

THE HOWEY POLITICAL REPORT



The Weekly Briefing On Indiana Politics

The Howey Political Report is published 40 times a year by NewsLink, Inc. The Howey Political Report is an independent, non-partisan newsletter analyzing the political process in Indiana. It neither endorses candidates nor advocates positions of public policy.

Brian A. Howey
editor and publisher

Howey Political Report Office: 317-685-0883
PO Box 44168 Fax: 317-692-1032
Indianapolis, IN 46244 hwypol@iquest.net
Morristown office: 317-763-7666

NewsLink Home Page: <http://www.iquest.net/~hwypol/>

Subscription information: \$250 annually for 40 editions via fax or first class mail. Call 317-685-0883.

© 1995, *The Howey Political Report*. All rights reserved.
Photocopying, faxing or reproducing in any form, in whole or in part, is a violation of federal law and is **strictly prohibited** without consent of the publisher.

“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“A single high school basketball tourney suggests that, in the end, we all have to compete in an open market”

—Morton Marcus, *Indianapolis Business Journal*

Reed faces battle from the GOP right

Rep. Lohr likes to be ‘under-estimated’

INDIANAPOLIS - Four years ago Suellen Reed was an obscure professional educator from Rushville who was drafted by the Republican Party three weeks before the convention to run for a job that would mean a pay cut.

She was outspent 5-to-1 by Democrat Stan Jones, yet in November 1992, while Evan Bayh, Frank O'Bannon, Dwayne Brown and Pam Carter all won Statehouse races, Reed prevailed.

Today, Reed is under attack from the pit bull candidacy of State Rep. David Lohr in what could be yet another sizzling entree for the Indiana Republican Convention in June. Lohr, in an HPR interview (pages 4-5) said his candidacy is the result of a culmination of events, but is chiefly centered around the Goals 2000 program, which the freshman Republican says is an attempt to “nationalize” public schools.

Lohr promises an aggressive meeting schedule with delegates statewide after the May 7 primary. “Nobody thinks I’m smart politically, so I’ll use that to my advantage,” Lohr said. “I like to be underestimated.”

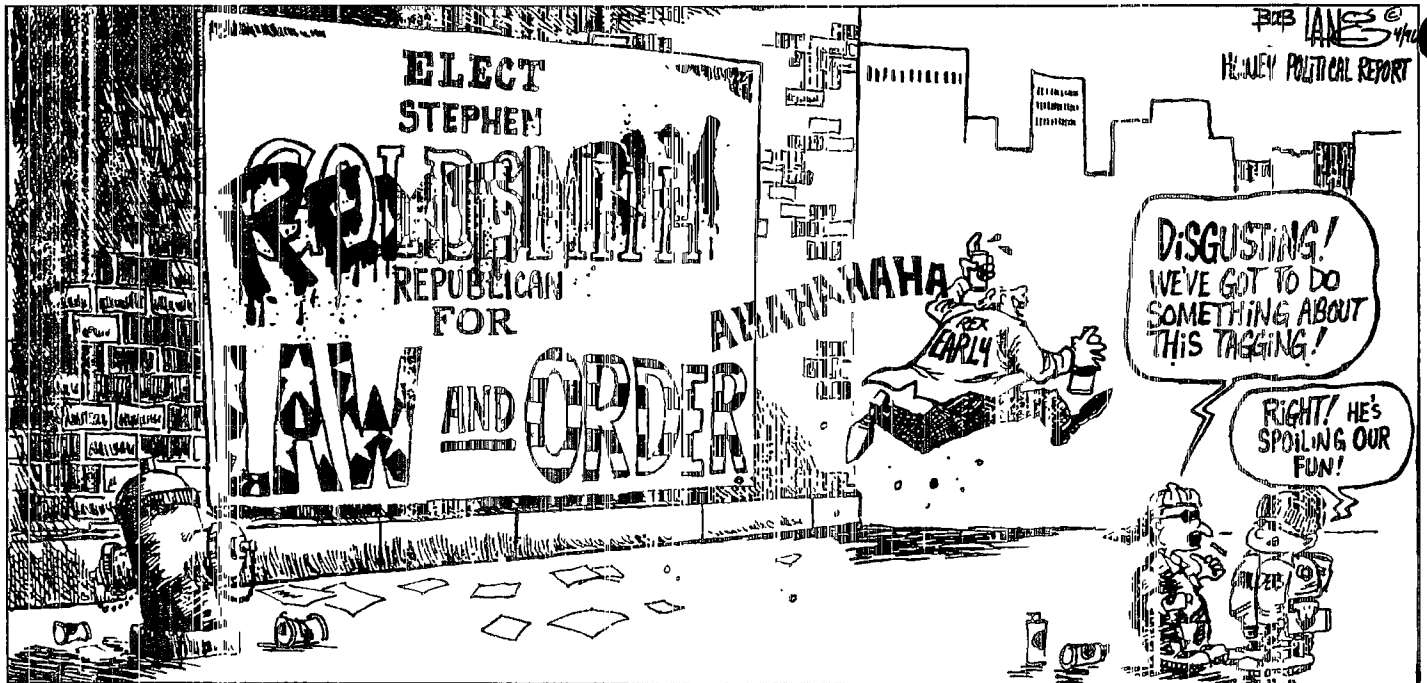
Reed has also worked closely with Gov. Bayh, appearing with him often and issuing joint press releases on programs, as she did as recently as April 10 in announcing a \$3 million technology grant. Her association with a Democrat prompted her to defend her positions in an emotional meeting before the Republican Central Committee last fall.

