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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“For the past three years I’ve been CEO of Indianapolis. Now I’d like to privatize all of Indiana...”

—Mayor Steve Goldsmith, in the  
*Chicago Tribune*

# Hurricane flags up for Goldsmith

### A win is a win, but the margin was surprising

INDIANAPOLIS - Last Friday, sitting in the WRTV-Channel 6 studios were Democrat Z. Mae Jimison, Libertarian Steve Dillon, and Republican Anne Shane, taping a “This Week in Indiana” segment.

Where was Mayor Goldsmith? anchor Phil Bremen asked Shane.

“Today he happened to be at a lunch with Bobby Knight,” Shane responded, “and I think he was more afraid to say no to Bobby Knight than to you guys.”

It was a candid statement and it revealed the confidence of the Goldsmith campaign going into Tuesday’s election. So confident that the campaign had begun airing a TV ad that had Goldsmith saying with the Statehouse looming in the background that he was taking “a serious look” at the governor’s race.

By Wednesday, when conservative guru Bill Kristol came across some Goldsmith staffers, his comment, “I saw the papers this morning...you’ve got a ways to go,” revealed the multiple paradoxes facing the mayor.

Goldsmith’s 64,000 votes were fewer than Democrat Louis Mahern polled against him in 1991. More than a third of Goldsmith’s base of support just didn’t vote. One Goldsmith observer noticed there was no get-out-the-vote effort. That resulted in an abysmal 17.5 percent voter turnout.

Goldsmith’s 58 percent victory against two weak opponents (Jimison, who raised only \$32,000, actually turned up at a Republican meeting by mistake) continues a trend his primary opponents have characterized as a “free fall” in his polling numbers.

“I don’t think Goldsmith is going into this race with much of a base,” said gubernatorial candidate George Witwer, who has often lauded Goldsmith’s programs on the campaign trail. “His constituen-

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# HUMOR

## M I L L

When Gov. and Mrs. Bayh named the first of their twin sons Birch Evans Bayh IV, it brought memories of a comment HPR heard long ago from the late U.S. House Minority Leader Charlie Halleck of Indiana, who advised, "You should never name your son after the governor."

### Wendellisms

By Wendell Trogon, Indianapolis News

If an Indianapolis election were a basketball tournament, Z. Mae Jimison would be asking for a separate class for Democrats.

Dick Lugar didn't win the Maine straw vote... but he did leave shouting, "I'm No. 1! I'm No. 2!"

## GOP controls "industrial belt;" Dems win small cities

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cy in Indianapolis has been chopped up."

While Goldsmith is not where he wants to be with this election, there are other problems and perceptions he will have to contend with. One is a historical footnote: a sitting mayor of Indianapolis has never been elected governor. Even Mayor Richard Lugar lost a Senate race while still mayor, although that came in the Watergate-tainted year of 1974.

The other major hurdle for Goldsmith will be to drive the issues, and it might be too late if he waits for his January inaugural as the current plans stand. Rex Early's strategy is to go into the campaign with bare fists and will continue to assault the mayor on the "two race" issue. If Goldsmith remains on the defensive on the "two race" issue and gambling, instead of talking about his privatization record, the race may quickly evolve into a wide open affair.

■ **Mayoral roundup:** State GOP Chairman Mike "Switzerland" McDaniel's spin on the election was that the Republicans controlled "five of six of Indiana's major cities in the industrial belt," along with the two largest - Indianapolis and Fort Wayne. Of the six industrial belt cities - Richmond, Marion, Muncie, Anderson, Kokomo and Lafayette - only

Democrat Mark Lawler prevailed in Anderson.

■ Greencastle Mayor Mike Harmless laughed at McDaniel's spin. "We were amazed. It didn't make any sense to us," Harmless said. He highlighted wins in smaller cities like Columbus, Huntington, Hobart, Greensburg, Lawrenceburg, Kendallville and Peru. Democrats control 65 mayoralships, the most since 1983, but down from earlier predictions of 75 wins.

