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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“I find it hard to believe how little has been made of the mayor’s serious administrative and personal shortcomings....”

— Thomas P. O’Brien, on Mayor Goldsmith

# The Lugar scenario

## Here are the elements that could make the senator a presidential contender in the 1996 primaries

INDIANAPOLIS - Sen. Richard Lugar will attend the New Hampshire Republican Party's Feb. 19 presidential "cattle call" - joining Bob Dole, Phil Gramm, Lamar Alexander, Pat Buchanan, and Arlen Specter on stage.

The announcement comes on the heels of Lugar's visit to Bill Kristol's office last week, where sources say Lugar explained that he would launch a presidential bid.

The New Hampshire cattle call is the first event of its kind in the first presidential primary state. By going, Lugar isn't announcing a final decision to run, but is keeping his very conspicuous options open.

It begs the obvious question: how could Richard Lugar win the 1996 presidential nomination? There will be a crowded field where the "front runners" appear to have commandeered the best campaign talent, and the need to raise at least \$25 million by the end of the year is an accepted standard of legitimacy.

Here are key elements of "The Lugar Scenario" should the four-term senator decide to make the run:

■ **CONVENTIONAL WISDOM:** Beware of this element. Talk that you must have \$25 million in campaign money by the end of the year fails to note that this is a rapidly accelerated political environment. "I don't think that's a prerequisite," explained Mitch Daniels, CEO at Eli Lilly and a long-time Lugar ally. "He'll need some earnest money, which I

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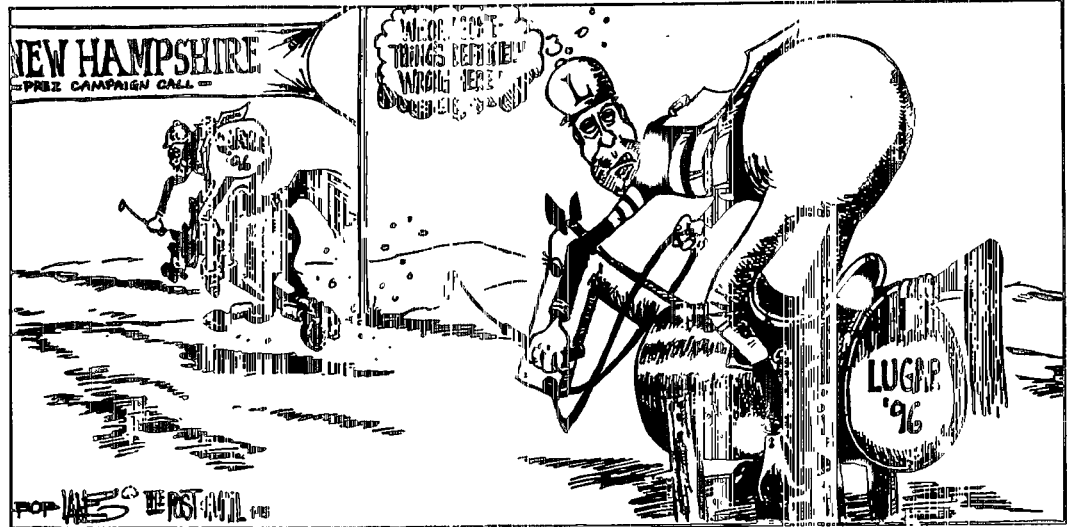
# TICKER T A P E

Former Vice President Dan Quayle won't be attending the New Hampshire GOP presidential cattle call. Quayle will be in San Diego on Feb. 19. Instead, Quayle toured Nashua with former Gov. John Sununu on Wednesday.

If the ISTA thinks it's got a problem over the fair share issue Republicans are pushing in the Indiana General Assembly, they may want to brace themselves for an upcoming *Forbes Magazine* article on how it compensates its employees.

