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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“All of my friends are running for governor and I support all of my friends....”

- Secretary of State Sue Ann Gilroy, quoting Everett Dirksen, on the 1996 GOP gubernatorial race to radio talk show host Mike Pence

Lugar’s big week misses the mark

Campaign frustrated by the pundits

INDIANAPOLIS - The word out of the Lugar presidential campaign last week was this: just wait until Saturday, when Dick Lugar takes on the pundits and drops a bombshell speech at Ross Perot’s United We Stand America convention.

The stump speech was to be thrown away. Instead, Lugar would return to what has to be considered one of the most alarming themes of the still-young 1996 presidential campaign - the terrorist destruction of an American city.

Thus, on Saturday afternoon, Lugar delivered a speech in Dallas that placed the end of the Cold War in perspective. While nuclear warheads are no longer being aimed at American cities and, in fact, are being systematically destroyed with the help of the U.S., a new danger has appeared. That would be the smuggling of fissionable material in suitcase cases and travel bags out of Russia into the hands of rogue criminal and terrorist elements.

In fact, 350 cases of smuggled weapons-grade uranium have been documented in Central Europe. When the government of Kazakhstan requested the U.S. to come and secure a cache of fissionable material there in 1994, U.S. technicians and policy makers were stunned to find 104 percent of the material present. That means, the Kazakstanis as well as the Russians have no idea how much weapons grade uranium there actually is. And if no one knows how much there is, no one can be sure that it is secured, creating a dangerous black market that could make the Oklahoma City bombing on the same day Lugar officially announced his campaign seem bush league.

The problem for the Lugar campaign is that the speech hardly piqued the interest of the national press covering the convention.

Some 11 paragraphs into John King’s Associated Press version of convention, the copy read, “Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar promoted his national sales tax proposal, but focused mostly on an issue even the

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Republican congressional aide **Frank Malsano**, who serves **U.S. Rep. Harold Rogers**, a Republican of Kentucky, reacted to **U.S. Rep. Mark Souder's** slam on child molestation in the South, saying, "They are just jealous because we really kick their butt in basketball on a regular basis."



Devil's Dictionary by Ambrose Bierce

Reading, *n.* The general body of what one reads. In our country, it consists, as a rule, of Indiana novels, short stories in "dialect" and humor in slang.

Life, *n.* A spiritual pickle preserving the body from decay.

Lecturer, *n.* One with his hand in your pocket, his tongue in your ear and his faith in your patience.

Souder deals with the 'Dogpatch Defense'

U.S. Rep. Mark Souder has probably had better months. First, House Speaker Newt Gingrich at the Republican state dinner in Indianapolis last month, referred to the freshman 4th District congressman as "David Souder" (maybe he was thinking of an associate justice on the Supreme Court, or "Dr. DeReg" over in the 2nd CD).

Then came his now infamous remark to the *Journal Gazette* concerning the Waco hearings: "The only law that (the FBI) clearly established David Koresh broke that I can see so far is he had sex with consenting minors. Do you send tanks and government troops into large sections of Kentucky and Tennessee and other places where such things occur?"

Time magazine featured the remark under a headline, "The Dogpatch Defense."

And it was a prelude to a feast of columnists in Northeast Indiana, as well as Kentucky and Tennessee where the remark was seen as stereotyping the South.

Nancy Nall of the *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* wrote, "Not many days passed before Souder apologized for both the 'consenting minors' part and the Kentucky-and-Tennessee part, although if you ask me, he made matters worse by saying what he really meant was 'rural areas' where people are 'uneducated.' Any case-

worker can tell you, child sexual abuse is an equal-opportunity affliction, happening up and down the socioeconomic scale and across the rural-to-urban spectrum."

Over at the *Journal Gazette*, Washington editor Sylvia Smith reported on the picnic 4th CD Democratic Chairman Tom Smith had at his LaGrange County spread and speculated that talk would center on who the Democrats will dig up to run against the freshman Republican.

Democratic strategists had been talking about writing off the district for 1996, figuring Souder figures to be entrenched until the next big national sea change. Smith wrote, "Although Souder is less than eight months into a 24-month term, he gives off the vibes of a very confident incumbent. After all, he didn't even attend the Three Rivers Festival Parade (in Fort Wayne) - a perennial favorite of elected officials."

