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CCC forum next gubernatorial stop

O'Bannon, four GOP candidates to speak at next milestone event in the '96 campaign

Here are two vivid memories of Eric Miller, executive director of Citizens Concerned for the Constitution:

■ No. 1: Fall 1990, in a southside Elkhart Baptist Church. Miller came to enunciate a conservative agenda, hoping to capitalize on a spectacular conservative turnout in the 1988 General Election.

In that election, Christian voters throughout Elkhart County turned out to vote against the referendum on gambling and, more specifically, the lottery. Some southern townships had 95 percent turnout. Two years later, Miller spoke his mind before several hundred people, then had the many candidates on the ballot stand in a nearby hall as conservative Christian voters surrounded them, issuing a barrage of questions.

County Democratic Chairman Al Niche stood in the balcony and heard the sermon, watched his party's candidates engage in heated discussions with the people, who asked a torrent of questions.

■ No. 2: Fall 1992, in an Indianapolis TV studio, Miller had invited U.S. Sen. Dan Coats and Democrat Secretary of State Joe Hogsett to debate on his cable TV show. A gazillion number of press and media gathered, anxious for fireworks. But the debate was almost sedate. Miller was more impartial than Big Ten basketball ref Gary Muncey.

At the end of the taping, and after Coats and Hogsett had left, Miller approached a writer. "Was I fair?"

Yes. Too fair. No fire.

■ Next week, Eric Miller is back, hosting the "Freedom for Family Issues '95" and it is promising to be the next milestone event in the already marquee 1996 gubernatorial race. Frank O'Bannon, Rex Early, Steve Goldsmith, Bob Garton, George Witwer and, perhaps,

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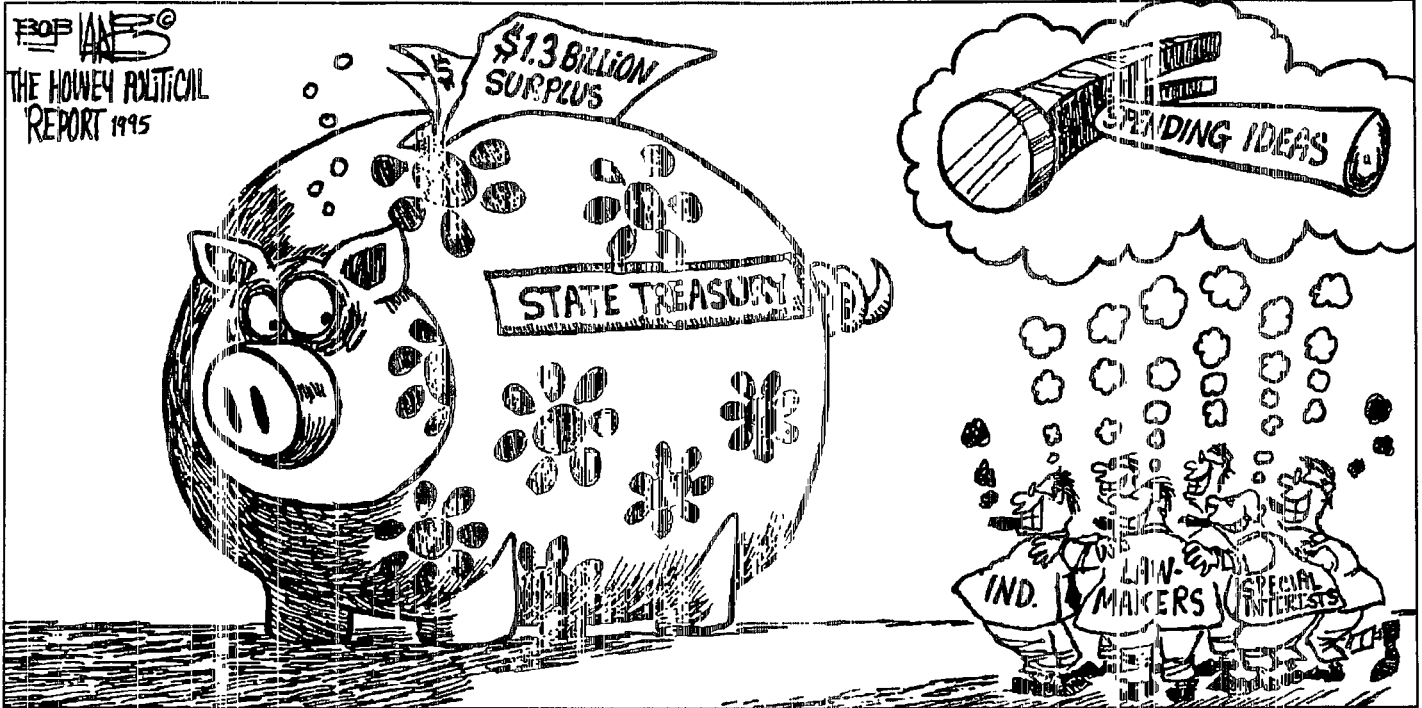
"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

