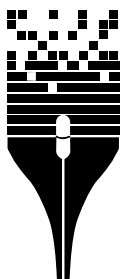


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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

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“My message must be hitting home. Now he says he’s going to change.”

- State Sen. Murray Clark, on Senate

President Pro Tempore Robert Garton telling colleagues he will run a more inclusive Senate.

## Kittle’s numbers will work with a win

### Victory will calm his doubters

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis

This has been the Summer of Second Guessing when it comes to one Jim Kittle Jr., chairman of the Indiana Republican Party.

Some looked at his June 30 FEC report and saw a mere \$30,000, compared to \$500,000 for the Democrats. Larry MacIntyre was jettisoned at a time when an air of stability would have helped. Others saw a staff enlarged from eight to 30. And then there is the new headquarters, now a couple of downtown blocks away from Hooters in the Morrison Opera House. Committeeman Bob Hiler worried about the \$24,000 a month lease in a letter to colleagues.

Kittle is astute enough to have his ear to the ground, hearing the rumors. As he led a media tour of the new HQ, Kittle said, “I’m proud of what we have accomplished. This is not really Lilly, Guidant, Anthem, Barnes & Thornburg luxury.” We wound our way through space for a 2004 gubernatorial campaign (perhaps, for long-time friend Mitch Daniels), candidate calling rooms, and a computer server closet loaded with high tech equipment and a tangle of phone lines. “It is very usable space, walk around and look,” he said, adding that he wanted to establish a “store front” headquarters.

**But beyond the beautiful** space the Republicans now occupy -- and remember, the new and improved Bayh-era Indiana Democrats moved into the Indiana Chamber’s former digs at One North Capitol -- there are the numbers.

“This party has zero debt,” Kittle explained. “Everything you see here is paid for. We will fund each of the things we have discussed, the four statewide. We will raise more than double what those offices have ever raised.”

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**HARRIS POLL PUTS BUSH AT 63 PERCENT:** A Harris Interactive poll of 1,011 adults, conducted over August 15-19 (+/- 3), shows: 63% said George W. Bush is doing an excellent or pretty good job as President; 37% said only fair or poor. In July, 62% said Bush was doing an excellent or pretty good job; 37% said only fair or poor; and 1% were not sure. 38% said the Democrats in Congress are doing an excellent or pretty good job; 54% said only fair or poor. 41% said the Republicans in Congress are doing an excellent or pretty good job; 49% said only fair or poor.

**C-DRIVES STOLEN FROM INDIANAPOLIS DOWNS:** The investigation continues at Indianapolis Downs, where the office of Indiana's second parimutuel track was burglarized late Monday or early Tuesday (Shelbyville News). Shelby County Sheriff's Lt. David Fisher confirmed someone forced open a window on the north side of the office located at 4200 N. Michigan Road. The office is next to where the track is being constructed, about five miles northwest of Shelbyville. Officers discovered several pieces of computer equipment and a camera were missing, as well as several pictures hanging on a wall.

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## Kittle, *from page 1*

And there's one more important thing: Winning.

Kittle is 1-for-1 now, having come from nowhere to become Indiana chairman last January. Now he needs another win: Either Todd Rokita for secretary of state, or retaking the Indiana House, or picking up a Congressional seat. Any one of those or a combination will put the doubters at bay.

Winning is the golden tonic, even for a swashbucklin' guy like Jim Kittle Jr.

Kittle is a sharp departure from Mike McDaniel, who for seven years tried to battle the Evan Bayh juggernaut as a mediator, healer, friend of all, while trying to place Indiana in a national context. The victories were fewer than desired, though McDaniel could hardly be blamed for Stephen Goldsmith's epic upset in 1996 that would have made the Swiss chairman a genius.

Throughout the '80s and '90s, it was Kittle who wrote checks and went out and cajoled hundreds of others. The thirst for restoring the GOP nirvana -- winning

the governor's race -- prompted Kittle to launch a money-bag rebellion with the Phoenix Group. In January, the party essentially agreed, telling the Republican financiers: OK, you run the show. Put up or shut up.

## \$440,000 and \$800,000

Despite the rumors and the low June account balance, Kittle asserts that he will raise \$500,000 for Rokita, \$500,000 for the statewide and House Republicans. "We have 100 percent done that," Kittle said. "The last month was, cash in \$440,000. Our pledges outstanding which as of yesterday was over \$800,000. That's money that will come in."

