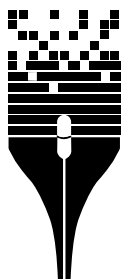


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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“I’m very touched you’re all sitting in your seats and listening ...”

- State Rep. Paul Mannweiler, giving his farewell address from the Speaker’s rostrum after announcing his resignation on Tuesday

## Will O’Bannon poll numbers push plan?

### Skeptics say poll doesn’t mean passage

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**, in Indianapolis

The numbers are in: A \$1.3 billion budget shortfall; \$2.5 billion in tax increases coming in nine categories; a casino riverboat boarding tax going from \$3 to \$5; a 50-cent-a-pack hike for cigarette smokers that would generate \$430 million over two years; a \$10 million subsidy cut for horse tracks ....

Oh yeah, and a 57/19 percent approve/disapprove rating for Gov. Frank O’Bannon in a Nov. 10-12 *Indianapolis Star*/WTHR-TV poll released earlier this week. Now that one really got Statehouse mavens shaking their heads.

The *Star*/13 poll created a surreal political picture going into what many believe will be one of the most dramatic and potentially divisive sessions of the Indiana General Assembly that opened on Tuesday.

**WTHR-TV quoted O’Bannon**, saying, “The people that elected me twice now, they trust me.” Senate President Pro Tempore Bob Garton observed, “I think when the public finds out how much he wants to raise taxes, that approval rating will drop.”

It was the tax increases that preoccupied Republicans. Between the Kernan tax restructuring plan and the O’Bannon deficit reduction scenario, “There are nine tax increases,” observed Sen. Murray Clark, a 2004 Republican gubernatorial candidate. “I don’t see how we can ask Hoosiers to pay all these additional taxes.”

House Minority Leader Brian Bosma had urged O’Bannon to go out and sell his plan. “I actually suggested that if he wanted to pass a tax increase, the public will have to call for that.”

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**BULEN SYMPOSIUM:** The Fourth annual Bulen Symposium will be held at the IUPUI Conference Center on Dec. 10. Titled "Where do you draw the line?" it will take a look at the effect of redistricting on the 2002 elections, asking the question "Is the election already over?" Registrations are \$50 and include parking and lunch. To register, contact Harriet Rodenberg, Conference Planner, IUPUI, University Place Conference Center IP 100, 850 W. Michigan Street, Indianapolis 46202.

**BOSMA APPLAUDS HOUSE SECURITY; GARTON CRITICAL:** The metal detectors went up in plenty of time for Tuesday's organization day in the House chamber at the Statehouse. Even so, the increased security measures implemented by House Speaker John Gregg continue to cause a stir. Some members, such as Indianapolis Republican Brian Bosma, think Gregg's order to improve security in his chamber will help. Bosma would have preferred more emphasis on the State-house's multiple unguarded entrances, but he was glad Gregg took direct action in accordance with his authority as speaker. "I commend the speaker for taking the initiative,"

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Conventional wisdom in the Republican way of thinking would have had a sputtering populace outraged by the O'Bannon-Kernan tax increase plans. And there have been some conservative radio talk show conduits that reflected that. Conservative commentator Peter Rusthoven observed, "Did you think Walter Mondale's 1984 'I'll raise your taxes' acceptance speech was a powerful, irresistible summoning of the vox populi? What on earth makes you think legislator phones will be ringing off the hook with insistent raise taxes calls?"

**Democratic commentator** Sheila Kennedy (yes, she's changed parties), retorted, "Maybe people realize we are funding government on a tax structure that hasn't changed in close to 20 years" (actually, 1987 was the last year for a tax increase in Indiana with Gov. Robert Orr's A-Plus education program).

So the *Star/13* poll flew in the face of such broad conventional wisdom.

The big question at the Statehouse on Tuesday was whether the *Star/13* poll

could even be believed, which was a common lament from the right during President Clinton's impeachment trial in which he maintained high job approval ratings.

