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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“The only thing I don’t like about politics is the campaigning ...”

- Ron Gyure, 2nd CD candidate, to a member of the party’s hierarchy

## Old guard maneuver gives Keeler victory

### But new chairman will move forward

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis

So, who’s going to win this thing?

It was Wednesday night and about 1,500 Marion County Republicans were seated in the Indiana Convention Center, wondering if there was to be a peaceful transfer of power after 28 years of rule by Chairman John Sweezy.

The question was aimed at Sheriff Jack Cottey. “Who do you think is going to win?” he responded.

“John Keeler,” I replied. “Is everything lined up?”

Cottey winked.

About 50 feet away, allies of Washington Township chairman Monty Combs were interrupting Ed Simcox, who was running the meeting, shouting questions about the rules.

There was only one brief flash of anger, however, from a Lawrence Township man who stood up and yelled at one of the questioners, “Will you please quiet down so we can get going?”

**Greg Zoeller, one of Combs’** floor operators, explained Cottey’s wink. There were some 300 people who were credentialed as precinct officials that the Combs camp believed were from such diverse places as Michigan and Bloomington (we followed a woman with Republican stickers and Ohio plates out of the convention and onto the Interstate after the voting had commenced). One Combs ally asked, “Did you see where they bused them in?”

When it all ended, former legislator John Keeler and his slate of Carolyn Grant as vice chair, Claudia Cummings as secretary and Sen. Murray Clark as treasurer were swept into office - Keeler by a 667-444 advantage. Perhaps the

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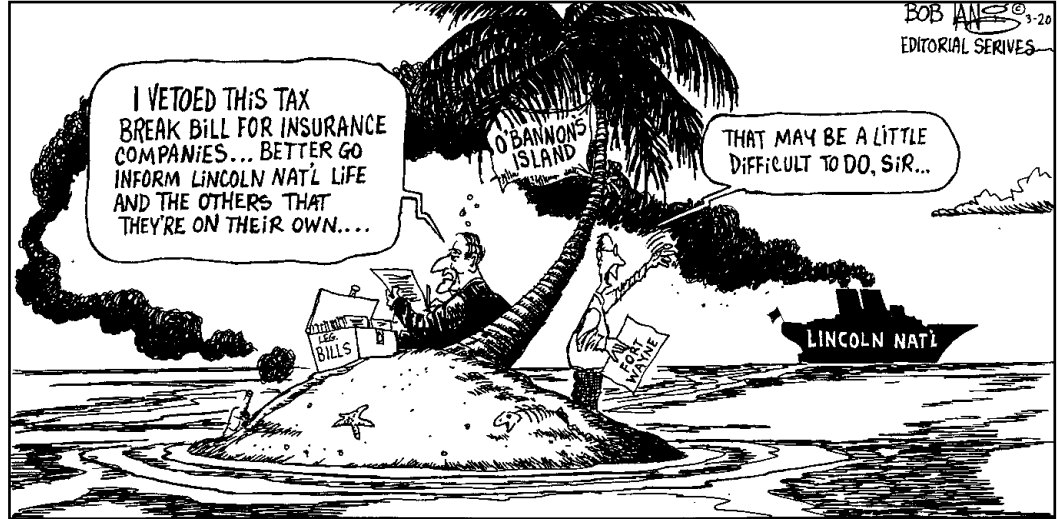
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**TRIMMING ISTEP FAVORED:** A 29-member state panel formed by Gov. Frank O'Bannon recommends two changes in ISTEP testing that would cut the test time in half and save millions of dollars (Raygan Swan, Kokomo Tribune). The exam currently takes three to five days, and the changes recommended would cut the test to two days. The panel favors removing the 90-minute Norm-Referenced Test, which measures students skill levels and compares them from state to state. Also recommended for removal is the Cognitive Skills Index, which is comparable to an IQ test. The panel's recommendations go to the State Board of Education.

**ADAIR BUILDING:** U.S. Rep. Mark Souder announced that legislation he authored that would rename the Federal Building in Fort Wayne after former U.S. Rep. E. Ross Adair was approved by the House Transportation Committee. Souder served as president of the Youth for Adair campaign in 1968.