Roll Call's annual survey on Capitol Hill "clout" has Indiana moving up from 19th to 11th, one of the big gainers. Sen. Richard Lugar's takeover as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee is a big reason. Also cited was "the presence of a number of veteran House members, including Reps. Pete Visclosky, Dan Burton, John Myers" and International Relations ranking member Lee Hamilton and Andy Jacobs. Added Roll Call, "The state would have jumped even higher had Myers not been denied the chair on House Appropriations. Leading Indiana in clout were California, Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Florida,

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think he can raise." The talk of high-stakes money serves the perceived front runners - Sens. Dole and Gramm. But rarely does early CW prove out. In fact, it is almost impossible to envision the key dynamics that will be in play for 1996, let alone past the first 100 days of the Republican Congress. And Lugar has a national network that he can tap once he makes a decision to go.

■ **THE RESUME:** Lugar may have the best resume of any potential presidential contender in this century, and that's including George Bush, Richard Nixon and the Roosevelts. In his military career, Lugar was the hand-picked intelligence briefer for CNO Adm. Arleigh Burke, which meant he had to memorize the movement of ships in the context of world events for the daily 8 a.m. briefing that included Burke, John Foster Dulles, and occasionally President Eisenhower. Lugar has run a successful family business and farm. He started his elective career on the Indianapolis School Board, where he worked on such issues as voluntary desegregation and the Shortridge Plan, a forerunner to the magnet school concept. He became mayor of Indianapolis in the hot year of 1968 that was marked by an "inclusive" agenda that featured reinvestment in susceptible urban neighborhoods,

steering away from the violence that plagued scores of other cities.

■ **CONGRESS:** Lugar has established a presidential-level achievement, as a member of the minority party, in a bipartisan context. The Lugar-Nunn Act, which is systematically destroying Soviet nuclear warheads, could go down as one of the greatest congressional achievements in the 20th Century if not in history. The very notion of the concept 10 years ago would have seemed ludicrous. If voters want bipartisan cooperation as opposed to a dogmatic architect, he will present a vivid contrast to Dole and Gramm. Lugar will be at the fulcrum of two significant events over the next six months. He will preside over the confirmation of the only Cabinet opening - agriculture - and is expected to unleash relentless grilling of the nominee, former Rep. Dan Glickman. He will also preside over the writing of the 1995 farm bill, where Lugar will probe not only entitlements, but taxes and regulatory issues likely to gather great attention. When pollster Brian Vargus of the Indiana University Public Opinion Laboratory says Lugar will "need a big splash quick," the upcoming agriculture hearings will afford him that opportunity.

■ **THE MEDIA:** The power of the free media is greater than ever and will play a

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## Early leads the 'Chicken-Lincoln Poll'

Straw polls aside, it's time for HPR to saddle up the 1995 Horse Race and declare a "front-runner" in the 1996 gubernatorial race.

We lack scientific data, and rely, instead, on the "Chicken-Lincoln Poll." This poll reveals whose the hottest commodity on the Republican Lincoln Day Dinner circuit that commences this week. The winner, hands down and forks up, is Rex Early, with 10 appearances lined up so far. We hear that Early had to turn down 11 other invites. Rep. David McIntosh comes in a distant second with four, while Auditor Morris Wooden and Sen. Bob Garton

## HORSE RACE

have three dates scheduled apiece.

There's a couple of other interesting notes. Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma will do the Delaware County dinner on Saturday. U.S. Rep. Mark Souder is doing the Allen County dinner on April 19, after the first 100 days of Congress.

As the first Horse Race leader, HPR will send to Early a complimentary "Gut-Be-Gone" exercising device. Now...pass the muffins, please.

### Lugar Scenario, from page 2

huge role in establishing a credible front-runner. Lugar wins in that scenario. He is a trusted news show source the networks come back to week after week. The reason for that is absolute trust and the recognition of extraordinary, if not unrivaled, intellect.

■ **POLITICAL TALENT:** Lugar can, at the word go, assemble some of the best campaign talent in the nation. Sources say that much of the talent carries elements approaching "devotion." A classic example is Mitch Daniels, the former political director of the Reagan White House. Last week, a column by Robert Novak of the Chicago Sun-Times suggested that Daniels was in the camp of former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander. "The truth is, I'm not an active part of any campaign," Daniels told HPR. "The real

issue for me is Lugar. After all the years, that's always my first association. Until he says he's not doing anything, I wouldn't take another offer." There are scores of other talents on the level of Daniels awaiting the Lugar Scenario.