**Another was whether** the 57/19 percent was "personal" approval in a trusted public servant that would, as Garton believes, will disintegrate once people realize their taxes will go up. Or, could O'Bannon transfer that popularity into populist support for his deficit and tax restructuring plan?

The early betting with key people on the House Democratic staff and in the business community is that the Kernan tax restructuring plan as it stands right now is on its way to being toast. As one Democrat put it, "When was the last time you saw these people make a tough decision?"

An early clue might be found at the Sellersburg Airport this afternoon where O'Bannon goes to begin selling his plan to the public. Other clues will emerge when Ways and Means Chairman B. Patrick Bauer holds five out-state hearings on the Kernan plan beginning in New Albany next Tuesday. Stay tuned. ❖

# Time to work HPR's 2002 Top 50

It's becoming one of the most anticipated things we do - *HPR's 50 Most Influential* list.

Since 1999 we've asked HPR readers to get out a sheet of paper and a pen and come up with a list of those folks who have clout (and who use it). Using the 2001 list (below) as a starting point, help us fashion the 2002 list by subtracting some of these names (i.e. Jim Maguire) and adding others (for example, Bush speechwriter Mark Gerson).

Then e-mail it to HPR at:  
[brianhowey@howepolitics.com](mailto:brianhowey@howepolitics.com).

We'll announce the 2002 list in the Jan. 10 edition of HPR.

## 2001 HPR MOST INFLUENTIAL

1. Gov. Frank O'Bannon:
2. OMB Director Mitch Daniels
3. U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh
4. U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar
5. State Rep. Edmund Mahern
6. Speaker John Gregg
7. Sen. Robert Garton
8. U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer
9. Lee Hamilton
10. State Rep. B. Patrick Bauer
11. U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer
12. State Sen. Larry Borst
13. Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan
14. Budget Director Betty Cockrum
15. Chairman Robin Winston
16. Supt. Suellen Reed
17. Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson
18. U.S. Rep. Mark Souder
19. Marty Morris
20. DNC Chairman Joe Andrew
21. James Maguire
22. Tom Sugar
23. David McIntosh
24. Scott Jones
25. Mel and Herb Simon
26. State Rep. Susan Crosby
27. U.S. Rep. Julia Carson
28. Bloomington Mayor John Fernandez
29. Mike McDaniel
30. Ken Zeller

31. Pat Kiely
32. Stephen Goldsmith
33. U.S. Rep. Baron Hill
34. U.S. Rep. Dan Burton
35. U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky
36. Dan Coats
37. Gary Mayor Scott King
38. David Johnson
39. Jeff Smulyan
40. Butch Morgan
41. Judy O'Bannon
42. David Gogol
43. U.S. Rep. Mike Pence
44. IU President Myles Brand
45. U.S. Rep. John Hostettler
46. Evansville Mayor Russell Lloyd Jr.
47. Attorney General Steve Carter
48. Mary Downs
49. Steve Shine
50. U.S. Rep. Brian Kerns

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## HONORABLE MENTIONS:

State Rep. Brian Bosma  
Ed Treacy  
Stephen Stiglich  
State Sen. Murray Clark  
Phil Bainbridge  
Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy  
Jim Purucker  
Auditor Connie Nass  
Bob Grand  
Chris Sautter  
Fort Wayne Mayor Graham Richard  
George Van Til  
Shaw Friedman  
State Rep. Win Moses  
State Rep. Chet Dobis  
Prosecutor Scott Newman  
State Sen. Luke Kenley  
State Rep. Bill Crawford  
Michael K. Phillips  
State Sen. Steve Johnson  
Jerry Williams  
State Rep. Jeff Espich  
Bill Cook  
Steve Ferguson  
Clay Robbins. ❖

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Bosma said (John Masson, Indianapolis Star). "I personally might have taken a slightly different approach, but I think the speaker's response is really a reaction to the current state of laissez-faire on the security issue at state office buildings." But Gregg's counterpart in the Indiana Senate, President Pro Tem Robert Garton, R-Columbus, has been openly critical of the measures, saying they smack of elitism. He has said he doesn't plan to increase security in his chamber.