Ironically, the rural/Southern slams came during the same week Souder's 1994 victim, Jill Long, was confirmed by the Senate for a rural development post in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Certainly, talk in LaGrange on Sunday included notions of a rematch.

CONGRESS

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Goldsmith's poll data belies a bedrock weakness

A recent Political/Media Research Poll verifies what most inside observers suspected in the Indiana Republican gubernatorial race: Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith is, to date, the commanding front-runner.

The July 26-28 poll of 822 registered voters was broken down this way, with three candidates attaining double figures:

Goldsmith	40 percent
Early	15 percent
Rooney	12 percent

In a general election matchup with Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon, here's how two potential GOP nominees stack up:

Goldsmith	40 percent
O'Bannon	36 percent

or...

O'Bannon	43 percent
Early	25 percent

Obviously, this is good news for Goldsmith. It lends scientific data to his front-runner status. More significantly, in a head-to-head matchup with O'Bannon, Goldsmith fares much better than Early.

So, while this is good news for Goldsmith, on the thematic front, there are some interesting caution lights blinking.

Goldsmith's first term as mayor has been marked by his efforts to privatize city government. So conspicuous have the mayor's efforts been that some 250 municipal and state govern-

ment delegations from around the United States have journeyed to Indianapolis to hear the gospel according to Goldsmith.

Yet, in Indiana, few if any municipal leaders seem to be paying any attention. The issue of privatization in city elections monitored by HPR has yet to surface in any mayoral or council race. Had the opposite occurred, Goldsmith's campaign would gain peripheral exposure to his cutting-edge brand of conservatism. That would make for a vivid contrast with Early's call for a reinstatement of chain gangs.

"There's a misperception here by people

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running for office that controversial issues can't be accomplished during an election year, when, in fact, I think that voters want bold initiatives," Goldsmith told HPR in Fort Wayne last week. "I would hope that we could serve as a model.

"We're offering to mayoral candidates; we've communicated to them that I would be delighted to help them and advocate the agenda. I would hope we could spread our word into other cities."

Goldsmith's estranged relationship with Marion County Republicans is well documented. The tepid approach to Goldsmith's program at the bedrock, local levels of the party by local municipal candidates may underscore an exploitable weakness around the state.

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State Rep. Dale Grubb, D-Covington, responded to a *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* story that said he failed to report gifts from lobbyists by saying it was a "flat out lie" (**Matthew Socey**, *Fountain County Neighbor*). According to the article, Grubb failed to report four Indiana Pacer tickets given to him by a lobbyist from the Indiana State Medical Association in 1994. Grubb said he filed the tickets with the Indiana State Election Board, but not with his economic interest statement. "I didn't even use the tickets; I gave them to a constituent," Grubb said. "Anybody who knows me knows that my integrity is the most valuable thing I own."

News-Sentinel reporter **Kevin Corcoran** told the *Neighbor*, "It was a gift to him and was reported by the medical association. Why would he consider the tickets a campaign contribution?"

Fort Wayne **Mayor Paul Helmke**, who has often been criticized by Republican conservatives for being too liberal, told the *Journal Gazette* on Aug. 8 that the city will use the state's new prevailing wage law on construction projects despite the law suit filed against the law. "The constitutionality of the new common wage statute is a question for the courts to decide," Helmke said. "Until the courts tell us otherwise, the City of Fort Wayne will be following the new law that took effect on July 1." **Bill Groth**, attorney for the Building and Construction Trades Council, said the union is

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planning to sue the city. A July 21 Lake Superior Court ruling declared the changes to the prevailing wage law as illegal. The union has also sued Allen County for using the new provisions.

Democratic Michigan City mayoral nominee **Sheila Bergerson** expressed relief at having no Republican opponent for the fall election. "I am happy to be spared the strain of another rigorous campaign," Bergerson told Dan Rosenberg of the News-Dispatch.

