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## O'Bannon, Daniels, senators top big 50 Bush, reapportionment impact '01 list

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This is HPR's third annual 50 Most Influential List and the 2001 edition acutely reflects the ever-changing Indiana political scene.

The potentially divisive reassessment issue and its decade-long implications have elevated some legislative and executive players - particularly our top choice, Gov. Frank O'Bannon. The fact that O'Bannon will gradually ease from the scene opens up jockeying for position in both major political parties. The new presidential administration in Washington with its rewards to several Hoosiers is a significant change in the dynamic. The fact that there are no major elections in Indiana in 2001 de-emphasizes - temporarily - some of the party operatives for the coming year.

The 2001 list was compiled with the help of almost 200 phone calls, faxes and e-mails from HPR subscribers, many of whom took the time to compile their own complete lists. Thus, this is an unscientific compilation by some of the most astute observers of the Indiana political process.

Will it be controversial? Of course it will!

And it also will be illuminating and provide an important benchmark in this, the golden age of Indiana politics.

We look forward to printing some of your equally astute feedback in the coming days and weeks.

**1. Gov. Frank O'Bannon:** The governor is the indisputable man in Hoosier politics this year and he alone possesses the most political capital. He holds the keys to reapportionment - where he can handpick the deciding fifth vote on the commission to break any legislative deadlock. He also will be important on reassessment, the biennial budget, and education. O'Bannon is coming off what can be regarded as a mandate by defeating David McIntosh by 15 percent in November. The critical question is whether O'Bannon will use that mandate to push through his legislative priorities this year. That hasn't happened during the past two sessions. Legislative leaders from both parties have publicly stated they expect him to show vivid leadership on these critical issues. Without having to face another election, O'Bannon possesses the opportunity to make hard and even painful decisions that could help position the Indiana Democratic Party as a dominant force during the next political genera-

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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

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“They are well behaved people....”

- ABC's Keith Jackson, describing the “people from Indiana” at Pasadena during the Purdue-Washington Rose Bowl game on Jan. 1

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**HAMILTON MAY BECOME UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR:** The Washington Post reported Wednesday that former Indiana Congressman Lee Hamilton is the top prospect to become President-Elect Bush's ambassador to the United Nations. The Post reported that Bush is contemplating "giving other officials Cabinet-level status, including the U.S. trade representative and the ambassador to the United Nations." The Post did not include in that group the interfaith relations post that could go to former Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith. An announcement involving Hamilton, who heads the Woodrow Wilson Institute, could come as early as today.

**FORT WAYNE REPUBLICANS EYEING MAYORAL CANDIDATES:** The Allen County Republican Party is already seeking a mayoral candidate to challenge Mayor Graham Richard in 2003. The Fort Wayne Journal Gazette reported this morning that the short list includes former Mayor Paul Helmke, 1999 nominee Linda Buskirk, City Councilmen Sam Talarico and John Crawford, and City Councilwoman Rebecca Ravine. Richard defeated Buskirk by 129 votes. GOP Chairman Steve Shine has already been



tion and then use the gubernatorial bully pulpit to take the sting out of it with the public. At the New Year, it was difficult to determine whether O'Bannon will stand tall to get what he wants. All eyes are on him.

### 2. OMB Director Mitch Daniels:

Daniels came out of nowhere to the epicenter of the Bush administration. No position will be more critical in the first hundred days of the administration than Daniels' - head of the Office of Management and Budget. The erudite former Lilly executive will have a key role in selling Bush's \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut on the Hill. His office also will be ground zero for a Medicare prescription plan and other key reforms that could make or break Bush II. The last time a president (Ronald Reagan) reached out to a Midwesterner (David Stockman) to head OMB, the decision became a searing focal point in taxation, economics and the credibility of the entire administration. Bush tabbed Daniels for OMB in what has been a universally applauded move, with pundits like David Broder acknowledging what Hoosiers from both parties have known for years: That Mitch Daniels is a savvy executive with a stellar resume and

a reputation for a common sense and logical approach to public policy. While many were surprised by Daniels' selection, those who saw Bush's face light up at a 2000 fundraiser in Indianapolis when Daniels came through the receiving line knew that the President had great confidence in the Lilly executive. During the Bush-Gore presidential race, there was major disagreement on the proposed big Bush tax cuts. Daniels will play a crucial role in lending credibility to the numbers - something that wasn't there during the early Reagan years, as Stockman later related in a pre-woodshed interview. If Bush is staggered on getting his tax cuts through (remember, it took an assassination attempt on Reagan to get his through Congress), it may doom his presidency to one term. Daniels will be key.

