



## Dems in '08: Three to get ready?

*Need one for the money, and two for the show*

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

INDIANAPOLIS - As was the case for a time in 1987 and again in 2003, there is a strong likelihood that multiple Democrats will be jockeying for the next gubernatorial nomination in 2008.

But sometime this summer, depending on reviews from party regulars and a proven ability to raise money, there will be some pressure to coalesce around one of the three or four candidates in the field that includes personalities with Congressional/cabinet, legislative and business experience.

Jim Schellinger, CEO of CSO SchenkelShultz, is crisscrossing the state this week, huddling with Democrats from Lake to Ohio counties. In Washington, former congresswoman Jill Long Thompson is weighing a potential candidacy. Senate Minority Leader Richard Young is the only declared candidate. State Sen. Vi Simpson was going over her options last weekend, though key allies continue to suggest she will likely not make this



Three Democrats (from left) Jill Long Thompson, Sen. Richard Young and Jim Schellinger are likely to comprise the Democratic gubernatorial field for the next several months. (HPR Photos)



race. And there is also former House Speaker John Gregg mulling his options.

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## Giuliani's Midwest debut

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

INDIANAPOLIS - "America's Mayor" - Rudolph Giuliani - came to town Wednesday. Upon introduction by Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi before a group of Republicans, Giuliani used a raspy, whispering mob voice.



"Thank you all for having me here," he began in a way Joe Pesci might have sounded in **Good Fellas**. "You think it's funny I talk like that?"

Giuliani smiled and apologized. "I don't usually talk like that. I listened to over 4,000 hours of men on tape talking that way. I used to wire them up, they'd go in for the conversation, and then they would go in and have the conversation



"I don't believe so."

- U.S. Rep, Mike Pence after CNN's Wolf Blitzer asked him if he would run for president in 2008.

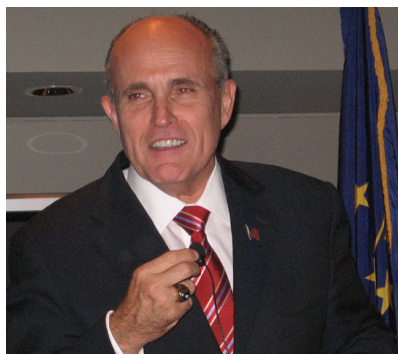


with all these Mafia members. Then they would bring the tapes back to the U.S. Attorneys Office. You'd expect all this kind of colorful conversation, but they'd talk about the same things everybody talks about, politics and sports. You'd be falling asleep out of total boredom and then one would say, 'Hey, I think tomorrow night is the night we've got to whack Rocco.'"

**Giuliani, who is** the leading Republican presidential candidate in most polls, took on the mob and turned the violent and seedy New York City into an American jewel.

"I'm running for president because of the big challenge we face in terrorism," he said. "Sometimes it's not described properly. It's described as the 'War on Terror,' as if it's our war against them. It's their war against us. They are planning to come here and kill us. But we're on offense against them. If we go back the way we used to be, if we go back on defense, we're going to be in serious jeopardy."

**I asked Giuliani** if the U.S. was involved in a world war. "We're in a world war in the sense that the people who are planning to kill us are in different parts of the world," Giuliani began. "It is not a world war in the scope of the first or second world wars, because we're not in a war with adversaries with tremendous power, who have armies equal to ours, economies anywhere near our economy. You could call it a 'World Guerrilla War.' I think the better analogy for us if we want a comparison to our history and we want to do it right is the Cold War, where the physical part of this war is a small part, meaning, we have the engagement, we have their attack in '93, we have the attack on our military, we had the (USS) Cole we didn't



**Rudolph Giuliani and at Obsidian in Indianapolis Wednesday evening.**  
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respond to, we had the attack on the World Trade Center, we had the attack in England, and we've engaged in Afghanistan and Iraq. The casualties are heartbreaking and they're terrible, but they amount to the casualties in one battle in the Civil War. The point is this

is a big psychological war."

Giuliani said the reason he's seeking the presidency is "the country needs a different spirit. We're a very strong country. We've got great strengths. I think we need to go beyond that, take a good look at ourselves, and say the following to ourselves: We're the luckiest people in the world; nobody luckier in the history of the world.

Nobody has had more wealth, more people coming out of poverty, more freedom, more of an opportunity to do good than Americans in the beginning of this century. If we can't get it right, nobody can."

As for Iraq, he said he would have taken out Saddam in 2003, just as President Bush did. "Saddam was a large pillar of support for world terrorism," Giuliani said. "The way to deconstruct world terrorism is if you take away its support."

Nine days after his city was

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attacked, Giuliani said, "President Bush turned around the ship of state, which was playing defense against terrorists and he got us playing offense against terrorists and attacking them in Afghanistan, attacking them in Iraq, passing the Patriot Act." He said Bush "took a lot of grief" but added, "I believe it has made us safe for the past four or five years."

Pulling out of Iraq now, he said, would be a catastrophe, leading to "genocide" as the Shiites would slaughter the Sunnis, with the conflict growing into a regional war as Sunnis from Saudi Arabia, Jordan and other southern gulf nations would take up arms.

**"I might have made** the same mistakes he (President Bush) made," Giuliani said. "Lincoln made an enormous amount of mistakes. You learn from mistakes. We had too few troops, not for the invasion, but for the occupation. We had too few troops by 150,000. We never internalized our mission on nation building" for fear of looking "imperialistic."

"Here's what I would do now," Giuliani said. "Now we're doing what we should be doing. Pacify the areas; we should do a better job of holding them. We should do a third thing. We should get the country working again. Get the unemployment down from 60 to 30 percent and maybe this thing can work. I'll try and make it work because the price of leaving is horrendous." ❖





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Schellinger is making the most conspicuous impression this week. "I was impressed with him," said 1st CD Chairman Leon West after Schellinger met with him and six Northwest Indiana Democrats. "We spent a good hour and a half with him. He is the type of person I could support. We appreciate the fact that he spent 23 years in South Bend and 23 years in Indianapolis. He knows about our area and he seems to get along with everybody."