At first it was almost a joke - breaking Cook County in Illinois up into five new counties. But some are approaching the idea seriously. And how would these new counties be named: Reagan County on the south side; Daley County in the city of Chicago; Stevenson County in the west suburbs; Dirksen County in the north suburbs; and Lincoln County around O'Hare.

The big news this past week in Chicago and "The Region" of Northern Indiana was Chicago Bear owner **Mike McCaskey's** threat to move the team out of Illinois. That prompted the *Logansport Pharos-Tribune* to editorialize: "**Gov. Evan Bayh** tried unsuccessfully to lure a third major Chicago airport to the area, but a new Bears stadium may provide an economic stimulus of similar proportions and may eventually be an impetus for expanding Gary Regional Airport."

Gary, of course, is stinging from the

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PERHAPS... WE WANDER

By Brian Howey

BLOOMINGTON - I vividly remember Oct. 31, 1977.

I was at a Grateful Dead concert at Assembly Hall in Bloomington. I was a senior at Indiana University and was experiencing my sole moment in life as a Deadhead. I'm not sure if my IU classmates - Evan Bayh and Joe Hogsatt - went that night, for I didn't know them then.

Since it was Halloween, I do remember many Deadheads who came in costume, including one gal who came dressed as a big pill with the numbers "714" written on front. I recall asking my friends if those numbers stood for Babe Ruth's old homerun record (I was just kidding). It was the only time I witnessed someone dressed as a Quaalude.

And I remember the Grateful Dead seemed disorganized, taking four or five minutes between songs to decide what they would play next. In the 1990s, this was a celebrated act of uncomformity, but in 1977, it was just irritating. Don't get me wrong. I loved the Grateful Dead's music. It was mellow stuff, mold-breaking, and perfect for relaxation.

But there was little doubt that the Grateful Dead seemed to be the embodiment of the drug culture. Because people like Jerry Garcia celebrated the drug culture on stage, along with people like the Beatles and the Rolling Stones (whose last concert in Indianapolis was attended by Evan Bayh, wife Susan and former Marion County prosecutor Jeff Modisett), many people like myself and most of my classmates either experimented in the drug culture or lived it for a period of time.

One morning last week, I was driving from Chicago to Fort Wayne. I was surfing the radio dial just west of Valparaiso when - astoundingly - I picked up X-103.3 out of Indianapolis. I had never picked that station up north of Peru before. Minutes later, DJ Madison Taylor came with stunning news: Jerry Garcia was dead. No details. A Grateful Dead song was played and the vibes were...weird.

Fifteen minutes later, the next AP dispatch was read: Jerry Garcia, found dead at a drug treatment center in California.

Figures.

Since that startling moment, the Deadheads emerged. Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts paid his respects. U.S. Sen. Pat Leahy was called out of a Senate hearing and told the bad news.

Deadheads up and down the political and socioeconomic food chain laid claim to how many concerts they had attended; what they thought of Garcia, this musical pioneer who plied bluegrass picking to a mixture of rock, country and jazz in a free-form of jam.

Media experts have already proclaimed Garcia as a cult figure who will reach a post-mortum status occupied by the likes of Marilyn Monroe and Elvis, who like Garcia, died under deadly influences.

My thoughts are this: in a day and age when our political leaders proclaim a war on drugs, and cry out in anger at those who pollute our youth with scourges like heroin and cocaine, the signals being sent by our leaders are very mixed indeed.

I've said this before, but it's no wonder that the war on drugs is simply a billion dollar rat hole with dozens of agencies engaging in turf wars and power grabs, while hundreds of thousands of inner city teens and young adults end up in prison for catering to the decay of their neighborhoods and the illicit pleasures of white, suburban folk.

There is talk of legalizing some drugs, at the same time there are efforts by President Clinton and the Federal Drug Administration to clamp down on a true, but legal (even subsidized killer) cigarettes.

Mixed signals.

Jerry Garcia - guitar legend, vibe king, as well as a nicotine and heroin addict - is mourned. We will no longer hear his sweet music.

I can't help but recall an old National Lampoon album, where the late John Belushi quipped, "The Grateful Dead are dead...and they're grateful."

Hmmmmmmmm.