Walking through the headquarters, the pervading scope is about money. Rokita has telephone headgear on in the "Candidate Calling Room" dialing for dollars. In the statewide candidate pod, a fundraising board reads: Last week: \$65,676. Monday: \$13,870.

Then there's the personal license plate money that drew gasps from long-time Goppers when candidate Kittle promised it to counties. "We've essential-

ly doubled what the county parties are getting," Kittle said. "We're going to win more councilman races. We're going to win more local prosecutor and sheriff races because of all this money. This is long-range, not short-range."

The murmur on the street is that Kittle is having trouble raking the money in; that Lake County Republicans are balking; that shrinking stock portfolios are crimping the cash flow. "That's money that will come in," Kittle said, adding that even Democrats are finding it more difficult to bring in the cash. "People who commit, who send in \$2,500 or \$25,000 or \$125,000 don't send the check in the very next day. We have what I call accounts receivable like a charitable organization, so that's something that is not shown at all."

Kittle notes that while he was elected on Jan. 23 with only a "half-time fundraiser," he didn't get his second full-time bean finder until April. "It was Feb. 20 before we even got approval for our structure. So we won't end the year with \$1 or \$2 million in the bank. Our job is not to be a bank."

"While people say, My gosh, we were operating with eight people and now we've got all these people; or if you go back to when the Republican Party was more successful under Bob Orr and Gordon Durnil; you will remember they had about this same number of people. If you go back to when Evan Bayh took over his party, I assume you see the same kinds of people."

### High Tech Jim

And then there's technology, the area where McDaniel really got into trouble. Kittle walks into a closet, where a 7-foot-tall computer server hummed. The calling apparatus is a spaghetti bowl of wires.

The Kittle team boasts about the Republicans' upgraded website. They talk about how any precinct official from any-

where in Indiana can get into the system and get detailed information about any voter. That precinct official can change the data. It's akin to the Robin Winston Democrats of 1998 handing out CD-ROMs to their precinct walkers, culminating with triumphs in virtually every contested Indiana House race that year.

There's a quote from rival Democratic technicians that Republicans "wouldn't catch up in two years." Said Executive Director Luke Messer, "That quote is hanging on our wall."

Kittle explained, "Quite frankly, they're operating on Microsoft 98, when all you have to do is hire the tech experts and buy Microsoft 2002 and you're ahead." As for the web site, "Quite frankly, when our site went up the Dems had to go change their site. Because theirs looked like a '60s *Ozzie and Harriet Show*. It's all in good fun."

### Yes, all in good fun

The past several weeks, Kittle has engaged in salvos with his rival, Democratic Chairman Peter Manous. Kittle sent out press releases demanding the resignation of the IDEM director and an investigation into FSSA. Manous responded by calling on Kittle to denounce Marion County councilmen who called Indiana Black Expo attendees "gorillas and thugs."

"If he's taking shots at me, since I'm running for nothing, that's probably good," Kittle said. "Every time he takes a shot at one of our candidates, he gets shot down. I think he's kind of worried, but he can get away with taking shots at me."

Kittle sees himself as a "Larry Conrad type" of political leader. "Larry didn't believe that all the Republicans were terrible and hateful and he really had wonderful relationships across the board. That's what I want. I don't want to be hateful; life is too short. You're not going to hear anything mean-spirited. I am not going to attack anyone personally. But the

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Investigators are reviewing the crime scene evidence and information given to officers by track employees. Gil Short, the track's general manager, was unavailable for comment this morning. Robert Hammerle, an attorney for Indianapolis Downs, told a reporter with the Associated Press it appeared that someone picked the locks to the office and gained entry sometime after 1 a.m., when a security check was made. He said someone unhooked two computers and took the hard drives, and it was clear someone went through some files in a filing cabinet and some personal notes belonging to Short. Hammerle said the office was not ransacked, however, and a jar in the filing cabinet containing "a couple of hundred dollars" was not touched. "I'm not accusing anyone, I'm just raising extremely grave concerns," Hammerle said. "What is quite clear is that whoever did this wanted only information."

**EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD ASKS SERVAAS CENSURE COUNCILMEN:** In a letter to Indianapolis-Marion County City-County Council President Beurt SerVaas, Evansville Mayor Russell G. Lloyd Jr. stated, "I urge you to support censure and any other appropriate punishment for City-

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Council members Robert Massie and William Dowden. The racist language issued in their joint statement of August 9, 2002, regarding police conduct at the Indiana Black Expo is inflammatory, insensitive, divisive and irresponsible. As a Republican Mayor that has worked very hard to improve race relations and foster diversity and equal opportunity in our community, I am stunned. Ugly bigotry and racism must be condemned wherever it rears its ugly head. For public officials that is doubly true. I hope and pray your city leaders can address the problems between the Indianapolis Police Department and Indiana Black Expo participants in a positive manner."

**BOSMA CALLS FOR EDUCATION ALTERNATIVE:** - House Republican Leader Brian Bosma was joined by legislative candidates Jeff Drozda (Senate District 21), Lynn Rudolph (House District 30) and Eric Koch (House District 65) during a press conference at the Statehouse to say that \$479 million in education funding cuts and payment delays would not have been necessary had the Indiana Department of Revenue been diligent in collecting more than \$600 million in back taxes. "This is just the latest in a long list of examples of mismanagement

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reason I am here is because we believe we're going to become a third world state and get left quickly behind. We need new leadership. The problem has been leadership."

Having said that, Kittle is ready to take on the Democrats over policy. "Our ideas are 180 degrees apart, so people have a clear choice in 2004. The state of Indiana will have a very clear choice. With the current administration which has been in power for 16 years; to our candidate who will believe that virtually everything will need to be done differently in the state of Indiana."

### Kittle in context

Chairman Kittle is a study of careening contrasts and throwbacks, and yet, who recognizes the quickly accelerating times. In an election year sequence when Republican affiliation to corporate America almost became a glaring liability, he reigns as the master retailer and bodacious furniture store CEO. The GOP's "clients" are "our candidates and our counties," he likes to say.

The upscale space the party occupies once housed dot.bomb Evicity, its logo emblazoned on every opera house window and soon to be replaced with Kittle's new corporate GOP logo. The contraction of the markets has made his forte ("show me the money") tougher, but as the Dow inches back toward 9,000, Kittle may find himself operating in his wheelhouse.

His view of the world can be elitist. He noted that "our state parks are for families that, perhaps, don't have the ability to belong to a country club" while he attacked the O'Bannon administration for closing the swimming pools and mowing only half the grass.

When Shannon Lohrmann of the *Lafayette Journal & Courier* asked whether he would take on the Democrats over tax increases in the restructuring process, Kittle, who essentially sat out that policy debate, said, "The taxation

thing at this point is pretty much over. Maybe the House and Senate should take over the Department of Commerce; take it away from the governor and lieutenant governor. They've done a terrible job."

Kittle noted that most legislative Republicans "didn't vote for raising taxes," and praised "Larry and Bob" (Sens. Borst and Garton) for brokering a tolerable tax deal. "They stopped bad things from happening. I give our Senate, particularly Larry and Bob, 100 percent of the credit for everything in this entire tax bill. It was a train wreck" and "it was snatched from the jaws of defeat."

While Kittle seeks a "change of leadership," he can't point out that it was Garton who essentially rammed through the \$700,000 out-of-balance 2001 biennial budget that placed many Republicans in a lurch a year later.

Kittle inquired about Sen. Murray Clark's challenge to Garton and when told the HPR opinion of a "fluid situation," noted that Clark "is probably starting out where I did."

As for retaking control of the House, Kittle sees the prospect pie in thirds. "I think you could handicap it right now that one third we take control at 51; one third it's a tie and the secretary of state is the 51st vote; and one third we don't take it. The Democrats have far more vulnerable seats."

Kittle's stride is broad; his demeanor is gregarious; he's surrounded himself with young talent with a penchant for high tech. The caterer of choice is St. Elmo's. There is nothing subtle about the man. Being that way, he's a natural target for critics who aren't sure about his methods because it hasn't been done that way before.

Kittle's vindication on Nov. 5 will come with a win; a sorely needed win.

He likes to quote Conrad Hilton: "Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit."



# PERHAPS... WE WANDER

By Brian Howey

## The day *after* the election

COLUMBUS - The day *after* the election promises to be more interesting -- perhaps far more interesting and consequential -- than the Nov. 5 election itself. For on that day, legislators will select a new House speaker and, perhaps, a new president of the Indiana Senate.