**GILROY PRAISES:** Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy praised the Indiana General Assembly and Gov. Frank O'Bannon for passing a securities bill that will protect Hoosiers from viatical



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margin was realized with the imported help. Regardless, there could be little doubt that the main kingmaker on this night was Sheriff Cottey. His finger and foot prints were all over this process. For the second time in a little more than a year, Cottey appears to have anointed a protege for true power. He was a key facilitator in Sue Anne Gilroy's rise to the GOP mayoral nomination in 1999, and then a confounding presence throughout the campaign as his feud with John Sweezy kept poking above the surface. By the end of the Gilroy campaign, a radio ad in which he expressed fear that Bart Peterson's 200 new cops would send the criminal element into the townships had some branding Cottey as a racist.

That notion reared its head again when Combs' vice chair candidate - former *Indianapolis News* columnist Jackie Cissell - complained that Cottey upbraided her in front of her son for running at a St. Patrick's Day event last week. Cissell said that Cottey threatened that she "was through" in the Marion County GOP.

When Cissell addressed the convention, she said, "And if Sheriff Cottey is here, I just want to say that I don't believe he's a racist." Cottey stood at the back of the room - ever-so-present - and simply sipped on his soft drink.

## Second change of guard

The events of Wednesday night presented the second major change of the guard in Indiana after the state's vaunted Republican Machine seized up with the election of Evan Bayh as governor in 1988. The first occurred in March of 1993 in Allen County. After the 1992 debacle in the 4th CD when rogue candidate Chuck Pierson won the nomination, Orvas Beers, a long-time big county boss and associate of Keith Bulen and John Sweezy, realized it was time to quit. The transfer of power was to have gone to long-time Fort Wayne city chairman Alan McMahan, but a fiesty lawyer/broadcaster named Steve Shine conducted about 40 living room kaffee klatches over several months, sent out holiday peanut brittle, created alliances in the news media (including yours truly, then at the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*), and established an atmosphere for change. It wasn't until a week before the caucus that the old guard realized that Shine was a serious threat and began enlisting and credentialing new precinct officials in the gaping holes of the organization. But it was too late. Shine carried 67 percent of the vote in an upset so stunning that Tim Berry (then county treasurer, now state treasurer) had to eat his words after referring to Shine as a "cheerleader."

In Marion County, a challenge to the old guard the way Shine had done it

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was not possible. Rumors that Sweezy would retire had been flaring up and dying down since last summer after years of controversy and the party's under performance - culminating with Stephen Goldsmith's '96 loss of his home county in the governor's race and the '99 Gilroy defeat. Sweezy finally declared his intention to step down. Then Keeler was presented as the organization's choice, despite his awkward document promising not to publicly criticize Mayor Bart Peterson because Keeler is a member of the city's lobbying firm. At that point, Combs was left with little time and virtually no resources with which to wage his battle. Meanwhile, Cottey and Lawrence Mayor Tom Schneider (who hopes to succeed Cottey) greased the chute for Keeler. Word had it that dozens of new precinct officials were being credentialed out of Lawrence Township. Then on the convention floor, there were the strangers from places like Michigan and Ohio.

Resigning prematurely and having a successor in the wings is a long-time Marion County Republican tradition. It happened most recently when Keeler stepped down from his House seat, and Jim Atterholt, with the blessings of Jack Cottey as a favor to U.S. Rep. Dan Burton, easily ruled the day. When Atterholt was warding off a challenge from Lugarite Jane Carwile, sheriff cars were conspicuously parked in front of the caucus site as a not-so-subtle signal as to who was to be elected.

### Keeler an old guard?

While John Keeler certainly benefitted from the old guard, this is not to say that he won't represent a new day for Marion County Republicans. Keeler was known as a master strategist, a good fundraiser, and a progressive Republican during his tenure in the Indiana House.

Keeler should also have an ample grip on the benefits and pitfalls of a further relationship with Jack Cottey. The

sheriff "made" Sue Anne Gilroy, then confounded her over a row on sheriff gun sales, and then his feud with Sweezy. When Majority Leader Paul Mannweiler nominated Keeler, he told the delegates, "I've known John Keeler for 37 years. Nobody tells John Keeler what to do."

Keeler stressed the need to heal old "festering" wounds while fulfilling a "basic role" of raising money, recruiting good candidates and bringing the once proud organization (currently without e-mail, voice mail or a website) up to speed.