■ Lawrenceburg Mayor Don Combs was defeated by Democrat Melvin Gabbard. Combs was accused of exercising poor judgment for buying Aztar stock days after it received preliminary approval for a riverboat casino in Lawrenceburg. "I'm surprised, but I'm not surprised," said Combs (*Fred McCarter, Lawrenceburg Register*). "We knew riverboat gaming was going to have a great effect." Combs lost with 40 percent of the vote.

■ Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke won his third term with 64 percent of the vote.

■ The real stingers for Democrats had to be losses in Kokomo and Lafayette, where they controlled the mayor's office for 24 years. Former Tippecanoe County Sheriff Dave Heath ended the GOP drought there, while Jim Trobaugh will be the first GOP Kokomo mayor since 1975.

Here's the early line on '96 Congressional races

## HORSE R A C E

<u>RACE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
<b>2nd CD</b> <i>McIntosh</i> (R)	<b>Leans R</b>	McIntosh went out of his way to raise \$250k to scare off challengers. Did a good job. DCCC will make sure challenger has lots of cash.
<b>3rd CD</b> <i>Roemer</i> (D) Zakas, Holtz, Allamong, Burkett, Noell Bendix, Haygood	<b>Toss-Up</b>	Roemer is seasoned and fiscally conservative. But it's a bad district for Dems in presidential years. Sen. Joe Zakas and Dan Holtz best GOP bets due to their Elkhart fund-raising base.
<b>4th CD</b> <i>Souder</i> (R) Houseman, Paddock (D)	<b>Safe R</b>	If Souder finds himself in trouble, then the Gingrich Revolution has failed. Should be a safe GOP district. Key will be if new Allen County Dem chair Brian Stier can reinvent the party. No clear-cut D challenger yet.
<b>6th CD</b> <i>Burton, McVey</i> (R)	<b>Safe R</b>	Brose McVey primary challenge probable. He'll face a monumental task, but if anyone can do it, it's McVey. Leans toward Burton.
<b>8th CD</b> <i>Hostettler</i> (R) McConnell, Borries, Weinzapfel (D)	<b>Toss-Up</b>	Hostettler moving aggressively on I-69, Nexrad/Gore fiasco, Toyota. McConnell early Dem front-runner; Borries may pass.
<b>9th CD</b> <i>Hamilton</i> (D) <i>Leising</i> (R)	<b>Leans D</b>	Rematch. Traditionally, second time hasn't been too kind to challengers (i.e. Rick McIntyre, Tom Ward, Mike Pence). Hamilton aroused after '94 close call. Leising will take a page out of McIntosh's book and run against Bill Clinton. All politics is presidential.
<b>10th CD</b> <i>Jacobs, Carson, Carter, DeLaney, Modisett</i> (D) <i>Blankenbaker, Scott</i> (R)	<b>Leans D</b>	Jacobs expected to fade away. Carson would be early Dem front-runner with promised Jacobs endorsement, but DeLaney, AG Carter and Modisett would be very viable. Blankenbaker has early GOP lead. District leans D.

**TRENDLINE:** *Visclosky* in the 1st, *Buyer* in the 5th and *Myers* in the 7th appear safe with no identifiable opponent to date. ABC/*Washington Post* give Democrats a 7-point lead on a national generic congressional test ballot. HPR sees public opinion bending against GOP, but will likely snap back unless Gingrich implodes.

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### Plays of the Week

On the Election Front, Elkhart Mayor *Jim Perron*, for a Sunday "Republicans for Perron" ad that ran in the *Elkhart Truth*, featuring names like Skyline Corp's *Art Decio* (who, incidentally, introduced Robert Kennedy to the city in 1968) and *Thomas Dustheimer*. Perron won by 140 votes.

On the home front, to Indiana First Lady *Susan Bayh*, for enduring 27 hours of labor in delivering sons *Birch Evans IV "Beau"* and *Nicholas Harrison*. And wouldn't you know this all happened on an Election Day while Gov. *Evan Bayh* was at the polls.



*Bill Styring* will be leaving the Indiana Policy Review Foundation in January.