OLINGER SAYS HE WILL RUN FOR MAYOR IN FORT WAYNE: Jon Olinger, president of the Fort Wayne Community Schools board, said he is running for mayor in 2003. Previously, Olinger said he wouldn't run if his friend, City Councilman John Crawford, R-at large, made a bid for the administration (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette).

NUMBER OF PEOPLE USING FORT WAYNE FOOD BANK SKYROCKETS: The number of northeast Indiana residents Community Harvest Food Bank serves has jumped in the last four years from about 60,000 a month to an average of 54,206 a week, according to a study released last week. (Carey Checca, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). "The rise

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in the number of hungry Americans over the past four years is striking because it occurred even as the wealthiest nation in the world was emerging from one of the strongest economic climates in recent history," Robert H. Forney, president of America's Second Harvest, which conducted part of the study, said in a statement issued during a news conference.

**FORT WAYNE COUNCIL PASSES SEXUAL ORIENTATION ORDINANCE:** A last-minute majority of City Council members last week made Fort Wayne the largest Indiana city to include sexual orientation in anti-discrimination law (David Griner, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). After four months of debate on the issue, the council voted 6-3 in favor of a bill drafted by Councilman Tom Henry, D-3rd. Henry agreed to put off implementing the change until March 1, 2002, and to put it up for another council vote in mid-2003. "This is basically the right thing to do, but we need to take a hard look at it after a year," said Councilman Tom Hayhurst, D-4th, who offered the limited lifespan as a way to win over moderates like himself who had been lukewarm to the proposal. A week earlier, the council split 4-4 over adding sexual orientation, which is not included in state or federal bias law. The Greater

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# Mannweiler retires; 6 seats open

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

INDIANAPOLIS - The party pros in the legislature, the map makers, the power brokers and the lobbyists were getting their maps out Tuesday afternoon.

And it wasn't to check and see where Burns Harbor is. It was to check the new demographics on a series of legislative seats that will be opening up going into the 2002 legislative session.

The latest shoe to drop was that of Rep. Paul Mannweiler, the former House speaker in HD 87, who announced an hour before Organization Day was gavelled into session that he would resign.

Mannweiler follows State Reps. Bruce Munson, R-Muncie; Richard Bodiker, D-Richmond; Claire Leucke, D-Fowler, and Brent Steele, R-Bedford, as confirmed retirees in the making. Rep. Gloria Goeglein's death earlier this month brings the number of confirmed seat changes to six.

**Rep. Dean Mock**, R-Elkhart, told HPR he will decide whether to seek reelection between Christmas and New Years, with Elkhart Councilman Tim Neese already mounting a Republican primary campaign. Other possible retirements include Rep. Dale Sturtz, D-LaGrange, who like Mock has had health problems, and Rep. Dale Grubb, D-Covington, who was rumored to be taking a job with Indiana State University.

Of the confirmed seats, Republicans have a decent chance of picking up the Bodiker and Leucke seats with the Sturtz seat falling into that category should he retire. Democrats could be competitive for the Steele and Munson seats.

The Mock, Goeglein and Grubb seats could be expected to be relatively safe for the current parties. Former aide to Sen. Lugar Randy Borrer is seen as the likely choice for the Goeglein seat.

Former legislator John Ruckleshaus is seen as the leading contender to win the Mannweiler seat, although there was spec-

ulation that Washington Township Trustee Monte Combs might take a hard look.

New Castle school teacher and author Donnie Hamilton is expected to seek the Bodiker seat. Hamilton lost to State Rep. Tom Saunders by about 2,000 votes in HD54 in 1998.

The retirements were not unexpected. After redistricting, a number of legislators reassess their new districts and whether they want to work to meet new voters. If the number stays at six or even the speculated nine, that would be fewer than normal. In past cycles after redistricting, retirements have averaged around 10.