"I don't believe in dictatorship," Keeler said. "I will lay out a plan and head in a common direction." He said he would seek to attract "young people and minorities" while expressing a "tolerance of positions."

"Only the Democrats are laughing when our misfortunes are on the front page," Keeler said.

Keeler's speech presented a stark contrast to Sweezy's farewell. Sweezy framed the past vividly, telling the GOP faithful that the Marion County organization was the "cornerstone of not only the State of Indiana, but the nation. We were always on the (Electoral College) map first." He also said, "We have built a thriving community" while refusing the sellout to corruption. But, he added, that it "has been lonely."

### Keeler's implications

Keeler's election could have immense implications. Washington analyst Charlie Cook notes that Indiana is no longer a "bedrock" Republican state. It had no chance to returning to that status as long as the Marion County GOP languished. While the Lugar and McIntosh campaigns are reviving the statewide lists in time for 2000, Indiana Republicans could get a huge boost in fortune if Keeler does heal the many rifts, brings technology and his party into the 21st Century. ❖

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fraud. "This legislation makes it clear that anyone selling investments in viatical settlements to Hoosier investors will have to comply with our securities laws or face severe consequences," Gilroy said.

**SHARPTON TO OPEN TERRE HAUTE OFFICE:** The Rev. Al Sharpton, often in the middle of controversial civil rights issues, plans to be in Terre Haute later this month to open a state office of his national organization (Mike Ricketts, Terre Haute Tribune Star). Dr. Tino W. Smith will be state president for the group. He is minister of Terre Haute's Greater Victory Temple. He said Sharpton's Indiana office will give local and state residents another group to help when their civil rights are violated.

**STATE PORT GETS CASH INFUSION:** The Indiana International Port at Portage will get \$6.3 million in state funds to complete three projects, including a major expansion of a docking facility (Terry Burns, Munster Times). The dock project gets \$4 million of the total and will extend the West Harbor dock arm by nearly 750 feet. The port also will receive \$1.6 million for a warehouse, and \$700,000 to improve highway access and rail storage facilities.

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**CANDIDATE FACES A ROAD BLOCK:** Milan Kesic, candidate for the Democratic nomination for state representative in the 12th District, faces a restraining order blocking his candidacy (Rich James, Gary Post-Tribune). Opponent John Aguilera, a county councilman from East Chicago, claims Kesic listed a wrong address when he filed his declaration of candidacy. Magistrate George Ivancevich set the case for a March 30 hearing.

**VALPO LAWYER WANTS TO BE GOVERNOR:** Terry Boesch wants to become the first independent candidate to be elected governor. He kicked off his campaign Wednesday at South Haven Christian School, where his daughters Lauren, 8, and Casey, 5, attend classes. His theme is "education, education, education," that he claims both major parties have ignored. Before he can run, he must get 30,716 signatures of registered voters by July 15.

**HAMILTON GOES TO TAIWAN:** Lee Hamilton has been called into service by the Clinton Administration. Hamilton left on Wednesday for Taiwan, where he will act as an unofficial envoy. Hamilton will help convey U.S. policy toward the region following the Taiwan presidential election last Saturday. Chen Shui-bian, the candidate of the pro-

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# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

**Sylvia Smith, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette** - If money is a barometer of support, Hoosiers are wild about New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. For some, that might be more accurately phrased as "wild about anyone running against Hillary Clinton." They've sent the Republican \$23,500 to help his race against her, the most costly race among the 34 Senate election contests this year. By contrast, Clinton has received \$3,300 from Indiana residents. Although the Hoosier cash won't help either candidate radically - between them they raised more than \$18 million last year - it's more than half the total (\$52,800) that Indiana residents donated to out-of-state candidates. ❖