Former Vice President *Dan Quayle* insisted that signing on to *Sen. Bob Dole's Campaign America PAC* didn't mean it was endorsement. But *Roll Call's Mary Jacoby* reported that Campaign America "contributed more money to local candidates in the key primary battleground state of Iowa last year than any other state." The PAC handed out \$70,000 in direct contributions to local candidates and GOP party committees in Iowa and \$19,600 in New Hampshire. That's in contrast to \$35,000

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going to New York candidates and \$25,000 to Californians. Commented *Sen. Dick Lugar*: "The ostensible purpose of (a leadership) PAC is to assist Republican candidates. But what it really allows you to do is conduct a national campaign."

So much for the concept of voter intent in Vevay. A total of 196 votes were disqualified by the local election board in two wards because the checks or X marks were not completely in the boxes. That's 43 percent of the voting total. The Indiana Election Board's position is that as long as a check or X touches the circle or square, the ballot should count. Three Democrats won with votes ranging from 183 to 72. "It really changed the whole outcome," said defeated Republican *James Martin*.

*Greencastle Mayor Mike Harmless* will make a decision on whether to seek a rematch against *U.S. Rep. John Myers* "within a week or two."

Two significant Fort Wayne Democrats fell by the wayside - narrowly - in Tuesday's election. Veteran *Councilman Tom Henry* was upset by two votes by Republican *Laura Lee Waterman* and *Councilwoman Janet Bradbury* lost an at-large council race. Henry is a potential Congressional candidate,

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## Assassination bumps Lugar Maine coverage; campaign scrambles to pick up Powell support

INDIANAPOLIS - On Sen. Dick Lugar's first big presidential campaign day last April, his announcement was obscured by the terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City.

On Lugar's first big presidential campaign balloting victory at last Saturday's Maine straw poll, his 21 percent second place finish to Texas Sen. Phil Gramm was obscured by the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Jerusalem. The shooting bumped Lugar's strong showing ahead of front-running Sen. Bob Dole off the front page and the Sunday news shows.

Ironically, when word of the assassination spread through the assembled press corps, it was Lugar above the other candidates whom they sought out for interviews.

Lugar has made foreign policy and national security cornerstone issues in his campaign, yet those elements have deprived him of valuable prime time exposure.

The *Boston Globe* played the story on Page 16 in Sunday's edition, with a teaser on page 1 noting Gramm had won.

"In a slight boost for Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar, who portrays his campaign as that of a slow and steady long-distance runner, the voters here gave him a much-needed second-place finish with 21 percent" (*Jill Zuckman, Boston Globe*).

"While Gramm's win may give him some momentum as he heads toward Florida's Presidency III poll in two weeks, Lugar's second-place finish may fade from memory since he has not organized or campaigned in the Sunshine State.

"Lugar, in a glitzy and well-choreographed entrance that featured a biographical video and music by the Talking Heads, stressed his experience in foreign policy."

The second big event for the Lugar campaign this past week was Gen. Colin Powell's decision not to seek the presidential nomination. The Lugar campaign responded with a round of radio ads running in Iowa and New Hampshire, followed by the "Dignity" TV ad that will begin airing this weekend.

A new TV ad is being developed that will

link Lugar's attributes to those of Powell's.

"It's been a frozen environment up through the Powell announcement," said campaign spokesman Terry Holt. "It's now time to introduce Lugar to voters in a more powerful manner."

Lugar told Mary Beth Schneider of the

## LUGAR WATCH

*Indianapolis Star/News*, "Gen. Powell had the good fortune to have almost univer-

sual name recognition. I have somewhat less than that." He added that he believes many voters who favored Powell "will move into our camp."

Holt also cautioned observers about putting too much stock in the initial post-Powell polls. "The gun will go off on Jan. 3 when the matching funds become available," he said.

■ **LUGAR NOTES:** The senator was Ken Bode's subject on the PBS special "*Washington Week in Review*" series on the GOP presidential contenders. Bode was joined by Mara Liasson of National Public Radio, Thomas Friedman of the *New York Times*, and Jim Shella of WISH-TV.

■ Shella was asked if voters were seeing the same Lugar Hoosiers know. "The exact same. He is taking the high road."