While Schellinger was coursing through the state this past week, Jill Long Thompson has been working the phones and will be making the rounds next week. "I've been getting a very good reception," Thompson said Wednesday. "Even more than I had anticipated. I started making the calls two weeks ago after Mayor Peterson announced he wouldn't run. I've been talking to folks in the party structure, with elected officials. It's been a positive reaction."

Thompson, who works for the National Center for Food and Agriculture Policy in Washington, said that if she decides to move forward, "I will have the support of a number of prominent Democrats."

She spends most of her weekends on the family farm near Argos. If the decision is a go, she intends to return to Indiana to campaign full time by this summer.

In the 2nd CD, Democratic Chairman Butch Morgan said that the momentum is with Schellinger. "I think he has all the ingredients," Morgan said. "He's picking up some good early support."

## ***A neutral Democratic Party?***

During a national governors conference last week at the Democratic reception, Indiana Democratic Chairman Dan Parker escorted Schellinger, making acquaintances. Gregg told HPR, "While Dan Parker was shuttling Schellinger around, wasn't it interesting that John Gregg was there working the crowd too?"

While the Indiana Democratic Party is signalling



State Sen. Vi Simpson, greeting former First Lady Judy O'Bannon in October 2004, was mulling her options and is expected to make a definitive statement about the 2008 governor's race in the next few weeks. Key allies doubt she will seek the nomination. Judy O'Bannon is chairing Sen. Richard Young's gubernatorial campaign. Also pictured are Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson, who triggered the current gubernatorial activity when he said he wouldn't run, and John Gregg, who is weighing his options. Both Simpson and Gregg are seen as likely "short list" lieutenant governor candidates if they don't run for governor. (HPR Photo by Brian A. Howey)

official neutrality, party Communications Director Jennifer Wagner sent out a Feb. 23 press release defending Schellinger, whose company was incorrectly linked in a **Post-Tribune** article to construction of the Porter County Jail, scene of several breakouts. "Indiana Democrats today called on Porter County Republicans to apologize for wrongly linking Indiana architect Jim Schellinger to a local jail project in today's edition of the Gary Post-Tribune," the release stated. "The Republicans launched out of the gate with incorrect information trying to smear the integrity of an Indiana businessman," Parker said. "You can almost hear them slapping each other on the back

for landing a blow. It's too bad they didn't bother to get their facts straight, but it's not really a surprise."

It was the first time in memory that a state party intervened on behalf of a gubernatorial candidate in what appears to be a contested primary.

Schellinger's company also sent out a press release noting the incorrect newspaper article.

Long Thompson wasn't concerned. "They would do that for me," she said. "I trust Dan Parker, Evan Bayh and Tom Sugar completely."

## ***Chairmen react to Schellinger***

Down in southeastern Indiana, 9th CD Chairman Mike Jones met with Schellinger on Tuesday. "I was impressed with the guy," Jones said. "I see a lot of similarities with Mitch Daniels. He brings something to the table similar to John Hillenbrand."

That was in reference to the 1980 nominee, the last time Indiana Democrats reached to the business community for a candidate. Hillenbrand lost to Lt. Gov. Bob Orr.

And then there is former congresswoman Jill Long Thompson. "Jill has been getting encouragement from numerous people throughout the state to consider running for governor for some time, but decided to wait until Bart Peterson sent a clear signal of his intentions," said Chris Sautter, a Washington-based consultant who worked



with Long on her 2002 challenge to then-U.S. Rep. Chris Chocola. "She started making calls once Mayor Peterson announced he would not be a candidate. She tells me her calls to Democrats throughout the state have been very encouraging."

Sautter said, "She has spoken to party regulars, supporters, labor leaders, and other Democratic activists. It has been almost unanimous that she would run a strong, competitive race against Mitch Daniels. Jill is tough, smart, and an excellent campaigner. I think she alone among those mentioned would have the ability to raise significant money outside of Indiana. She has been told the state party and Sen. Evan Bayh are remaining neutral so long as there is a potential primary. My opinion is she would win a primary if one is necessary."

West said he is scheduled to meet with Thompson next week. Jones, who served on the Democratic Central Committee in 1988 when Jill Long was chosen to run against U.S. Sen. Dan Quayle, is also anticipating a sit-down with Thompson. "Jill Long has been in Congress," Jones said. "She was an under-cabinet secretary. She brings a lot to the table."

Morgan said he told Long Thompson that she couldn't expect "much traction."

"I don't know where she's figuring to get a base of support," said Morgan, who said he helped Long Thompson secure the 2002 congressional nomination over Bill Alexa. "I told her I gave her every ounce of support and money to her effort in 2002. But she didn't pay attention to the locals. After the primary, she stopped listening."

Long Thompson said she started the 2002 race against Chocola 20 percent down, went up 9 percent in October, before the political winds (including the 2002 Iraq War Resolution vote), two visits from President Bush, one from Vice President Cheney and House Majority Leader Tom DeLay turned the tide for Chocola. "We ran a very good campaign and were about to do so with the support of people like the district chair," she said.

Long Thompson brings an interesting history to this level of politics. In 1996, she was on the short list to be Frank O'Bannon's running mate. "She was under consideration," said O'Bannon's campaign manager, Tom New.

According to Andrew Stoner's book "**Legacy of a Governor,**" South Bend Mayor Joe Kernan was Frank and Judy O'Bannon's early choice, but Kernan told O'Bannon emissary Bob Kovach that he wasn't interested. During this flirtation with Kernan, Jill Long appeared to be on the short list. The May 22, 1996, edition of HPR listed her along with Kernan, John Walda and Tom DiGuilio as possible running

mates. After Kernan got the nod, Fred Nation, press secretary to Gov. Bayh, told HPR that Long was "closer than most people think" to landing the job.

Complicating matters for Jill Long Thompson during that period was the fact that she had just been confirmed by the U.S. Senate for her under-secretary position in the Department of Agriculture.

At a dinner at Aesop's Tables in May 1996, Kernan told O'Bannon he wasn't interested and "had no ambition for it." But by the end of the dinner, Kernan told O'Bannon, "Governor, you know where I stand on this. But if you ask me to run, I will."

### A healthy primary?

The 9th CD's Chairman Jones is one Hoosier

Democrat who isn't convinced that a Bayh/O'Bannon style deal is needed or necessary. The concern in 1988 when O'Bannon agreed to join the ticket with Evan Bayh was that it would save resources needed to defeat Lt. Gov. John Mutz and the then nationally renowned Indiana Republican machine that had delivered five consecutive gubernatorial victories.