Since then, Reed has lined up the endorsements of former Govs. Otis Bowen and Bob Orr, Senate President Bob Garton, Rep. Lawrence Borst, Treasurer Joyce Brinkman and GOP National Committeewoman Jean Ann Harcourt. A direct mail campaign is under way and a campaign video will be sent out to party leaders next week.

continued on page 2

INSIDE FEATURES

- **Play of the Week: President Clinton mourns** page 2
- **Horse Race: TV debate Early’s last chance** page 3
- **HPR Interview: State Rep. David Lohr** pages 4-5
- **Columnists: Shull, Colwell, Marcus, Kitchell** page 6
- **CD Roundup: 4th, 7th CDs ripe for upsets** page 7



TICKER T A P E

PLAY OF THE WEEK: Washington Post columnist Richard Cohen notes that President Bill Clinton has been feeling everybody's pain lately, and that death has made him a stronger president. In the span of a week, Clinton mourned with the widow of Ron Brown, gave seven eulogies in the Commerce airplane disaster, went to Dover AFB when the coffins arrived, and comforted the families of the Oklahoma City disaster. "Even the clergy seldom have such weeks." So Clinton earns HPR's play of the week, simply because his re-election campaign has been flawless to date and that will have major implications in all races.

Continued on page 3

Reed 'is the front-runner ...it's our race to lose...'

From page 1

"We have a few minor differences with the far right," states Terry Spradlin, who is managing Reed's campaign. "We are the front-runner. We do expect to win and it's our race to lose."

Spradlin said the Reed camp will be ready to take on Lohr's complaints. As for working too closely with Gov. Bayh, Spradlin responds, "I asked David Lohr this. I said, 'David, tell me what Dr. Reed has done that is so terrible? Our own Republican legislative leaders worked with the governor on the biggest tax cut plan in history. That was much greater than anything Suellen Reed has done.'"

As for Goals 2000, Spradlin insisted that it "is a voluntary program." He added that the state will make a decision in a month or two - possibly after the convention - on whether to seek the \$6.5 million for 1996. He calls Goals 2000 a minor issue compared with the \$8 billion biennial education outlay.

Another controversy - IPASS - had Spradlin acknowledging Reed's cooperation with Bayh. "She worked with the governor on that. She also worked with the Chamber of Commerce, the Indiana Manufacturers Association and several conservative business

groups. We have to cooperate with other state agencies."

There are a couple of political theories in play here. Some observers believe Lohr has decided to run against Reed because he is a heavy underdog in a rematch with Democrat Vern Tincher, the 12-year veteran narrowly defeated in the 1994 GOP tsunami. Lohr insists he will win that race if he doesn't defeat Reed at the convention.