■ **CLINTON THEMATIC CONTRAST:** This is a case of two Rhodes Scholars who chose different paths. Clinton is a product of government. Lugar had a brilliant, top-level military career; revived a flagging family business and farm; was an innovative educator and mayor; and has presidential-level achievements. The most conspicuous negative for Lugar is that he is not "flashy" or, as GOP pollster Frank Luntz observed, Lugar comes off almost as a mortician. Should Lugar run, he will count on a contrast between his predictable, sober, mature and reliable leadership, and that of "Slick Willie," who has yet to define himself.

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Ohio, Michigan, Missouri and Virginia.

St. Joseph County Democrats elected Owen D. "Butch" Morgan chairman last Saturday, defeating South Bend attorney James A. Masters. Morgan replaces Kenneth P. Fedder, who resigned.

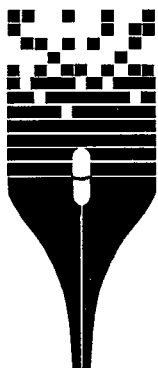
Fayette County Republicans unanimously elected Gerald C. Drain as chairman on Jan. 27. Drain replaces Robert Hoffman, who resigned.

Dr. Ulrich George Klopfer, who performs abortions in Gary, South Bend and Fort Wayne, has been placed on the American Coalition of Life Activists' "Deadly Dozen" list. Pro-choice groups from around the country have called the rating a "hit list."

The "Bob and Tom Show" is becoming a statewide phenomenon. The popular WFBQ-FM show is now syndicated to WFWI 92.3 in Fort Wayne and WGBF in Evansville. WNDU-FM in South Bend is currently negotiating.

The Gary Young Democrats will be hosting a Mayor's Debate on April 1, according to Darren Washington, president.

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# TICKER T A P E

If you think you're reading less in your daily newspaper these days, you're right. Skyrocketing newsprint costs are prompting Indiana newspapers to either raise advertising or subscription rates, or to cut back news hole.

Political observers are speculating that the refusal of Jack Kemp to enter the 1996 GOP presidential race is the clearest sign yet that House Speaker Newt Gingrich will.

The controversial Indiana University Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Support Services office has opened. Doug Bauder, a heterosexual divorced father of two teens, is the director. The \$50,000 center was funded through private donations after a number of legislators criticized state funding for the office.

Keep your eyes on The Donald and his dealings on a riverboat casino in Gary. HPR hears that an attempt is in the works to where Trump will reduce Phase I of the plan to little more than a parking lot and stag house - sans the hotel and other permanent investments. The riverboat casino would then be free to float off to Chicago, particularly if a Republican governor wins in the 1996 election

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## Garton's terrible week in the press leaves notions of disintegrating gubernatorial bid

INDIANAPOLIS - The week began on the kind of note that would have made former Reagan image-maker Michael Deaver proud.

There, in a front-page photo in the Indianapolis Star, stood Gov. Evan Bayh, new Indiana University President Myles Brand, and Senate President Pro Tem Bob Garton. The powerful Columbus Republican looked "gubernatorial."

It's the kind of press you love to get when you explore the option of running for governor.

The problem for Garton was that the rest of his press for the week went over the cliff. As Senate Republicans ramrodded a majority report that sat State Sen. Sandy Dempsey aside - disputed ballots were thrown out, Garton became the lightning rod. The talk in the Statehouse corridors was that Garton had co-opted the Republican caucus to seat Dempsey so as to protect his fund-raising base in Lake County, home of the second largest pool of Republicans in the state.

By the time Garton had returned to Columbus for the "Third House" meeting, reporter Anthony Schoettle of The Republic wrote that an angry exchange between Garton and State Rep. Bob Hayes "left audience members wondering if Garton is running for governor."

Garton said that since he is exploring a run for governor, attacks by Democrats have been relentless.

"I'm not angry, just tired of it," Schoettle quoted Garton. "The attacks have already begun. They attack me, they attack my business and it won't be long before they'll attack my family. By innuendo, your integrity is eroded."

"The attacks will continue on my integrity until I absolutely disavow I'm running for governor. I might just be stubborn enough not to disavow that I'm running."