■ Friedman was asked if this is a campaign for a different time? "The time for this was eight years ago," Friedman said. "Lugar's problem is the Soviet Union is gone. You can get a more serious discussion at the International House of Pancakes than the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He is so far ahead of his time that he's left behind his constituency."

■ Brian Vargus of the IU Public Opinion Laboratory, commenting on Gen. Colin Powell's non-candidacy: "I think this hurts Lugar." Vargus believes that Powell might have forced a brokered convention and that would have been Lugar's best scenario to win, as a compromise candidate.

■ Bill Kristol, speaking in Indianapolis, said Powell's non-bid could help "Gramm, Alexander or Lugar."

# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

**Brian Howey, HPR** - Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke and Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith seemed to be headed in different directions only two years ago. Goldsmith seemed ever more the reformer because of his aggressive privatization efforts, while Helmke governs a city that has been privatizing government services for the past 20 years. Neither is likely to run for mayor again. The office of mayor is demanding enough in dealing with the scourge of crack cocaine and high crime rates. The mayor's seat will get hotter, since "devolution" in Congress will pass funding problems from Washington to Indiana and, most probably, to local governments. Here we have two sizable re-election wins from big-city mayors headed in opposite directions politically, yet there are different perceptions of the type of mandates made all too possible by weak local Democratic organizations. Both Helmke and Goldsmith stand at intriguing crossroads today.

**Russ Pulliam, Indianapolis News** - With strong re-election victory behind him, Mayor Steve Goldsmith now can set his sights more directly on the governor's race. His ideas have dominated the city and the state these past four years. Goldsmith has done more than streamline government services and bring competition to government. He also has taken the extra step of encouraging effective alternatives to traditional government social service programs - alternatives such as rescue missions and churches. Unfortunately, most of Goldsmith's first term record was not the subject of much debate during the mayoral campaign. Perhaps it will be debated in the governor's race. But the biggest issue is his successor as mayor should he be elected governor. He has not designated anyone to whom he would give his endorsement: regardless, the question of succession ultimately rests in the hands of a party machine that he has alienated as mayor.

**John Krull, Indianapolis News** - At last, that pesky mayor's election is out of the way. Now the man who won can get on with the business of pursuing bigger and better things. To be sure,

at his victory celebration Tuesday night, Stephen Goldsmith said that his "attention now will be on being mayor" and that he has yet to decide if he will run for governor next year. This bit of coquettishness would seem to contradict a *Chicago Tribune* story that reported he has decided to run for governor. And that, as governor, he said he wants to "privatize" the state of Indiana. Perhaps the mayor is doing his amateur version of Hamlet - to run or not to run, that is the question - because he just can't figure out what running for governor might entail. I can help him there. First and foremost, mounting a campaign for governor would involve answering some questions. For example, Goldsmith said Tuesday night that, as mayor, he had reduced the size of government in Indianapolis by 38 percent. OK. One might assume that a cut that deep would produce substantial savings. Where's the money? The city doesn't seem to be running larger surpluses. The taxpayers haven't gotten any large rebates or hefty tax cuts. If it didn't go to the taxpayers, where did the cash go?

**Jim McKinney, Shelbyville News** - Mr. Democrat is bowing out. It was the final weekend before Tuesday's municipal election, often a hectic time for office-seekers who want to make those last-minute appeals for votes. And it was chilly. Edgill Moore said he knew right then he had made the right decision when he chose earlier in the year not to be a candidate for re-election, thus ending a political career that would be the envy of anyone in local public service. "It's time to turn it over to the baby boomers," said the 76-year-old city councilman who never lost an election or even had a race that could be considered close. And he was on the ballot five times in four different decades, with a 21-year break between his last two races.

**Dale Moss, Louisville Courier-Journal** - By this time two years ago, riverboat gambling had become impossible for most of us to trust. And while this year's quiet campaign more resembles one for an appellate judge's re-election, that lack of trust holds.

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although he had ruled out a run in 1996. Bradbury was the unsuccessful challenger to *State Sen. Tom Wyss* in 1994. Like that race, Bradbury spent virtually no money.