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune* - Dick Lugar has a chance to win the Republican presidential nomination. But not a good one. At least not yet. His biggest problem is that in two crucial places - in New Hampshire and in the national news media - he is not yet regarded as a serious candidate, in terms of having a serious chance to win.

Clarence Page, *Chicago Tribune* - Perhaps today's young Deadheads, reared in an era of raging divorce, care even more deeply for Jerry Garcia as the "father figure" some say they have lost. The rebel can live without a cause but not without role models. Garcia provided one for many, but he succumbed to his own quest for guilt-free hedonism. His struggles with heroin and his fatal heart attack in a drug treatment center should serve as a wake-up call to any lemmings who might want to follow him over the brink. Get a life, young Deadheads. Yesterday's mantra, "Turn on, tune in, drop out," has evolved into "been there, done that." Don't look back. As Jimi Hendrix, yet another '60s rocker who died too young, once sang, "keep on pushing ahead." Be gratefully alive.

Brian Howey, *HPR* - It was intriguing when the *New York Times* reported a "mystery" in the Big Apple. Suddenly, and without ready explanation, the crime rate there has plunged to its lowest levels in a quarter century. Homicides and shootings are down 30 percent, robberies are off by 21 percent and burglaries are down 18 percent compared to a year ago. And it's not only happening in New York and Fort Wayne, but in scores of big cities like Dallas, Houston and Los Angeles. There's one theory, and one I reported on several years ago. Realizing that the crack cocaine trade followed the ancient trading routes with Detroit, I talked to newspaper reporters and police there to see what the new trend in illegal narcotics would be. The report was that crack was waning, and heroin was becoming the drug of choice. What lends credence to this theory and its relationship to predatory crimes is the nature of the drug.

Crack is a stimulant, which turns its victims into frantic zombies, willing to kill or rob to fuel the habit. Heroin is a depressant, which is more inclined to make its addicts sleepy.

Red Griggs, *Michigan City News-Dispatch* - If Harry Truman had thought dropping the atomic bomb would shorten the war by just one hour, and save just one American, Allied or Asian life, he was obligated to order it. No one wants to see another atomic bomb used, ever again. But untold thousands - perhaps millions - of Americans, Britons, Australians, New Zealanders and Asians (including Japanese) lived to see 1946 because Truman authorized the use of two atomic bombs in 1945.

George Pappajohn, *Chicago Tribune* - Take the Bears out of Chicago and what have you got? You've got New York without the Yankees, Boston without the Celtics, Montreal without the Canadiens. The city will soldier on, but it will be somehow diminished. The team will find a new home, but it will be an orphan. Mike McCaskey represents the new reality of late-century Chicago, of a city without stockyards and steel mills; a Chicago where a mayor named Daley lives in a guarded South Loop development, not Bridgeport; a Chicago that is outmuscled by the suburbs and Springfield; a Chicago of change and ambiguity. Maybe the most appropriate place for McCaskey's Bears really is Du Page County, where sons of sons of immigrants now reside. *Du Bears*. Think dome. Think skyboxes and no wind-chill factor. The setting will be unreasonably mild. Bear weather, boardroom weather and mall weather will be one and the same, and it'll be a shame.

Harrison Ullman, *Nuvo* - Our schools should not be factories where we mass-produce the workers our corporations need and the taxpayers our governments want. Our schools should be workshops where parents and teachers work together, as they often do in the grade schools, to make children into grown-ups one at a time.

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chaotic way it has approached river-boat gambling, particularly since President River Casinos, Inc. pulled out. Editorialized the *Gary Post-Tribune*. "At this stage of the game, Gary has practically lost the advantage it had when the casino gambling law was enacted. Gary's casino boat industry could use the very thing future patrons will be wishing for. Just some plain old good luck."

U.S. Sen. Dan Coats certainly won't be accused of jumping on the **Bob Dole** for President bandwagon anytime soon. Appearing on Network Indiana's *"Mike Pence Show,"* Coats said he was "very disappointed" that Dole has shelved welfare reform legislation. Coats said he was supporting the tougher reforms sponsored by **U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm**.