State Sen. Murray Clark's announcement that he would challenge Senate President Pro Tempore Robert D. Garton sent the Statehouse insider circuit into full buzz last week (psst ... someone tell the *Star!*). Through multiple insider sources, HPR surmises that the caucus is fairly evenly split, with, depending on who you talk to, Clark and Garton each having between 11 and 14 votes. That means between six and eight votes will determine who heads the upper chamber. Incoming freshman Jeff Drozda was sporting a Clark button at the Republican convention and the Republican Senatorial Committee believes the GOP could easily pick up two to four new members.

### Long-time Garton rival Sen.

Larry Borst in this case is actually lining up support for the president pro tempore.

Since Clark announced his intention, multiple sources have told us that Sen. Garton has decided to become a *new man*; an *open and fair* president; a *kinder and gentler* president; an *all-inclusive* president who will seek input and opinions from the middle and back benchers; a president who won't crack heads to pass an out-of-balance biennial budget (by \$700 million in 2001) loaded with Ivy Tech goodies, paving the way for Republicans voting for tax hikes in 2002.

Perhaps after three decades in power, Sen. Garton and the Old Dog Docter really can learn new tricks.

"My message must be hitting home. Now he says he's going to change." Clark said, adding, "Originally I thought that

time was not on our side but I'm not so sure now. The election is months away and a lot of things can happen before then. Bob's support seems thin, although surprisingly broad."

HPR sees the situation as fluid. The natural tendency in the stodgy Senate is to be conservative and embrace the status quo. For Clark to win, he'll have to find ambitious senators who are willing to break out of the mold (*that's a pun*).

Garton and Borst must be careful. They can't huff fire and brimstone and provoke fears of retribution as they did with Sen. Luke Kenley after he made but a mere two or three phone calls. They also have to be careful and not promise Potch Wheeler's majority leader job to too many people.

**Key tip for you Senate watchers:** Keep an eye on the committee chairs. If enough of them decide they'd like more power in a breezier Clark presidency, the Garton-Borst facade could collapse.

As for the House, let's assume the Democrats retain control. Speaker B. Patrick Bauer? We figure he tops out at about 18 to 20 votes. There's another dozen in the "anybody but Bauer" category. Another 12 are not going to commit.

Reps. Win Moses and Chet Dobis appear to have some support, but not as much as Bauer. Which brings rise to the talk of compromise candidates. This week's favorite is Rep. Jonathon Weinzapful, with Bob Kuzman also a viable "youth movement" alternative. Talk of the traditional "southern alternative" centers around Reps. Markt Lytle and Paul Robertson has ebbed in recent weeks.

As for who has the chits to cash in, how about Rep. Ed Mahern? He drew the maps and runs the campaigns.

- Of course, all this depends on the Democrats retaining control, and that is no sure thing. ❖

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from the O'Bannon-Kernan Administration," Bosma said. "Throughout the last legislative session we called upon the governor to stop making threats to cut education funding. This information regarding back taxes shows these cuts would not have been necessary." Bosma is referring to a recent statement from Larry McKee, deputy commissioner of the Indiana Department of Revenue, who said more than \$600 million in uncollected taxes are owed to the state from unpaid payroll and individual income taxes. The taxes due are from businesses which collect sales tax, employee payroll tax, individuals who haven't paid state taxes owed from their tax returns and other various taxes due to the state.

**BAYH SUPPORTS SADDAM'S OUSTER IN CHICAGO TRIBUNE OP-ED:** The United States should use any and all means to topple Saddam Hussein, including invading Iraq, Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., said Sunday. He said Americans are open to being convinced about this course, but President Bush hasn't made the case yet. "The safest course of action for America is to remove Saddam Hussein from power through economic, diplomatic or covert means if possible, by force of arms if not," Bayh wrote in a column appearing in

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the Chicago Tribune. Bayh said Saddam is an enemy because he has chemical and biological weapons and likely will have nuclear weapons soon; has used weapons of mass destruction against Iraqis and other countries; invaded two countries; launched missiles at Israel and Saudi Arabia; attempted to assassinate former President Bush; and harbored and aided terrorists. "Perhaps we will get lucky," he wrote. "Perhaps he will not threaten global economic blackmail by targeting Saudi oil fields with a nuclear device. Perhaps he will not target Israel or Europe unless we acquiesce to some preposterous demand. We can hope he will not give germs or toxins to terrorists for use against America. And we can pray that our lack of resolve will not embolden terrorists."