*State Sen. Tom Weatherwax* has proposed rerouting the Indianapolis-to-Evansville extension of I-69 through the Lafayette area to capture the best features of that project and the proposed Hoosier Heartland Corridor (Fort Wayne to Lafayette) projects. "It's obvious we're competing for the same state and federal highway dollars that the I-69 people want," he said last week.

Michigan City Mayor-elect *Sheila Bergerson* announced she will marry financial executive *Michael Brillson* on Nov. 18. Bergerson was unopposed in Tuesday's election.

Sources close to the *Virginia Blankenbaker* congressional campaign tell HPR that former *Gov. Robert Orr* and former state GOP chairman *Al Hubbard* have agreed to limited roles on the former state senator's behalf.

The day HPR fax subscribers received their edition last week (with the headline "Smoke from gaming rises over Indiana") the *Indianapolis Star* headlined a *Cam Simpson* business page story this

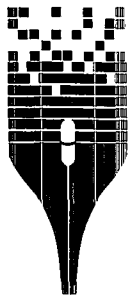
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# Hamilton sees committees gutted; says process is 'out of hand'

## HPR INTERVIEW

**"What's happening is that decisions are no longer being made in committees. They are made in the Speaker's office...."**

**- Lee Hamilton**



BATESVILLE - When U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton rose to speak to 9th CD Democrats several weeks ago, HPR's tape recorder was on, until Hamilton asked that his words be "off the record."

When he finished, HPR asked why his "emphatic" denouncement of the procedures of the Gingrich Revolution shouldn't be shared.

"Emphatic, eh?" Hamilton responded.

HPR and Hamilton finally linked up to talk about the flaws in the revolution and how it might impact Indiana on the eve of the 104th Congress' first year grand finale.

**HPR:** I'm intrigued by your talk to the 9th CD Democrats. It was almost along the lines of "the more things change, the more things stay the same." Is that something you'd agree with?

**Hamilton:** I guess I took that line because I think there's been so much talk of the revolution as it's occurred here but when you really look at the results thus far, it's very, very minimal. Only one full item has been enacted in the so-called Contract with America and there were probably 12 or 13 items in it. You come down to the middle of November and you ask people what bills have been enacted into law in 1995 and very few people can name any. Even those in Congress have to stretch a bit. So here you are in the middle of November, you've already completed the first year of the 104th Congress and very little has been enacted. We are way behind on everything. Now the strategy seems to be to put everything in the omnibus bill. It's a kind of unusual strategy in a way just because all of these policy issues are in a single bill with very little debate and no opportunity for amendment. You get huge policy questions that really don't get the attention they ought to get. The Republican leadership certainly didn't invent the Omnibus bill. It was created in the 1980s when the Republicans controlled the White House and Democrats controlled Congress and they contained about \$8 billion. This reconciliation bill contains over \$1 trillion, which is a huge jump. And it includes huge changes in Medicare, banking, farm programs, welfare, trade negotiations, veterans' assistance,

student loans, environmental laws and literally hundreds of other issues. Almost every key policy change in this session is in a single bill. I don't like this process. It's gotten out of hand. This is carried to an extreme.

**HPR:** You have characterized the committee process as essentially being gutted? Can you explain?

**Hamilton:** What's happening is the key decisions are no longer made in committees. They are made in the Speaker's office and that's what happens in a reconciliation bill. Some of the top writers about Congress are starting to write about this. Norm Ornstein wrote an article recently under the headline, "Is Speaker Gingrich plotting to overthrow the committee system?" He answered that question by saying, "It's not an unequivocal yes, nor do I believe the underlying structure and operating procedure of the House is under immediate challenge. But the operation of the House since January raises flags about it."

**HPR:** Can you give an example?

**Hamilton:** The agricultural bill was defeated in the House Agriculture Committee. It was put into the reconciliation bill, so they just ignored the committee. In the House Ways and Means Committee, when they reported the Medicare bill it had 300 pages. When it came to the floor of the House it now has 500 pages. In other words, it was added on to and I don't know what changes were made. Nobody can really follow that. The committees are waiving jurisdiction all over the place. The process is short circuited and the members are frozen out of the process.