**As Mannweiler bowed** out during Tuesday's Organization Day, he was handed the gavel and the podium by current Speaker John Gregg. Mannweiler noted that probably not since the 1960s has either a current or former speaker voluntarily left the chamber without seeking another office.

Mannweiler recalled his first days in the House as a young man, hanging out with his brother, David, an Indianapolis News Statehouse reporter. Later he would become Gov. Doc Bowen's driver to Lincoln Day dinners, and would hang out during the day watching the legislature.

**Mannweiler had several** thoughts to leave with his colleagues. Recalling politics in Theodore Roosevelt's time, he said that politicians "stood for office" instead of running for it. "Teddy Roosevelt said you shouldn't stand for election unless you stand for something.

He said he admired Democratic speakers of the Mississippi and Texas Houses of Representatives, both of whom had the guts to appoint Republican committee chairs. "I think it would be a good step," he said, "but it would require all of you do allow your leadership to do it."

Mannweiler praised Gregg's "sense of humor" to relieve tension. And he parted by saying, "Don't be afraid to change or shake things up." ❖

# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

**Sylvia Smith**, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - Ten Democratic senators voted last week to take food out of the mouths of hungry children and pad the bank accounts of farmers who took billions of dollars from U.S. taxpayers in recent years. Sen. Richard Lugar asked the Agriculture Committee to spend an extra \$1 billion a year on food stamps, subsidized or free school meals and nutrition programs for pregnant women and newborns. He suggested taking that money from the pot set aside for subsidies paid when certain crop prices fall below a pre-set amount. But the party that prides itself as being champions of the underserved, the poor, the folks who sometimes can't squeak by on the paychecks from two menial jobs - these politicians with a D behind their names took a pass. They said an extra \$620 million a year will do the trick just fine for people who are just this side of needing welfare. By their vote, they said that adding more money to the nation's anti-hunger programs would steal money from an even needier group: commercial farmers and landowners. (Tipping their hats to the millionaire aggies, the Agriculture Committee even refused to put any caps on the amount of money a single person can get from federal farm programs. ) Oh, well, said chairman Sen. Tom Harkin. "We couldn't do everything." What is the matter with someone who isn't heartsick over this choice? ❖

**Lesley Stedman**, *Louisville Courier-Journal* - Gov. Frank O'Bannon called on Hoosiers last week to contact their legislators and ask for a tax increase -- actually a few of them. Permanent tax hikes on cigarettes and casinos. Temporary increases for homeowners and businesses. That may sound like a nutty request to some -- but not to O'Bannon. The Democrat from

Corydon -- in his second term as governor -- believes that the public would rather pay more to government than lose ground in vital areas such as schools and universities, programs that likely would suffer cuts, perhaps dramatic cuts, if the state did nothing. There is a note of desperation combined with frustration in his voice. He worries that the public, the legislature and the media won't take the state's fiscal problems seriously enough or will underestimate the seriousness of making cuts to existing programs. "I think those interested in the future growth of the state of Indiana, people interested in education, should talk to their legislators," O'Bannon said. ❖

**Stuart Rothenberg**, *Roll Call* - President Bush is enjoying job-approval ratings of 85 percent to 90 percent. But he hasn't shown much of a desire to mix it up with Congress to make sure that he gets his way on airline safety, energy or many other issues. Instead, Bush has generally stated his position and withdrawn from the fight, letting Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill try to iron out their differences. Is Bush missing the boat when it comes to using his influence to further his domestic agenda, or is he simply acknowledging the limits of his power at a time that cries out for national unity? For many GOP conservatives, the answer is obvious. They see a popular President who, unlike his predecessor, refuses to use his power. They regard him as too willing to negotiate and prepared to readily sacrifice his agenda to avoid a legislative confrontation. ❖

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Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce and even the leaders of the city's equal rights agency had opposed Henry's plan because of the lack of similar state legislation. Hayhurst did not announce his position on the ordinance until Tuesday night, and his proposed changes led Councilwoman Rebecca Ravine, R-at large, to swing her support to the measure. Another Republican voting for the measure was potential 2003 mayoral candidate John Crawford. Henry stayed out of most discussion Tuesday and paused only before voting to quote Martin Luther King Jr.: "It's always the right time to do the right thing."