"I think what will happen is these candidates will do their thing," Jones said. "They will spend some time going through the process of raising money and talking with people. I'm not one who thinks contested primaries are necessarily bad. It can be healthy for the party to have that kind of dialogue, talking, raising money and meeting with local

Democrats. Someone will come to the top. At that point, that narrows down the field."

Thompson predicted the 2008 challenge to Gov. Daniels "will be a very tough race." But, she said, "There are issues we can run on where people are not happy with the type of leadership." She mentioned the toll road issue and privatization, which she said is akin to "selling a significant part of our infrastructure."

She pointed to how privatized government function has led to "significant failure," pointing to the Walter Reed Medical Center scandal as an example. "Our governor had a role to play in the estimation of the cost of the Iraq War," Thompson said. "Those estimates are way off. There is a need for a very different type of leadership."

Jones also cautioned fellow Democrats not to dismiss any of the candidates mentioned. "Richard Young is someone easy to underestimate," Jones said. "To think that a county auditor from Milltown of all places would end up in Frank O'Bannon's Senate seat was amazing."

Nor should they underestimate Gov. Daniels. "In 2004, Mitch Daniels ran a heck of a campaign," Jones said. "We can't start out in May 2008 at ground zero." ❖



Jill Long Thompson with former State Sen. Bob Peterson. (HPR Photo)





## As expected, this session it's Daniels vs. Bauer

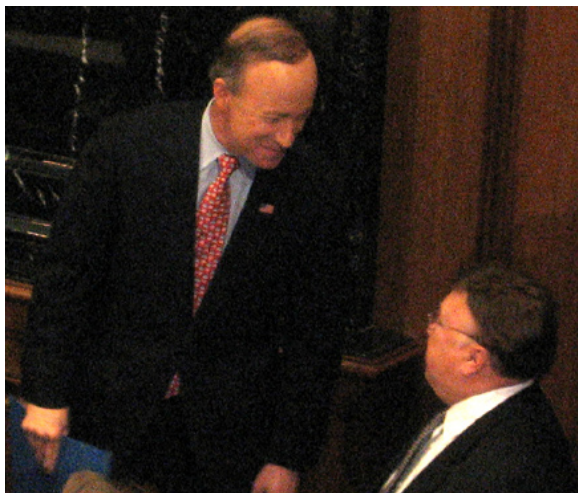
By **LARRY BORST**

INDIANAPOLIS - November's predictions are holding true; any focus on the 2007 session of the Indiana General Assembly is being completely dominated by Gov. Daniels versus Speaker Bauer. Bauer, true to form, loves to counter-jab the governor's statements. His responses are short, concise, somewhat outrageous and always printable. No matter how hard Gov. Daniels attempts to make a new friend, Bauer slips, slides, and ducks.

**The end game** for this legislative session is still the same. Those that have carefully listened to the Speaker noted that he promised a "bi-partisan budget" and was most interested in "fully funding the school formula." Bauer was never interested in using the 2005-07 school distribution formula, he was referring to "fully funding the complexity index" formula. The "complexity index" has now given way to the "simplicity index" formula. To understand this last decision, one only needs to compare the three formulas as to how each ends up treating the South Bend school system.

Gov. Daniels made the first offer as to appropriations on school funding and, in so doing, knowingly or unknowingly establish the minimum floor. The House went the other way and the legislature will end up somewhere between those two figures. Establishing the amount of funding for schools may be the easy thing to do. Speaker Bauer has always been more interested in how these monies are distributed.

**The Senate, as was the** case in 2005 and 2006, will be virtually ignored in the sparring between the governor and speaker. The Senate will be expected to stop much of the anti-administration legislation emanating from the House. If the governor is serious about such things as the lottery farm-out, connector toll roads, property tax relief, health insurance for some of the poor, and even full-day kindergarten, he will have to work out the successful



Gov. Mitch Daniels (left) with Speaker B. Patrick Bauer. (HPR Photo)

passages of these items with the Speaker.

Pro-Tem David Long will do fine. He promised to hear all bills, and will just do that. The majority caucus desired "management" rather than strong "leadership" and this is what Sen. Long will provide.

Sen. Long has not had to experience the "crises" that he will encounter later on in the session. He has been, and will continue to be fair with the minority caucus and with the various philosophies within his own caucus.

**The legislature, along** with the philosophy of the governor, has painted itself into a corner these last two legislative sessions in reference to property tax relief and control. Even knowing that significant increases in state-wide property taxes could occur because of trending and the elimination of the tax on inventories, the legislature and the governor then capped property tax replacements credits, allowed cities to pass budgets well over the stated maximum levy, funded school general fund increases with local property tax monies, and appropriated \$100M for a one time 5 percent property tax decrease in 2006. These built-in increases will not be easy to reverse.

Sen. Luke Kenley may or may not be dealing with a House bill that was mostly written by the speaker. Bauer will not touch the 2 percent of assessed value cap that Kenley wrote last year. He will allow Sen. Kenley to change

that legislation or assume all of the blame when the 2010 provisions go into full effect. Sen. Kenley may be able to make some headway with property tax control during this session with his own ideas. Without the governor's 100 percent effort only Band-Aid's will be applied.

**Sen. Meeks** will try his darndest to bring HB 1001 into some semblance of what the governor does want. Medicaid and prisons will be funded by reducing some of the excessive House suggestions. The governor should also end up with a "truly" balanced budget, less of a surplus than he wants, and possibly funding of FDK. FDK will only happen if all of Bauer's other "wants" are met.

Some other parts of the governor's program will make good topics for interim study committees throughout the summer.

One bright note for the governor, his veterans' package should be implemented. ❖

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## A Republican chairman pushes innovation

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

FORT WAYNE - The last place you might expect to find the push for innovation in government would be in the confines of a political party.

But Allen County Republican Chairman Steve Shine, unanimously re-elected last Saturday, did just that during his State of the Party address.

"This year, we sent county government a new wave of strong, competent leaders whose talents belong at the top of the private sector ladder, but whose hearts are rooted in public service," said Shine. "Republicans like Bill Brown, John McGauley, Lori Hammons, Brian Yoh and so many others believe that government can be faster, better and so much more innovative.