**3. U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh:** This was our first dilemma. Do we put Bayh ahead of Lugar? We chose Bayh because President-Elect George W. Bush must reach out to centrist coalitions in both parties on mostly domestic issues. In the Democrat Bayh, the fledgling president will find someone willing to meet him half way. With enhanced name ID thanks to 2000 vice presidential speculation and a

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leading role in the Senate Centrist Coalition, Bayh is the kind of Democrat Bush will need to court. And he already has, by inviting Bayh to an education meeting in Austin shortly after he became president-elect. In addition, Indiana's junior senator controls one of the most generous leadership PACs on Capitol Hill, helping him to make many friends and fortify his political future. Bayh has staked out a moderate, common sense position on education and has articulated a thoughtful agenda for helping people who are left behind in the new global economy. If he can write a couple of substantive bills in the 107th Congress, his stock will continue to rise in the presidential market.

**4. U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar:** As he starts his record fifth term, Indiana's senior senator will be instrumental in shaping domestic and foreign policy on Capitol Hill. The Senate's leading internationalist, Lugar will exert influence during the Bush II era. Sen. Jesse Helms may chair the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, but his brand of bitter conservatism may leave a bad taste in Bush's mouth. W needs to find the center on Capitol Hill, and that's right where Lugar is positioned on foreign affairs. As chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Lugar will lead the debate on a new farm bill. Look for him to persuade his colleagues to keep farming market-oriented, despite some tough times that have recently hit American agriculture. The much-feared farmers' revolt failed to materialize in the 2000 election. The one dark cloud for Lugar is that it will be tough for the GOP to hang on to Senate control in 2002 - it stands at 50/50 now for the first time since 1880 - when the party will have to defend 20 seats, compared to 14 for the Democrats. That's a scenario that could rob Lugar of his long anticipated return to chair of foreign policy.

**5. State Rep. Edmund Mahern:** Surprise! Recently released U.S. Census numbers have put the spotlight on Mahern. As chairman of the Indiana

House subcommittee that will redraw congressional districts, Mahern will have to lead his colleagues in eliminating one U.S. House seat, probably the most explosive political issue of the year. Have fun, Rep. Mahern.

**6. Speaker John Gregg:** Believe it or not, some in the Democratic House caucus are viewing the Speaker as a bit of a lame duck as he seriously ponders a run for the 8th CD in 2002. But he will have a huge influence on redistricting and the budget, even while Pat Bauer, Win Moses, Chet Dobis and Russ Stilwell jockey for a potential succession. Some believe Gregg may lose some clout because of this. While it's a fluid situation of leadership, we wouldn't bet against the speaker.

**7. Senate President Pro Tempore Robert Garton:** He fended off an insurrection from the midlings in his caucus with cool decisiveness, and now represents the Senate bulwark against Democratic encroachments on redistricting and all the other hot button issues. Folks in both parties tell HPR Garton is at the height of his power.

**8. U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer:** Although he is not a committee or subcommittee chairman, Roemer's stature and influence continues to grow in Congress. As founder and co-chairman of the New Democrat Coalition in the House, Roemer is another of the moderate Democrats who President Bush must woo. Roemer, like Bayh, is author of common-sense education reform legislation and will play a key role on this crucial issue during the 107th Congress. By surviving a strong, well-financed challenger in a presidential year, it looks as if he has a lock on his district. If Bayh runs for president rather than reelection in 2004, Roemer perhaps will try to move to the upper house.

**9. Lee Hamilton:** Turn on any of the TV networks or open up the pages of the *Washington Post* or *New York Times* and Lee Hamilton is there. He has become Indiana's elder statesman, a go-to guy on foreign policy and government ethics -

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meeting with potential candidates. "The priorities are to field a quality candidate, one that will have a sense of direction, as well as a good administrator and a visionary.