"I guess I would have felt better if Rooney had stayed in the race another 60 to 90 days..."

-Ray Rizzo of the Garton campaign.

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HUMOR

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Wendellisms
By Wendell Trogdon
Indianapolis News

It's OK for Stephen Goldsmith to run for two offices, says Pat Rooney, now that he is not seeking one of them.

Rooney's support of Goldsmith doesn't mean much to Rex Early, who already has the backing of Joe Sixpack.

Bob Garton isn't yet too involved in the GOP race for governor. He thinks teaching at Franklin College is more of a class act.

George Witwer is the real dark horse in the GOP race. If voters wanted a newspaper personality to be governor, they'd elect Garfield.

CCC Forum: flanking on the right

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even Pat Rooney will be on hand to discuss the issues. The real question is whether the Good Eric or the Bad Eric will show up.

Garton campaign manager Ray Rizzo says the key point of interest at the Indiana Convention Center event is "how that's played by everybody.

"To a certain degree, it's the same type of opportunity for the Republicans as the Christian Coalition event was on the federal level."

That Washington event in August found six GOP presidential contenders trying to out-flank each other on the right. It also brought out one of the presidential pre-primary's finest moments - Sen. Dick Lugar's criticism of state-sponsored gambling. His address before the Christian Coalition prompted *New York Times* columnist William Safire to observe, "It's about time someone running for president put this national rip-off on the nation's agenda."

Safire ended the column by saying, "Get government to stop promoting gambling. Listen to Lugar."

Said Rick Terry of the CCC, "This is a hugely important event. It's the first time all five

candidates for governor have been together. You'll get to see one right after the other."

So, will "Issues '95" become an event pandering to special interests, or a time of statesmanship? Rizzo explained, "It will be interesting to see how the candidates play it and what comes out. The tradition is to never let yourself get out-flanked to the right in the primary.

"You have to run pretty far to the right these days."

Early's campaign manager, State Rep. Mike Young, plays the CCC venue coyly. "We're approaching it like any other event," he said matter-of-factly, before adding, "I don't know if anyone can get any more conservative than Rex."

One candidate who won't try, but will be watching the proceedings carefully, is O'Bannon, the lone Democrat in attendance. If there is any notion of a repeat of the 1990 event, it will be the first time O'Bannon's mettle will be tested on the gubernatorial campaign trail. How he responds could be the stuff November TV commercials are made of (a double-edged sword).

"We are not going to presume anyone is

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Elkhart race heats up; Helmke leads poll

HORSE RACE

<u>RACE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
<u>ELKHART</u> Perron (D) v. McDowell (R)	Leans D	This race is really heating up over police issues. This year's homicide rate has already topped '94. Perron, seeking a fourth term, can't shake old Dem allegation that he is a "brick and mortar" mayor, neglecting people. Key event will be a radio broadcast debate on Oct. 11 (WTRC-AM). It's still Perron's to lose, but there may be trouble ahead if police turmoil sticks.
<u>BLOOMINGTON</u> Fernandez (D) v. White (R)	Leans D	Jason Simpson, son of State Sen. Vi Simpson, comes on board to manage the Fernandez campaign. That's key, since observers think it will mollify the vanquished primary opponent, Char Zietlow and the liberal wing of the party. Divided Democrats were the biggest threat facing Fernandez.
<u>FORT WAYNE</u> Helmke (R) v. Essex (D) and Kempf (I)	Leans R	Essex has picked up his schedule over past month. WPTA-TV poll on May 18-20 had Helmke up 45-24 percent, with 31 percent undecided. Aug. 22-26 poll (989 registered, 3.3 +/-) had Helmke up 40-17 percent. Dems accenting 38 percent undecided. Essex working neighborhoods and county party revival begins, but big Essex problem will be lack of money.
<u>GARY</u> King (D) v. Boswell (R) and Williams (I)	Safe D	Race card no factor here. King is expected to romp over Boswell, who has yet to gear up in a city where local media are overshadowed by Chicago broadcasting. Late September is too late for Boswell to emerge in 80 percent Dem city.