"In a way, I think it's a shame that we expect so little from government that we stand up and cheer for candidates who suggest that it should be as easy to apply for a permit as it is to order the next Harry Potter novel from Amazon.com. So how do we change that? How do we make the extraordinary part of our everyday modus operandi? We do it by pledging ourselves, our candidates and our elected officials to quality above all else. The private sector does it without a second thought...so should government. I call this the Allen County Republican Party's 'Commitment to Innovation' pledge."

Shine said that each May, following the Republican primary, "I will ask our nominees to sign a pledge that states their dedication to wiping out 'good enough' as an acceptable way of running government. I will ask them to, instead, pledge, wherever possible, to implement the best practices, technology and innovative tools to make government serve you with the efficiency and flexibility you have come to expect from the private sector. I will ask our incumbent officeholders to take the same pledge, and we will list those who have done so on allencountygop.com."

Shine said those candidates will pledge to throw out the old standard that government is reactive. "They will declare their allegiance to the idea that government – OUR government – can lead the way and set new standards for quality," he said.

Over the past several years, government innovation has been controversial here, particularly after the Fort Wayne and Allen County Councils voted unanimously to study consolidating their governments. Allen County Commissioner Nelson Peters, a candidate for mayor, is open to pursuing consolidation. His opponent, Matt Kelty, is opposed to wholesale changes.

Shine's unanimous election was vindication for him after his divorce proceedings triggered headlines and an investigation from a special prosecutor, St. Joseph County Prosecutor Michael Dvorak, a former Democratic legislator. Dvorak cleared Shine of any wrongdoing.

In other party chairman elections:

**DEKALB COUNTY:** This one had everyone scratching their heads from Auburn to the Indiana Republican HQ. Everyone was expecting Chairman Dean Kruse, brother to State Sen. Dennis Kruse, to seek another term. But on Saturday, only former sheriff Jay Oberholtzer had filed.

**LAKE COUNTY:** Chairman John Curley fended off a challenge from former congressional nominee Mark Leyva, who said he wanted to promote a "vision and a plan" (**Times of Northwest Indiana**). "We came together by the end of the caucus," Curley said. "Everyone had input and we're going forward."

**FLOYD COUNTY:** Republican leaders unanimously chose David Matthews to replace James Hancock as party chairman at a meeting Saturday

(**New-Tribune**). "We've got a full plate," Matthews said. "We're looking forward to a good campaign season through November for our Republican candidates."

**GRANT COUNTY:** Jerry Shull was elected chairman after Dan Glickfield Jr. stepped aside.

**VIGO COUNTY:** William Treadway was elected GOP chairman, easily defeating Jack Shipman and Robert Flott.

**WAYNE COUNTY:** Jeff Cappa was elected Republican chairman, replacing Jeff Plasterer.

**WHITLEY COUNTY:** Jim Banks, who just established a political consulting agency, The Wabash Group, in Columbia City, was elected Republican chairman. Banks is a former aide to U.S. Rep. John Hostettler.



Allen County Republican Chairman Steve Shine pledges his party to government innovation during his State of the Party address last Saturday. (Fort Wayne Observed Photo)





## Handicapping the mayoral primary battles commences

**TRENDLINE:** HPR will be handicapping key mayoral primary races between now and the May 8 primary.

**Carmel:** Republican: Mayor James Brainard, John Koven. **2003 Republican Primary Results:** Brainard 5,067, Wilson 1,707, Snyder 1,034. **2007 Forecast:** During his run for re-election in 2003, Mayor Brainard raised more than \$264,000. In 2006, Brainard exceeded that amount, raising more than \$315,000 during a non-election year. Can John Koven do the same? Brainard's challenger in the Republican primary said he thinks he'll need to raise \$150,000 to run an effective campaign. "I'm going to have a very large grassroots campaign," Koven said. "The amount of money the mayor has does not intimidate me at all." **Primary Status:** Likely Brainard

**Crown Point:** Republican: Mayor Dan Klein, Gayle Van Session; Democrat Dan Jordan, Karin Mason, David Uran. **2003 Republican Primary Results:** Klein 1,447, Van Session 1,157, Roth 760. **2003 General Results:** Klein (R) 4,289. Isailovich (D) 2,158. **2007 Forecast:** While a good portion of the party activists will likely side with Van Session, the executive director of the local Chamber of Commerce, there doesn't appear to be evidence of widespread anger at Klein, though that could change over the next eight weeks. Post-Tribune's Rich James gave his odds: 2-1 -- Gayle Van Sessen: The director of the city Chamber of Commerce has been training for four years. Got tripped up in a crowded field in 2003, but shouldn't have any trouble sticking with the lead horse this time. 3-1 -- Mayor Dan Klein: Came from the back four years ago as he drove around two fillies, stunning the oddsmakers. Has stumbled down the stretch, angering some of the city's stable workers. He'll need to offer a carrot to police officers and firefighters if he hopes to win a photo finish. **Primary Status:** TOSSUP.

**East Chicago:** Democrat Mayor George Pabey, Councilman Anthony Copeland, Edward Williams, Alicia Lopez-Rodriguez. **2003 Democratic Primary Results:** Pastrick 4,083, Pabey 3,805, Randolph 2,289. **2003 General Results:** Pastrick (D) 3,571. Santos (R) 1,027. **2004 Special Democratic Primary:** Pabey 6,697, Pastrick 3,514, Randolph 140. **2004 Special General Results:** Pabey 5013, Santos (R) 417. **2007 Forecast:** Post-Tribune's Rich James' odds: 3 -1 -- Mayor George Pabey: Should pull

away from a crowded field, despite carrying extra weight. 6-1 -- Councilman Anthony Copeland: Would have a chance going head to head with Pabey. 10-1 -- Edward Williams: He may be a little too flashy for this blue-collar town. 0-1 -- Alicia Lopez-Rodriguez: Even having two Spanish surnames won't help this filly who left the Pabey stable. **Primary Status:** LIKELY PABEY.