**GUIDE CORPORATION NEGOTIATING WATER DISCHARGE:** Guide Corp.'s Anderson facility has about 1.3 million gallons of potentially hazardous waste water in storage and is negotiating with IDEM on how to dispose of it (Ken de la Bastide, Anderson Herald Bulletin). In December 1999, IDEM ordered Guide not to dispose of the water after the company's treatment plant was shut down following a massive fish kill in the White River between Anderson and Indianapolis. Guide officials deny any responsibility for the fish kill. IDEM spokesman Tom Coulom said Guide has several options for disposing of the water, including transporting it to another facility or releasing it into the Anderson sewer system. That would take a separate approval from the city.

**WHITE RIVER WATERSHED PLAN GOING TO PUBLIC:** Meetings in Washington tonight and Spencer Thursday night will give the public an opportunity to learn about and comment on IDEM's document outlining the Lower White River

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**Watershed Restoration Strategy** (Steve Hinnefeld, Bloomington Times-Herald). Jim Dunaway, who wrote the plan, said it's not intended to lead to more land use regulation, but identifies water quality issues and offers suggestions on local efforts to address them. The strategy covers the White River and streams draining into it from Gosport south to where the river meets the Wabash. It includes 1,645 square miles in 10 counties.

**IND. 37 GETS FUNDING BOOST:** Crossroads 2000, a road building program started in 1997, has received an unexpected boost in funding that will lead to improvements to Ind. 37 and other roads in southern Indiana (Mary G. Johnson, Bedford Times-Mail). The Ind. 37/145 project is divided into north and south segments. The north segment involves upgrading the highway between Mitchell and French Lick with wide travel lanes and shoulders and frequent passing lanes. The southern leg involves 10 miles of new pavement to extend Ind. 145 from Ind. 64 south to Interstate 64. Construction on that leg is expected in spring of 2003. The northern leg is expected to be ready for bids in December 2004.

**NUMEROUS CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING SCENARIOS ABOUND:**

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and at this writing was in the mix to become President Bush's United Nations ambassador.

### **10. State Rep. B. Patrick Bauer:**

The key legislator on the budget, who hasn't been afraid to buck his own governor. A bill with any fiscal impact must have Bauer's imprimatur, or it's dead meat. Should John Gregg move on from the speakership, Bauer may be tough to out-manuever as he was on Election Night 1994.

### **11. U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer:**

The pugnacious and irrepressible Buyer was all over the Florida recount process, deftly parlaying his chairmanship of the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee into the military absentee ballot controversy. It was the second huge national story in three years in which Buyer played a significant role, having worked as one of 13 House managers during the Clinton impeachment. Earlier in 2000, Buyer wrote legislation that provides a lifetime prescription drug benefit to veterans. He overcame House leadership resistance to creating such an entitlement and in the process took the prescription drug issue away from his opponent in the election, which he won handily. In fact, Buyer looks stronger than ever politically. He won the majority of the union vote in a year when his opponent was a former union local president. Buyer's not always pretty, but he is effective. With Bush's vow to reorganize the armed services for the 21st Century, Buyer could be a conspicuous player.

### **12. State Sen. Larry Borst:**

Borst is Bauer's Republican counterpart in the Senate and will have a huge say in the biennial budget and the reassessment controversy. His pronouncement that property tax relief might have to wait until 2003 was not only ominous, but taken utterly seriously by virtually everyone involved.

### **13. Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan:**

He is heir to the Bayh-O'Bannon gubernatorial legacy and is about to commence a huge fundraising drive this year in order to run

a \$15 million campaign in 2004. Kernan has all the tools to become governor - affability, a quick wit, excellent oratory skills, a Jack Armstrong life story, wonderful wife, an adequate euchre player, and virtually no one in his party is willing to get in his way. His critical issue is whether he can get Gov. O'Bannon to deal with his biggest potential millstone - reassessment.

### **14. Budget Director Betty**

**Cockrum:** She holds the keys to Gov. O'Bannon's third budget and all the tangible clout therein. As the highest ranking female on this list, Cockrum represents a huge reminder to both major political parties that they have failed miserably to position their elected officials at the table when the budget is hammered out.

