe the party line this early in the debate, which is expected to go on for a week. The Bayh bill, which he coauthored with Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), would increase federal education spending by \$35 billion over the next five years while giving schools more flexibility on how to spend the money and holding them accountable for results. If schools don't produce, they would lose funding and their students would be allowed to transfer to other public, charter or magnet schools. "We need to have more of a national commitment to education," Bayh said. "But when we give resources to local school districts and states, we need to ask for

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Buyer opposes China trade deal

By MARK SCHOEFF JR.

WASHINGTON - Voting on a trade deal with China is becoming a wash for Hoosier congressmen. No matter what they do, their enemies are likely to remain opposed to them while their friends stay on their side. The latest case in point: Rep. Steve Buyer (R-CD 5).

Buyer announced last week that he will oppose granting permanent normal trade relations to China (PNTR) when it comes up for a vote in two weeks. Buyer cited China's human rights record and national security threats as reasons for his stance. Rep. John Hostettler (R-CD 8) also has come out against PNTR because of China's alleged weapons proliferation and espionage. Rep. Mark Souder (R-CD 4) will oppose PNTR over China's human rights practices.

On trade, Buyer has a mixed record, supporting NAFTA and annual renewal of China's trade status, but opposing fast track. Hostettler and Souder have consistently voted against normal trade status for China.

The United States would give China PNTR in exchange for China's lowering tariff and non-tariff barriers on U.S. goods as part of a deal to secure U.S. backing for China's entry into the World Trade Organization, which sets global commerce rules. China could enter the WTO without U.S. approval. Under that scenario, the U.S. would forfeit the trade barrier reductions worked out with China. Currently, Congress votes annually on granting China normal trade relations.

Two of Buyer's biggest constituents come down on opposite sides of the argument. Labor stridently opposes PNTR because of weak labor rights in China and the specter of job losses due to cheap Chinese labor. Roughly 68,000 union members live in CD 5. One of them, Democrat Greg Goodnight, is running against Buyer. On the other hand, farmers,

along with business, are the strongest advocates of PNTR. Access to the Chinese market would boost gross farm sales by \$1.5 billion over the next two years. CD 5 is home to more farming than any other district in the state.

So what happens to Buyer politically over his position on PNTR? Probably

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nothing. Although he may pick up some labor votes on the margin, the unions still don't like him. But farmers probably won't abandon him either.

"Looking at his record overall, he doesn't vote for any of our issues," said Chris Benson, president of United Steel Workers of America (USWA) Local 2958 in Kokomo. "From that aspect, (Buyer's opposition to PNTR) isn't going to persuade me to vote for him."

The 5th CD has "the highest union concentration in a district with a non-favorable labor congressman," said Tony Coppock, who works at Indiana Gas and is a member of USWA Local 12213. "We really feel that we have a sleeper race with Greg and labor. We feel we can get the vote out and win this." Goodnight has outraised Buyer \$188,144 to \$177,692.

Farmers are likely to stick with Buyer. "A lot of our folks are not happy about it," Kent Yeager, director of government relations for the Indiana Farm Bureau, said of Buyer's PNTR stance. Farm Bureau President Harry Pearson and five board members live in the 5th.

Bureau trustees make endorsement decisions, and they may decide to remain silent in the Buyer and Hostettler races. Buyer's vote "will have their attention and be something they talk about. But I'd be surprised if (PNTR) overrode everything else and they decided not to endorse him. He's supportive of us on most of our

issues."

PNTR Not Emphasized in CD 5, CD 8 Buyer's vote against PNTR puts him on the same side of the issue as Goodnight, who will focus on health care, education, and Social Security. "I'm going to run on working family issues," Goodnight said.

Paul Perry, Hostettler's Democratic challenger in CD 8, also opposes PNTR. Perry has misgivings about human rights, workers' rights and environmental protection in China, said campaign manager Carter Wells. Perry, a Warrick County physician, will hue to his health care message, which helped produce a strong primary victory. "People are seeking him out on health care issues," said Wells. "That's by far the largest issue in the district."

Voters in CD 8 may not care much about PNTR, but House Republican leaders and President Clinton certainly do.

GOP platform maneuvers on abortion

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

With the 9th CD fiasco fresh in their minds, Indiana Republicans had a vigorous platform debate on abortion and ended up with this delicate compromise:

"Recognizing the diversity of opinion among members of our party, Indiana Republicans support current Indiana law that says that 'child birth is preferred, encouraged and supported over abortion.' IC16-34-1-1."