**Elkhart:** Democrat: Councilman Arvis Dawson, Dick Moore. Republican: Councilman Jim Pettit, Neil Herman, Martin McCloskey. **2003 General Results:** Miller (R) 4,730, Perron (D) 3,533. **2007 Forecast:** The key question for Democrats is whether former fire chief Moore will be politically hurt by his association with former Mayor Jim Perron. Dawson has been on the council since the 1970s and got great publicity by his prominent role with Indiana Black Expo last year when President Bush visited. **Primary Status:** LEANS DAWSON; LEANS PETTIT.

**Fort Wayne:** Republican: Allen County Commissioner Nelson Peters, Matthew Kelty, Ivan Hood, Wilbert "Duke" Brown. Democrat: Tom Henry, Fred Steinke, Tom Cook. **2003 Results:** Richard (D) 27,251, Buskirk (R) 19,701. **2007 Forecast:** The GOP establishment is mostly backing Peters. Kelty will work the grassroots and try to activate the evangelical and Right to Life communities. Peters enters this race as the favorite, but many observers we've talked to believe that the scrappy and innovative Kelty, who narrowly lost to State Rep. Winfield Moses Jr. in 2002, will make this close. Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi will have a fundraiser for Peters later this month. **Primary Status:** LEANS PETERS; SAFE HENRY.

**Gary:** Democrats: Mayor Rudy Clay, Karen Freeman-Wilson, Chuck Hughes, Darren Washington, John Henry Hall, Larry Anderson, Ulysses (Lish) Burnett, Larry Evans, Norman L. Roby, Pierre Strickland, Theresa Moses Sturdivant. Republican: Jayson Reeves, Charles R. Smith Jr. **2003 Results:** King (D) 10,028, Smith (R) 1,201. **2007 Forecast:** Post-Tribune's Rich James' odds: 2-1 -- Mayor Rudy Clay: Been around the track, but this is first time in the derby. Flashy silks. Runs well in a crowded field. Tireless trainer. May have one more good race left in him. 4-1 -- Chuck Hughes: Long, smooth strides. Has been a crowd favorite. Has good handlers. Hopes to gain momentum in backstretch and break from pack. 6-1 -- Karen Freeman-Wilson: Smart horse, but no longer a filly. 10-1 -- Darren Washington: A stallion, but may not be ready for the big race. 1,000-1 -- John Henry Hall: Too much baggage. Doesn't belong in race. **Primary Status:** LIKELY CLAY

**Hammond:** Democrat: Mayor Tom McDermott Jr., Dennis Terry, Isaac Villalpando. Republican: Matt Saliga. **2003 Results:** McDermott (D) 8,948 Dedelow (R) 8,196. **2007 Forecast:** Post-Tribune's Rich James' odds: 2-1 -- Mayor Thomas McDermott: Stumbled out of the gate four years ago, forgetting he had been elected mayor, not anointed king. Got back on track and





carried the favor of those in the grandstand with his college scholarship program for the children of city homeowners. 200-1 -- Dennis Terry: Former aide to Republican Mayor Duane Dedelow has changed stables. Would have had a better chance sticking with the GOP colors. 500-1 -- Izaak Villalpando: From a good stable, but lacks experience on a fast track. **Primary Status:** SAFE McDERMOTT

**Hobart:** Democrat: Mayor Linda Buzinec, Brian Snedecor, Donald Potrebic. **2007 Forecast:** **Post-Tribune's** Rich James' odds: 3-1 -- Mayor Linda Buzinec: After numerous trips around the track, her stable has lost much of its luster. A muddy track won't help. Crowded field could spell victory. 4-1 -- Brian Snedecor: Former police chief had an unpleasant break from the Buzinec stable. Heavy early betting suggests he has a chance to win a close finish. 10-1 -- Donald Potrebic: Attempting a comeback after retiring from the County Council. May have too many races in his past to challenge here. **Primary Status:** LEANS BUZINEC.

**Indianapolis:** Democrat: Mayor Bart Peterson. Republican: Michael Simpson, Darrell Morris, James W. Black II, Greg Ballard, Lawrence Shouse. David Moscrip. **2003 Results:** Peterson (D) 92,763, Jordan (R) 55,354. **2007 Forecast:** Peterson is a lock for a third term. His opponent doesn't really matter. The Star's Matt Tully says the GOP is taking a hard look at Ballard, former Marine who wrote a book "The Ballard Rules: Small Unit Leadership." **Primary Status:** TOSSUP

**Kokomo:** Democrat: Councilman Greg Goodnight, Councilman Bob Hayes, Andy Castner. Republican: Mayor Matt McKillip, Councilman Rick Hamilton, Tom Hamilton. **2003 Primary Results:** Republican: McKillips 1,565, Donoghue 972, Bolinger 327, McKay 243, T. Hamilton 38. Democrat: Castner 1,360, Lushin 1,358, Alexander 969, Ellis 34. **2003 General Results:** McKillip (R) 5,229, Castner (D) 4101, Dunlap (I) 832. **2007 Forecast:** We believe that Goodnight, who was a congressional nominee, is the Democratic favorite. The mayor, in part because two Hamiltons are in the race, along with his evangelical backing, will survive the primary, though that assessment could change. **Primary Status:** LEANS MCKILLIP; LIKELY GOODNIGHT.

**Jeffersonville:** Mayor Rob Waiz. Tom Galligan. **Republican:** **2003 Democratic Primary:** Waiz 2,187, Galligan 1,708, Muncy 252, Ogden 166. **2003 General Results:** Waiz (D) 3,711, Raymond (R) 2,354, Fisher (L) 118. **2007 Forecast:** Waiz faces a rematch with former mayor Galligan, who he defeated by 10 percent in 2003. Waiz has had some economic development successes over the past couple of years (Jeff Boat, Mediventure), and should be in better shape to withstand a rematch from a former mayor than some other incumbents. **Primary Status:** LEANS WAIZ.

**Michigan City:** Democrat: Mayor Chuck Oberlie, Joie Winski, Jim LaRocco. **2003 Results:** Oberlie (D)

3,316. **2007 Forecast:** Oberlie faces a challenge from his 2003 primary opponent, former Councilwoman Winski, and LaRocco, the son of a former mayor. We think the three-way primary will benefit the incumbent. **Primary Status:** LEANS OBERLIE.