### **15. Chairman Robin Winston:**

The only reason he's fallen this year on the list is that there are no elections in 2001. Winston proved to be a masterful strategist, positioning a troubled O'Bannon for a decisive re-election victory.

### **16. Supt. Suellen Reed:**

She was the top vote-getting Republican of the '90s, and overcame ideological clashes with Republican gubernatorial candidate David McIntosh and his return fire with O'Bannon to win another term. Now she will play a significant role in helping Gov. O'Bannon with his top legislative priorities - education. Reed, however, will find many Republicans across the state bitter about her policy differences with McIntosh, which ultimately gave O'Bannon significant political cover.

### **17. Mayor Bart Peterson:**

He emerged from his first year as mayor of Indianapolis with modest successes, and faces huge challenges this year when he seeks legislative help to deal with major police and fire pension shortfalls. His clout will be supremely tested. He also has to figure out how to pay for combined sewer outflow issues. It could be a make-or-break year for the mayor, who many Democrats see as a bright shining star for the future of their party.

**18. U.S. Rep. Mark Souder:** With McIntosh out of the delegation, Souder is Indiana's most important House conservative. A vocal member of the House Conservative Action Team, Souder will try to ensure that Bush's compassionate conservatism doesn't become squishy. Despite its Hoosier flavor, he's not afraid to criticize the Bush team. With only a three-vote majority in the House, Bush will have to work hard to keep the right in line. A bright political thinker who knows how to count votes, Souder may among the most difficult to mollify.

**19. Marty Morris:** Sen. Lugar's chief of staff is the political wizard behind the curtain. Morris could become a key figure in rebuilding the state GOP operation. Certainly anyone wanting to run for governor in 2004 would do well to give Morris a call.

**20. DNC Chairman Joe Andrew:** He is a lame duck chair as the Clinton and Gore forces fight for control of the party. Andrew will chair the 2004 convention siting committee (hey, Joe, how about Indianapolis?) and will continue to wield major clout both in Indiana and Washington, where a major gig on CNN's *Crossfire* might be in order.

**21. James Maguire:** He's Gov. O'Bannon's new chief of staff. A former Conrad Crazy, he's built a reputation as an astute player inside the limestone, last as director of the Hoosier Lottery. With O'Bannon's legislative relations team coming under intense criticism from his own party, and twice failing to pass his No. 1 legislative priority, Maguire's work is cut out for him.

**22. Tom Sugar:** As Bayh's chief of staff, Sugar will become the gatekeeper for one of the hottest 2004 presidential prospects. He'll be the one raising the money, fielding the calls, and managing Bayh's time as the senator decides whether to run for national office or compete for an almost-certain second Senate term. Either way, a lot of folks will be hoping for return calls back Sugar.

**23. David McIntosh:** Until somebody can demonstrate that Citizen McIntosh can be displaced, he's the 2004 Republican gubernatorial frontrunner. A politician can usually endure at least one loss. McIntosh can now immerse himself in the private sector (Reagan spent the years before his governorship conversing with workers in General Electric plants across the nation) for the next two years. McIntosh is expected to keep hitting the Lincoln Day circuit and develop an election plan that is thoroughly researched and appealing to the masses. As we said after the election, David McIntosh is too young and too bright to be washed up. And he's got a better campaign inside of him than he showed in 2000.

**24. Scott Jones:** The Escient CEO represents a rising tide of young, high-tech entrepreneurs who has begun to exercise considerable political clout. We can't tell whether he's really Moses, John the Baptist or Don Quixote - some say a bit of each. He convened a meeting with influential folks at his home theater last fall and has successfully ignited the daylight savings time issue. Considered a possible gubernatorial contender himself, Jones has already signaled his support for Joe Kernan in 2004.

**25. Mel and Herb Simon:** The go-to money guys in the Indiana Democratic Party. Now, if they could only bring Rik Smits back to the Pacers and keep Dennis Rodman away.

**26. State Rep. Susan Crosby:** She is deputy speaker pro tempore, a 10-year veteran of the House, a farm owner, member of the Democratic state committee, serves on committees dealing with elections, rules, public health and economic development, and the subject of growing speculation as Kernan's potential 2004 running mate. Indiana has had only one female gubernatorial or LG candidate since 1816. Many Democratic women are gearing up with hope that Crosby shatters that shameful trend four years from now.