TICKER T A P E

Play of the Week

TIE: 1.) *Rex Early* trots out 53 GOP county chairmen and a congressman endorsing his campaign. Which gives new meaning to the phrase...early money is like yeast....

2.) *Gov. Evan Bayh* shows the Republicans how to be tough on crime. *Gary Mayor Tom Barnes* asks for 10 trooper reinforcements. Bayh responds with 50. First draft script for a 1998 campaign commercial.



Here's good news for the Indiana economy: Purdue University economic forecasters are predicting high prices for corn, wheat and soybeans. Agricultural economist Howard Doster told 60 Shelby County farmers that yields are expected to be lower than last year and exports are likely to remain strong (*Sabine Vollmer, Shelbyville News*). "We have an exciting outlook," Doster said. "We had an extraordinary good 12 months and we have a pretty good year ahead."

One other interesting fact emerged from that Shelby County ag meeting: Purdue says annual meat consumption has increased from 200 pounds to 220 pounds a year per person. Hold the pickle, hold the lettuce...

Looking for West Hamilton, Ind., on a map? It didn't exist

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until last week, when Aboite Township residents in southwestern Allen County filed incorporation papers in an attempt to thwart Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke's plans to annex the area.

Eighth CD candidate Rick Borries found himself explaining to Evansville Kiwanians why Vanderburgh County should buy the Green Convention Center (*Christopher Rickett, Evansville Press*). The Democratic commissioner said the convention center would allow Evansville to attract "big conventions by 1997." Republican County Councilwoman Betty Lou Jerrel opposed the move, saying, "We already have an auditorium. It is apparent to the council that it would be irresponsible to add another facility that doesn't produce income."

Humor out of the Rex Early Statehouse steps press conference: Noting the yellow "caution" ribbon surrounding the podium, *Louisville Courier-Journal's* Mary Dieter asked, "Is this a crime scene?" Later, Early was heckled by a private bus passenger. "Where's your horse, Trigger?" the heckler yelled at Early, who responded, "God bless you. Thanks for your support." Later, the heckler asked him about the Indianapolis bus cutbacks. "That's the mayor's problem,"

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Lugar lags in latest Des Moines Register poll

A *Des Moines Register* poll (400 randomly selected Republican caucus-goers) breaks down like this for the Iowa presidential caucuses:

Dole	40 percent (57% in May)
Gramm	18 percent
Buchanan	7 percent
Alexander	7 percent
Wilson	4 percent
Keyes	3 percent
Lugar	2 percent
Taylor	2 percent
Specter	1 percent
Dorman	1 percent

■ **Lugar notes:** Terry Holt engaged in a hallway discussion of U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar's anti-gambling speech before the Christian Coalition two weeks ago.

Lugar had conceived broaching the gambling issue six days prior to the Christian Coalition convention in Washington. "When Dick Lugar feels very strongly about articulating his vision on an issue, he diligently works on

how he's going to put it," Holt explained. "It's first-hand formulation on policy."

Staff discussions on the topic followed, culminating in the hallway chat between Holt and Helmke. "I said, 'You know, what he's really getting at is the Cal Ripkin work ethic,'" Holt said, "and Helmke tosses Lugar's first draft at me and in the first paragraph is the Ripkin analogy in the gambling section of the speech."

Lugar's campaign announced on Tuesday that President Clinton will issue a presidential directive on the "loose nukes" issue he spoke about before United We Stand in Dallas. "The White House is also planning to hold a meeting with Russian President Boris Yeltsin and the G-7 leaders next year to discuss the threat," Lugar said.