There are broader implications if Lohr is placed on the ticket. With the Republican caucus expecting an intense battle to maintain majority in the House, Republican leaders see the loss of Lohr's seat all but certain if he doesn't run.

Another notion is that Reed might be sacrificed to appease the right wing of the party. Says Spradlin of the "sacrificial lamb" talk, "You have to look at all possibilities, but that's not something we're concerned about."

"We're looking at a male dominated ticket. Reed will bring balance to that ticket," Spradlin said. "In 1992, the party called on her to serve and she did and she won. I hope our Republican colleagues on the far right keep that in mind."

As for appeasing the far right, Spradlin

continued on page 8

Star-News/WTHR debate may be Early's last live opportunity

HORSE RACE

TRENDLINE: The *Indianapolis Star-News-WTHR* town hall meeting debate at 8 p.m. Monday may be Rex Early's last live shot at putting Goldsmith on the defensive. "We're going to tell what his record is at the debate and see if anyone else gets feisty about it," said Mike Young.

<u>REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Rex Early, Steve Goldsmith, George Witwer	Leans Goldsmith	WPTA-TV poll (April 1-5, 816 random in 4th CD, +/- 4.2) has Goldsmith 39 percent, Early 17 percent and Witwer at 11 percent. With three weeks to go, there is little evidence that Early is making this close.

REPUBLICAN SUPT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Suellen Reed, David Lohr, Bruce Smith	LEANS REED	Reed doing direct mail. Touts endorsements of Bowen, Orr and mainstream GOPs. Lohr has backing of conservative attorney John Price, Stan Soloman. Planning a series of delegate meetings after primary, but it's a tall mountain.
---------------------------------------	-------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

REPUBLICAN 7TH CD

Jeff Baldwin, John Meyers, Ed Pease, Dan Pool, John Lee Smith, Dick Thompson, Cathy Willing and 8 others	Tossup	Pease running TV in Indy commercial market. Willing to play only female in the race card and crossed district talking social security. She is up on radio. Smith makes distinction on the "other" John Meyers, who is still HR's wild card.
----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

REPUBLICAN 3RD CD

Brad Allamong, Rich Burkett, Dan Holtz, Brian Haygood, Ted Noell, Joe Zakas	Leans Zakas	Eerily quiet. Survey of district political journalists and editorial writers believe this is Zakas' race to lose. Holtz seen as "not quite ready for primetime player." Big debate in Elkhart on April 24.
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

REPUBLICAN 38TH INDIANA HOUSE

Jim Buck, Wayne Long	Safe Buck	Buck doing "in-your-ISTA-face" radio ad blitz from Kokomo to Indy with a "throw the liberals" theme. ISTA doesn't know GOP primary terrain very well.
----------------------	-----------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

REPUBLICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL

Charles Braun, Steve Carter, Eric Alan Koch, Steve Zoeller,	Tossup	Carter picks up series of endorsements. Religious conservatives pushing Koch for ticket. Zoeller appears to be the mainstream choice, but this race is prime for a deal at convention.
-------------------------------------------------------------	--------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

TICKER TAPE

U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer will endorse gubernatorial candidate Rex Early on Friday at the Statehouse, and then a Northern Indiana fly-around to Lafayette, South Bend and Lake County.

Early's campaign won't release any tracking numbers, but State Rep. Mike Young said, "The gap is closing." Asked to release numbers, Young said, "I don't want to spend money and give the numbers to Goldsmith." However, Goldsmith is also tracking.

The Early campaign is running a TV ad in the South Bend, Fort Wayne, Evansville and Terre Haute markets that quotes Goldsmith as saying that as mayor, it is his duty to keep the growth and wealth in Indianapolis. "It's not anti-Indianapolis," Young said, "It's anti-Goldsmith."

State Sens. Robert Meeks, John Sinks, Harold Wheeler, Richard Worman, Tom Wyss and former Lt. Gov. John Mutz have endorsed Steve Carter for attorney general. Carter has been the Senate Republican's legislative counsel and served as Mutz' chief of staff.

