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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“I always wanted to go to law school and not be a lawyer. Now I want to go to Congress and not be a politician....”

- Chris Chocola, 2nd CD Republican candidate, to the *Logansport Pharos-Tribune*

Most Influential List revisited halfway

A mid-year 2001 HPR report card

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis

A little less than six months ago, *The Howey Political Report* issued its third annual “50 Most Influential List” in Indiana politics.

We thought it would be worth reviewing our list as we head into the halfway point of the year to see who is playing above par, who has been a disappointment, with each paragraph ending with an indicator (*Up, Par, Down, Out*) as to where this particular person may end up on the 2002 list. We’ll conclude this feature with a list of up-and-comers -- people who might not have made our cut last January, but who may be on the upswing.

Generally speaking, this being a non-election year, the events and incidents of 2001 have been fascinating.

1. Gov. Frank O’Bannon: This is what we wrote in January: “*The governor is the indispensable 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.*” Unfortunately, the governor has been the biggest disappointment this year (unless you’re Stephen Goldsmith). And that is most frequently (and vociferously) expressed by Democrats who felt O’Bannon could have used his mandate and capital to further extend Democratic gubernatorial rule. That simply has-

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DLC COMING TO INDY: The DLC's 5th Annual National Conversation comes to the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis July 15-17, featuring U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, Gov. Frank O'Bannon, Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. This year, the theme will be "Putting Our Values to Work."

JOYCE CALLS HIS ASCENSION A NATURAL TRANSITION: New gubernatorial chief of staff Tim Joyce called Tuesday's gubernatorial staff changes a "natural transition" following a long legislative session.

"Obviously you have an election and transitions are expected and certainly if you review history, there's some transitioning that goes on after every long session," Joyce told HPR. "There could likely be some additional changes." Joyce acknowledged the strained relationships between O'Bannon and the legislature. Asked about a widespread perception of a lack of communication, Joyce said, "Communications are critical and whether your partnership is internal or external or with another branch of government, if you're going to be successful you've got to talk to people. If either party misses an opportunity to share information, you're going to have more difficulty. We'll be taking measure of all our

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n't happened, and LG Joe Kernan finds himself on shakier ground heading into 2004 than he could have. This week's shakeup with Tim Joyce replacing Jim Maguire could help. What the cautious men around the governor need to start thinking about is establishing his legacy and place in history. It's a good one when it comes to the fledgling community college system and a better shake for injured workers. But if we had to write that history today, O'Bannon's tenure would be measured with words such as "mediocrity," "cautious," "failure to communicate with legislators in his own party," and, of course, the obligatory "he's a nice guy." The veto of the legislative pay raise was one of the most boneheaded moves in recent political history because it probably has compromised any chance to restructure the tax code, which should have been one of his most enduring legacies (and one he campaigned on in 1996). It's painful to write this, but when we think of Frank O'Bannon, we think of Cher in the movie "Moonstruck," who glares at the wallowing Nicolas Cage character and bellows, "Snap out of it!" **Status:** *Down.*

2. OMB Director Mitch Daniels: Daniels -- or "The Blade" as President

Bush calls him -- has been brilliant. He specifically earned Bush's accolades when he signed the historic \$1.3 trillion tax cut, which will be the cornerstone of Bush's legacy and crux of his 2004 re-election bid. He has pushed for a reduction in federal spending increases and has been in the vanguard to end unfunded mandates to the states. Should he return to our state, he could write his own ticket. **Status:** *Up.*

3. U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh: This is what we wrote in January: "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." Bayh's status as a leading centrist deal-striker in the Senate won't really change with the shift in power. The key number is not 51, but 60, and as Bush moderates as his term progresses, he will need to reach out to centrists such as Bayh. Bayh is viewed as a legitimate 2004 presidential contender (though he had only 1 percent in a recent poll, tied with Al Sharpton). But it's way too early to get a real read on that. Bayh has been a masterful political strategist and he'll have until late 2002 or early 2003 to assess the Bush presidency and

his own chances. One key decision will be on whether to run for both re-election and the presidency. We suspect he'll do both, with a drop-dead date on re-election coming about Feb. 20, 2004, when he'll have to decide whether to remain on the Indiana ballot. But that will come after Iowa and New Hampshire, when he'll have a real good read on his presidential stock. On the home front, Bayh is triangulating and is beginning to be portrayed as a split personality -- conservative in Indiana and moderate in Washington -- but that does not pose any significant problems for him in the near term. Overall, a good start to a Senate career.