■ Lugar offered up a farm bill on Monday that would move wheat and corn farmers away from traditional support programs. Kept intact would be programs for cotton and rice. Lugar had proposed \$16.5 billion in agriculture spending cuts (\$12.5 in subsidies).

Hot stoving Burton into the U.S. Senate

U.S. News & World Report picked up on this Hoosier hot stove league speculation: who might succeed Lugar should he ascend to the presidency or become the next secretary of state? "Party pros assume that Sen. Richard Lugar, a widely respected expert on foreign affairs, will be a shoo-in for secretary of state if any of the leading Republican candidates wins the White House," it wrote.

The magazine predicts Gov. Bayh would get the seat if Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon wins the governor's race. "But if the Republicans win the gubernatorial race, Rep. Dan Burton, a seven-term conservative from Indianapolis, is considered the top candidate to succeed Lugar."

That might be the case if Rex Early wins the governor's race. Burton endorsed him on the steps of the Statehouse last week. But many other Hoosier Republicans, particularly outside the 6th CD, view Burton as an unpredictable lawmaker who spends too much time on strange issues. Plus, Burton will likely have a

bruising primary fight on his hands against Brose McVey.

Other names likely to surface include:

■ **U.S. Rep. David McIntosh.** He's been a House impact player as a freshman. His close association with former GOP Chairman Al Hubbard, and Hubbard's close relationship with Mayor Goldsmith, would make him a favorite should Goldsmith win.

■ **Mitch Daniels.** Old Lugar hand and Lilly exec could maintain Lugar machine.

■ **Peter Rutherford,** a veteran of the Reagan White House, will see his public profile skyrocket when he becomes a regular on WNDY's Mike Pence Show, which debuts at 7 p.m. Saturday. His wife, Linda, is working on the Early campaign.

■ **Dan or Marilyn Quayle.** If he wanted it, it would be his. She has the profile. Should DQ take a cabinet post - like Defense - Marilyn Quayle might want a job in Washington.

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

David Broder, *Washington Post* - Even as the Senate was trying to put the finishing touches on its version of welfare reform last week, some thoughtful Republicans were beginning to raise the question that the nation inevitably will face within the next few years. Assuming that the GOP succeeds ultimately in transferring responsibility for the income support of needy children and mothers from Washington to the states, how much better off will those people - and the country - be? The answer given by Sen. Dan Coats and former drug czar William J. Bennett and others is that devolution - the fancy name for shifting responsibility downward in the federal system - by itself is not enough to change the corrosive "welfare culture" or to provide real incentives for recipients to get jobs and take care of their families. As one who is deeply skeptical of efforts by Coats, Bennett and other conservatives to dismantle the public school system through the distribution of vouchers for private and parochial schools, I think they have a much better case for "privatizing" welfare. Already many of the services to troubled families and kids are delivered through private groups like Catholic Charities, the Boys Clubs, etc. Common sense and experience dictate that love, discipline and traditional values are as important as rent assistance or food stamps.

Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - Lately Sen. Dan Coats has been arguing about the need to move into the next phase of the Republican welfare overhaul, one that would emphasize institutions such as families, churches, schools and charities. He spoke at length last week on the Senate floor, chiding the left for being "so accustomed to the status quo that the best they can offer is some kind of maintenance of a permanent underclass as wards of the state." After Coats' address, Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan said the speech was "the most compelling and thoughtful and, in a certain sense, I hope, perfecting of any I have heard in 19 years on this floor debating this subject."

Brian Howey, *HPR* - Last Tuesday, U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar's presidential campaign had its first "cyber interview" where Internet surfers could log on and discuss the issues with the candidate. Mark Lugar, the senator's son and designer of his web page, explained, "This is a starting point for other direct dialogue with voters. It allows people to have direct access to the candidate in a way that other media forms cannot." The Lugars didn't mean it this way, but that should be taken as a warning shot across the bow of those who cover politics as a sport or dull necessity. By failing to connect the real-life experiences of everyday citizens on a daily basis, reporters and editors will risk making themselves irrelevant to a growing portion of the population. Politics should be all about blood on the streets, the mother who lost her 14-year-old son in a gangsta hit, crack at the middle school and tax rates that can't meet the social catastrophes the police reporter and desk editor hear about every night.

Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune* - Money isn't everything. If it were, Pat Rooney still would be in the race for the Republican nomination for governor of Indiana. Rooney said in an interview that he hoped to get at least three-fourths of the \$6 million he planned to spend from contributors. But the contributions were slow in coming. He had raised only about \$200,000. Again, his own money was a problem in obtaining contributions. It's better to have money than not to in a campaign. But a gazillionaire or not, Rooney's money wasn't enough. Money isn't everything.

Karen Swope, *Evansville Press* - The word is being batted around like a tennis ball. No one is stopping to think about the impact the word is actually having on African-Americans. They are only concerned on the impact it is having on the O.J. Simpson trial. The N-word still makes me angry when I hear it, no matter who is spouting it. I am offended by the word when the Mark Fuhrman tapes are played. I am offended when my own race of people use it.

TICKER TAPE

Early responded, taking a swipe at Steve Goldsmith. What if he's elected governor, Early was asked. "Then there won't be any buses anywhere."

Here is a list of Republican district and county chairmen who endorsed Rex Early last Friday: *Noal Highlands, 1st CD; Eloyse Forbes, 3rd CD; Diane Adams, 4th CD; John Earnest, 5th CD; Dudley Cruea, 7th CD; John Myers, 8th CD; Virginia Lee, 8th CD; Max Middendorf, 9th CD; Janet Ellingsworth, 9th CD; Faye Mowery, 10th CD; Mark Burry, Adams; Bruce Buchanan, Benton; Jerry Higgins, Brown; James Boerger, Carroll; Dan Crucelius, Crawford; Marty Hon, Dearborn; Ray Geis, Decatur; George Eastman, Delaware; Roy Rogers, Elkhart; Robert Jewell, Franklin; Walter Scott, Jr., Gibson; Lavon Yoho, Greene; Al Helms, Hancock; Mac McNees, Hendricks; Tom Saunders, Henry; Bob Cooke, Jefferson; Michael Miner, Kosciusko; Ed Mueller, LaPorte; Jerry Adams, Lawrence; Frank Burrows, Madison; John Zentz, Marshall; Norbert Smith, Martin; Bill Pollock, Newton; Lewis Moser, Noble; Fred Ross, Ohio; Bill Edwards, Owen; Don Pratt, Parke; Elton Harding, Perry; Alan Gladish, Pike; Jim Kohlmeier, Posey; Bob Goble, Pulaski; Gerald Ensor, Putnam; David Hoover, Randolph; Don Dickey, Ripley; Jean Ann Harcourt, Rush; Bruce Herrald, Scott; Richard Fero, Shelby; Mason*

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Coats 'devolution' package aimed as a vision for the 1996 debate

HPR INTERVIEW

"...If the answer was the status quo, like we've been doing, or just pure wash our hands of the problem and let everybody sink or swim, then there ought to be another alternative...."

- Sen. Dan Coats

INDIANAPOLIS - Late last October at the annual Allen County bean dinner, U.S. Sen. Dan Coats expressed his apprehension over how the looming "Republican Revolution" would unfold.

In fact, Coats worried that a new Republican Congress might not be prepared to lead, expressed fears that night that all the hard gains could be lost in two years if a comprehensive strategy wasn't mapped out. After the big GOP tidal wave materialized, Coats prompted his staff to research a potential "second phase" of the revolution, or, as the *Wall Street Journal* piece he wrote with William Bennett called it, "devolution."

HPR conducted this phone interview with Coats after he compiled a 19-bill package of legislation that covered such topics as adoption assistance, requiring HUD to set aside 15 percent of public housing for married families, a neighborhood security act and a compassion credit act. It proposes new incentives for charitable giving, school choice and adoption and attempts to discourage abortion, divorce and illegitimacy.

HPR: You recognized last fall that a Republican Congress was going to have to go well beyond a "Contract With America" in order to be returned to power.