The Indiana Code on abortion was tagged onto the end as a "point of reference."

Supporters wanting a pro-life plank included Eric Miller, Jim Bopp, Mark Lantz and Bill Butterfield. Observers told HPR they made a very strong point to the platform committee to have a pro-life plank. If they didn't get it in at the committee level, they would have pushed for it on the convention floor. McIntosh campaign manager Kelli Waggoner was present and indicated that the nominee did not want a floor fight on abortion. Said

They have been waging a vigorous campaign in support of PNTR. A House source said the highest possible number of GOP votes for PNTR is 145. About 120 have been secured. That means more than 70 Democratic votes would be needed to achieve a House majority. The Senate is almost certain to pass PNTR. In Indiana, GOP Sen. Richard Lugar and Reps. Tim Roemer, Baron Hill, David McIntosh and Ed Pease support PNTR. Rep. Pete Visclosky opposes PNTR. Rep. Dan Burton is likely to oppose. Sen. Evan Bayh and Rep. Julia Carson are undecided.

Spokesmen for Buyer, Hostettler and Souder said that the House leadership didn't lean on them to support PNTR. "It's always been clear that a number of Republicans would oppose PNTR," said Jonathan Baron, spokesman for House Majority Whip Tom DeLay. ❖

one observer, "The one thing that the party is making a concerted effort to do behind McIntosh is to be unified. It could have been a central issue at the convention. That's not the message the unified party wanted to send out to the public.

While pro-choice Republicans were calling the compromise "a statement," the Indiana Right to Life saw it as a plank in the platform.

Indiana Republican Chairman Mike McDaniel observed, "We went over every segment of the entire document. We spent a lot more time on that, but it is no stronger or weaker than any other statement. If some want to call it a plank, so be it; a statement, so be it."

McDaniel called it "a very spirited discussion, but it was done in a very civil way. Both sides gave a little and it's reflected in the line in our platform. I'm very proud of the way the meeting was conducted. It was very healthy for our party. We left as a family." ❖

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better results." Bayh is trying to bridge the gap between the GOP and Democrats on education. "Republicans know there are some reasonable Democrats they can talk to and vice versa."

NO MORE LUCRATIVE GOODBYES: Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson has called a halt to a policy in effect in city-county government that allows departing city administrators to collect hefty payouts for unused vacation and compensatory time (R. Joseph Gelarden, Indianapolis Star). The policy predates the Goldsmith administration, and Peterson said his policy is "use it or lose it" when it comes to vacation and sick leave time. The price tag for Goldsmith's top advisers was just over \$110,000.

EX-CONS RECRUITED?: Peru Police Chief Dave VanBaalen claims Logansport's IBP plant is recruiting felons from South Carolina as employees to get tax credits for hiring ex-convicts (Dave Kitchell, Logansport Pharos-Tribune). IBP's plant manager says he knows of no such recruits. VanBaalen said some such recruits are living in the Peru area, and IBP provides them with a place to live and transportation to and from work.

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VILLE: Statistics released in January by Evansville police showed serious crimes were down 20 percent from 1998. It wasn't until the recent release of the FBI's Uniform Crime Report that it became obvious that Evansville's crime rate is the lowest among the state's five largest cities (Kevin Kinnaird, Evansville Courier & Press). Local police officials have no explanation for the low numbers.

GORE STAR OF GOP CD: The Republican National Committee produced 1,000 10-minute CDs - "The Best of Al Gore: Hits of the '80s, '90s and Today" - featuring Gore gaffes (The Associated Press). The CDs are being distributed to radio talk shows. RNC spokesman said 600 requests for the CDs have been received.

AGUILERA TO TAKE HD12 SEAT EARLY: Democratic HD12 nominee John Aguilera will probably replace State Rep. Jesse Villalpando and assume the seat in July. Villalpando will have to resign his seat by July 1 in order to take over his new position as a Lake Superior Court judge. Aguilera won a bitter primary battle by 222 over a foe backed by East Chicago Mayor Bob Pastrick. The Times of Northwest Indiana quoted Lake

Indiana 2000 Racing Form

GOVERNOR, congressional races

Governor: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh. **Democrat:** Gov. Frank

O'Bannon. **Libertarian:** Andrew Horning. **1996 Results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** This race stays in the "leans" D category until we see the Republican ticket. O'Bannon is running a pretty good TV on the learning to read program, showing a spry looking governor shooting hoops on a playground. It's the sixth TV ad the campaign has run since it went up on the air last month. Having said that, we're seeing some conditions taking shape that should be unsettling for the governor. First, there was a genuine love fest between McIntosh and John R.