Status: *Up.*

4. U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar: He's hurt most by the Senate shift, losing the Agriculture Committee chair on the eve of the farm bill mark-up. On Foreign Relations, Lugar's influence will increase, since he has a better relationship with Chairman Joe Biden than he did with Sen. Jesse Helms. Lugar has remained philosophical, saying party power comes and goes, but good ideas will always rule. And Lugar is still a font of good ideas, with his biofuels initiative -- embraced by President Bush -- a classic example. The 2002 elections will be critical to how the twilight of his career shapes up, though we see him as almost surely seeking another term in '06. **Status:** *Up.*

5. State Rep. Edmund Mahern: He lived up to our lofty projection and created the House and Congressional maps, though there's been a lot of private grumbling on both sides of the aisle, but no lawsuits. Mahern now recedes. **Status:** *Out.*

6. Speaker John Gregg: We're hearing that the Speaker is on strained terms with the governor and his staff. We're also hearing that a lot of Democrats in Indianapolis really, really wished he would have run for Congress, not only to help the DCCC, but because intra-Democratic relations are ... how should we say this? ... getting complicated these

days. Some well positioned Democrats are suggesting that Gregg is not a cinch for the LG nomination in 2004, though they acknowledge he will be a powerful force. Gregg comes from Southern Indiana river country and he's got some tricky currents ahead. **Status:** *Par.*

7. Senate President Pro Tempore Robert Garton: Here's the Big Question for Bob: Why didn't you call HB 1480 -- the budget trailer bill -- down for a vote before the budget bill? Oops! The second big question is will Garton run for re-election in 2002? This is a guy who likes his power, isn't using it as well as he once did, and doesn't have the Washingtonian instincts to gracefully give it up. His rants over the loss of Technical Day have caused some smirking. **Status:** *Par.*

8. U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer: He will be going out with a bang, with his substantive involvement in taxes, education, campaign finance, and trade. He has become one of President Bush's favorite House Democrats. Despite his retirement, don't expect Roemer to disappear. He would be at the top of most lists if Bayh decides to vacate his seat. **Status:** *Up.*

9. Lee Hamilton: He has turned the Woodrow Wilson Center into a growing policy force. Indiana's elder statesman continues to get more TV time than almost anyone other than Daniels and Bayh, weighing in with well-seasoned commentary. **Status:** *Par.*

10. State Rep. B. Patrick Bauer: When Bauer rebuked O'Bannon and Kernan for not signing the budget, that lent a fascinating glimpse into intra-Democratic relationships, and it's not a pretty picture. At a time when Indiana Dems could be consolidating power well into the next generation, we find a lot of the key players on different pages and not communicating. Bauer is the one guy who had the guts to say it publicly. Once Gregg gives up the Speaker's gavel, we see Bauer's ascension as a long-shot, (he's PO'd too many people). **Status:** *Par.*

11. U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer: The

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relationships, if necessary, and enhance them." Joyce said a replacement for legislative liaison Bob Kovatch has yet to be determined. "Bob has been planning his departure for some time." Many legislators from both parties -- but particularly Democrats -- were critical of Kovatch and the flow of information during the last several legislative sessions. An example in 2001 was the cigarette tax proposal, which was immediately shot down by House Democrats. During the 2000 session, the governor announced a revenue shortfall and shocked legislators by saying he would not entertain any spending increases. Asked to put that into context, Joyce said, "We have a significant issue with the finances that kind of surprised a number of people. When you talk about the kind of structural deficit we find ourselves in now and some of the revenues that fell off over the last 10 to 12 months, the reality of it takes its time getting to people, particularly when you have reserves in place and when you spend them down, you don't have a savings account any more." Some of this is due to conditions fiscally. Joyce had been deputy chief of staff since November 1999.

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Attempts to get U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer to attach Indiana to an emergency energy-saving bill for Western states to observe Daylight Saving Time appears to have stalled. The emergency bill was set to be heard by Buyer's House Commerce Committee. Hoosier high-tech advocates led by Escent CEO Scott Jones -- who were stung by a defeat in the Indiana House last winter -- tried to get Buyer to include Indiana in the bill that would amend 1972 legislation proposed by then U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh. Buyer said he would consider the strategy if the rest of the Indiana Congressional delegation signed off. Buyer spokesman Mike Copher told HPR, "Conversations have slowed down. Steve told them to go back and get the Indiana delegation on board with this. Most of the Members were supportive -- almost all of them were -- but some of them had concerns with state's rights issues." Buyer and his staff also had conversations with Gov. Frank O'Bannon, Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan, House Speaker John Gregg and Senate President Pro Tempore Bob Garton, some of whom would like to see DST punted from the legislature to Congress. Copher said that Columbus area industries that make up Garton's constituency supported the move and added that Buyer and Garton had