**Muncie:** Democrats: Jim Mansfield, Councilman Chuck Leonard, Philip H. Peckinpaugh. Republican: Councilman David Taylor, Sharon McShurley. **2003 Results:** Canan (R) 7,211, Tyler (D) 6,758. **2007 Forecast:** Mansfield, a local tourism/convention official, appears to be the guy to beat in the Democratic primary; and Taylor is expected to win the GOP nod. It's been 20 years since Democrats held City Hall and with Republicans moving from the city, this could be one of the prime Democratic chances for a pickup. **Primary Status:** LEANS MANSFIELD; Likely Taylor.

**New Albany:** Democrat: Mayor James Garner, Doug England. Republican: Randy Hubbard **2003 Democratic Primary Results:** Garner 2,512, Scharlow 814, Clemons 714, Goldberg 552, Kersey 68, Tuttle 48. **2003 General Results:** Garner (D) 5,971, Overton (R) 3,893, Hughes (L) 196. **2007 Forecast:** Garner has had a tough year, both with his hostile city council and with his private business, which is in financial difficulty. Former mayor England will give him a real run for his money after being out of office for eight years after his upset to Regina Overton in 1999. **Primary Status:** LEANS ENGLAND.

**New Castle:** Democrat: Mayor Al Nipp, Sherman Boles. **2003 Democratic Primary:** Nipp 1,551, Sherman Boles 1,488. **2003 General Results:** Nipp (D) 2301, Hyatt (R) 1,392. Boles, K. (I) 1,470. **2007 Forecast:** This is a grudge match. Given the current economic duress in New Castle, we think Boles, a former congressional nominee, has a good chance of returning. **Primary Status:** TOSSUP

**Terre Haute:** Democrat: Mayor Kevin Burke, James Horrall, Dale Smith, John Walters. Republican: Duke Bennett. **2003 Democratic Primary Results:** Burke 6,339, Mayor Anderson 2,436, Jenkins 2,414, Walters 148. **2003 General Results:** Burke (D) 7,338, Bennett (R) 3,847. **2007 Forecast:** Burke's key rival will be Horrall, the former police chief. But we think Burke has a good chance of beating the incumbent primary jinx. **Primary Status:** LEANS BURKE.

**Valparaiso:** Republican: Mayor Jon Costas, Councilman Robert McCasland. Democrat: Open. **2003 General Results:** Costas (R) 3,978 Butterfield (D) 3,181. **2007 Forecast:** Costas will have to fend off a primary challenger from the councilman. At this point, we think he's a strong bet for re-election. **Primary Status:** LIKELY COSTAS ❖





## Interview with Libby juror Denis Collins

By CHRIS SAUTTER

WASHINGTON - Denis Collins is a former **Washington Post** reporter, a writer, and a published novelist. He also has a deadly jump shot, as I have learned trying to guard him during our weekly Wednesday night full-court basketball games at St. Albans School in Northwest Washington, DC. Denis was a member of the jury that convicted I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the former chief-of-staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, on four of five counts of perjury before a grand jury and lying to the FBI. On Tuesday afternoon shortly after the Libby jury announced its verdict, I conducted the following interview with Collins for HPR.



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**HPR:** What evidence and testimony were central to the jury's verdict?

**Collins:** Kathie Martin (formerly Vice President Cheney's communications director) was very persuasive. She said she walked in and told Vice President Cheney and Libby that Wilson's wife worked for the CIA. Also, (Marc) Grossman (then Under Secretary of State) said he gave Libby the same information. He said, "This guy's (former Ambassador Joseph Wilson's) wife works for the CIA." (Craig) Schmall, the guy who briefed Libby (Vice President Cheney's CIA daily briefer) every day told him. Also, Vice President Cheney had taken Wilson's Op Ed on his trip to Niger with handwritten notes, including "Did wife send him?" and given it to Libby. There were many instances of this, people who testified Libby had heard it. Add all of these up between a period June to mid-July and it was overwhelming evidence he had been told that Wilson's wife worked for the CIA.

So the question was whether Libby's memory was faulty. John Hannah (Libby's assistant and successor) gave the best testimony. Hannah said Libby had a terrible memory. But he also said in answer to a juror's question "How could he function at this level if his memory was so bad?" that Libby had a tremendous grasp for ideas and arguments. So Hannah both supports him and knocks him down. Libby had said "I was surprised Mrs. Wilson worked for the CIA." How could he be surprised if he had forgotten? So Hannah was crucial in this trial.

We acquitted him on the count about his conversations with (**Newsweek** reporter) Matt Cooper.

But Cooper's notes were sketchy. There was nothing about Libby. One read like what Libby testified : "I don't know if that's true (that Valerie Plame works for the CIA)." There was a fragment in Cooper's notes that cast doubt. So we asked, "Why wouldn't Cooper put this in his article?" Cooper would have seized on it. We concluded we couldn't hang a guy on this small of window space. The fact Libby lied to Cooper didn't matter. We did convict him for having the same conversation, for how he recounted his conversation with the FBI.

**HPR:** You said to the press after the verdict that there was sympathy on the jury for Libby, that they felt Libby was, as Libby's defense attorney argued, "the fall guy." Explain what you mean?

**Collins:** We found out through the evidence presented that the people who leaked the name (CIA agent Valerie Plame) were (Deputy Secretary of State Richard) Armitage and (Presidential Counselor Karl) Rove. So we wondered, why are we trying Libby? He was the third guy down. We felt like he was a guy trapped for 8 weeks like we were. It was the milk of human kindness.

**HPR:** Do you think the prosecutor, Patrick Fitzgerald, should revisit the question of whether to indict others in this case?

**Collins:** We were semi-sequestered for weeks. I've been so buried I don't know what's happened. Let someone else deal with that question.



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**HPR:** Describe what it was like to be a member of the Libby jury?

**Collins:** Everyone liked each other. We laughed a lot, but there were definitely disagreements. It wasn't like "12 Angry Men," although we joked about watching that movie. Someone said, "oh no, we shouldn't do that."

**HPR:** Were you surprised that the defense didn't use

a peremptory challenge to strike you from the jury?