**HPR:** You've been on the Hill for 30 years. Can you put this into perspective?

**Hamilton:** Oh, the problem has been growing. I don't think all the blame goes on the Republicans. I think the Democrats have abused the process as well. The Republicans are abusing it even more, now. It's kind of a momentum that has picked up and I don't think it's healthy. This increasing reliance on the Omnibus bill I think suggests that Congress is unable to deal with in a fair and effective manner with the variety and

the complexity and the sheer number of issues crowding our agenda today. Take the agriculture bill. Here is a bill which makes major changes in agriculture policy. Everybody knows we have to renew the bill, but we do it in such a way that prohibits amendments and really prohibits discussion. When you include the bill in a huge Omnibus bill it gets crowded out with items like Medicare and welfare reforms that are higher on the public agenda at the moment. So you really do not get a deliberate consideration of a bill. Congress seems to be losing control of the traditional legislative process. I think many of us recognize that major government reforms are urgent. But we have to bring them about in a way that is a deliberate and forthright process.

**HPR:** You had to vote on a 1,000 page appropriations bill with only a few hours to review. How do you tell your constituents what you voted for?

**Hamilton:** It was worse than I anticipated, actually. We never really got a copy of the bill, all we got was a description of the bill. We didn't even get the raw, legislative language I was fearful about. You work on the basis of summaries and I don't think staffs, either Republican or Democrat, deliberately try to mislead Congress. They're working long, long hours and into the late hours of the night. You only have a very few hours to consider these bills.

**HPR:** Is there a risk of things being embedded in these bills....

**Hamilton:** Absolutely! And there are tremendous risks of special interests having disproportionate influence because they slip things into these bills that are exceedingly difficult to know whether they are in there or not.

**HPR:** You mentioned the American Medical Association came out against Medicare reforms and then there was a pow-wow in Gingrich's office and all of a sudden they came around. How did that all come down?

**Hamilton:** That was an interesting thing in the Medicare bill. It was reported out of the Ways and Means Committee without the protections the AMA wanted. When the bill comes to the floor of the House, the protections were in there. It didn't come through the committee process. What happens is the bill that comes

out protects physicians' fees that are Medicare from any actual reductions. At the same time it doubles Medicare premiums for older people. Now that may or may not be the right move to take. In any event, the process in which it was reached has to be criticized. In early October, the AMA said that Republican Medicare plan causes very real problems for the AMA. About a week later, they come out in support of the bill. They didn't do that through an open process. They did it by going to the Speaker's office and adding provisions that physicians would not suffer any reductions of fees.

**HPR:** You have expressed fears that many community hospitals in Indiana may close because of the Medicare bill. But supply sides will argue that that is a natural evolution in the free market. Is there a good side to this?

**Hamilton:** I guess it depends on whether you want a hospital operating in your county or not. I believe there is a place for those small rural hospitals. If you live in Perry County or Switzerland County...you're a long way from a hospital. What I notice in my constituents is their confidence and sense of security that they have a hospital in their community. If you're going to make that kind of major policy change in the lives of our people, let's get it out into the open.

**HPR:** You have served under five Speakers. How do you rate Newt Gingrich?

**Hamilton:** Every Speaker has his different style. To put it in contrast, Speaker Carl Albert was always on the House floor. In effective he kind of held office on the House floor. All afternoon members would be coming to him - both Republican and Democrat - and he would always have an aide near by taking notes and try to follow up. I don't think a Speaker can operate like that today. I very rarely see Speaker Gingrich. I bumped into him on an elevator the other day and thought to myself after we exchanged greetings, "My goodness, I haven't seen him in months." He's not on the floor; he's not available.

**HPR:** What's the danger in that?

**Hamilton:** The danger is he becomes isolated and insulated and talks only to those with whom he agrees and whom he wants to make deals. There's a risk to that, that he's not accessible to other members.

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way: "State considers hiring felons for riverboats." Simpson's story surprised of Gov. Evan Bayh, who rejected the notion and promised to close a legislative loophole that make such hirings possible.

House Minority Leader John Gregg and Ways and Means Chairman B. Patrick Bauer established their 1996 legislative priority with the Hoosier Family Plan that would double the state-funded homestead property tax credit and the income tax deduction for dependent children, create a 10 percent deduction for child care expenses, and establish a tax credit for working poor families. It would also eliminate text book rental fees.