**DENBO TO PUSH FRENCH LICK/WEST BADEN CASINO:** State Rep. Jerry Denbo plans to continue his crusade next year to bring a casino to French Lick, where gambling once contributed to a thriving tourism industry. Denbo describes his efforts as "simply fulfilling the original intent" of Indiana's 1993 riverboat-gambling law, which authorized a casino license at Patoka Lake, about 20 miles south of French Lick (Lesley Stedman, *Louisville Courier-Journal*). "It would not be an expansion of gambling," Denbo insists. "There was already legislation for a casino license in the area,

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and we would simply be moving that license so it could be used." Shortly after passage of the 1993 law, the Army Corps of Engineers ruled that Patoka Lake can't be the home of a floating casino. Since then, Denbo has been trying to move the unused license to French Lick, where he proposes to construct a waterway between the struggling French Lick Springs Resort and Spa and the West Baden Springs Resort, which is under restoration, to float the casino. "It is something we haven't given up on," State Sen. Lindel Hume, D-Princeton, said yesterday. "We're continuing to work on it and hopefully will get members of the Senate to take a little closer look at the French Lick and West Baden areas and recognize the need that's there." Orange County, where illegal gambling and natural spring water once filled the two grand hotels, now has the state's second-worst unemployment rate, 8 percent. The median household income is third-worst in the state.

**CAVEDA TO SEEK GOE-GLEIN'S SEAT:** Sheri Caveda has added her name to the list of Republicans seeking to be named to the balance of the late Rep. Gloria Goeglein's District 84 term. She is founder and executive director of the non-profit advocacy group

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**TRENDLINE:** How goes the war? Much better than it was on Nov. 9 - the last edition of HPR - when the Bush administration was under fire from the right for a "failed policy." That's good news for the Republicans, for now. The quicker this war wraps up in Afghanistan, the quicker we will see a domestic agenda coming back into play and many observers believe that will benefit Democratic Congressional candidates.

**Governor 2004: Republican:** David McIntosh, Sen. Murray Clark, Sen. Luke Kenley, Randall Tobias, Paul Helmke, Eric Miller. **Democrat:** Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan. **1996 Results:** O'Bannon (D) 1,075,342, Goldsmith (R) 997,505, Dillon (L) 35,261. **2000 Results:** O'Bannon (D) 1,230,345, McIntosh (R) 906,492, Horning (L) 38,686. **2004 Forecast:** *Indianapolis Star/WTHR* Poll showed that 24 percent of those polled approved of Joe Kernan's handling of tax restructuring, 14 percent disapproved and 62 percent had no opinion. **Sen. Clark** had a fundraiser earlier this month and raised \$140,000. Clark led the way in the Republican response to Gov. O'Bannon's deficit reduction plan, proposing a state spending cap. "We should not ask taxpayers for one more dime in additional taxes until we have cut the fat from the state budget and committed ourselves to stopping our runaway spending habits," Clark said. "While our economic woes have little to do with the September 11 attacks, our approach should be similarly bold and effective. Only Hoosier classrooms, community safety and other emergency areas should be spared; all others should be scrutinized for cuts. Additionally, we must reverse our current spending habits. The state budget has nearly doubled in the past decade, but yet the Governor tells us we're \$1 billion short. Therefore, today I introduced legislation that would control the growth of future state spending