House Speaker Paul Mannweiler and State Rep. John Keeler both ran in the 100th Boston Marathon.

continued on page 5

Goals 2000, culmination of issues prompted Lohr to take on Reed

INDIANAPOLIS - State Rep. David Lohr is challenging Superintendent of Public Instruction Suellen Reed at the June Republican convention.

In doing so, Lohr is diverting his attention from a tough re-election fight against Democrat Vern Tischer that could have implications over which party controls the House. And his campaign promises to be a controversial entree at the convention.

HPR talked with Lohr in the office of his campaign manager, attorney John Price, at Keystone at the Crossing.

HPR: What prompted you to run against Supt. Suellen Reed?

Lohr: I don't think any one thing did. I guess it was a culmination of several years of seeing what has happened to education - being a teacher; my wife being a teacher. We've seen changes coming that we really didn't agree with - a lessening of the academics. A dumbing down of the kids. Concentrating more on socialization. In the past two years of working in the House, I've seen the difficulty of what we in the House and in the Senate have had in trying to get things passed when you have a person in that office who is not in agreement with Republican philosophy. So when all three governor candidates came out opposed to Goals 2000, I thought this might sway some opinions in that office. But even in that light, Supt. Reed decided she wanted to go ahead and sign Indiana up by putting her signature on the line.

HPR: What are your concerns with Goals 2000?

Lohr: The problem that I see is this in enabling legislation that will, indeed, lead to national control of education. If you track workforce development, Goals 2000 - you can track it back to an elite group of people in Washington, D.C. - the National Center for Education in the Economy. Three of the board members are Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton and Ira Magaziner. It was originally started by the NEA. What I see is an elite group of people who feel they know better than the general public as what education

should be.

HPR: Supt. Reed makes the case that she will not go along with a national intervention through Goals 2000 and that in the scheme of things, the \$6.5 million Indiana is due to get is a drop in the bucket of an \$8 billion education budget.

Lohr: If you look at the House Enrolled Act 1617, which is enabling legislation for Goals 2000, you'll find that the words "shall," "must" and "will" are used over 300 times. Now one thing I've learned in the legislature is the difference of a bill when it has the word "may" and the word "shall." Now if those command words are in the legislation, no matter what they say today, what will they say a year from now or three years from now when they say, "I'm sorry, but it does say right here this school shall create daycare centers. It's just a matter of when they pull the string that is already there.

HPR: What kind of enforcement do you fear when it comes to all these "shalls" and "wills"?

Lohr: The enforcement would be the purse string. If you follow back to the highway funds, what mechanism did they have there to enforce the 55 mph speed limit? Or seatbelt laws? Or helmet laws? The enforcement is the money. If you don't do it, you don't get the money. And the bad part is once we sign on to Goals 2000, it's only \$6.5 million. But if we do not abide by the policies that they say we have to, it's not just that \$6.5 million they will pull, it's all of the money they send to Indiana.

HPR: Over the last 20 years, haven't we seen actually more local control over schools with a steady increase in elected school boards?

Lohr: One of the things I first became aware of in 1995 was the Indiana 2000 program. And one of the things I found out was that site-based managed school gave true local control because it actually gave control to the local schools. But the problem is nobody elected the school principal. But if you follow Indiana 2000, that school principal gets to appoint all the parents (to a board). He doesn't get to appoint the

HPR INTERVIEW

"You give me an hour and you'll give me your support...."

-State Rep. David Lohr



teachers, but the local bargaining agent does. But that local principal has control. Now, let me ask you a question. If you were a principal and you had the ability to appoint parents to that board, which parents would you appoint? One that when you called them up and asked them to do something they were right there the next day? Or one who had been questioning you? One that questioned your policies? One that you might not get along with? The other aspect where it actually subverted local control is that when they apply for a waiver, there was nothing in the law that said the local school board could get permission. They could apply directly to the DOE. And once you were in the Indiana 2000 for two years, it was permanent. I brought that issue up and they told me to look in the Indiana Code. I looked it up and it specified a revocation. But there was nothing in the law that would allow us to voluntarily get out of it.

HPR: How, in your opinion, is Supt. Reed politically vulnerable? Is she potentially a sacrificial lamb to the right wing of the party?