**27. U.S. Rep. Julia Carson:** She

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When the Indiana General Assembly begins what will be an arduous task of redistricting 10 Congressional seats into nine next spring, it will be one of moving around 75,000 new voters into nine remaining districts. Speculation has centered on which district will end up with two Members of Congress. Perhaps the best scenario for that would be freshman Rep. Brian Kerns, who lives south of Terre Haute, ending up in the same district with 8th CD U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. Indiana House Speaker John Gregg, who is said to be considering a challenge to Hostettler, is expected to look to shift Democratic leaning Vigo County into the 8th. U.S. Rep. Mark Souder told HPR he is anticipating adding part of Elkhart County into the 4th CD. Another thought is that the 4th might go south and incorporate the Anderson-Muncie area which would concern Souder because it would expand his district into another media market (so would the addition of Elkhart which is served by South Bend TV). "They need to be thinking of media markets," Souder said of legislators who will be drawing the maps. Democrats are concerned about adding part of the 5th CD in southern Lake County to U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky's 1st CD. Visclosky has won his past several elections

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against token opposition with about 58 percent of the vote. A shift of some Republican-leaning 5th CD areas to the south could make that more competitive. As for the 9th CD, reliable observers don't see many Democratic areas being added there to make re-elections easier for U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. Certainly legislative Democrats wouldn't want to take any Democratic areas along the Ohio River away from the 8th. The 9th CD is steadily becoming more Republican and Hill will have to run future elections without Frank O'Bannon's influence on the ballot. O'Bannon's home county of Harrison is also becoming more Republican even while it has snapped away from those trends in the past several elections to vote for its favorite gubernatorial son. Another interesting dynamic could be played out between U.S. Rep. Dan Burton in the 6th CD and Rep. Julia Carson in the neighboring 10th CD. WRTV's Norm Cox asked HPR Publisher Brian Howey about a possible Burton-Carson showdown. "That would be fun," Howey responded. Which is the exact same thing Carson said in a later WRTV newscast. It could be expected that Carson's 10th CD could become more Republican as it expands into more GOP areas in Marion County and

has a lock on her seat as long as she wants it, or as long as it exists, and has tremendous clout in the Democratic Party's emerging stronghold - Marion County. She was able to turn a pro-vote for China trade into a visit by President Clinton. She came out early in calling for Vice President Al Gore to give up his recount fight. The underrated Carson might be just conservative - or iconoclastic - enough to do business with W. She could be a wild card in the Hoosier delegation during the 107th Congress.

**28. Mayor John Fernandez:** The two-term Bloomington mayor is gearing up to head the Democratic ticket as the 2002 secretary of state nominee. He's ready and many Democrats believe he will help break into the GOP's lock on the down-tier statehouse offices.

**29. Mike McDaniel:** His political career has repeatedly collided with Evan Bayh and a host of Republican standard bearers who self-destructed. Some wonder how he has survived so long. McDaniel is expected to seek re-election as chair and there is no obvious opposition. And there's been talk that he might take a look at running for secretary of state in 2002, since the Ball State head basketball coaching job has long-been filled. That would be interesting. McDaniel could demonstrate to the GOP how an election should be conducted.

**30. Ken Zeller:** The AFL-CIO chief is labor's big guy in Indiana.

**31. Pat Kiely:** And labor's counterpoint is the quick-witted Kiely of the Indiana Manufacturer's Association and perhaps the one guy who, if he let it be known, could derail a David McIntosh gubernatorial bid in 2004.

**32. Stephen Goldsmith:** The former Indianapolis mayor will probably find himself in the White House as a domestic policy adviser to Bush. He failed to nab a high-profile cabinet position, having to watch Mitch Daniels' ascendancy, no less. High-level sources at the RNC tell HPR that Goldsmith's style put off the higher-

echelon Bush team. But his governance ideas were influential during the Bush campaign. A cabinet-level job as head of an office to increase government-church cooperation in the delivery of social services could be risky. The position is certain to be labeled the Office for Violation of the Separation of Church and State by detractors.