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five-term congressman went from being an edgy GOP rising star to a gutter brawl with freshman Rep. Brian Kerns. Party leaders begged him to run in the new, open 2nd CD, but the 4th is home, and Buyer has waged the early battles as only he knows how -- aggressively and emotionally. He'd be better served to take it down a notch and go back to his boots-over-the-shoulder roots that served him well in '92. We gave him the early edge in that primary showdown due to his name ID and Commerce Committee status. But with Sen. Mike Young's entry into the race, anything could happen. **Status:** *Par.*

12. State Sen. Larry Borst: Borst always delivers. Now he's in a position to make O'Bannon-Kernan's reassessment era hellish. **Status:** *Up.*

13. Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan: If Kernan can keep the 2004 election based on patriotism and personality, he'll be the next governor. If it turns into a pocket-book election after a reassessment fiasco, he's in big trouble (if, IF, the GOP comes up with a decent candidate who performs). What's tough in reading the tea leaves is whether Kernan has a role in the strange shots that O'Bannon keeps shooting. If he does, then we're over-estimating his political abilities; if he doesn't, then he will not only be waging war against a Republican, but possibly the legacy of his own boss. **Status:** *Up.*

14. Budget Director Betty Cockrum: Our sources tell us that Cockrum understands the dangers ahead for Democratic rule and securing O'Bannon's legacy, but that she is repeatedly overruled by the cautious men around the governor. The shakeup this week won't clear a path for Cockrum to have greater influence. **Status:** *Down.*

15. Chairman Robin Winston: A recent trip to the Democratic offices at One North Capitol revealed young staffers -- everywhere -- working their butts off in a non-election year. Winston's party building may save the Democrats from tepid leadership at the top. **Status:** *Up.*

16. Supt. Suellen Reed: The superintendent wasn't quite as conspicuous as we thought she'd be during the last legislative session. With efforts such as the Phoenix Group ready to pummel Indiana's education status, and more blame headed her way for aiding and abetting the McIntosh defeat, her influence in the GOP is waning. **Status:** *Down.*

17. Mayor Bart Peterson: Some see Peterson as the true post-Bayh rising star. Indianapolis Republicans can't even find a decent candidate to run against him in 2003. He has made strides in the sewer issue, compromising with council Republicans. Crime seems to be remaining steady, though there has been little comprehensive reporting on what his 200 new cops are actually doing. His efforts to get the legislature to help pay for police and fire pensions give him three years of breathing room -- just enough time for reelection. The biggest minus was his pushing the narcotic roadblock case to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled against the city and may have saved whatever is left of the 4th Amendment. **Status:** *Up.*

18. U.S. Rep. Mark Souder: In January, we wrote: "*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.*" Souder and Mike Pence have been part of the forces pulling the Bush presidency to the right, with the education bill sticking in his craw. His reshaped district gives him one of the safest GOP havens. **Status:** *Up.*

19. Marty Morris: "*Sen. Lugar's chief of staff is the political wizard behind the curtain.*" That's what we said in January, and ditto here. **Status:** *Up.*

20. Joe Andrew: He is gradually fading from the national limelight while joining a white shoe Wall Street law firm and buying an Indiana home. We thought we might see him doing some of the talk show gigs, but there's something to the

notion of ... making money to put the kids through college. He'll head up the 2004 DNC convention selection committee.

Hey, Joe, we've got a particular Midwestern city in mind.... **Status: Down.**

21. James Maguire: Like his ex-boss, a real nice guy. **Status: Out.**

22. Tom Sugar: As Bayh's chief of staff, Sugar has 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. **Status: Up.**

23. David McIntosh: This is what we wrote in January: "*Until somebody can demonstrate that Citizen McIntosh can be displaced, he's the 2004 Republican gubernatorial frontrunner.*" And while Republicans such as Rep. Mike Pence say we shouldn't be throwing away seasoned pols and McIntosh has tried to come to grips with his loss in a logical and public way, too many key insiders are talking about McIntosh as truly damaged goods. It's way too early to write him off in 2004 and beyond, but we really can't talk of him in terms of a being the frontrunner. He needs to articulate the lessons learned and then try and pick up steam early, lest he be out-flanked by his running mate -- Murray Clark -- who still maintains a layer of political teflon. Our reading assignment for Mr. McIntosh: Nixon's "*Six Crises.*" **Status: Down.**

24. Scott Jones: The Escient CEO was rebuked by legislative leaders -- ranging from Garton to Gregg -- for his audacity to pick the "wrong issue" (Daylight Saving Time) and not paying his dues. The key message for Jones is, logic does not always (or often) prevail. But his sniffing out the Congressional Commerce Committee DST opening reveals some real political savvy. **Status: Down.**

25. Mel and Herb Simon: The go-to money guys in the Indiana Democratic Party who resisted bringing Dennis

Rodman to Indiana.