**Max Jones, Terre Haute Tribune-Star** - State Rep. Vern Tincher, a Riley Democrat, finally put an end to Terre Haute Republican David Lohr's hopes of serving again in the General Assembly from House District 46, at least temporarily. Tincher's convincing 1998 victory avenged, for the second time, Lohr's surprising 1994 win. The Democrat reclaimed the seat in 1996 by a slim margin -- so slim, in fact, that Lohr immediately announced his candidacy to win back the seat. Lohr may no longer be pursuing Tincher's seat, but two other Republicans are. District 46 is said to be a Republican-leaning district, although you'd never know it from Tincher's relative dominance over the years. Two Republicans are hoping for the chance to tangle with Tincher in November, one of whom is Vigo County resident John Carson. This is Carson's first venture into politics. The local businessman is challenged by Spencer Republican Terry English, an Owen County attorney. Owen and Vigo counties have a large share of the district's Republicans, so running well on the home front will be important for

the candidates. Carson's name is already popping up on signs along southern Vigo County roadways, and the candidate will have to back that effort with lots of personal contact. The people of Spencer and Owen County already know English, but whether that works to his benefit remains to be seen.

**Kyle Hannon, Elkhart Truth** - Despite the wide-eyed predictions of a drought, I am not worried. I am certain that I will not miss any meals. Yet, it is hard to be immune to dire farming publicity. Last week the U.S. Department of Commerce predicted that low moisture conditions from last year will continue, hitting Midwestern farmers hard. We are all concerned about the welfare of our local agricultural community, but not one of us believes the grocery stores will be unable to stock their shelves. Why is that? "Food production is a worldwide phenomenon," explained Jeff Burbrink, the Elkhart County Extension educator. "If there is a drought in one place, there is good weather in another place." A drought in this area will not lead to massive starvation, and Burbrink hesitates to get worked up about how the drought will affect local farmers. For one thing, we don't know if there will be a drought. He recently heard an NWS forecaster explain that their 30-day outlook is right only 55 percent. ❖

**Jim Gordon, Gary Post-Tribune** - Most of us received a letter from the Bureau of the Census recently, advising us that we'd soon be receiving our census forms, asking us to appreciate the importance of an accurate count and urging us to complete and return the form promptly. Most of these letters were addressed with an extra digit tacked onto the street number, as 11065 Broadway instead of 1065 Broadway. ❖

# PERHAPS... WE WANDER

By Brian Howey

## Coach Knight, anger and IU as an enabler

A few years ago a friend of mine - who is such a Hoosier fan that he had the IU logo tattooed to his thigh - said he had a funny video to show me.

It was a tape of out-takes filmed for some sort of golfing documentary featuring Coach Robert Montgomery Knight. We settled into our chairs, popped open a Bud while my friend slipped in the video. What we watched was about 20 minutes of what could be described as unfettered and unrestrained fury on the links. Bob Knight threw golf clubs. He broke golf clubs. He threw them in a pond. He kicked. He screamed. He pouted. There was a steady stream of expletive deleteds. For the first few minutes or so, we chuckled. There goes ol' coach, agin, doggonit. Whoops, there goes another golf club. Hope he doesn't hurt anyone. Phew. Whoa. Ouch. Hmmmmmmm.

When the tape moved into the 10-minute range, the humor ebbed. What became apparent was that General Knight has a real anger control problem. This is not normal human behavior.

The golf tape convinced me even further that Coach Knight's career is probably destined to end, as we say, when he inevitably "pops a Woody."

This is not in reference to a state of sexual arousal, but more akin to Ohio State football Coach Woody Hayes striking a Clemson player during a bowl game. That outrage had its humorous aspects - an elderly coach with a heart condition hitting a fully-equipped linebacker. The public outrage wasn't that Hays hurt the player, but that a line had been drawn about a public display of anger by a coach that had been held in high civic regard. Woody Hayes popped once too often, and he was fired.

Did Bob Knight choke Neil Reed,

as CNN/*Sports Illustrated* (soon to be merged with the *National Enquirer*?) stated in its now-infamous report? There is no conclusive evidence, but most IU fans I talked to could fathom it happening. Did Robert Montgomery Knight really tell IU President Myles Brand to "get the hell out" of practice?

Hard to believe and there was little proof presented other than by Reed, but my informal survey of IU loyalists could believe that, too.

The IU hierarchy jumped to defend the General from the CNN/SI assault, and probably asked Knight, "How high, sir?" It's seen as a knee-jerk response by those outside the IU family. Indiana University is an enabler. It has refused to make it ever-so-clear to Bob Knight that public temper tantrums, foul language in conspicuous forums, and brutish behavior should not be tolerated.