Gov. Evan Bayh told reporters after the National Governor's Conference in Burlington, Vt., that he worried that "states will be left holding the bag." **Jack Colwell** of the *South Bend Tribune* attended the conference and reported of Bayh, "He's one of the people sought out by the press as spokesman for the Democrats."

The city of Indianapolis is seeking an agreement to limit tax abatements with surrounding suburbs. "They're very interested in doing it," said **Larry Gigerich**, executive assistant on the Indianapolis economic development staff, in an Associated Press story. "They recognize more so than other areas of Indianapolis that you have to have a healthy" *continued on page 7*

Jon Padfield talks about the 'Pledge,' Waco, Hatch Letter, re-election, and statesmanship

HPR INTERVIEW

"I think their strategy is flawed. One of the comments Mr. Bolinger made in your interview was what he referred to as radical, right-wing whackos or something like that. The hundred-plus people who come to these patriot meetings in Kokomo are predominantly union members and life-long Democrats..."

- Rep. Jon Padfield

KOKOMO - Howard County Democratic Chairman D.J. Bolinger described State Rep. Jon Padfield in extremist terms last month, alleging that the freshman Republican had even refused to say the Pledge of Allegiance because of a gold trim around the House flag.

Padfield, who possesses one of seven House seats HPR has identified as a likely target by Democrats in 1996, has responded to the flag allegation, as well as the "Hatch letter," the Indiana militia movement, prevailing wage and his own tough re-election battle.

HPR: Democrats have characterized your conservative wing of the freshman class as "kooks" and "extremists." The Democratic chairman from your county said you even refused to take the Pledge of Allegiance. Where do you see yourself in the political spectrum?

Padfield: I'm definitely conservative, I'm pro-life, a strong believer in the 2nd Amendment, conservative on all types of fiscal issues. Those are the issues I believe in and will fight for.

HPR: Why are the Democrats using such terms? Getting ready for the 1996 election?

Padfield: That's what I believe. The voting record I have I'm very proud of. I voted for the tax cuts, not supporting any tax increases. I think they would have a hard time criticizing me on my voting record. Going with these labels are their best attempt to discredit me.

HPR: What about this Pledge of Allegiance allegation?

Padfield: The accusation is absolutely false. If he would have bothered checking with the Indiana House Journal, he would have found that on Jan. 26th I led the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, numerous representatives could vouch that I said the Pledge every day. The only thing I can think of where he could have taken anything to exaggerate it; I do read a lot of history. I do know what the 50 stars and the 13 stripes stand for. The red is for valor, the white is for purity, the blue for justice. I'm not familiar with the gold fringe and I asked the Republican attorney what

the background was to it. He didn't know. The clerk's office didn't know and that was that. But never once did I refused to take the pledge.

HPR: The Democrats are going to be using the letter you and eight colleagues sent to U.S. Sen. Orin Hatch asking for hearings on Waco and the Weaver case in Idaho against you. How did that letter come about?

Padfield: I was the author of that letter. I subscribe to the G. Gordon Liddy newsletter and when he gave the address of Sen. Hatch and said that a decision on whether or not to hold hearings was in Sen. Hatch's hands, I took it upon myself to write the letter. Knowing the views of some of the other freshman, I passed it around and asked them if they would be interested in signing it. After reading it, all eight of the members I asked agreed to sign it. The reason that I picked the eight that I did was they sit next to me in the office area. I even had some of the senior representatives who had been there longer commented that they had wished they had signed it. I don't back away from it at all. I still believe everything that was said in the letter. One of the big concerns that I had, I've talked with people in the community and after seeing the footage on TV of tanks going through somebody's home, it really started to undermine people's confidence in law enforcement in general. I have a very good working relationship with the sheriff here in Howard County and I don't want to see any law enforcement officer being jeopardized because people are paranoid of what's going on. As for the Randy Weaver case, as we speak right now there have been five top FBI agents suspended, four of them yesterday (Aug. 11).

HPR: Why should an Indiana legislator be concerned about events that happened in Texas and Idaho?

Padfield: Those two events were so close together. They received national attention and there have been numerous other events that the NRA has documented where the ATF has used excessive force in conducting raids. I just wanted them to exercise their Congressional authority

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to oversee these agencies and make sure they are not abusing their power.