26. State Rep. Susan Crosby: Pushed by Democratic women activists as a potential LG candidate, her most conspicuous move during the legislative session was to propose a gasoline tax increase. A potential contender for either the 8th CD in 2002 or LG in 2004, Crosby's career options have been caught in the ample ripples of John Gregg's decisions, with key decisions still to be made. **Status: Par.**

27. U.S. Rep. Julia Carson: Carson received a good district from Mahern & Co., particularly after some GOP areas were jettisoned to the Frankenstein 4th. She'll face an energetic challenge from Brose McVey in 2002. She's been relatively quiet legislatively so far during the Bush area. **Status: Par.**

28. Mayor John Fernandez: The Bloomington mayor has been able to consolidate his hold of the Democratic secretary of state nomination, with no credible opposition. His fate may be determined over whether a known GOP name (Paul Helmke) is his opponent, or one of the young guys. He can expect big GOP guns to be trained on him in what will be the first R vs. D organizational showdown of the century. **Status: Up.**

29. Mike McDaniel: The GOP chief survived a tepid challenge and ended up with nine new state committee members, which should pump some new life and vigor in what we've come to call the "sleeping giant." McDaniel has some specific benchmarks to reach in order to secure his future in a job he loves, but he should have more resources. **Status: Up.**

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

31. Pat Kiely: Mentioned as a potential gubernatorial candidate, we don't detect the necessary fire in the belly. He seems more content to "shadow" the O'Bannon regime as an insightful (or is that inciteful) critic.

32. Stephen Goldsmith: He is the most perplexing Hoosier in Washington.

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talked. There are political dangers for Buyer, who is locked in a brutal primary battle with U.S. Rep. Brian Kerns and State Sen. Mike Young. "Some people feel it's a wedge issue," Copher said.

ROGERS, AYRES SURPRISED BY BIG UNIVERSITY TUITION INCREASES: State Sen. Earline Rogers, D-Gary, said she'd believed the budget adopted by the General Assembly provided enough state funding to forestall big tuition hikes. "I was under the impression the money we gave to our colleges and universities was sufficient so as not to cause an increase," Rogers said (Susan Erler, Times of Northwest Indiana). Had lawmakers known the larger hikes were looming, they might have taken further steps to forestall them, Rogers said. "There'd been some talk of us needing to restructure our tax system," Rogers said. Tuition increases of the size approved by the universities, "may have heightened our interest in doing so," Rogers said. The budget includes a 3.2 percent increase in state funding to colleges and universities. Indiana University announced last week a 6.5 percent increase at its regional campuses, less than the 7.5 percent hike approved by the board of trustees for the Bloomington campus. Purdue

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University's board of trustees approved a 7.5 percent hike affecting all of the university's campuses. "I'm not condemning the trustees," said State Rep. Ralph Ayres, D-Chesterton. "But I wish they would've been able to hold the increases until the second year of the biennium to see if state funding could've been increased." Joseph Bennett, spokesman for Purdue University president Martin Jischke, said the university was open about its intention to raise tuition, and lawmakers must have been aware.

GALLUP HAS BUSH POPULARITY AT 55 PERCENT; CONGRESS LOWER: A CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll of 1,011 adults, conducted over June 8-10 (+/- 3 percent), shows 55 percent approve "of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President," 35 percent disapprove, 10 percent had no opinion; 49 percent approve "of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job," 43 percent disapprove, 8 percent had no opinion; 54 percent approve "of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job," 37 percent disapprove, and 9 percent had no opinion.