**OKESON BOWS OUT OF FORT WAYNE MAYORAL RACE:** A potential Republican candidate for Fort Wayne mayor has opted not to run for the high-profile office. John Okeson, a Fort Wayne lawyer and former Indiana clerk of courts, had openly discussed a mayoral bid in 2003 but was often overshadowed by the publicity surrounding two other GOP candidates (David Griner, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). Linda Buskirk,

## Indiana 2002, 2004 Racing Form

**Trend Line:** The primary defeats of U.S. Reps. Cynthia McKinney and Bob Barr in Georgia suggest that incumbents are not altogether safe this year. Yes, both were iconoclastic ideologues and polarizing figures, but this was supposed to be a year kind to incumbents (though Barr was defeated by another Member in the primary). In another significant area, the Dow is up 16 percent since July 24 and the Nasdaq is up 15 percent, leading some to believe the stock markets have bottomed out. That's good news for Republicans. If the Dow hits 9,500, that's great news for Republicans.

## Indiana Congressional Races

**Congressional District 2: Republican:** Chris Chocola. **Democrat:** Jill Long Thompson. **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. **Websites:** www.jilllongthompson.com; www.chocolaforcongress.com **2000 Result:** Roemer (D) 107,076, Chocola (R) 98,367.

**2002 Forecast:** Farm equipment maker CTB International Corp. has signed a \$180 million agreement to be bought by Berkshire Hathaway Inc., the investment firm of billionaire Warren

Buffett (Associated Press). Chocola said the sale was the logical next step for the company and had nothing to do with his political campaign. A national group seeking to preserve Social Security and Medicare is defending Long Thompson in the wake of television ads accusing the Democrat of having voted to raid the Social Security trust fund (*South Bend Tribune*). "When she served in Congress, Jill Long Thompson supported efforts to create a balanced federal budget that didn't rely on tapping into Social Security trust funds," Barbara B. Kennelly of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, said. **Status:** *Tossup*.

**Congressional District 7: Republican:** Brose McVey. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Julia Carson. **Libertarian:** Andy Horning. **Geography:** Indianapolis. **Media Market:** Indianapolis. **Websites:** www.juliacarson.house.gov; www.broseforcongress.org **2000 Results:** Carson (D) 91,300, Scott (R) 61,818, Ali (L) 2,513. **2002 Forecast:** Recent polling numbers for Fox-59 showing Frank Anderson with a commanding 61-32 percent lead over Republican sheriff candidate Tom Schneider is bad news for McVey. Throw in the "gorilla" controversy and we see a stoked up African-American vote for Carson. McVey tried to counter by naming Jesse L. Moore Jr., executive director of the Indianapolis Black Chamber of Commerce, as deputy campaign manager "Jesse has his finger on the pulse of small and minority businesses," McVey said. "His knowledge strengthens our ability to propose meaningful initiatives to combat Indiana's growing economic problems." HUD Secretary Mel Martinez campaigns with McVey on Thursday. The *New York Times* reported on Thursday the defeat of Rep. Cynthia A. McKinney in a Democratic primary on Tuesday — the second loss this summer by a prominent black House incumbent to a more moderate black challenger — carries implications for black politicians, and perhaps others as well, that go far beyond any single Congressional district In the earlier race, political analysts said Artur Davis, who defeated Rep. Earl F. Hilliard, an Alabama Democrat, in June, benefited from Hilliard's history of ethical lapses. Both incumbents drew even more attention — and their challengers gained important political traction — because they were regarded as unfriendly to Israel. This allowed their opponents to tap into an outpouring of financial contributions from Jewish Americans. **Status:** *Leans Carson*.