Lohr: As far as her being a sacrificial lamb, my definition of a sacrifice is when you freely give it up. I don't think the leadership of the Republican Party is freely giving her up. This is not going to be something that is going to be given to somebody. If we get the nomination, it will be because of widespread support for the policies and issues we propose.

HPR: Reed has been criticized for working with Gov. Bayh. Yet, we have Mike McDaniel calling Bayh a good Republican governor. Is that fair?

Lohr: This is one thing I brought up as an issue. One of the things we found out during the lawsuit was that we had received decision forms from McGraw-Hill. And on these decision forms, it clearly stated that Stan Jones, the governor's assistant, had final approval of everything on that test. Now there is a difference between the word cooperate and coopt. Coopt is when you take control of. Cooperate is where you work hand in hand together. I find it very difficult for me as a Republican to understand why she could defend herself as cooperating with the governor while on the other hand has nothing to say about cooperating with the Republican Party. I mean, how do you cooperate

with the Republican Party when you have the Indiana Senate that does not want in to Goals 2000, all three governor candidates do not want Indiana in Goals 2000. Neither do Indiana congressmen. But yet she can cooperate with Gov. Bayh? But not cooperate with the Republicans? There seems to be a problem here to me.

HPR: What is your perception of Bayh?

Lohr: You use the key word "perception." In fact, when I used to teach psychology, I used to have a big debate with the students over perception is reality. They would always argue with me that it's not. I think Gov. Bayh has been very successful in portraying himself as of the Republican philosophy while at the same time, doing the opposite.

HPR: How can you beat the incumbent?

Lohr: The *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* in the last election said, "David Lohr portrayed himself as honest, straightforward and aggressive and anyone who would spend 20 minutes with him would come up with the same opinion." And I am. I don't believe in duplicity. I believe in laying my cards out on the table. This campaign is going to be an issues and policy campaign. I'm against the nationalization of the schools. I'm against the social engineering of what's going on in the schools. I want to return discipline and true academic standards to the schools. If they agree with that, they ought to vote for me. If they disagree, they should vote for Suellen Reed.

HPR: Will you target delegates right after the primary?

Lohr: That's exactly what you have to do. We had a meeting set up with four county chairs and the district chair in the Fort Wayne area last week. We talked to each about an hour. And one of them said, "Up until two weeks ago, I didn't know there was a problem." And I said, "You give me an hour and you'll give me your support."

HPR: What is your relationship with the three governor candidates?

Lohr: I can much better work with a Republican than a Democrat. I think we're going to start out philosophically along the same lines, especially education. They have already publicly stated they are opposed to Goals 2000. I think in that respect, I would be an asset to any

TICKER T A P E

U.S. Rep. David McIntosh borrowed a page from Vice President Dan Quayle, appearing at the Statehouse on tax day with four families to talk about their tax burdens. McIntosh used the occasion to advocate a \$500 tax credit for each child.

Gubernatorial candidate Rex Early received the endorsement of State Auditor Morris Wooden, former national GOP committeewoman Betty Rendel, and former GOP Chairman Gordon Durnil. Said Early, "The easy thing to do is to stay on the fence in the primary. I am tickled to death to have these leaders join my team."

State Rep. Jim Buck is advocating the elimination of property taxes in his primary battle against former school superintendent Wayne Long (Steve Jackson, Kokomo Tribune). Said Buck, "If you eliminate property taxes, you do several things. You stimulate growth because there is now an incentive to own and maintain property." Buck's proposal has "caught the interest of three of the other four Kokomo-area candidates" running for the legislature, Jackson reported, adding that Democrats Ron Herrell, Millie Bertram and Jerry Fulk - all running in State

continued on page 6

continued on page 8

TICKER

T A P E

Rep. Jon Padfield's 30th District - "say they find the idea intriguing." Buck's opponent, Wayne Long, says the property tax system needs to be fixed, but not dropped. "You can't shout 'local control' on one hand and then say, 'Let's eliminate property taxes and move the funding to Indianapolis,'" Long said.