Bauer disputed House Speaker Paul Mannweiler's notions of not opening up a supplemental budget in the upcoming session. "I think the budget automatically opens up for something like Toyota in Evansville if everybody agrees to that," Bauer said. "We need to raise family concerns, not just international corporate concerns."

Speculation in the 2nd CD centers on Anderson Mayor Mark Lawler, who won a somewhat narrow victory (52-48 percent) over Republican Greg Graham, over whether he'll challenge U.S. David McIntosh in 1996.

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Talk about longevity in public service. Woodburn Mayor Herb Roemer won his 9th term in Indiana's smallest city. And East Chicago Mayor Robert Pastrick was returned for his 7th term.

Flushed with their victory over riverboat casinos in Clark and Floyd counties, gambling opponents say they are going to seek a repeal of a similar referendum in Harrison County (David Goetz, Louisville Courier-Journal). Southern Indiana Citizens Against Gambling are already circulating a petition to have the issue placed on the ballot. State Rep. William Cochran said he will consider introducing legislation asking for a limit on the number of times the issue could be brought to a vote.

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## While critics seek Goldsmith's armor chinks, the mayor has a lot going for him in '96

By Jim Knoop

At last, the municipal elections are complete, and the 1996 gubernatorial race can begin in earnest. As expected, Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith won re-election without breaking a sweat. Goldsmith's big victory last Tuesday left his critics - Republicans and Democrats - and many in the media, searching for a chink in his armor.

Goldsmith's critics were quick to point out his margin of victory (58 percent) was not up to past performances. They also opined that record low turnout (17.5 percent of voting age population) was anything but a mandate for the mayor's small government policies. The critics were searching for anything that might suggest Steve Goldsmith doesn't have the Republican gubernatorial nomination locked up.

Let's examine what the critics didn't say:

■ Steve Goldsmith is the only gubernatorial aspirant to have aired a flight of television commercials. The spots were very well done and could easily be used again in a campaign for governor. Running these spots on Indianapolis television reached 52 percent of the state's Republican primary vote.

■ In his television campaign, Goldsmith addressed personally the issue of running for governor immediately after running for mayor. This spot allows the mayor to correctly state he was candid with voters about his interest in higher office, and that the voters approved by re-electing him. While some remain concerned over Goldsmith's ambitious ascension, he has always been honest about his aspirations, albeit a tad too coy from time to time.

■ Now that the mayoral cycle is over, it is too late for Goldsmith's opponents to effectively criticize him for running for two offices at once. From now on he will be running for one office only, governor.

■ The mayor was easily re-elected without having to spend hardly any of his substantial war chest. Of what was spent on the mayor's race, almost all of the benefits transfer to next May's gubernatorial primary.

■ Steve Goldsmith will enter 1996 with

a minimum of \$2 million cash on hand.

■ Reread above bullet.

■ Goldsmith won easy re-election and has become the front-runner for governor without the enthusiastic support of the Marion

County Republican organization. Goldsmith has now been elected county-wide in the state's largest county five times. Five may not be a record, but given the inherent perils of 20 years of leadership, it is an impressive accomplishment.

■ Goldsmith continues to dominate Indiana's largest media market with daily earned media from the mayor's office, most of it good.

■ While Goldsmith has been busy with all of the above, none of his opponents - including Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon - has done anything to move any poll numbers statewide. Not one of the Republican candidates has stepped forward to even try to set an agenda for the campaign, nor have they generated any kind of media presence.

The primary election for governor is now six months hence. While Steve Goldsmith's critics are searching for some solace in the numbers from last Tuesday, it may be they are looking for a small seedling in a very large forest.

**KNOOP NOTE:** Toby McClamroch, majority leader of the Republican-dominated Indianapolis City/County Council, ran an aggressive campaign which included direct mail and radio commercials. Not even Steve Goldsmith went to the trouble of sending mail or buying radio time.

As expected, McClamroch was easily re-elected to his at-large seat. Do you suppose McClamroch's extra efforts have anything to do with Goldsmith's hope to move up?

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