**Congressional District 8: Republican:** U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:** Bryan Hartke. **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. **Websites:** www.bryanhartke.com;

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www.house.gov/hostettler/ **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:** Eleven breast cancer survivors who recently visited Hostettler's office to plead for more federal research funds were surprised to be given a lecture on the perils of abortion by the congressman. The House member's comments have ignited a political firestorm in his district (Juliet Eilperin, *Washington Post*). Several of the women said they were hurt that Hostettler devoted the bulk of the May 30 session to outlining possible links between abortion and breast cancer. "It upset us that he seemed to imply that having an abortion was the main thing we needed to address to eliminate breast cancer," said Monica Hawkins, a 60-year-old breast cancer survivor. "The point is, none of us in that room had an abortion." Indiana Democratic Chairman Peter J. Manous called Hostettler's remarks "grossly insensitive" and demanded that he apologize. Hostettler told the *Evansville Courier & Press* that the meeting was "a discussion of breast cancer research and other issues. They did not want to talk about certain issues and I wanted to. . . . If they don't like what I say, I can't help that." **Status:** *Likely Hostettler.*

## Indiana House Races

**District 19: Republican:** Crown Point Councilwoman Pamela Roth. **Democrat:** Rep. Bob Kuzman. **Geography:** Crown Point, south Lake County. **1994 results:** Conlon (R) 8,850, McCall (D) 5,280. **1996 Results:** Kuzman (D) 12,236, Sparks (R) 10,453. **1998 Results:** Kuzman 9,130, Gasparovic (R) 6,917. **2000 Results:** Kuzman 13,879, Johnson (R) 12,177. **2002 Forecast:** We're hearing that Republicans are going to put a lot of resources behind Roth, and Democrats are taking it seriously. This could be a premier race between ardent campaigns, with control of the House at stake. **Status:** *LEANS D.*

**House District 52: Republican:** Marlon Stutzman. **Democrat:** Rep. Dale Sturtz. **Geography:** LaGrange, Noble, DeKalb counties. **1994 Results:** Sturtz (D) 6,837, LeCount (R) 5,789. **1996 Results:** Sturtz 10,049, Hanneman (R) 6,258. **1998 Results:** Sturtz 6,677, Wonderly 6,385. **2000 Results:** Sturtz 9,536, Wonderly 7,825. **2002 Forecast:** U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, R-4th, was the keynote speaker at the event, which had 120 guests for Stutzman. Souder emphasized the importance of winning the seat so Republicans can get the state back on track financially. In addition to the federal power, popular former Gov. Otis Bowen also announced his endorsement of Stutzman. **Status:** *LEANS D.*

**House District 81: Republican:** Matt Kelty. **Democrat:** Rep. Winfield Moses Jr. **Geography:** Fort Wayne, Allen County. **2000 Results:** Moses 8,573, Conley (R) 4,794. **2002 Forecast:** Kelty made several challenges to Moses -- that Moses should live in the district -- a reference to a large home Moses built in Indianapolis for session times. Moses curtly responded that he does live in his Fort Wayne district (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Kelty also challenged Moses to a debate on issues facing District 81. "The people in this district deserve to have him spend time in the district, discussing with me the issues that distinguish our campaigns," Kelty said. Moses seemed willing to pick up the gauntlet. "I'm always in favor of debates," he said. "I usually don't receive the requests through the media, but I would be happy to talk to him about one." Kelty is a good candidate, but knocking off Moses will be tough. **Status:** *LIKELY D.*

**House District 86: Republican:** State Rep. Jim Atterholt. **Democrat:** Dr. David Orentlicher. **Geography:** Indianapolis, Boone, Hamilton counties. **1998 Results:** Sturtz 6,677, Wonderly 6,385. **2000 Results:** Atterholt 17,320, Goodloe-Coe (D) 9,708, Perry (L) 1,178. **2002 Forecast:** Atterholt called on his opponent Wednesday to stop negative and false phone calls being made to voters in House District 86. "These negative push phone calls are the worst part of politics. They push a complete falsehood on voters with no disclaimer and no way to hold the candidate accountable. Mr. Orentlicher is an ethicist by profession, but these calls aren't ethical," said Atterholt. **Status:** *TOSSUP.* **Brian A. Howey** ❖

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who lost to Democrat Mayor Graham Richard by 129 votes after a recount in 1999, has scheduled several fundraisers for a potential second run at the mayor and even bought some radio advertisements criticizing the administration. Jon Olinger, a conservative activist and member of the Fort Wayne Community Schools board, also received attention recently when the city said his early campaign placards were in violation of sign laws. He has since removed the signs. Okeson said he will not run because of personal and family reasons. He said he was not scared away by anyone else's campaign. "It really was not a political decision," he said. "It would have been a difficult primary, because the other two announced candidates are good people. But it was doable, certainly."