FORT WAYNE MAYOR WANTS GUN LAW: A recent rash of shootings that have taken several lives has

Thought to be the brightest rising star in in the Bush constellation, he's stalled, missing out on the chance to head the faith-based initiative. He may have been hamstrung by personality traits that people in Indianapolis know well. Even though he's not out front on the faith-based initiative, he's still involved behind the scenes in key discussions. Part of his low profile may be due to the health of his wife. Goldsmith could be resurrected with a high-profile position in the future. **Status:** *Down.*

33. U.S. Rep. Baron Hill: Hill has a better district with Columbus and Bloomington, where folks may remember his All-Star basketball career. He's raising a bunch of money, has no real opponent and the Blue Dogs should do pretty well between now and November 2002. If he wins next year, he may be in a position to consolidate his power for several terms, barring a Democratic washout. A well-funded, articulate Republican could force Hill out of his triangulation mode and force better definition. **Status:** *Par.*

34. U.S. Rep. Dan Burton: Bush finally called Burton off on the Rich pardon scandal, and that may put an end to his Clintonian probing. Burton's oversight committee is still a key power center and he gets a very Republican district that should keep him in Congress for another three to five terms. **Status:** *Down.*

35. U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky: He's the only Hoosier on the House Appropriations Committee. The Northwest Indiana congressman has become an effective point man for the collapsing steel industry and President Bush came around to his point of view. His Jefferson-Jackson Day speech was a gem and should have gotten better media coverage. His new district puts him in the agriculture sector, but he should prevail. **Status:** *Up.*

36. Dan Coats: The former Indiana senator is slated to be ambassador to Germany. We think Coats may play a bigger role as the Bush administration progresses. Rumsfeld is old and may not fin-

ish out the entire term as Secretary of Defense while Coats will be in the NATO loop. His loyal former Senate staff is also extremely well placed in the White House and Senate, so he'll remain plugged in. **Status:** *Up.*

37. Mayor Scott King: The Gary mayor brought a nationally televised beauty pageant to the city, has an excellent working relationship with Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and that's good news for the Gary-Chicago Airport. King is becoming the best mayor of Gary in decades. **Status:** *Up.*

38. David Johnson: Insiders identify Johnson as one of O'Bannon's key advisers, where caution and political ham-handedness has ruled. While Johnson's "influence" may go up, the historical impact of O'Bannon's legacy may suffer if he steers them on the present course. **Status:** *Par.*

39. Jeff Smulyan: He's another go-to guy for Democratic candidates seeking money. **Status:** *Par.*

40. Butch Morgan: The St. Joseph County and 2nd CD Democratic chair is showing his considerable political skills by helping clear the decks for Jill Long Thompson's comeback. **Status:** *Up.*

41. Judy O'Bannon: Indiana's most beloved First Lady gets some rare criticism over moving the governor's mansion. Otherwise, she may be the steadiest personality on the First Team. **Status:** *Par.*

42. David Gogol: He runs Sagamore Associates, the premier lobbying firm in DC for Hoosier interests. Gogol has a vivid relationship with Mitch Daniels, potentially giving him access to the Bush administration. **Status:** *Par.*

43. U.S. Rep. Mike Pence: The freshman Republican shows signs of entering the leadership track. His first six months reveal an ardent conservative who would prefer pushing President Bush even further to the right on tax cuts and education. Pence is quickly becoming the most conspicuous voice of Indiana's GOP

Congressional delegation and the man Hoosier Democrats fear most. One reason he wasn't lumped into Dan Burton's district is that Indiana Democrats would prefer to keep him in Washington and out of the governor's mansion. **Status:** *Up*.

44. IU President Myles Brand: He continues to reshape IU's post-Bob Knight era. **Status:** *Up*.

45. U.S. Rep. John Hostettler: This true Survivor has dodged the John Gregg bullet, but still finds himself likely to face a nationally targeted challenge in '02 as both parties battle for control of the House. **Status:** *Par*.

46. Evansville Mayor Russell Lloyd Jr.: Leading political figure in Southwestern Indiana. **Status:** *Par*.

47. Attorney General Steve Carter: The new AG gets good marks for getting those rascal telemarketers off our phones. Surprised we're not hearing a "Steve for Governor" chant. **Status:** *Up*.

48. Mary Downs: Key legislators are complaining about a lack of communication with the LG. **Status:** *Par*.

49. Steve Shine: The Allen County GOP chair's influence will spread into the new 6th CD. **Status:** *Up*.

50. U.S. Rep. Brian Kerns: Due to the Mahern Map Co., Kerns finds himself in the aforementioned gutter brawl with Steve Buyer. We saw him as the early underdog in the 4th CD race, but now we're not so sure, particularly with Sen. Young's arrival in the race, making it a real wild card. Kerns has yet to have the gravitas of a Member, acting more like a staff guy. **Status:** *Up*.

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MOVING UP:

State Sen. Murray Clark (Honorable Mention): Clark will certainly make the 2001 list. While we can't call him the gubernatorial front-runner, he emerged from the 2001 legislative session in great shape and is hitting the Lincoln Day circuit. That internal McIntosh memo that was leaked hit Clark's strengths on the head: "Murray has the drive to run for governor. With

support from Rex (Early) and fellow legislators, Murray will most likely be the party favorite. His fun, laid-back, friendly personality makes him very likable in any group -- including the electorate. He was a perfect LG candidate who did everything he was asked and remained loyal to the end, but he was not viewed as being part of any of the flaws of the campaign, or having the ability to change them."