Gubernatorial candidate George Witwer has released a list of his endorsements, including those from State Reps. Padfield and Brent Steele; U.S. Rep. Mark Souder; GOP County Chairs Bruce Herald of Scott County, Carol Hoffacker of Wells County and Melvin Speer of Johnson County; former state legislator Mitch Harper; and David Lantz, former executive director of the Indiana Christian Coalition.

Speaking of "drops in the bucket," a press release from House Speaker Paul Mannweiler claimed that by not having a special session day to fine-tune legislation and override vetoes, it will save the taxpayers \$17,000. "Senator Garton and I have decided to save taxpayers' money by not calling a session," Mannweiler said.

U.S. Sen. Dan Coats called President Clinton's veto of the

COLUMNISTS' ON INDIANA

Richard K. Shull, *Indianapolis News* - "Would you mind answering me one thing, Mr. Question - Answer Man?" *That's what I'm here for.* "I want to know what in blazes does all that tough crime talk in the Steve Goldsmith-Rex Early political ads have to do with being governor." *Nothing really.* "Then why are they doing it?" *The polls. Crime is a big issue with potential voters, and, if nothing else, candidates do know how to read polls.* "Some of their campaign talk is scary - chain gangs and no paroles from prison." *Without such incentives as early release for good behavior, the prison population would be uncontrollable.* "Then why does Early say he'd stop early release of convicts?" *You must admit, it has a nice resonance, especially among voters who are paranoid from watching the nightly body-bags-at-11 on the TV news.* "Isn't Goldsmith troweling a bit thick with his slogan: Fighting crime isn't a campaign slogan. It's personal?" *When you're heaping hyperbole, how much is too much?*

Dave Kitchell, *Logansport Pharos-Tribune* - When Indiana voters last had to choose a new governor, the overriding issue was that 20 years of one party's leadership was enough. Sure, there were differences between Evan Bayh and John Mutz, but saving the two-party system in Indiana was a battle cry that helped Democrats remember what the governor's office looked like. Less than a month away from the primary, the overriding issue of the campaign - if there is one - may not be apparent.

Mary Dieter, *Louisville Courier-Journal* - The usual banter among those who watch candidates' debates has to do with who won, who blundered, who scored points, who did better or worse than expected. Not these days. Almost to a person, those who have been watching the three Republican candidates for governor at some recent forums and debates seem to deem them - how to say it nicely? - well, boring. There was a lot of nervous laughter among observers after the recent forum for Rex Early, Steve

Goldsmith and George Witwer. No one wanted to be quoted by a reporter, of course, but many commented that the nearly two-hour interchange was stupefying, virtually sleep inducing.

Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune* - The next governor of Indiana was in the Dyngus Day parade in South Bend. In fact, all of them were at one place at the same time, in the crowded West Side Democratic and Civic Club, in the heart of the Polish-American neighborhood where the city's unique style of dyngusing got it's start. Only Frank O'Bannon was called to the platform to speak. Well, it is a Democratic Club. Still, the three Republicans praised the friendly spirit of the crowd. "I would say it was friendlier in here than it was on the bus," Goldsmith quipped. All three Republican contenders rode on the GOP bus. "We didn't necessarily sit together," Early understated. "In fact, I don't think we even spoke."

Morton Marcus, *Indianapolis Business Journal* - Time zones make us aware of our particular Hoosier nature. The nation leaps forward into daylight time, but most of Indiana stands firm against barbarism. Only in the corners, near Evansville and Gary, down close to Louisville and Cincinnati, where the nourishing blood that beats the Hoosier heart has failed to carry the nutrients of our determination, do citizens of Indiana yield to the decadence of daylight time.

Morton Kondracke, *Roll Call* - This year's presidential campaign is likely to be a contest between two moderates for the center of the political spectrum. But the struggle to control Congress could become, ideologically, a battle scene out of "Braveheart." Capitol Hill Democrats appear intent on making it so by accusing Republicans of "callous Darwinism" in the face of growing income inequality and by proposing a legislative agenda that the GOP surely will characterize as ultra-liberal, if not socialist.

State is set for surprises in the 4th and 7th CDs; Blankenbaker, DeLaney hold big money edges

FORT WAYNE - Curious things can happen in Congressional races when A) there are 15 candidates running, as in the 7th CD Republican primary, or B) when very few candidates are running with no money and no one is paying any attention, which is the case in the 4th CD Democratic primary.