HORSE RACE

Price earlier this week. GOP Chairman Mike McDaniel calls it one of the most memorable meetings he's witnessed since becoming chairman. What is significant about that is Indiana Republicans appear to be as unified as they've been since the Bayh-O'Bannon era began in 1988. The party was splintered and disintegrated at the Linley Pearson convention of 1992. The 1996 convention had a sour taste to it after the Goldsmith/Early primary battle and the controversial selection of George Witwer as LG and Goldsmith's reaction to it. Despite all of that and the Meridian Street police riot that was devastating to Goldsmith, O'Bannon won by only 2 percent. Unity is the last thing O'Bannon wanted to see at this point, particularly since he polled 22 percent of the Republican vote in '96. O'Bannon took a beating over the tax reassessments this week. The *Times of Northwest Indiana* editorialized: "At a recent hearing in Indianapolis on a petition of St. John homeowners (Tax Court Judge Thomas Fisher) delivered an unusually harsh rebuke to Gov. Frank O'Bannon, the General Assembly and the State Board of Tax Commissioners. It was a well-deserved rebuke." The editorial ended, saying, "Perhaps a threat of hefty fines for flouting the constitution and the court is also in order. There does not seem to be any other way to move the fear-frozen political leaders, who will always find one reason or another to avoid taking actions that would cause them pain." The *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* editorialized: "About the worst thing that could happen in Indiana's property tax reassessment mess is for a judge - one person - to set strict guidelines telling the Indiana Tax Board what the new assessment rules have to include." It continued, "There is great irony in O'Bannon holding things up out of concern for homeowners - since it was a lawsuit by three homeowners that led to the Supreme Court ruling in the first place. Why do state officials keep treating this as a problem instead of a golden opportunity?" O'Bannon went on the offensive environmentally, urging McIntosh to support H.R. 701, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act. "Despite the wide-ranging bipartisan support, Congressman McIntosh is inexplicably missing from this bill." **General Status:** *LEANS O'BANNON.*

Congressional District 1: Republican: Jack Reynolds. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Pete

Visclosky. **Geography:** Northern Lake, Porter County. **1994 results:** Visclosky 68,612, Larson 52,920. **1996 Results:** Visclosky 132,430, Petyo (R) 56,205, Crass (L) 3,122. **1998 Results:** Visclosky (D) 92,634, Petyo (R) 33,503. **2000 Forecast:** Reynolds doesn't even live in Northern Indiana, let alone the district. As White Sox announcer Hawk Harrelson would say, "You can put it on the board - yes!" for the Democrats **Status:** *SAFE VISCLOSKY.*

Congressional District 2: Republican: Mike Pence. **Democrat:** Robert Rock Jr.

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:** We have Pence as the early leader in this race. If McIntosh does well in the governor's race, that will help Pence. However, there are storm clouds on the horizon. The big one is Bill Frazier. If he stays in the race, he will shave away votes from Pence. Even 1 to 5 percent could be a problem if Rock gets his fundraising

boned up and can get within shooting range by Labor Day. Pence doesn't buy into the Horse Race talk about how '99 Fort Wayne mayoral candidate Linda Buskirk didn't make peace with Joe Squadrito and then lost by less than 100 votes. Rock's campaign is going through a reorganization as the Washington pros begin to assert themselves. Campaign manager Jeff Marx is out. Remember, this is an open seat. Folks in May 1994 didn't give McIntosh much chance to beat Hogsett, and look what happened. This seat is very much in play. **Status:** *LEANS PENCE.*

Congressional District 3: Republican: Chris Chocola. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep.

Tim Roemer. **Geography:** South Bend, Mishawaka, Elkhart, Northern Indiana. **1994 results:** Roemer 72,497, Burkett 58,787. **1996 Results:** Roemer 114,381, Zakas (R) 80,748, Taylor (L) 2,331. **1998 Results:** Roemer 84,625, Holtz 61,041. **2000 Forecast:** A good national dynamic for the Republicans could put this race into play as Chocola will be well-funded. The Republican reported \$300,000 raised, which was more than Dan Holtz raised for the entire 1998 cycle. This will be our national barometer race. Roemer says he looks forward to a "spirited, positive campaign" where he will "stand on my record of bipartisanship and leadership" (Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune). Chocola responded, "If you walk down the middle of the road long enough, you'll get run over." Presidential years offer the best hope for Republicans to knock off Roemer. Chocola looks to be the best candidate he's faced since John Hiler in 1990. The 3rd has voted Republican in the last two presidential races (46-43 percent for Dole in 1996; 42-38 percent for Bush in 1992), will be competitive for O'Bannon/McIntosh and will support Lugar, Chocola will attempt to nationalize this race, saying it will be key in keeping the House Republican. That message has the potential to resonate. **Status:** *LEANS ROEMER.*