State Rep. Brian Bosma (Honorable Mention): He got generally good marks for steering the House Republicans for the first time. The legislative snafus occurred with Senate Republicans.

Ed Treacy (Honorable Mention): The super lobbyist/ fundraiser and now Marion County Democratic chairman becomes a key cog in the fortunes of Indiana Democrats as his county becomes a D-powerhouse.

Sen. Teresa Lubbers: She delivered on charter schools and should get ticket consideration for '04.

Rep. Peggy Welch: Her legislative skills came to the forefront when she picked up the BAC bill following the Tom Wyss meltdown and rammed it through after 11 years of failure. She's conservative, personable and offers the kind of geographical balance that might appeal to Joe Kernan in 2004 as he ponders a diverse ticket.

Bob Grand, Jim Kittle, Randy Tobias: Creating the GOP's financial counterweight to the labor unions with the Phoenix Group. Tobias may be gubernatorial timber.

Rep. Chet Dobis: Brought tax religion to the oft-divided Lake County legislative delegation.

State Rep. Jeff Espich: Watch for the ranking Ways and Means Republican to be a leading opposition voice on the upcoming reassessment controversies.

Rep. Markt Lytle: He was Gregg's go-to guy on dockside and got high marks. He's becoming a go-to guy on other politically sensitive issues. He understands economic development issues from being a mayor and business

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prompted Fort Wayne Mayor Graham Richard to vow to work with state legislators to get a version of Florida's tough law passed in Indiana (Pamela Perez, Fort Wayne News-Sentinel). "The level of gun-related crimes in this community is intolerable," Richard said. There were a dozen shootings in a span of 10 days last month that left several people dead.

LUGAR, BINGAMAN TO UNVEIL MOTHER, CHILD HEALTH PLAN: U.S. Senators Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and Richard Lugar will unveil their plan to reduce the number of uninsured children and pregnant women in the United States this morning. The Senators will discuss "Start Healthy, Stay Healthy," legislation they will introduce to significantly reduce the number of uninsured children and pregnant women. This bipartisan plan is expected to cost about \$25 billion over the next decade, roughly the same amount set aside for health care expansion in the fiscal year 2002 Budget Resolution.

INDIANA PASSES TOUGH, NEW AIR QUALITY STANDARDS: Indiana has adopted air-quality rules that will cut the smog-forming chemicals emitted by the state's power plants and industries by nearly a third -- about 120,000 tons -- in the next

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three years (Ben Z. Hershberg, Louisville Courier-Journal). The state's utilities are expected to spend about \$1.4 billion to comply with the new nitrogen oxide rules, raising the rates they charge customers by an estimated 6 to 8 percent statewide. Other businesses are expected to spend about \$28 million to comply, said Janet McCabe, the department's assistant commissioner for air quality. The new rules, McCabe said, "will require huge nitrogen oxide reductions by 2004." While the costs are enormous, McCabe said, the benefits will be as well. They should relieve asthma and other smog-related health problems for thousands of Hoosiers. The regulations were adopted Wednesday by the Indiana Air Pollution Control Board. "This is a very significant cut," said Tim Maloney, executive director of the Hoosier Environmental Council. Vince Griffin, director of environmental and energy policy for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, had a somewhat different view. "we're not convinced this will make a significant improvement."

PENCE SAYS HE CAN WORK WITH HARCOURT: The buzz in Republican circles last week was that U.S. Rep. Mike Pence and his chief of staff, Bill Smith, had worked to defeat Jean Ann Harcourt as chair of the new 6th CD. Several key Republican sources had

owner, and is friendly to labor. Speaker Lytle, in a post-Gregg era?

Jill Long Thompson: Astutely preparing a comeback in the new 2nd CD, with real chances of success.

Sen. Luke Kenley: Our sources tell us it was Borst and Kenley, not Bob

Meeks, who cut the final deal with Bauer on the budget. If Garton retires, Kenley is poised to be major domo in the Senate.