**Collins:** I was definitely surprised. Bob Woodward was my boss for 3 or 4 years. Tim Russert was my neighbor. I knew most of the reporters involved personally. I joked with a woman on the jury pool "there is no way I'm going to get on this jury!" She said, "How do you know?" I said "I'll give you \$1,000 if I get on this jury." After a couple of days into the trial, she turned to me and said "where's my \$1,000?"❖

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## THE BOAR'S NEST

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### *Rudy on gays and abortion*

Former New York City Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** was asked how he will approach social issues such as gay marriage and abortion.

"My view on gay marriages is that, basically, marriage should be between a man and a woman," Giuliani said. "I did 220 weddings when I was mayor of New York and every single one was a man and a woman. I'm probably going to see one on a blog where somebody has fooled me wearing a suit or a dress and they've gone back the other way. It's New York City after all.



Rudy's Indiana Finance Chair, Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi with Giuliani on Wednesday. (HPR Photo by Brian A. Howey)

"But I believe the way to deal with it is to have domestic partnerships. If somebody is gay, somebody is lesbian, they want to protect their rights, they should be allowed to protect their rights and be protected against discrimination. America is better than that. And the Christian religion is better than that. We can take marriage and put it in a preserved position. I think government should stay out of that and let people live their lives."

Asked how he will deal with the Christian right, Giuliani said, "I will say the same things to them that I say to you. I tell them what my position is. I don't like abortion. I wish there were no abortions. To go through adoption. If it was somebody I knew or had a relationship with, I'd give them the money for it (adoption). I expressed that as mayor of New York City by dramatically increasing adoptions and decreasing abortions. But, ultimately, a woman has that right to make the choice that is different than one I think she should make. I don't think government should put you in jail for it."

### **Giuliani raises more than \$200,000**

**Giuliani** drew a star-studded crowd at **Tim Durham's** Obsidian Conference & Catering Center Wednesday night. In addition to hosts **Carl Brizzi** and **Stephen Goldsmith**, those attending included House Speaker **Brian Bosma**, Republican Chairman **Murray Clark**, **Jim Kittle Jr.**, **Steve Hilbert**, **Jeff Smulyan**, **Craig Huse** and **Al Kite**.

### **Carter backing McCain**

More Hoosier Republicans are taking sides in the presidential race. Attorney General **Steve Carter** will back U.S. Sen. **John McCain**. Secretary of State **Todd Rokita** is supporting **Mitt Romney**. U.S. Rep. Mike Pence is still undecided. When CNN's **Wolf Blitzer** asked him if he would run, Pence answered, "I don't believe so." But perhaps the biggest Hoosier free agent these days is Black Beauty Coal CEO **Steve Chancellor**, a big money producer for **President Bush** going back to 1999.

### **Edwards coming**

Democratic presidential candidate **John Edwards** will host a fundraiser in Indianapolis on March 30, time and place to be announced.

### **Daniels, Peterson Headline Gala**

Hundreds of alumni, faculty and MSD Washington Township supporters will drink, dine and dance till midnight on March 17th with event co-chairs Gov. **Mitch Daniels** (North Central High School Class of '67) and Mayor **Bart Peterson** (NCHS Class of '76). The Legacy of Achievement gala celebrates 50 years of achievement in Washington Township and takes place at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. The ticketed event begins at 6 p.m. and includes entertainment by **Tim Brickley** and the Happy Millionaires. For tickets visit [www.wtsfoundation.org](http://www.wtsfoundation.org).



That's not Buddy Holly ... it's NCHS grad Mitch Daniels circa 1967.

### **Hamilton headlines conversation**

Former congressman **Lee Hamilton** headlines a March 15 event for the International Kidney Stone Institute at the Westin. It will be Hamilton's first public remarks in Indiana since the release of the Iraq Study Group. Indy Star's **Matt Tully** will moderate. For tickets, call (317) 962-0647 or see [www.iksi.org](http://www.iksi.org). ❖





### Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune -

Indiana's General Assembly moves past the half-way point of the 2007 session, with both Senate and House heading in unhealthy directions on taxes. Threats to the health and welfare of many Hoosiers were ignored last week when: The Republican-controlled Senate approved privatization of the Hoosier Lottery. This is a scheme to get up-front money by letting a private gaming operator entice Hoosiers to lose at least \$1 billion more on gambling. It would have the effect of a tax increase hitting hardest at Hoosiers who least can afford it. The Democratic-controlled House defeated a cigarette tax increase. This proposal was to provide a health insurance plan for hundreds of thousands of those not now able to afford protection. Also, it was aimed at discouraging smoking, especially among young people, and thus improving health. Gov. Mitch Daniels backs both proposals. Bad Mitch and Good Mitch. The Bad Mitch proposal would expand gambling and take more cash from the pockets of lottery losers. The Good Mitch proposal would provide for better health insurance and better health through a cigarette tax increase. Hope remains. As legislators begin the real work of reaching final compromises, both proposals ultimately could head in the right direction. The lottery piracy, with strong opposition in the House, could be sent to defeat as a bad gamble, a bad tax on those least able to pay. The cigarette tax proposal, which went up in smoke amid a dispute over whether it would be seen as a bipartisan effort, could still move to passage if Republican and Democratic legislators and the governor get together in a way in which all can take credit for a healthy choice. ❖

### Gary Gerard, Warsaw Times-Union

- Last week I wrote about Hillary Clinton's monumental flip-flop on Iraq. Well, I must say, most of her Democrat colleagues are in the same boat. The Iraq war has become quite a sticky little issue for Democrats. Democrats pretty much came to power over Iraq because it became so unpopular with voters. And it should be unpopular. By any measure, the war hasn't gone well. There is no question about that. W's war policy and execution has been fraught with mistakes and misjudgments. There is no argument that something needs to change. But the problem for Democrats is that they pretty much were all in favor of the war to begin with. I don't think voters have such poor memories that they can't recall all the rhetoric during the run-up to the war. At that time, the war was popular. So Democrats and Republicans were on board. Now that the war is unpopular, politicians on both sides of the aisle are ready to jump ship. But mainly it's the Democrats who got themselves elected on this issue. Well, I have two pretty simple questions for them. Question No. 1: "Why did you vote to authorize a war against Iraq in the first place?"