Congressional District 4: Republican: U.S. Rep. Mark Souder. **Democrat:** Mike

Foster. **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 warded off Mike Loomis in the primary by 11,000 votes. That's about as close as anyone is likely to get to the Republican. The 4th voted Republican presidentially for Bush in 1992 (46-31 percent) and Dole in '96 (53-36 percent). Nuff said. **Status:** *SAFE SOUDER.*

Congressional District 5: Republican: U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer. **Democrat:** Greg

Goodnight. **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 is poised to make this a competitive race, but the 5th votes overwhelmingly Republican presidentially (50-37 percent for Dole in '96; 45-31 percent for Bush in 1992). Split between six media markets, it will be tough for the challenger to use TV and pull off the upset. Goodnight went to the Kokomo district office of Steve Buyer, the incumbent, on Tuesday to deliver a formal challenge to debate. Buyer's Kokomo office refused to accept it (George Stoya, Kokomo Tribune). Linda Worsham, Buyer's district manager, said, "We can't accept that envelope as it contains campaign material." She said FEC rules would consider it to be a form of campaigning on government property. She advised Goodnight to take the challenge to Buyer's Monticello campaign headquarters. Jeffrey Coyne, regional director of the Indiana Democratic Party, checked with the state headquarters and was told there is no such legal prohibition. FEC spokesman Ian Stirton in Washington said FEC rules concern only campaign financing. **Status:** *LIKELY BUYER.*

Congressional District 6: Republican: U.S. Rep. Dan Burton. **Democrat:** Darin

Patrick Griesey. **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:** Griesey upset Arena, but so what? The district has voted Republican presidentially by 63-28 percent in '96 and 57-23 percent in '92. The key question is whether this will be Burton's last term. We don't think so; he's having too much fun badgering Clinton-Gore and golfing. Why give up that gig? **Status:** *SAFE BURTON.*

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County Surveyor George Van Til as saying that Aguilera "will get the nod" once Villalpando vacates his seat. As for his run in with Pastrick during the primary, Aguilera told the Times, "In East Chicago, they don't allow you to just stay on the issues. There are different ways to handle campaigns. Staying on my message from the start would have been the better way to go. All of these elections should be about issues. But living in East Chicago, you just can't escape politics, and that's unfortunate."

BURTON PRESSES WHITE HOUSE ON MISSING E-MAIL: White House lawyers denied there was any attempt to delete e-mails that might have shed light on the Clinton-Gore 1996 fundraising probe. Attorney Cheryl Mills said the Burton probe was a waste of time and "wouldn't feed one person." Said Burton, "I hope who's ever paying attention to this realizes there's a lot of people in the White House who don't remember anything."

SHINE ON THE ATTACK: In an effort to breathe life into the Allen County Republican Party before the general election, Chairman Steve Shine leveled a critical critique of Democratic Fort Wayne Mayor Graham Richard's administration (Scott Smith, Fort Wayne News Sentinel). Shine told

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about 100 loyalists at party headquarters that a movie made about the Richard administration thus far would have to be titled "Clueless." His criticisms focused on public safety, financial stewardship and economic development. Andy Downes, Richard's chief of staff, said of Shine's remarks, "What else would he say? He gets paid to say this stuff."

HOWEY'S COLUMN RUNS IN TERRE HAUTE, KENDALLVILLE: The weekly syndicated newspaper column of HPR Publisher Brian A. Howey will begin running in the Terre Haute Tribune-Star. It has also been picked up by the Kendallville News-Sun and the Auburn Evening Star.

OFF-TRACK BETTING APPROVED: The Vanderburgh County Council voted 6-1 on May 5 to legalize off-track betting on horse racing. Two people attended the meeting to oppose the issue and one was there favoring it (Mark Wilson, Evansville Courier & Press). Commissioner Richard Mourdock, who opposed the ordinance, said the next step will be approving land-based casinos. Councilman Royce Sutton voted against it, saying he thought the matter should be put to county voters in a referendum.