The 4th CD is Jill Long's old seat and a race among IPFW Prof. Gerald Houseman, businessman Gregg Jackson and gadfly David Roach has gotten scant attention. Houseman has been endorsed by the 4th CD Democratic organization. But a WPTA-TV poll showed Houseman with only 13 percent, followed by Roach with 9 percent, Jackson with 7 percent and 71 percent undecided.

That's the kind of race that gave the 4th CD Republicans in 1992 the "candidate from hell," Chuck Pierson, who ran on the same ballot with a gubernatorial candidate named Pearson.

Houseman, according to WANE-TV political reporter Steve Roggie, is a classic liberal. Houseman said he was for tax cuts, but when pressed, couldn't name a single tax he'd cut. Democrats who know anything see Jackson as a Buchanan Republican. He is anti-NAFTA, anti-GATT, anti-Goals 2000.

With a tiny percentage of the vote expected in the Democratic primary, the 4th CD is ripe for a rogue candidate to emerge.

■ Those in the 7th CD should go back and read the third paragraph, where many voters got mixed up between "Pierson" and "Pearson" running in two different races. With U.S. Rep. John Myers retiring and former Tippecanoe County Prosecutor John Meyers in the race, the stage is set for a surprise.

Former legislator Ed Pease has been the biggest spender on TV, and is running ads on Indianapolis commercial stations. State Rep. Cathy Willing is running radio and believes she can garner support as the only female candidate. This week, she crisscrossed the district trying to champion the Social Security issue, an obvious ploy aimed at senior citizens.

Former Monroe County GOP Chairman John Lee Smith has been trying to make distinctions between him and other candidates. The *Lafayette Journal and Courier* reported that Meyers opposes recent cutbacks in federally funded educational programs. "Some candi-

1996 WATCH

dates think that the federal government should stay out of education ... that its role should be zero. The federal government should increase its commitment," Meyers said.

Said Bill Maegerlein, campaign manager for John Lee Smith, "John Meyers has exposed himself as a liberal."

The Smith campaign also tried to paint Pease as a liberal for voting for gambling revenues along with "liberal Democrats."

Pease announced on "tax day" that he would vote against any future tax increases.

■ U.S. Rep. Andy Jacobs stumped for 8th CD Democrat Jonathon Weinzapfel in Bloomington on April 6. It was a move designed to counter the endorsement of former Congressman Frank McCloskey for State Rep. Rick McConnell, which hurt Weinzapfel in Bloomington, sources tell HPR.

■ In the 10th CD, Republican Virginia Blankenbaker had raised \$180,000 with \$100,862, on hand compared to \$30,000 for primary opponent Marvin Scott. On the Democratic side, Ann DeLaney had raised \$77,290 in the first quarter and had \$94,938 cash on hand. DeLaney was expected to have a big money edge on Center Township Trustee Julia Carson.

■ State Sen. Jean Leising received the NRA's "Defender of Freedom Award."

■ Democrat George Holland has withdrawn from the 2nd CD Democratic primary against Marc Carmichael, blasting Democratic and UAW leadership for supporting Carmichael. Holland said he might leave the Democratic party (*Shelbyville News*)

TICKER T A P E

partial birth abortion ban bill "deeply disappointing." Coats added, "The legislation enjoyed strong, bipartisan support in Congress, including the Democratic leadership in the House. The legislation in no way limited access to abortion, it simply banned one specific and particularly disturbing procedure - that of almost fully delivering a child and then taking its life." In doing so, Coats said President Clinton "defended a procedure well outside the medical mainstream. He has offended the deepest commitment of our common humanity."

State Rep. Win Moses speaks to the Allen County Democratic Luncheon Club at noon on April 24 and will talk about "the need to change the standing in the balance of political powers in Indiana."

Elkhart Mayor James Perron has appointed John Gildea to head a study commission on the impact a casino proposed by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians will have on his city. "We owe it to our community to undertake objective and thorough community conversation on this sensitive issue," said Perron.