With its tacit approval, Indiana University is setting Bob Knight up for a Woody. And is it any wonder that in the last half decade, IU doesn't just get beat in the NCAA tournament in the first or second rounds? It gets drubbed at a time when mentally sound teams should be grooving. There is considerable speculation about the mental fatigue of the players surrounding the firebrand coach. And here's something else worthy of consideration in the Knight context. Society is sending out mixed signals. Anger sells products. It permeates cartoons and TV shows. It is seen as an attribute as coaches storm the sidelines, raging at players. When it manifests itself in the home environs, or the workplace, or school, we respond with arrests, convictions, suspensions and ship the perpetrators off to jails, alternative schools and conflict resolution classes. Little wonder that society is so screwed up. ❖

## TICKER TAPE

independence party, won the race. The situation could become volatile if China decides to take action against Taiwan, which it considers a renegade province rather than an independent country.

**PAUL MATHIAS NAMED TO INDIANA COURT OF APPEALS:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon on Monday named Allen Superior Judge Paul Mathias to a seat on the Indiana Court of Appeals. He succeeds retiring Judge William Garrard. Mathias is the first judge from Allen County to be named to the Court of Appeals. He was chosen from a field of 15 candidates.

**GARY AIRPORT GETS NEW FLIGHT:** Monday marked Pan Am's first flight from Gary /Chicago Airport to Pittsburgh (Sue Ter Maat, Gary Post-Tribune). Dan Fortnam, Pan Am's marketing director, said, "In the first four short months flying out of Gary we are moving hundreds of people per day."

**MARSHALL COUNTY FOCUSES ON CASINOS:** The Marshall County commissioners plan to gather information on casino gambling because of rumors the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is buying options on land in the LaPaz area. After gathering

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facts, the commissioners will vote on a resolution expressing their opinion regarding casinos (Jennifer Detrick, South Bend Tribune).

**NEWTON COUNTY VS. IDNR:** Newton County commissioners filed suit Monday against the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, claiming it violated county ordinances regarding land purchases (Lauri Harvey, Munster Times). The agency bought 1,200 acres of former farmland in August from a private citizen. Gov. Frank O'Bannon approved the sale last Dec. 3. The suit claims the purchase was made without proper notification to the county. County ordinances require state and federal agencies to inform the county about land purchases.

**BAYH BILL AIMS AT ELDERLY CARE:** A bill introduced by Sen. Evan Bayh would provide a \$3,000 tax credit for families caring for chronically ill relatives at home (Lisa J. Chapman, Indiana Daily Student). Bayh said the tax credit would encourage more families to care for loved ones at home, make it more financially feasible for seniors to stay home, and save the government billions now being spent on institutional care. President Bill Clinton also has proposed a similar tax credit.

# Hamilton ad highlights roots

By **MARK SCHOEFF JR.**  
*The Howey Political Report*

WASHINGTON - While his opponent in the CD 8 Democratic primary focuses on health care in his television ads, John Hamilton highlights family. His own family.

Hamilton's first TV spot stars his uncle, former Rep. Lee Hamilton, who served the neighboring congressional district in southern Indiana for 35 years. Lee Hamilton does the voice over and appears on camera with his nephew. Lee Hamilton says, "When I first ran for Congress, times were different, and so was southern Indiana. But one thing hasn't changed—we still need a congressman who fights for working families." He emphasizes John Hamilton's ties to Gov. Frank O'Bannon and Sen. Evan Bayh. "In Congress, he'll improve health care, strengthen Social Security and reduce class size," says Lee Hamilton.

The visuals include campaign footage from previous Lee Hamilton races and John Hamilton's current campaign. The ad will run in the Evansville market over the next two weeks on a 700-point buy.

"We wanted to give a sense of where I'm rooted—politically and personally," said Hamilton, who is former director of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Hamilton's grandfather was an Evansville minister. His father also joined the clergy, serving Methodist churches in Evansville and Bloomington.

**Hamilton's opponent,** Paul Perry, has been on TV since Feb. 28, with a series of health care ads. Perry has two on the air now. One shows Perry at a town hall meeting noting that a baby in the audience may live 100 years. "Folks, we have to think long term," Perry says in the ad. "Don't you wish, like I do, that Washington politicians could stop bickering long enough to solve our problems." The other ad shows Perry, an orthopedic surgeon, with four patients. He criticizes

the influence of insurance companies in medical decisions. The Perry ads are running in Evansville on a \$75,000 buy.