HPR: What kind of relationship do you have with the militia movement in Indiana?

Padfield: I know several people in the militia. They have been friends of mine for years. They are not lunatics or anybody intent on blowing up buildings. When they join the militia, they sign a note saying they will cooperate with local police. They uphold the Constitution and support the community in times of an emergency. I have never been a member of that militia or a group like that. I do go and speak at what they refer to as patriot meetings; meetings that are advertised in newspapers and posted on bulletin boards. It's more of a town hall discussion format. The local sheriff has been to the meetings as well as all the mayoral candidates here in Kokomo. It's just a once a month meeting on Saturday afternoons where anywhere from 40 to 150 people will turn out to hear the speaker. I talk to them about what's going on in Indianapolis. That's the extent of it. After the Oklahoma City bombing, as the media tried to demonize anyone even remotely related to the militias, that's when the Hatch letter began getting more attention. It generated a lot of negative press at the time.

HPR: I'm assuming you are going to run for re-election.

Padfield: Yes. That was not an automatic decision. I think a lot of my colleagues had an automatic. I had to contemplate that a lot before I made my decision.

HPR: You've got a tough re-election campaign coming up and Democrats are going to be using the Hatch letter against you. How will you respond?

Padfield: I think their strategy is flawed. One of the comments Mr. Bolinger made in your interview was what he referred to as radical, right-wing whackos or something like that. The hundred-plus people who come to these patriot meetings in Kokomo are predominantly union members and life-long Democrats. I think if he wants to start casting stones at me for going out and talking with constituents, he's going to start alienating a lot of people who have been traditionally supporters of the Democratic Party. I think that could backfire.

HPR: Do you see any Republican primary

opposition?

Padfield: I really don't know for sure. I know I've offended some Republican lawyers here in Kokomo over the tort reform bill. I don't know if that will result in primary opposition. We did a lot of things this past session that I'm very proud of and at the same time, I know it was controversial - the prevailing wage, the tort reform, fair share. All the different issues we tackled certainly offended some people. There's an old expression that friends come and go, but enemies accumulate. I guess next year we'll find out.

HPR: Bolinger mentioned that he might encourage people to enter the Republican primary, if a strong challenger emerged, to make sure you'd get the nomination. The Democrats would rather run against you.

Padfield: I've not heard talk along those lines, but I can't say it would really surprise me. One thing that I would point out, the Republicans have not fielded a candidate before me since 1986. In a sense, I would be surprised they would find somebody now that it's in Republican control, but at the same time, I wouldn't be shocked.

HPR: Will the prevailing wage issue undermine your support with union members?

Padfield: I guess the best way to answer that is with the philosophical view I hold: I've always believed the difference between a politician and a statesman is that a statesman does what he thinks is right and a politician does what he thinks will get him re-elected. From day one, nobody gave me much of a chance to win the seat in the first place. As soon as I won I began hearing remarks that I would never be able to hold on to it. I guess that's secondary to me to doing what I think is right. If standing up for principle means losing the seat, that's something I'm willing to do. If somebody doesn't do that, they don't deserve the seat in the first place.

HPR: How will you defend your prevailing wage vote in such a union town?

Padfield: To me, that was a local control issue, rather than three people in Indianapolis making the decision, one representing the community and two with the state. We're allowing two additional people from the county to be on that board and we're turning it into a county decision.

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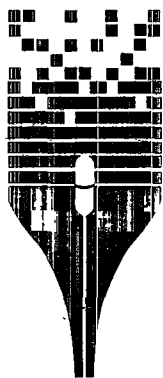
Doug Sword began a new reporting stint in the *Evansville Courier*'s Indianapolis bureau. Sword had been writing for the *Courier* as its Washington correspondent.

U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar commented on what he called Pat Buchanan's "isolationist" message in Dallas last weekend. "It is fundamentally wrong and will in the end make America weak."

U.S. Rep. David McIntosh may be a freshman, but "he's raising campaign donations like an old pro," reported **Judith Barrá Austin** of the *Richmond Palladium*. During the first six months of 1995, McIntosh has raised \$230,000, nearly \$131,000 from individuals. That compares with \$50,000 collected by **U.S. Rep. John Myers** and \$57,000 by **U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer** during the same time period.