State Sen. Joe Zakas has the IRS in his targets. "The federal government as a whole needs

continued on page 8

TICKER

T A P E

downsizing," Zakas said, "but there is no more deserving target for our downsizing efforts than the IRS."

Maria Springer has joined the staff of U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer as a new legislative assistant. She replaces Scott Linn, who has returned to Indiana to work in the private sector. Also joining Buyer's staff is Brenda Vis as a staff assistant.

The Lugar for President campaign office is still open in Indianapolis, but is in the process of closing. Campaign Manager Mark Lubbers is overseeing the shutdown of the operation, which will probably take a couple more weeks.

Lugar campaign spokesman Terry Holt has returned to Washington after working briefly on a congressional campaign in Texas. He is expected to have a home page soon on the world wide web.

Finally, this comes as no surprise that U.S. Rep. John Hostettler is one of 20 Republican freshmen who will be targeted by national Democrats in the fall. However, neither the Cook nor Rothenberg Political Reports have Hostettler on their endangered lists. HPR will put the 8th CD race in the "tossup" category after the May 7 primary.

Reed, from page 2

said that a more likely scenario is bringing George Witwer on as lieutenant governor or Eric Alan Koch as attorney general.

"Lohr is defying Republican leadership by running," Spradlin said, "the House caucus and the party leadership."

A third candidate, Indianapolis Manual High School teacher Bruce Smith is not expected to be a significant factor at the convention.

The Reed-Lohr tussle will be only one riveting scenario evolving around the GOP convention. If Mayor Goldsmith maintains his lead, he will likely find a Republican convention filled

with delegates sympathetic to Rex Early. In nearly every corner of the state, office holders, county chairs and party regulars favor Early.

As HPR reported last week, Goldsmith may try to defuse that by allowing the convention to select the LG candidate.

Other major forces influencing the selection of the ticket will be the Witwer and Early constituencies, and organizations like the Christian Coalition of Indiana.

NOTES: The Democrats are still searching for a superintendent candidate. Names surfacing are past candidates Stan Jones and Mary Pederson.

Lohr, from page 5

of the three candidates. We can't have a governor candidate going around talking about they're opposed to Goals 2000 and then have a lesser candidate coming behind them saying, "Well, they really don't know what they're talking about." I don't think you have a united ticket that way.

HPR: You are described by many as a "right-winger" and "ultra-conservative." Won't those labels hurt the Republican ticket?

Lohr: Let me tell you something about that a little bit. Two years ago, I ran against a gentleman who was a 12-year incumbent. He was a very popular person. Nobody would take him on. I decided to. Part of what made me decide to was my background. My parents were factory workers. I grew up in a small town. I got to thinking about it. Can I win this? I thought, I am the same people they are. I am them. I have the same values. I'm a middle class person. I think the problem is that certain politicians and certain members of the media don't talk to the people much. They don't get out to the hinterland and find out what it is they feel. In 1994, what a surprise that was to everybody.

HPR: The Democrats are planning to target you over the militia connections. How do you explain that?

Lohr: Let me tell you something that really disappointed me. I had a reporter who

came to me back in February (1995). She was looking for somebody else and said "I want to talk to them about the patriot organizations. Do you know anything about them?" I said no, I've never been to any of their meetings. I said I did go up to one at Nora to speak to him. I said I would be glad to tell her what I know. I know there were some down in my district. When I travel around with my tent and my lemonade, they would come talk to me. I sat there and talked to her about an hour about what their fears were. And then forgot about it. So then in April, when the bombing happen, there was this big full-page spread and there was me and Waterman and Thompson and Padfield. I said, "Man, if you cut that out you could take it right down to the post office and hang it on the wall." That wasn't so bad, but it was the editorialization over the placement, because when you turned it over, there on page 2 you go across the gutter and there was a picture of a cross burning and a story about the KKK. Your eyes just go from one article to the next? I called her and said that she didn't explain to people we had talked since February. She said, "Do you really think that would have made a difference?" I said had I been given the chance, I would have condemned that bombing.

HPR: Can you beat Tincher?

Lohr: I know I'll beat him. Nobody thinks I'm very smart politically, so I use that to my advantage. I like being under-estimated.