"It's the thing that's on most people's minds in the eighth district, and Dr. Perry knows that better than anyone else in the race," Carter Wells, Perry's campaign manager, said of health care. Hamilton acknowledges that health care is important, but it is one of an array of key issues. "You need people (in Congress) who can hammer out consensus and progress on all of them," he said. "What I am telling voters is that in John Hamilton you have a proven fiscal conservative moderate Democrat who knows how to get results."

## CONGRESS WATCH

**Hamilton has the edge** thanks to name identification and an early start to his campaign, said Chris Sautter, a Washington media consultant who worked for 1998 CD 8 Democratic nominee Gail Riecken. But Perry has tightened the race. "It's pretty clear that Paul Perry is running an aggressive campaign. Any time a candidate gets a three-week jump on TV, that's got to play heavily in the outcome," Sautter said.

Both Hamilton and Perry have financial resources. As of the Dec. 31 Federal Election Commission filing, Hamilton had \$225,000 cash on hand. Perry had \$335,000 cash on hand.

Democrats say the competitive primary will not weaken the winner against incumbent Republican Rep. John Hostettler, who has \$210,000 cash on hand. The Democrats "have both shown the ability to raise money and finance their campaigns," said Doug Davidoff, of the Indiana Democratic Party. "The Democratic organization in the eighth district is hungry. They've come close to winning this seat back before, and they're determined to do it." ❖

# Indiana 2000 Racing Form

## congressional races

**Governor: Republican:** U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, John R. Price. **Democrat:**

Gov. Frank O'Bannon. **Libertarian:** Andrew Horning. **1996 results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** O'Bannon officially announced his campaign with a seven city tour. "Let us continue on the path of progress - better schools, better jobs, lower taxes, lower crime, a clean environment and a strong economy." O'Bannon declares that "education is my No. 1 priority" and tells Hoosiers not to "take a radical detour."

The governor said he wanted to expand health coverage to 40,000 more children and CHOICE program for senior citizens. *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette's* coverage noted that O'Bannon is 70 years old. That comes on the heels of an AP and WRTV story about the governor's hereditary hand tremors - a story not well received by the campaign. O'Bannon campaign manager Tom New says the governor will begin his TV ad campaign "soon." McIntosh responded to the governor's announcement by saying, "Gov. O'Bannon said today he plans to run on his record and I welcome the public debate about how successful his administration has been." Andrew Horning, the 1999 Libertarian Indianapolis mayoral candidate, announced plans to enter the race and will almost certainly get the party's gubernatorial nod at its May 12 convention. The potential impact of Horning could be expected to be in the 2 to 3 percent range. In a razor close general election race, that could hurt McIntosh. His initial release emphasized the "embarrassing state of education in Indiana." The Horning campaign can be reached at 317-701-2130 or [www.horning2000.org](http://www.horning2000.org). Two other fringe candidates have emerged: Terry Boesch of Valparaiso whose campaign slogan is "Terry4Gov.com," and Paul Wilson of the Natural Law Party of Indiana. The two Republican gubernatorial candidates were exchanging letters again over when they will debate. McIntosh noted that three debates are already scheduled - March 31 in Lafayette, April 5 at Scottsburg, and April 25 on WISH-TV - and has offered to meet Price in four more afternoon debates. But Price noted that a 3 p.m. April 21 debate proposed by McIntosh for Anderson University falls on Good Friday, "a time traditionally held as a day of reflection, particularly the afternoon period." A second McIntosh-backed date, Saturday April 22 at Franklin College, falls between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. "I would continue to reiterate my request to you that your instruct your schedulers to allow you to schedule additional debates during times that significant numbers of people can be present to hear us discuss the issues," Price wrote. **General Status:** *Leans O'Bannon.*