Question No. 2: "Why, now that things aren't going well, is this all W's problem and not yours?" You know – you know – that if things were going well in Iraq, they'd all be patting themselves on the back. But now that things aren't going well, they refuse to take responsibility for their positions in the run-up to the war. It's all W's fault. That's disingenuous. ❖

### Stephanie Salter, Terre Haute

#### Tribune-Star -

This past week, Republican senator and presidential candidate John McCain slipped and used the w-word. On David Letterman's television show, he said, "Americans are very frustrated, and they have every right to be. We've wasted a lot of our most precious treasure, which is American lives." The next day, as Democratic campaign strategists pounced on McCain, the Arizona senator could not take back or publicly regret the term fast enough. "I should have used the word 'sacrificed,' as I have in the past," he said. A Vietnam vet and one-time prisoner of war, McCain added, "No one appreciates and honors more than I do the selfless patriotism of American servicemen and women in the Iraq War." What happens if we say their lives were wasted? Instead of apologizing for "misspeaking," what if our elected leaders lead and say it aloud? What would change if they — and we — said the 3,100 mostly young American lives that have been sacrificed to an ill-conceived and ill-executed invasion and occupation were a waste? Would those young men and women be any more dead? Would the holes in the days of their parents, husbands, wives, children, siblings and grandparents be any larger? Would the lives that these young people never got to live — the sweethearts they never married, the children they never had, the contributions to society they never made — amount to any greater a loss? What really dishonors they dead? Admitting they were sent to fight a war they should not have been sent to fight? Or, enabling more young people to die in the same effort because we cannot bring ourselves to say we were wrong? ❖

### Chris Cillizza, Washington Post -

The most remarkable data point from the latest Washington Post-ABC News poll was the ground that Sen. Barack Obama (Ill.) gained on Sen. Hillary Clinton (N.Y.) among black voters. In a January Post survey Clinton led Obama 60 percent to 20 percent among African Americans. In our February poll it was Obama who was ahead 44 percent to 33 percent -- a remarkable turnaround in such a short period of time. Opinions vary about Obama's quick growth. Some observers argue that it is simply a function of the wall-to-wall coverage of the Illinois Senator by state and national newspapers as well as television stations. It follows that as Obama gets better known nationally, his numbers will increase across the board -- including in the black community. ❖



## Leavitt praises Daniels health care plan

INDIANAPOLIS - U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt told lawmakers Wednesday that the governor's plan to provide health care for thousands of uninsured residents is an important step toward affordable health care for everyone (Martin, **Associated Press**).

"There'll be a lot of states who watch what you do in Indiana," he said. "You've got a very good proposal, in my judgment." Gov. Mitch Daniels' Healthy Indiana Plan would be available to people without employer-provided health insurance and who earn less than double the federal poverty level, a sliding scale that is \$9,800 for a single person. An estimated 850,000 Indiana residents lack health insurance, and Daniels' administration says those earning less than double the federal poverty level number 350,000. Beneficiaries would get up to \$500 in free preventive care, as well as \$300,000 of annual insurance coverage. Participants would have to pay into personal health accounts used for doctor visits and prescriptions. Leavitt said Daniels' proposal is a good basic plan that puts the incentives in the right places. "But a key component of the plan is missing - funding.



## Skillman pushes Illiana Expressway

MERRILLVILLE - Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman and Transportation Commissioner Karl Browning believe a proposed Illiana Expressway, built and operated by a private company, is vital to the economic future of Northwest Indiana and the rest of the state. And that future is not too far off, warned Browning, who said planning for the

controversial project could take three to seven years and construction could take up to 15 years. "We are at the cusp of when we have to begin that planning (for a major new road)," Browning told a group of government and business leaders Wednesday in a speech at the Radisson Hotel. "To not look at it ... is irresponsible."

## Rokita, Dumezich defend GOP list

INDIANAPOLIS - The Lake County Republican clique appears to be as difficult to get into as a sorority at DePauw University (**Post-Tribune**). Republicans are questioning why only eight of the 72 Republicans running for office in May were listed on an invitation for a major March 17 Republican candidate fund-raiser. Tickets to the fund-raiser range from \$100 to \$2,500, and those attending can choose which of the eight candidates will receive their money. They may also ask that the money be donated to Secretary of State Todd Rokita's campaign, to the Munster Republican Central Committee or to the Crossroads P.A.C. The fund-raiser will be headlined by Rokita, and will be paid for by former state Rep. Dan Dumezich of Schererville, each of whom had differing reasons for why the candidate list was so exclusive. "Everybody on this list has done an excellent job in office, or seeking office," Rokita said. "They are Republican winners."

## 5,000 apply for 18 Honda jobs

GREENSBURG - Honda Motor Co. received an "overwhelming" response to the first job openings it posted online for a new plant in southeastern Indiana, receiving more than 5,000 applications for 18 positions (**Associated Press**). "We are delighted by the enthusiastic response to our advertisement," company spokesman Jeffrey Smith said. The 18 jobs at the factory planned at Greensburg were posted Feb. 21.

## Bayh joins Obama on Walter Reed bill

INDIANAPOLIS - MCongressional reaction to problems revealed at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center has now taken the form of legislation (Wensits, **South Bend Tribune**). U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., said he is co-sponsoring legislation introduced by Sens. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., that is intended to remedy "unacceptable conditions" at the Washington, D.C., military hospital complex. The complaints have centered on living conditions in buildings used as residential quarters by outpatients and not on conditions or treatment in the hospital itself. Bayh said in a teleconference Tuesday that the legislation is gathering bipartisan support. "When it comes to helping our servicemen and women, particularly those who have been injured, there are no Republicans or Democrats. We all want to do the right thing."

## Upbeat Daniels defends legislation

BOONVILLE - Speaking to Warrick County Republicans on Wednesday night, Gov. Mitch Daniels touted his past accomplishments and outlined future goals for his administration, including full-day kindergarten, health care for the uninsured and increased funding for higher education. Daniels, encouraged optimism from the party as it works toward his legislative agenda (**Evansville Courier & Press**). "We have to reach those people and infect them with our excitement," he said. "They are our fellow citizens, and we are out to serve them. It is our task to reach them and to make them see the same bright future we do." He told the crowd he is confident full-day kindergarten will begin statewide this year, and he vowed to continue pushing for a cigarette tax to pay for immunizations and health care. ❖