**33. U.S. Rep. Baron Hill** - Thanks to some extraordinary political luck, he avoided a tough challenge in his first re-elect run. He was an advocate of debt reduction when the issue wasn't cool, and can legitimately claim leadership in that area. In addition, he took a courageous stand in favor of the China trade bill early in that contentious debate. Yet he mended fences with the unions in time to win a second term. As a Blue Dog Democrat, he may be another Hoosier courted by Bush. But to put his imprint on the difficult 9th CD seat, he needs to write some kind of substantial legislation in the 107th Congress.

**34. U.S. Rep. Dan Burton:** In a Republican administration, whither Burton's scandal investigations? Still, as chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, he is in a position to assume a high profile on any number of controversial issues. Burton will also be the center of a big parlor game: Whether he will run for re-election with a new district in 2002. If he doesn't, that would pave the way for someone like Peter Rusthoven or Judy Singleton to seek what has been described as the "third most Republican seat in the nation."

**35. U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky:** He is unlikely to become a national figure, but he knows how to deliver for his constituents and is a true gentleman during political warfare. Falling steel prices are putting the squeeze on The Region's primary industry and that could make the nine-term Democrat a player on international trade issues. Like Carson, he can keep his seat as long as he wants it.

**36. Dan Coats:** The former

Indiana senator came within an eyelash of becoming Secretary of Defense in the new Bush administration. Apparently Bush didn't think Coats had the gravitas to go toe-to-toe with Colin Powell and Dick Cheney. But Coats may afford Bush utility as a bridge to conservatives, which he may need in what we suspect will be a relatively moderate administration.

**37. Mayor Scott King:** He has taken perhaps the hardest job in Indiana - mayor of Gary - and has come away with notable successes in curbing crime, cleaning up the city and luring economic development. King won a second term in 1999 after battling with his fragmented city council during most of his first term.

**38. David Johnson:** Vanquished Democratic Senate candidate is a key O'Bannon adviser who has the governor's ear on policy, personnel and politics.

**39. Jeff Smulyan:** Emmis Broadcasting stock had a bad year, but Smulyan remains a player in Hoosier politics with his ability to raise money and host presidents.

**40. Butch Morgan:** The St. Joseph County and 3rd CD Democratic chair has become the prototypical regional party boss as we enter the 21st century.

**41. Judy O'Bannon:** We had her higher on the list in 2000 because her potential as a campaign spokesman for her husband. She was critical in his 1996 upset win and there was thought that she might play a similar role in warding off McIntosh last year. As it turns out, she wasn't needed for TV ads. Now Indiana's most beloved first lady will spend the next four years doing what she does best - advocating reading and community empowerment programs and initiatives. She is also the one person who has the ear of the governor any given night.

**42. David Gogol:** He runs Sagamore Associates, the premier lobbying firm in DC for Hoosier interests. Gogol has a vivid relationship not only with Goldsmith, but also Mitch Daniels,

potentially giving him great access to the Bush administration.

**43. U.S. Rep. Mike Pence:** He's articulate and thoughtful. Now that Rep. Ed Pease has retired, he's the Hoosier Republican House member most likely to be Lugaresque. It will be interesting to see whether his politics of civility will translate in the Capitol Hill crucible, where combat is a way of life.

**44. IU President Myles Brand:** He weathered the Bob Knight storm, then landed a \$105 million genomics grant.

**45. U.S. Rep. John Hostettler:** If nothing else, he's a survivor. Somehow, he can stiff-arm the press until he's in the middle of a typically tight election and still come out relatively unscathed. He's the leading anti-gun control advocate in Congress and could become a thorn in Bush's right side. He's also expected to be challenged in what will probably be a re-election bid that will be on the national radar screen with the House up for grabs during the Bush mid-term election.

**46. Evansville Mayor Russell Lloyd Jr.:** The mild-mannered Lloyd is the dominant personality in the state's third largest media market. The first year of his first term found Lloyd making several decisive decisions and he generally received good marks.

**47. Attorney General Steve Carter:** The new AG is expected to play high-profile roles in such issues as environmental protection, consumer advocacy and lowering the blood alcohol content.