**Congressional District 2: Republican:** Mike Pence, State Rep. Jeff Linder, Brad Steele, Luke Messer, Cliff Federle, David Campbell. **Democrat:** Ron Gyure, Bob Rock Jr., Troy Liggett, Angela Burks. **Independent:** Bill Fraizer. **Geography:** Muncie, Anderson, Richmond, Shelbyville, Columbus and East Central Indiana. **1994 results:** McIntosh 93,592, Hogsett 78,241. **1996 Results:** McIntosh 122,288, Carmichael (D) 83,478, Zimmerman (L) 4,662. **1998 Results:** McIntosh (R) 99,584, Boles (D) 62,426, Federle (L) 2,236. **2000 Forecast:** Rock releases an internal poll showing him leading with 20 percent, followed by Burks and Gyure at 6 percent, and Liggett at 4 percent. The Democrats gather to debate on WCTV in Richmond tonight. Gyure reportedly tells one district Democrat. "The only thing I don't like about politics is the campaigning." Linder presses his plans to use the state's university system as technology hubs (*Anderson Herald-Bulletin*). He points to a 90 percent rating by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and IMA. Steele calls for a missile defense system. Burks announces her campaign theme of "Democratic ideals partnering with conservative fiscal discipline" (*Herald-Bulletin*). **Primary Status:** *Leans Pence (R); LEANS ROCK (D).*

**Congressional District 4: Republican:** U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, Mike Loomis. **Democrat:** Mike Foster, Dave Roach. **Geography:** Fort Wayne, Huntington, NE Indiana.

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**500 TURN OUT IN TERRE HAUTE:** More than 500 people attended two public hearings in Terre Haute on the proposed I-69 extension last Thursday night. Said Terre Haute Councilman Norm Loudermilk, "This takes the wind out of the sails that it's just environmentalists."

**NO QUICK GASOLINE SOLUTION SAYS PRESIDENT CLINTON:** "There's no overnight solution," President Clinton said of the sky-rocketing gasoline prices in his Saturday radio address to the nation. Clinton said "we need to take the longer view" and said he was "optimistic" that oil production would be raised and prices would fall.

**BURTON CRITICIZES JUSTICE:** U.S. Rep. Dan Burton criticized the Department of Justice for its dual role in the matter of missing White House e-mails. "I have learned that not only has the Justice Department failed to push for any of this information, it is actually playing a key role in keeping the information from coming to light," Burton said. "The Justice Department is supposed to be conducting a thorough criminal investigation of allegations of illegal fundraising in the 1996 elections, including allegations about the White House involvement in the scandal." **LUGAR PAYS TRIBUTE TO WELLS:** U.S. Sen. Richard G.

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Lugar paid tribute to IU Chancellor Herman B Wells, who died last Saturday. "Herman Wells made a big difference in my life. He chaired the Indiana Rhodes Scholarship Committee in 1953. This sent me to the final selection in Chicago where I was successful. I've mentioned that a legion of Hoosiers have talked about the profound and inspirational influence that Herman Wells had on Indiana University and on individual student lives."

**McCAIN IN ILLINOIS:** In last Tuesday's unremarkable Republican presidential primary in Illinois, U.S. Sen. John McCain still received 22 percent of the vote.

**ONE-SYLLABLE RACES:** The Chicago Tribune reports there have been only two other mono-syllable presidential races (Bush v. Gore) in history: 1844 when James K. Polk defeated Henry Clay, and 1852 when Franklin Pierce defeated Winfield Scott. ❖

Next  
HPR Weekly  
will be published on  
April 6,  
featuring the first  
gubernatorial survey  
in the  
NUVO/TeleResearch  
Poll.

**1994 results:** Souder 83,466, Long (D) 65,956. **1996 Results:** Souder 118,344, Houseman (D) 76,152, Bisson (L) 4,743. **1998 Results:** Souder 93,671, Wehrle 54,286. **2000 Forecast:** Souder responds to Loomis's call for a suspension of the 4.3 cent federal gas tax by co-sponsoring legislation to expand the use of ethanol. **Status:** *Solid Souder.*

**Congressional District 7: Republican:** Brian Kerns, Bob Griffiths, Dr. Alex Gatzimos, Doug Hess, Bryan Donaldson, Tony Duncan, Michael Graf, John Timm. **Democrat:** Jeff Clapper, Sam Hillenburg. **Geography:** Terre Haute, Lafayette and Western Indiana. **1994 results:** Myers 104,359, Harmless 55,941. **1996 Results:** Pease 130,010, Hellmann (D) 72,705, Bourland (L) 7,125. **1998 Results:** Pease (R) 109,553, Hillenburg (D) 44,749. **2000 Forecast:** Kerns is endorsed by the 60 Plus Association, saying he will vote "senior friendly." **Republican Primary Status:** *Tossup.*