Coats: What we've finalized and then presented to Bill Bennett - and thankfully he endorsed it - is about eight months of work. In the days after the November election we sat down with staff and outlined what our priorities should be. This was one of the ones we designated as a top priority. We put a lot of staff, manhours and thinking time into this process and this proposal for American renewal is a culmination of that.

HPR: How did Bill Bennett get involved?

Coats: After we put the project together, we talked about associating with someone who had a national following and national credibility to get the project some exposure. We sent the final draft over to Bill Bennett and he looked at it and called me very enthusiastically. He called and said, "This is terrific stuff. I would very

much like to be associated." So he agreed to write the introduction to the report and it mushroomed from there. He's done several talk shows, he's pulled together a lunch with some of the top writers and journalists to promote it. I think it makes a great combination. He does give me exposure for the project that I wouldn't have normally gotten.

HPR: Many moderate Republicans are expressing fears that in Congress and the presidential race, a real mean streak has become associated with the "revolution." There is nothing mean about this package of legislation.

Coats: When I began to understand what the agenda of the Republicans was going to be relative to this revolution in limiting government, I realized that it didn't answer the question of, well OK, we've come to the realization that the government solution doesn't work. We've spent trillions of dollars trying to prove that it works and it doesn't work. The problems are worse. The answer is to devolve all of this from government. I kept answering the question, what's the alternative? Throughout the challenge if the answer was the status quo, like we've been doing, or just pure wash our hands of the problem and let everybody sink or swim, then there ought to be another alternative. This is an attempt at offering another alternative. I call it the second stage of the second step of the revolution. We have lost faith in government's ability to solve the problem. I think many of us felt they couldn't do it from the start. The American Renewal Project is designed to look at those institutions which historically and traditionally have addressed these problems in our society. I wouldn't call it a mean streak. I think it's a disillusionment with government. I just think people haven't thought beyond the first stage. What we're trying to do is influence the thinking and influence the debate, the presidential debate and the party platform and offer a vision of the future, hope for rebuilding some of these institutions - family, community organizations, faith-based organizations and so forth.

HPR: Let's go through the list: the Role Model Academy Act, the Mentor Schools Act.

What are the origins for these various pieces of legislation?

Coats: This is a collection of ideas. Really, for 10 years I've been holding hearings and visiting and observing both government functions as well as non-government. I was struck by the contrast between the effectiveness - both in cost-effectiveness and and rehabilitation-effectiveness - of the non-governmental approaches. All over the country we highlight a number of those in the brochure. There are hundreds more. I wanted to try and find a way to bring these back into the mainstream to deal with these problems. So we've identified - it's a breakdown of these institutions. I believe government has fostered the breakdown by usurping their roles. They aren't able to perform their role. I want to use them as examples of a direction we can take as well as providing some legislation to move the emphasis from government to these organizations.

HPR: Were all of these bills introduced at once?

Coats: We introduced it all on the same day. Some of these ideas were floating around. There are two or three variations of the Charity Reform Act. Mark Souder had a deduction increase. These are not all original ideas. Some are ours. Some of them have been others' but they have never been rolled into a package or become part of an agenda.

HPR: Does the idea of packaging the legislation bring about easier passage; does it stimulate the debate?

Coats: It stimulates the debate. It's designed to say there's an agenda to deal with this. This is not set in concrete. This is not the solution to these problems. It's more than just a haphazard step, it's a comprehensive step in addressing these three particular areas. I think it pulls together a kind of synergy of effort that we think is important. It's an agenda for the future. It's not, let's hurry up and get this passed.

HPR: You've said that if the Republican revolution fails to address these issues, it will ultimately fail. Was that the driving force behind this effort?

Coats: Well, yeah, it was. A number of things came together for me. Part of it was a decades-long examination of these organiza-

tions and the difference they make in people's lives and the success they've had. The excuse all along was, well HUD has a program or HHS has a program and this is just a little slice and how can this compete with a massive program? These federal programs aren't going to be there, and many, rightfully so. But the whole premise of the revolution is shifting it to the state government. That's why we call this beyond government. We need to get beyond government because a lot of times the same bureaucracies and the same problems exist at the state level as they do at the federal level. No one had really been talking about institutions beyond government.

HPR: You'll run into arguments of separation between church and state. How will you address those?