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by limiting annual increases in state expenditures to the rate of inflation plus 1 percent. Any taxes collected in excess of that amount would be earmarked to curtail property taxes. In times of emergency, the bill allows the General Assembly to authorize spending that exceeds the expenditure limit through the adoption of a concurrent resolution. Enough is enough." **Sen. Kenley** unveiled his gubernatorial campaign website last week - [www.lukekenley.org](http://www.lukekenley.org). Allen County Republicans welcomed Indiana Treasurer **Tim Berry** back home for his 2002 re-election announcement last week, and several used it as a chance to float the Fort Wayne native as a contender for governor in 2004. Republican Chairman Steve Shine introduced Berry as "potentially our new governor" and made references to having him back in town to announce his gubernatorial bid. Berry played down the hopes that this hometown boy might do even better. "State treasurer is the focus today," Berry said (David Griner and Niki Kelly, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). "If the party were to approach me about another office, I would be receptive." Supporters of **Eric Miller** said he drew 750 people to a campaign event last month in Hendricks County, though his campaign doesn't appear to be interested in communicating with the news media. **Status:** *Leans D.*

**Secretary of State 2002: Republican:** Kent Benson, Mike Delph, Deputy Secretary of State Todd Rokita, Richard Mourdock, Dr. John McGoff. **Democrat:** Bloomington Mayor John Fernandez. **Libertarian:** Paul Hager. **1994 Results:** Gilroy (R) 902,100, Jeffers (D) 542,539, Dillon (L) 32,483, Knight (A) 13,948. **1998 Results:** Gilroy 828,557, Little (D) 652,565, Dillon (L) 51,775. **2002 Forecast:** Former Indiana University basketball All-American is expected to enter this race later this month. Indiana Republican Chairman Mike McDaniel confirmed he has had a conversation with Benson about a secretary of state run. Benson has also been at party events in Terre Haute and Henry County in recent days meeting with party officials. At least one rival secretary of state campaign began circulating information about a 1999 bankruptcy involving a "Michael Kent Benson." "Watch for an announcement one way or another before the end of November," said Kim West, field director for the Hoosier Project. Hoosier Project includes Benson, President; Jeff Canada, Executive Director; Brad Winters,

Field Representative/Events Coordinator; Kim West, Field Representative/Communications Director; and Gloria Canada, Administrative Director Jim Banks, Research Director. Former Indiana Gov. Robert Orr has pledged his support for **Richard Mourdock's** candidacy for Indiana's secretary of state. "Richard Mourdock is the most qualified candidate to lead our primary ticket in 2002," Orr said in a press release (Susan Taylor, *Evansville Courier & Press*). "I'm delighted to have a man of Bob Orr's stature serving as my honorary chairman," Mourdock said. McGoff had planned a six-day tour to kick off his campaign in 92 counties. "I was overwhelmed at the amount of interest and energy that was generated by the idea of a week-long, 92 county announcement tour," McGoff said in a statement released by his campaign. That release added that in the first 61 counties of the tour, he was interviewed in 37 different media outlets. "Dr. McGoff has received more earned media in just the last five days, than all of the other candidates in their entire campaigns, combined," the campaign said. "I am the only candidate who has proven that he can generate the earned media and raise enough funds to purchase paid media that will be necessary for the Republican Party to keep the secretary of state's office," said Dr. McGoff. Fernandez is featured as the New Democrat of the Week on the New Democrat Network website: [www.ndol.org](http://www.ndol.org). It highlights his interest in civic education, which he'll likely focus on some during the campaign. **Status:** *Tossup*.

**Congressional District 2: Republican:** Chris Chocola. **Democrat:** Jill Long Thompson, Mark Meissner, State Sen. William Alexa, Kathy Cekanski Farrand. **Geography:** South Bend, Michigan City, Mishawaka, Elkhart, Kokomo, Plymouth, Logansport; LaPorte, St. Joseph, Starke, Marshall, Pulaski, Fulton, Cass, Carroll and parts of Howard, Porter, Elkhart and White counties. **Media Market:** South Bend-Elkhart, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Chicago. **2000 Result:** Roemer (D) 107,076, Chocola (R) 98,367. **2002 Forecast:** Former U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh will stump for JLT in Michigan City, South Bend, Elkhart and Kokomo on Friday in a whirlwind tour. Thompson expects the Bayh appearances to energize her support. **Status:** *Leans JLT*.