**48. Mary Downs:** As chief of staff to LG Kernan, she shares a ride with him to their hometown of South Bend and has his ear. She stands to become increasingly influential as Kernan nears the 2004 gubernatorial election.

**49. Steve Shine:** We view the Allen County Republican chair as the prototype for the GOP. His organization has been particularly inclusive with regard to recruiting female and minority candidates to the Republican Party. He was bloodied in 1999 when the

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the doughnut counties. A scenario of putting Carson and Burton into the same district is considered unlikely by observers HPR talked with.

**MORTON MARCUS ON LOSS OF CONGRESSIONAL SEAT:** IU economist Morton Marcus's column Eye on the Pie for this week deals with the new U.S. Census data and Indiana's loss of a congressional seat: "The entire question of redistricting invites nonpartisan resolution. But we are much more likely to get bipartisan collusion and a perpetuation of political stagnation. In a broader sense, Indiana's relative decline signals a need for renewed economic development efforts. During the past decade, Indiana did outperform the nation in job creation, but failed to keep pace in real earnings per job. Specifically, Hoosier pay per job grew by 8.5 percent while the nation saw an 11.8 percent increase in average compensation. In terms of 1996 dollars, the average job in Indiana was paid \$2,260 more in 1999 than in 1989, but the average job nationally gained \$3,478, a 54% difference. The message seems clear: job creation is not sufficient for Indiana to be among the national growth leaders if pay advances are better elsewhere. But the new Census data also deliver another message that may

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be lost in the shuffle of numbers. To repeat: Indiana added 536,300 persons to its population in the 1990s. After the fabulous '50s, this was the second highest increase in population the state saw in the 20th century (and probably in our state's history). The Hoosier state absorbed 536,300 people. That's more people than we have in any county other than Marion. Roughly, that equates to 300,000 households. Stores and governments had more customers and citizens to accommodate. In terms of either people or households, we were busy. How good a job did we do in adjusting to that population growth? Are our roads more crowded today than ten years ago? Are our schools more crowded? Is our environment dirtier? If so, it means we did not add sufficiently to our capacity to handle the growing needs of our existing and growing population."

A NEGATIVE PASTIME: IU economist Morton Marcus had a succinct comment about the state's failure to attract high-paying jobs to Indiana (Nancy Nall, Fort Wayne News-Sentinel). According to Marcus, "So many people here not only want to keep things as they are, they want to go back to the way we were. Instead of being encouraged to try new ideas, young people too often are told their ideas have no merit. Killing off

Democrats swept all three mayoral races in his county. But he snapped back by winning every county office in 2000.

**50. U.S. Rep. Brian Kerns:** This freshman rep has to fill the big shoes of Ed Pease and John Myers, plus fight off attempts to move his CD away from him.

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### HONORABLE MENTIONS:

**State Rep. Brian Bosma:** He has taken the reins from Paul Mannweiler to become House Minority Leader, but the 53-47 Democratic majority will limit his clout.

**Ed Treacy:** He looks to be Mayor Peterson's choice to become Marion County Democratic chair. He is also an influential lobbyist with the ear of Speaker Gregg. He would have made the main list, but we don't know how his battle for the chair will play out. Whoever wins the battle - Treacy or current Chair Steve Laudig - gets in the 2002 Top 50.

**Stephen Stiglich:** A year ago, conventional wisdom was the Lake County Democratic chief was going to be dead meat after he lost the East Chicago mayoral race to arch rival Bob Pastrick. It looked as if he was going to have to fend off a challenge to his chair by Sheriff John Buncich. Our Lake County sources say that Stiglich is emerging with the upper hand as Pastrick's presumed fade begins, allowing him to continue as the strong man in the strongest - albeit divided - Democratic organization in Indiana.

**State Sen. Murray Clark:** Distinguished himself as LG nominee and could be a gubernatorial contender in 2004.

**Phil Bainbridge:** The former House speaker is a top lobbyist with good relationships with both Bauer and Borst.

**Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy:** She intends to play a key role in election reforms. After Florida, she needs to be taken seriously. Gilroy is also weighing new political career moves.

**Jim Purucker:** He's the lobbyist with the ear of Garton and Potch Wheeler in the Senate, among others.

**Auditor Connie Nass:** An elected

statewide Republican official, she was not taken seriously as an LG candidate by the McIntosh forces.