**Congressional District 8: Republican:** U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:** John Hamilton, Dr. Paul Perry, John W. Taylor. **Geography:** Evansville, Bloomington, Vincennes and SW Indiana. **1994 results:** Hostettler (R) 93,529, McCloskey (D) 84,857. **1996 Results:** Hostettler (R) 109,582, Weinzapfel (D) 106,134, Hager (L) 3,799. **1998 Results:** Hostettler (R) 92,227, Riecken (D) 81,381, Hager (L) 3,395. **2000 Forecast:** House Speaker John Gregg has endorsed Democrat John Hamilton in the 8th CD, as well as all the Democrats on the Bloomington City Council. Other endorsements include State Rep. Mark Kruzan, Bloomington Mayor John Fernandez and former House Speaker Michael K. Phillips. The Gregg endorsement comes after Dr. Paul Perry had announced key endorsements from city council members in Evansville and Vincennes last week. Nearly a dozen local officials from the City of Vincennes and Knox County today joined the growing bandwagon of support for Perry's campaign. Perry also was endorsed by Knox County Council Members Mike Thompson, David Snider, Tim Ellerman, and Mike Quinett. Bicknell Mayor Gordon Stinebaugh, Knox County Auditor Sharon Duke, Knox County Clerk Brenda Hall and Knox County Assessor Ray Loheider also endorsed Perry. "I know Dr. Perry will have the people of Knox County and all of southwest Indiana in mind when he votes as our Congressman. He will make the people of the 8th District proud," said Mark Hill, President of the Vincennes City Council. **Democratic Primary Status:** *Tossup.*

**Congressional District 9: Republican:** Kevin Shaw Kellems, Michael Bailey. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Baron Hill, Lendall B. Terry, James McClure. **Geography:** Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, Connersville, New Albany Jeffersonville, Madison, Nashville and SE Indiana. **1994 results:** Hamilton 91,459 (D), Leising (R) 84,315. **1996 Results:** Hamilton (D) 128,885, Leising (R) 97,747, Feeney (L) 2,315. **1998 Results:** Hill (D) 92,477, Leising (R) 87,278, Feeney (L) 2,397. **2000 Forecast:** House Majority Leader Dick Armey stumps for Kellems in the district. "I've been watching this candidate and I like his ideas," Armey said (*New Albany Tribune*). "I think he is going to make a great candidate. If Kevin sticks to the issues and doesn't allow anybody to draw him into, what should I say, more militant practice of politics on the campaign trail, I think he will be recognized as a serious legislative person that these folks are going to enjoy." Candidates are concentrating on money. Former Sen. Dan Coats will host a fundraiser for Kellems on Tuesday, March 28, at The Columbia Club in downtown Indianapolis. Coats defeated Hill in the 1990 Senate special election to fill the seat vacated by Dan Quayle when Quayle became vice president. Hill also is shaking the money tree. He was the guest of honor at a New Democrat Network fundraiser Tuesday night in Washington that featured Mickey Kantor, former U.S. Trade Representative, as well as several congressmen, White House officials, and corporate representatives. The event raised \$27,000 for Hill. **Status:** *Leans D.*

**Congressional District 10: Republican:** Tony Samuel, Marvin Scott. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Julia Carson, Bobby Kern Hildago, Ralph Spelbring. **Geography:** Indianapolis. **1994 results:** Jacobs (D) 58,573, Scott 50,998. **1996 Results:** Carson (D) 90,869, Blankenbaker (R) 69,248, St. Angelo (L) 3,505. **1998 Results:** Carson 69,673, Hofmeister (R) 46,892, Peterson (L) 3,009. **2000 Forecast:** Samuel calls for a 10-cent temporary federal gas tax cut while appearing at an Indianapolis Amoco station where the owner sold gas for an hour at a price with no taxes (\$1.09 instead of \$1.47). **Republican Primary Status:** *Leans Samuel.*

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