**Congressional District 4: Republican:** U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, U.S. Rep. Brian Kerns, State Sen. Mike Young. **Democrat:** Open. **Geography:** Tippecanoe, Clinton, Boone, Montgomery, Hendricks, Morgan, Lawrence and parts of Marion, Johnson, Monroe, Fountain and White counties. **Media Market:** Lafayette, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Evansville, Louisville. **2000 Results:** Old 5th CD: Buyer (R) 132,035, Goodnight (D) 81,423; Old 7th CD: Kerns 131,562, Graf (D) 65,174. **2002 Forecast:** Kerns travels to the Middle East to "build support for the war against terrorism." The freshman congressman will visit Lebanon, Syria, Israel and Egypt. **Status:** *Leans Buyer*.

**Congressional District 6: Republican:** U.S. Rep. Mike Pence. **Democrat:** Melina Ann Fox. **Geography:** Anderson, Muncie, Richmond; Wells, Adams, Blackford, Jay, Madison, Delaware, Randolph, Henry, Wayne, Rush, Fayette, Union, Decatur, Franklin, and parts of Bartholomew, Shelby, Johnson and Allen counties. **Media Market:** Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Dayton, Cincinnati. **2000 results:** Pence (R) 106,023, Rock (D) 80,885, Frazier (I) 19,070. **2002 Forecast:** Pence announced that his district offices have not tested position for anthrax spores. **Status:** *Leans R*.

**Congressional District 7: Republican:** Brose McVey. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Julia Carson. **Geography:** Indianapolis. **Media Market:** Indianapolis. **2000 Results:** Carson (D) 91,300, Scott (R) 61,818, Ali (L) 2,513. **2002 Forecast:** McVey outlined a comprehensive jobs plan designed to shore up the sagging economy, assist those hit by job layoffs and help pay for improved security measures. Appearing at the Indianapolis International Airport, McVey called on Congress to act before the Thanksgiving holiday recess. "Our economy absorbed a major blow on September 11. Congress must act immediately to protect and create jobs, and help the folks hardest hit by layoffs. The partisan bickering in Washington must end," said McVey in outlining his plan. "I've developed a plan that balances the needs of those who are hurting with the need to stimulate new jobs, and I've asked our Congressional delegation to consider my ideas as they work to pass a bill." The McVey plan includes: Extending federal unemployment benefits by 13 weeks at their current level with an estimated cost of \$14.3 billion; reduce the tax on capital gains from 10 to 8 percent and from 20 to 18 percent,

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United Voice. Allen County GOP Chairman Steve Shine said three others have indicated they would seek the appointment, but Caveda, 52, is the only one to formally file (Fort Wayne News-Sentinel). Republican insiders said a front-runner is Liberty Construction executive Randy Borrer, but the political newcomer will face some tough competition in winning the favor of GOP precinct committee members (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). John Becker, who won one stint in the Statehouse from 1994 to 1996, also has filed for the opening in the 84th District, where he moved in 1999. The other two caucus contenders who had announced by the end of the week were Sheri Caveda, executive director of the disability-oriented non-profit United Voice, and Jeff Laymon, co-chair of Fort Wayne's Northeast Area Partnership. Some Republicans had tried to talk Goeglein's husband, Leonard, into completing his wife's two-year term. But Allen County GOP Chairman Steve Shine said Leonard Goeglein, who was constantly at his wife's side in recent years, is not interested. ([http://web.newssentinel.com/content/fwnews/2001/11/09/metro/a09r\\_caveda\\_pg3a.htm](http://web.newssentinel.com/content/fwnews/2001/11/09/metro/a09r_caveda_pg3a.htm))

'KING OF STEELTOWN'  
SCREENING SET FOR NOV.