Congressional District 7: Republican: Brian Kerns. **Democrat:** 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:** Kerns wins a messy primary and Graf upsets Clapper, perhaps for no other reason than folks didn't like the sound of "Congressman Clapper." Rumor is there are more exposes in store for Kerns, but the child support and staff meany stories weren't enough to persuade voters. GOP seems split, particularly the Tippecanoe County wing. Presidentially, it voted 52-35 percent for Dole in 1996 and 46-32 percent for Bush in '92. Kerns should prevail. **Status:** *LIKELY KERNS.*

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Congressional District 8: Republican: U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:** Dr. Paul Perry. **Geography:** Evansville, Bloomington, Vincennes and SW Indiana. **1994 results:** Hostettler (R) 93,529, McCloskey (D) 84,857. **1996 Results:** Hostettler (R) 109,582, Weinzapfel (D) 106,134, Hager (L) 3,799. **1998 Results:** Hostettler (R) 92,227, Riecken (D) 81,381, Hager (L) 3,395. **2000 Forecast:** This race is a pure tossup. Perry can press Hostettler at his pro-life base and accent health care as he did with ringing effectiveness in the primary. The DCCC's Erik Smith observed, "His profile on the issues fits the district." Perry as a campaigner did all the right things and will be in good shape to bring in the Hamilton supporters, even in Bloomington. Steve Hinnefeld of the *Bloomington Herald-Times* speculated that because of Michael Bailey's win in the 9th CD, both parties may pour more resources into the 8th. An extremely competitive race in Kentucky's 1st CD between Republican U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield and Democrat Brian Roy means both parties can use the Evansville TV market to help their candidates on both sides of the Ohio River. The *Rothenberg Political Report* observed, "The Republican never raises much money, while Perry, who has personal wealth, should put together a professional effort. The primary increases the pressure on Hostettler, who has faced high-profile challenges before." **Status:** *TOSSUP.*

Congressional District 9: Republican: Michael Bailey. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. **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:** Bailey promises to "broaden" his campaign after his stunning upset over Kevin Kellems, telling the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, "People should look for a very early television advertising campaign on many issues." Bailey said he may not use the graphic aborted fetuses. But in an Associated Press story by David Espo, Bailey said, "I encourage Christians to invade politics. Every time we run, we force the party a little bit to the right." The Republican Campaign Committee spokesman Jim Wilkinson said of the 9th, "This is not a targeted race we're now looking at for the fall." Kellems hasn't decided whether he'll back Bailey. He told the *Courier-Journal* that he "should have advertised on television earlier and more often." Kellems didn't run TV until the final week of the campaign. Kellems said he could have run "a negative campaign against Michael Bailey, which likely would have succeeded, and I chose not to." Meanwhile, a Washington reception hosted by DNC Chairman Joe Andrew and featuring President Clinton raised \$100,000 for Hill, bringing his warchest to \$500,000, compared to almost nothing for Bailey. The *Rothenberg Political Report* observed, "In a significant embarrassment for the Indiana and national GOP, perennial pro-life candidate Michael Bailey won the primary over the establishment-backed Republican, Kevn Kellems. That result guarantees Hill another term in Congress." We agree. **Status:** *SAFE HILL.*

Congressional District 10: Republican: Marvin Scott. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Julia Carson. **Geography:** Indianapolis. **1994 results:** Jacobs (D) 58,573, Scott 50,998. **1996 Results:** Carson (D) 90,869, Blankenbaker (R) 69,248, St. Angelo (L) 3,505. **1998 Results:** Carson 69,673, Hofmeister (R) 46,892, Peterson (L) 3,009. **2000 Forecast:** Barring a health catastrophe, Carson should be in good shape. **Status:** *SAFE CARSON.* ❖

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8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, June 19, 2000
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7:30 a.m. Registration.

8 a.m. The Ethical Considerations for the Candidate,
featuring **U.S. Sen. Richard G. Lugar** and **U.S Rep. David McIntosh**.
Continental breakfast served.

9 a.m. Campaign Finance: The Root of All Evil?
The Impact of Soft Money; Independent Expenditures; PACs and Special Interests: Who's Buying What?
Disclosure in the Internet Age

10 a.m. On Message: The Responsibility to Tell the Truth.
Are Your Ads Negative or Comparative? One Person's Poetry is Another's Pornography.
Killer Phone Calls/Killer e-mails. Push Polling.

11 a.m. Cutting Through the Clutter: "I'll Reform (insert your favorite complicated issue here) in 30 Seconds or Less."
Debates, Joint Appearances, Barely in the Same Room.
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**.

3 p.m. Panel Discussion on Campaign Ethics, featuring several prominent Hoosier political figures
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4 p.m. Adjournment/Cocktail Reception Following

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