Tim Joyce: The governor's chief of staff always makes the list. All Statehouse eyes will be on Joyce to see if he can turn around the administration. ❖

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Governor 2004: Republican: David McIntosh, Sen. Murray Clark, Sen. Luke Kenley, Sen. Teresa Lubbers, Paul Helmke, Eric Miller, George Witwer. **Democrat:** Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan. **1996 Results:** O'Bannon (D) 1,075,342, Goldsmith (R) 997,505, Dillon (L) 35,261. **2000 Results:** O'Bannon (D) 1,230,345, McIntosh (R) 906,492, Horning (L) 38,686. **2004 Forecast:** The Jennifer Hallowell memo to David McIntosh proved a couple of things: They've both got enemies and those enemies must still believe that McIntosh can be a potent force. While some parts of the document have been embellished, other parts were verified as in the original. "We did not introduce you to voters. We did not tell them your story," the document said. "The biggest criticism we made of the Goldsmith and Gilroy campaigns is that they never told voters their story. They, too, had great stories to tell. We started the campaign by promising donors, volunteers and party folks that we would not make the same mistakes that those two campaigns made. We made the exact same mistakes and then we made more." McIntosh is told, "We failed in the beginning of the campaign by conceding that you cannot win if it is a personality/popularity contest. We made it easier for Frank (O'Bannon) to do nothing, say nothing and be successful." The campaign's biggest blunder, however, was of its own making, the analysis concedes, citing an ill-fated Will Statom television spot. The document also concedes that McIntosh lost the battle over education policy, in part because of conflicts with Supt. Suellen Reed. "In hindsight, taking out Reed at the convention may have been a worthwhile fight -- we'll never know if it would have made the difference." The document views **State Sen. Murray Clark** as McIntosh's most likely primary opponent who will probably pass on the 2003 Indianapolis mayoral race "His strength over you is that he doesn't carry the baggage from our campaign that you carry," she added. **As for Kernan,** it assessed, "Kernan is a much better speaker than O'Bannon ... a much better debater ... a much better campaigner ... is very likable, fun, down to earth, good ol' boy ... well-liked by the business community ... very well-liked by the media ... is a good fundraiser." It continued, "An economic downturn will likely help to convince the electorate that it's time for a change. If the economy remains strong, the battle is likely to be as difficult as it was against O'Bannon. **Status:** *Leans D.*

HORSE RACE

Secretary of State 2002: Republican: Mike Delph, Deputy Secretary of State Todd Rokita, Richard Mourdock, Luke Messer, Paul Helmke. **Democrat:** Bloomington Mayor John Fernandez. **Libertarian:** Paul Hager. **1994 Results:** Gilroy (R) 902,100, Jeffers (D) 542,539, Dillon (L) 32,483, Knight (A) 13,948. **1998 Results:** Gilroy 828,557, Little (D) 652,565, Dillon (L) 51,775. **2002 Forecast:** Hager enters the race, which is a critical development for the Indiana Libertarians. He needs to capture 5 percent of the vote in order for the party to automatically qualify candidates for statewide offices. **Status:** *Tossup.*

Congressional District 2: Republican: Chris Chocola, State Sen. Thomas Weatherwax. **Democrat:** Jill Long Thompson, Mark Meissner. **Geography:** South Bend, Michigan City, Mishawaka, Elkhart, Kokomo, Plymouth, Logansport; LaPorte, St. Joseph, Starke, Marshall, Pulaski, Fulton, Cass, Carroll and parts of Howard, Porter, Elkhart and White counties. **Media Market:** South Bend-Elkhart, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Chicago. **2000 Result:** Roemer (D) 107,076, Chocola (R) 98,367. **2002 Forecast:** Weatherwax and Chocola met at a Bob Evans in Logansport, but neither is talking. Weatherwax is still weighing a run. Chocola

told Dave Kitchell of the *Logansport Pharos-Tribune* on the residency issue, "I think people who pay attention to it understand that I was drawn out. I didn't move anywhere. They moved the district. They can say what they want, but I don't think this is an egotistical answer. I don't think there's any coincidence that they drew me out of the district by a mile. I live in this community and I'm running to represent a community. What I beat (Rep. Tim) Roemer up for was not living in the community he was elected to represent. He didn't own any property in Indiana. He really didn't spend that much time here. People dispute that, but travel records are public information and you can look at the number of days and time he spent in the district." **The Democratic** field narrows as former State Sen. Cleo Washington and Katie Humphreys appear to be passing on this race. Meissner says he would represent the new 2nd CD with a Bayh-Roemer "centrist approach" needed to get things done in Washington, especially in education. Meissner, 31, has learned that approach firsthand while serving on the staffs of U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh and Roemer. "I'm in politics because I want to get some things done," Meissner said (Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune*). "I'm not exploring; I'm running." While Meissner is in, Jill Long Thompson is clearly in the driver's seat and we see little chance that she will be denied the nomination. All you have to do is look at the host committee for her big fundraiser at Jeff Smulyan's home on June 21 - Julia Carson, Baron Hill, Andy Jacobs, Phil Sharp, Frank McCloskey, Joe Hogsett, Butch Morgan, Fred Glass, Charles Redd, Shawn Mulholland, Brad Queisser, Ron Liggett, Dale Sturtz, and, oh yeah, Joe Andrew. **Status:** *LEANS LONG THOMPSON*.