HPR asked **State Rep. Jon Padfield** why people who join local militias just don't join the Indiana National Guard. The Kokomo Republican replied, "The militia is much more loosely organized where you don't have to take two weeks off in the middle of the summer. People are much more community based, not wanting to be sent to Haiti or Desert Storm. A lot of them would not meet the physical requirements of the National Guard due to age or other physical considerations."





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Lugar's 'Dog Days' running with the pack

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conceded was 'totally off the radar screen' - the risk of nuclear materials in the former Soviet Union falling into terrorist hands."

In Sunday's *New York Times*, R.W. Apple Jr., made only this reference to the Indiana senator: "Senator Lugar is a mannerly, low-key man."

The emphasis of the major U.S. dailies was with U.S. Sen. Bob Dole "savoring the middle ground."

Here in Indiana, newspapers like the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*, the *Indianapolis Star* and the *Logansport Pharos-Tribune* gave the Lugar speech no mention in their Sunday editions.

Even on C-Span's coverage Saturday, the applause after the speech appeared to be moderate, as Lugar swiftly exited the stage. Speeches by Alan Keyes and Pat Buchanan were far more enthusiastically received, with Buchanan urging the opposite of Lugar - isolationism.

Jack Colwell, political writer for the *South Bend Tribune*, wrote on his return from a Lugar campaign swing through New Hampshire, "Lugar is highly regarded by members of the news media who cover Washington and presidential campaigns. They respect his intelligence, honesty, expertise and willingness to talk about the tough issues.

"They also drive the Lugar campaign staff nuts. As one of the staff members lamented, 'They say Lugar is the most qualified guy to be president, but they won't write much about him because they say he doesn't have a chance to win.'

Colwell concludes, in his characteristic low-key manner, "This is a problem."

Stuart Rothenberg in the Aug. 4 edition of *The Rothenberg Political Report*, underscored that point by writing, "For all the talk about Bob Dole's huge lead in the primary polls...it's premature to declare the race for the nomination over. Presidential primaries have a way of developing into two-man races, even if just for a short time, and most Republican insiders expect a two-man race to form in January or February."

But Lugar doesn't make Rothenberg's "second tier" scenario of possible challengers.

Lugar press aide Terry Holt snorts at the "Washington echo chamber," and quotes former

Reagan aide Lynn Nofziger as saying, "Anyone who says they can predict an election a year out is a damned fool."

There were efforts to try and break Lugar out of the pack earlier this month. The campaign sent out a news release saying that President Clinton had agreed to debate Lugar over Bosnian policy in an event sponsored by the *Dallas Morning News*. The release did mention a date for the debate.

But there were internal miscommunications between the *Dallas Morning News* editorial staff, its management, the Lugar campaign and the White House. Finally, the White House begged off, accusing the Lugar campaign of "politicizing the event."

Had Lugar been able to take the stage with Clinton, it would have been a real coup - the kind that would make the R.W. Apples of the world take heed of campaign momentum.

Said Colwell, "There is a reservoir of respect in the news media that would surface if Lugar can make the distinction that he'll be a finalist.

"If he ever starts to move, he'd really move."

Instead, during the dog days of August we still find Lugar very much a part of the pack.

■ **Lugar notes:** Part of the strategy to break Lugar out of the pack was supposed to have been his efforts to cut government agriculture subsidies. But Carol Jouzaitis of the *Chicago Tribune* reports, "Thanks to some shrewd political maneuvering by (Rep. Pat) Roberts, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and with help from other GOP leaders, the farm programs have survived. Despite all the hoopla about the Republican revolution, it appears to be politics as usual when it comes to protecting important GOP constituencies."

■ Lugar spends this week in Iowa, where he begins "Ask Dick Lugar" forums in Boone County, Council Bluffs, Mason City and Cedar Rapids. He's in New Hampshire on Aug. 20-21 and will be the official starter for an Indy car race in Loudin.

■ Local Indiana Republican organizations have been recruiting Hoosiers to travel to Ames, Iowa, this Saturday to take part in a presidential straw poll there.