Coats: We essentially try to address that by a change in the tax code and by the voucher system. We think that puts the decision into the hands of an individual instead of a dictate from government. In terms of the Charity Tax Credit, it gives the taxpayer a choice: you can send your money to Washington or you can give it to a poverty-fighting organization in your community and deduct that straight off your taxes. In the form of vouchers, what we're basically saying is, 'Here's a piece of paper you can use for your services. If you want to choose a faith-based organization to provide those services, it's your choice, it's not a coercion. But I really believe that we have to get over the idea that these organizations attempting to work in society are enemies of government because it has a faith-based approach and can't be an ally. I think government has proven that it could really use some help.

HPR: Have you talked with Speaker Gingrich or the White House about this?

Coats: We're in the process now of talking with my colleagues and we've gotten a lot of very positive reaction.

HPR: Did these organizations search you out to address the needs?

Coats: They didn't come to me asking for money. We discovered them word of mouth. They were just quietly doing their job. The Charity Tax Credit is an effort to allow communities and individuals to decide which organizations deserve the support.

TICKER T A P E

Foertsch, Spencer; Sandy Hansen, Starke; Tony Culver, Steuben; Dale Phillips, Sullivan; Kip Meyerhoff, Switzerland; Marla Featherstone, Tipton; Joe Harrison, Jr., Vanderburgh; James Bopp, Jr. Vigo; Patricia Ringenberg, Wabash; Wendy Burt, Warren; John Fultz, Washington; and Mary Beth Drumm, White.

Roy Rogers was asked if his endorsement of Early means he will talk up Early in Elkhart County. "You can bet if I'm sticking my neck out like this I will be," Rogers said.

Jim Knoop, late of the Rooney campaign, doesn't think the endorsements will translate into that many votes. "The county organizations aren't that big of a factor," he said. Added Bill Schreiber of the O'Bannon campaign, "The endorsements mean less with the license branch system gone. They know Goldsmith plays a different game and they sense that."

State Rep. Vaneta Becker, R-Evansville, may have a primary opponent in Scott Minette of Newberg. Becker rankled some GOP leaders by speaking out and voting against the prevailing wage reform at the 20,000 person rally last winter.



CCC straw poll will follow gubernatorial speakers

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an adversary," said Bill Schreiber, O'Bannon's chief strategist.

Playing on the old Nixon quote, "Run hard to the right in the primary; run the center in the general," Schreiber responds, "The fly in the ointment on the Nixon adage is if they move hard to the right, we'll be entrenched in the center. It's hard to get back when the center is occupied."

Terry, however, insisted that the expected 1,500 people in attendance will be looking for the candidate who consistently votes with them on 10 hot button legislative issues that will be handed out on a scorecard.

"They either stand with you or

against you," Terry said. "It's not so much that we pick on the middle ground, but there won't be a lot of support for someone who goes 5 and 5" on the scorecard.

As to the importance of the CCC event, Schreiber adds, "There's no question that it will draw more intense interest and analysis. And this will be one more reminder that we'll be there all along."

That interest will be heightened by a straw poll conducted after the five candidates speak. To win that will be a coveted prize by the four GOP contenders.

■ GUBERNATORIAL NOTES:

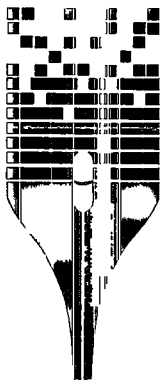
CCC's Issues '95 registration is at 8:15 a.m. Sept. 28 at the Indiana Convention Center and RCA Dome. Registration is between \$15 and \$40, depending on meal. Event

runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 317-684-3300 for information.

■ Rex Early begins his "Across Indiana with Rex Early" trail tour. Beginning in Hendricks County on Tuesday, Early will attempt to visit every small Indiana town before Dec. 31.

■ Rizzo said his campaign will be boosting Bob Garton's name ID prior to the New Year. "We have to do it between now and the '96 legislature," Rizzo said. The campaign believes Garton will be the recipient of significant earned media attention while the legislature is in session.

Schreiber assesses the Rooney pull-out this way: "Rex and Garton will be the intermediate beneficiaries."



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