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# TICKER T A P E

27 IN INDIANAPOLIS: The Indiana Film Commission and the Indiana Historical Society are cosponsoring an Indianapolis screening of Chris Sautter's film "The King of Steeltown" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 27 at the Indiana Historical Society Theater, 450 West Ohio Street (For tickets & more information call 317-232-1882). The film is based on the 1999 mayoral primary campaign between East Chicago Mayor Bob Pastrick and Lake County Democratic Chairman Stephen Stiglich. Sautter served as a campaign consultant for Pastrick. The film has been honored at several film festivals. The film won "Best Political Documentary" at the New York International Independent Film Festival 2001. It has also earned excellent reviews. LA Weekly called it a "definite standout," adding that "Sautter has a finely honed feel for the fading machinery of old school party politics." Columnist Army Archerd gave it a favorable mention in Variety and Campaigns & Elections magazine did a feature article on it in the October issue.



effective for the 2001 tax year; and increase the deduction for capital losses from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per person in 2001, and \$5,000 in 2002 with an estimated cost of \$12.3 billion; under the "Reed Act" require an immediate distribution to all states their share of the FUTA federal trust fund surplus (Indiana's share of that total would be \$155.9 million over the next three years, would add solvency to the Indiana unemployment benefit trust fund and directly benefit Hoosiers who lose their jobs); establish new "Security Construction Block Grants" and immediately distribute \$5 billion to states to support construction projects designed to enhance the security of public facilities, such as airports, water and energy utilities, and public meeting places; temporarily expand and fund an additional \$3 billion in National Emergency Grants (NEG), which will give states funds to support job training and placement, health care costs for the unemployed and other costs; eliminate the so-called "temporary surtax" on wages and salaries, which represents 25 percent (0.2 of the total 0.8 percent) of the current federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) tax rate assessed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA); repeal the federal corporate alternative minimum tax with an estimated cost of \$25 billion; and extend for an additional year the "Welfare to Work" and "Work Opportunity" tax credits that encourage employers to hire workers transitioning from welfare and eight other targeted groups. These credits are due to expire at the end of this calendar year. Estimated cost: \$119 million. **Status:** *Leans D.*

# HORSE R A C E

**Congressional District 8: Republican:** U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:**

Bryan Hartke. **Geography:** Evansville, Terre Haute, Greencastle; Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Gibson, Pike, Martin, Daviess, Knox, Sullivan, Greene, Owen, Clay, Vigo, Vermillion, Parke, Putnam, Warren and part of Fountain counties. **Media Market:** Evansville, Terre Haute, Indianapolis. Lafayette. **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 Results:** Hostettler 116,860, Perry (D) 100,461. **2002 Forecast:** Hartke appears to be the only Democrat preparing to enter this race. **Status:** *Likely Hostettler.*

**Congressional District 9: Republican:** Mike Sodrel, Jeff Ellington. **Democrat:**

U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. **Geography:** Bloomington, Columbus, Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, New Albany Jeffersonville, Madison, Nashville; Spencer, DuBois, Orange, Crawford, Perry, Harrison, Washington, Jackson, Brown, Jennings, Scott, Floyd, Clark, Jefferson, Switzerland, Ripley, Ohio, and parts of Dearborn and Monroe counties. **Media Market:** Evansville, Indianapolis, Louisville, Dayton, Cincinnati. **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 Results:** Hill 125,978, Bailey (R) 101,790, Chambers (L) 4,634. **2002 Forecast:** Monroe County Councilman Jeff Ellington has formed an exploratory committee for a probable challenge to U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. Ellington said he already has been visiting Republican county chairmen and other GOP officials across the new 9th, which sprawls from Monroe County in the northwest all the way to the Ohio state line and the Ohio River. "They're good, conservative, rural Indiana citizens," Ellington said of the district's Republicans and predominantly moderate to conservative Democrats (Kurt van Der Dussen, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). As for his own soundings, he said "the reception has been very positive," with GOP officials welcoming the possibility of a candidacy by somebody with local government experience. Ellington defeated Stat Rep. Jerry Bales in the 1998 Republican primary before losing to State Rep. Peggy Welch. Republican Mike Sodrel has announced his intentions to run in the 9th CD. **Status:** *Leans D.*

- Brian A. Howey ❖