**Bob Grand:** He plays a major role in financing Republican candidates.

**Chris Sautter:** In the Bush-Gore battle of the Florida swamps, the Democrats brought in Sautter.

**Fort Wayne Mayor Graham Richard:** He dropped from the 2000 list as many saw him as not as prominent as he should have been.

**George Van Til:** Still the mediator in rough and tumble Lake County affairs.

**Shaw Friedman:** A probable Democratic state chair in waiting.

**State Rep. Win Moses:** A potential successor to Speaker Gregg.

**State Rep. Chet Dobis:** Ditto.

**Prosecutor Scott Newman:** An excellent Marion County prosecutor who announced he won't run for re-election. He may be the next Southern District DA.

**State Sen. Luke Kenley:** He's a man-in-waiting, either as a potential heir to Bob Garton's mantle in the Senate, or as a possible '04 gubernatorial candidate.

**State Rep. Bill Crawford:** He's the key member of the House Black Caucus and could determine the next speaker.

**Michael K. Phillips:** Another ex-speaker who's tight with the current one.

**Nancy Pappas:** The key ISTA operative on education issues.

**State Sen. Steve Johnson:** Redemption. And a potential Finance Chair once Borst moves on.

**Jerry Williams:** As Gregg's chief of staff, he organizes the speaker.

**State Rep. Jeff Espich:** Espich is the GOP's most knowledgeable and articulate point man on the budget and is pointedly pushing Gov. O'Bannon to show some leadership on reassessment.

**Bill Cook and Steve Ferguson:** The power and money behind Cook Inc. Ferguson is the consummate behind-the-scenes guy.

**Clay Robbins:** Head of Lilly Endowment with billions of bucks to back him up. ❖



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| 3.) Gov. Frank O'Bannon    | 24.) U.S. Rep. Baron Hill     | 45.) Auditor Connie Nass  |
| 4.) Rep. David McIntosh    | 25.) Tom Sugar                | 46.) Steve Hilbert  |
| 5.) State Sen. Larry Borst | 26.) Mel & Herb Simon         | 47.) Mayor Steve Leucke   |
| 6.) Chair Robin Winston    | 27.) Stephen Goldsmith        | 48.) Supt. Suellen Reed   |
| 7.) DNC Chair Joe Andrew   | 28.) U.S. Rep. Dan Burton     | 49.) Betty Cockrum  |
| 8.) Speaker John Gregg     | 29.) U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer    | 50.) Mayor Scott King   |
| 9.) Mayor Bart Peterson    | 30.) Sen. Bob Garton          | <b>Honorable Mention:</b> Karl Berron, Norm Cox, Dick Freeland, John Hammond, Al Hubbard, David Johnson, Kevin Kellems, Bob Knight, Jeff Modisett, Win Moses, Mike Pence, Jim Purucker, Scott Newman, Chris Sautter, Steve Shine, Stephen Stiglich, Becky Skillman, George Van Til and Harrison J. Ullmann. ❖ |
| 10.) U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer  | 31.) Pat Kiely                |   |
| 11.) U.S. Rep. Mark Souder | 32.) Ken Zeller               |   |
| 12.) U.S. Rep. Ed Pease    | 33.) U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky |   |
| 13.) Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan   | 34.) U.S. Rep. Julia Carson   |   |
| 14.) Rep. Patrick Bauer    | 35.) David Gogol              |   |
| 15.) Rep. Jeff Espich      | 36.) Margaret Burlingame      |   |
| 16.) Mayor Graham Richard  | 37.) John R. Price            |   |
| 17.) Mayor Russell Lloyd   | 38.) Rep. Paul Mannweiler     |   |
| 18.) Marty Morris          | 39.) Mayor Bob Pastrick       |   |
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| 8.) Steve Hilbert             | 29.) Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy | 50.) Jeff Smulyan  |
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| 12.) U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer     | 33.) Bernie Toon                        |  |
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| 14.) State Rep. Patrick Bauer | 35.) Steve Shine                        |  |
| 15.) Mitch Daniels            | 36.) Butch Morgan                       |  |
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