SCHMIDT ELECTED DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN OF ALLEN COUNTY: Newly elected Allen County Democratic Chairman Randy Schmidt wants voters to know there's a big difference between his party's platform and that of the Republican party. "Some say there is no difference between the two parties, but nothing could be further from the truth," said Schmidt, who was unanimously elected Saturday (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). "I'll be working

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hard on promoting the party and making the community more aware of what we stand for." Schmidt's only competition for the chairmanship was David Roach, who didn't show up for the caucus. Schmidt replaces Roger Miller, who resigned last month to focus on his campaign for county prosecutor. Schmidt told about 75 party faithful at Democratic Headquarters Saturday that America is a land of opportunity, but not one of equal opportunity. On a national scale, he said, Democrats support a fair taxing system and teachers, but Republicans don't. "You can't tell me that the son of a Gary steel mill worker can have the same opportunities as the daughter of a Bush," he said.

## FORT WAYNE ISSUES

**FIRST AMBER ALERT:** Less than a week after its unveiling in Allen County, a countywide missing-children alert system was activated for the first time Tuesday, six hours after a Fort Wayne teenager was reportedly abducted (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). The "Amber Alert," was sent out over television and radio airwaves shortly after 5 a.m., and was at least partly responsible for the arrests of five young men accused of beating the teenager to death and setting fire to her body.



# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

**Sylvia Smith - Fort Wayne Journal Gazette** - Sen. Richard Lugar has been calling for Saddam Hussein's ouster for a dozen years. He was a constant buzz in the first President Bush's ear, an early advocate of Desert Storm. As early as August 1990, Lugar said in an Indianapolis speech that the Iraqi president must be destroyed by the Iraqi people, "or an international force will." He ushered a formal declaration of war through the Senate in January 1991, overcoming both White House reticence to seek congressional approval and lawmakers' reluctance to give it. It passed by just two votes. In the years since then, Lugar has been a constant critic of Saddam. Lugar's rhetoric became blunter and bolder. In September 1996, he said President Clinton's decision to bomb Iraq should be viewed as the first step, not the last, in curbing Saddam. "The Saddam Hussein regime must finally be mortally wounded," he said. In January 1998: "We have exhausted diplomatic options against Iraq. Military action is required to stop Saddam Hussein from testing the boundaries of our patience on a regular basis. Air and missile strikes should begin soon and be repeated if necessary. The U.S. has a sizable military force in the region and could damage severely Saddam's outlaw pursuits." In December 1998, he supported Clinton's decision to bomb Baghdad when other Republican voices -- notably the Senate majority leader -- were opposed. "Any other decision would have severely damaged the credibility of the United States not only in Iraq but in the eyes of others around the world who pose current threats to our security," he said of the bombing. Lugar has been equally clear that if destroying Saddam's political operation didn't end his regime, assassination was the obvious and necessary choice. ❖

**Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune** - Jill Long Thompson can survive a Bush-whacking. But it will hurt. President George W. Bush's scheduled Sept. 5 campaign trip to South Bend whacks at Democratic congressional nominee Long Thompson in two ways. Indeed, the president is coming for a \$250-a-plate dinner and \$4,000-each photos for the sole purpose of helping Republican congressional nominee Chris Chocola defeat Long Thompson in Indiana's 2nd District, a crucial election battleground. The first whack is through what Bush will say. He will make an all-out plea for election of Chocola as a candidate who would be a loyal supporter of the Bush administration in Congress. Though Bush's lofty poll ratings have dropped some, he still is popular, particularly so in Indiana. So, it stands to reason that Bush could sway some voters to Chocola and maybe get other potential Chocola voters motivated enough to actually make it to the polls. How many? Who knows? Presidential coattails don't seem to be long anymore in presidential election years. Thus, in this year when Bush is not even on the ballot, he may not sway a whole bunch of votes. But enough for victory? Maybe. Maybe, if the race is the toss-up the national political strategists and pundits now see. The second way in which the presidential campaign visit will help Chocola, hurt Long Thompson, is probably the most important: Fundraising. The quarter million dollars Vice President Dick Cheney raised for Chocola in a May 2 event could look like peanuts in comparison with what Bush can raise. Democrats in the 2nd District have been wondering who Long Thompson could bring in for a fundraiser to bolster her campaign coffers in the way Cheney and Bush are aiding Chocola. Answer: Nobody. ❖