Congressional District 3: Republican: U.S. Rep. Mark Souder. **Democrat:** Rodney Scott, Jay Rigdon. **Geography:** Fort Wayne, Goshen; Kosciusko, Whitley, LaGrange, Steuben, DeKalb and parts of Elkhart and Allen counties. **Media Market:** South Bend-Elkhart, Fort Wayne. **2000 results:** Souder (R) 131,051, Foster (D) 74,492. **2002 Forecast:** Scott, 50, becomes first Democrat to formally announce. Scott, a political science professor at St. Francis College, identified four areas he said he is most concerned about: the tax cut, including prescription drugs in Medicare, oil prices and campaign finance. He also said that House candidates should be barred from accepting campaign donations from anyone who lives outside of the district and that "I would not feel uncomfortable" if political action committees were eliminated. He said he was inspired to become a candidate because "Mark Souder keeps drifting farther and farther to the right" (Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). He said he has raised \$4,000. Souder spent \$261,000 last year. **Status:** *Safe R*.

Congressional District 4: Republican: U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, U.S. Rep. Brian Kerns, State Sen. Mike Young. **Democrat:** Open. **Geography:** Tippecanoe, Clinton, Boone, Montgomery, Hendricks, Morgan, Lawrence and parts of Marion, Johnson, Monroe, Fountain and White counties. **Media Market:** Lafayette, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Evansville, Louisville. **2000 Results: Old 5th CD:** Buyer (R) 132,035, Goodnight (D) 81,423; **Old 7th CD:** Kerns 131,562, Graf (D) 65,174. **2002 Forecast:** Memo to the *Indianapolis Star*: we had the Mike Young entry into this race on May 17. The real story this week was Young egging on Buyer's involvement with the Daylight Saving Time issue in Congress, which Buyer's people see as a potential wedge issue (*Daily Wire* 6/11 and 6/12). Buyer's people felt the Richard Berke *New York Times* story was a slam (*Daily Wire* 6/5). **Status:** *Safe R*.

Congressional District 8: Republican: U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:** Paul Perry. **Geography:** Evansville, Terre Haute, Greencastle; Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Gibson, Pike, Martin, Daviess, Knox, Sullivan, Greene, Owen, Clay, Vigo, Vermillion, Parke, Putnam, Warren and part of Fountain counties. **Media Market:** Evansville, Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Lafayette. **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 Results:** Hostettler 116,860, Perry (D) 100,461. **2002 Forecast:** State Rep. Russ Stilwell probably won't run, saying, "I spent a year in the jungles of Vietnam in a combat infantry unit but I'm not sure that I'm up to the task of the blood-letting that looms in the Bloody 8th! I might be a better ground soldier for our Democrat candidate. The short answer to the Question . . . Probably not, but never say never." Perry told *HPR*, "I'm taking an extremely close look at running. I've contacted all my consultants and had some conversation with Congressman (Steny) Hoyer and the DCCC." Perry said he had no time table in making his decision but added, "I'm very interested." **Status:** *Tossup*.

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told *HPR* that Pence and Smith didn't want Harcourt as chair because of her pro-choice stance on the abortion issue. Pence counts some of his most ardent supporters as those from the Right to Life community. Pence told *HPR*, "I did not actively support or oppose any candidate for the district chairmanship believing that such decisions are best made by party officials at the county level." Pence added, "I am looking forward to working with Jean Ann Harcourt, the new chairman of the 6th Congressional District Republican Party."

MAYOR LAWLER CLEARED IN ELECTION CORRUPTION PROBE: Anderson Mayor J. Mark Lawler got a clean bill of health Wednesday of allegations of criminal wrongdoing during 1995 city elections (Ken de la Bastide, *Anderson Herald-Bulletin*). The report by two special prosecutors comes more than a year after the expiration of the statute of limitations on such charges. Madison County Prosecutor Rodney Cummings asked for the special prosecutors just before the 1999 primary. He was criticized in the report by John Branham and John Whiteleather Jr., the special prosecutors. The two were appointed in April 1999 to investigate allegations. The special prosecutors said they learned in January 2000 that federal prosecutors had investigated the same allegations and declined to file charges. ❖