The problem is, Democrats haven't been "a tacking" Garton. Journalists, from Nuvo's Harrison Ullman, to the Indianapolis

Star's Dick Cady, to a host of Sunday columnists (see page 5) have called into question Garton's motives in seating Dempsey over Mrvan as well as how he generates his income from speeches and seminars he performs for groups that have a stake in legislation before the General Assembly.

It continued at the Third House session in Columbus with Hayes.

"I'm not questioning your ethics, I'm questioning the 41 votes that were thrown out," Hayes told Garton. "That's all. I hope you do run for governor."

As the audience became restless, Garton responded by saying, "If this (bickering) continues, I helped start these Third House sessions 20 years ago, and for my part, I'll stop them."

But Garton's woes and tirades weren't limited to the Sunday newspapers and meetings

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with Columbus constituents. Garton penned a Jan. 23 letter to Fort Wayne News-Sentinel editor Joe Weiler, detailing three "incidents" involving reporter Kevin Corcoran. In one, Garton claimed that Corcoran had told GOP caucus director Randy Campbell in the presence of other reporters, "You guys are f----- stealing this election."

Garton wrote, "In writing this letter I make two assumptions: 1.) your understandable reaction will be to protect and defend your employee; and 2.) at some point I will pay a price for calling this situation to your attention."

Copies of the letter circulated widely in the Statehouse. One reporter said, "Garton has just bestowed cult status on Kevin Corcoran."

The cumulative effect of these incidents is that a number of journalists across the state are curious about Garton's finances and professional relationships and they raise the question of whether Garton can effectively wage a campaign for governor.

# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

■ Dick Robinson, Terre Haute Tribune-Star - Another Republican makes no difference in the Senate, but it's a big deal for some in Lake County. Lake County Republicans won't pass this rare opportunity to have a Senate seat and they want the GOP majority to do what is necessary to see their efforts pay off. Senate President Pro Tem Bob Garton, or any other Republican statewide candidate, wouldn't be received warmly in Lake County in 1996 if this chance slipped away. Sen. Frank Mrvan got the most votes. He didn't win.

■ Brian Howey, HPR - Senate Republicans stole this election from Lake County voters. I could tell as I watched GOP senators — many of whom I've known for years — walking with their heads bowed in shame from the floor after the vote. "The institution has no soul," Sen. Robert Hellman observed afterward. Why did these respectable Republican senators act with such shame? Maybe it's because Senate President Pro Tem Robert Garton is running for governor, and he didn't want to anger the state's second largest pool of Republicans (and campaign donors) in Lake County. Garton didn't sign off on the Republicans' "Contract With Indiana" where the 10th point talks about teaching honesty and values in Hoosier classrooms. He bypassed a wonderful opportunity to be fair and do the right thing, instead of co-opting the entire GOP caucus for political expediency while disenfranchising Lake County voters of both parties. Secretary of State Evan Bayh handled the 1987 recount fairly, seating Rep. John Hiler while angering members of his own party. That might be part of the reason he wins elections with more than 60 percent of the vote. Instead, Garton presided over a chamber of shame. And when I left the Senate following this dismal happening, I made sure I wiped my feet.

■ Mary Dieter, Louisville Courier-Journal - The Senate GOP's actions have a lot of observers, including Republicans, shaking their heads.

There is no explanation for it. Some wonder if Garton, who is flirting with running for governor, wanted to endear himself to Lake County Republicans. There are some wealthy business people up there whose money would be welcomed by a Garton campaign. Maybe. But experience suggests that this was just the latest example of Senate Republicans' willingness to play heavy-handed politics just for the sake of doing it, of wielding power to prove they have it.

■ Phil Wieland, The Times of Munster - As far as I can tell, the only ones who decided Dempsey fairly won the election was the Republican Senate majority. To my untrained eye, it appears that some pretty spurious arguments were used to disqualify the 40 absentee ballots, and I have no doubt that, if the situation had been reversed, the Democrats would have done the same thing. Which is why I got a good guffaw out of the statement by state Democratic Chairman Ann DeLaney, who said Dempsey should "step down, saying this is such an obvious transgression and so offensive to the fundamental notion that the person who wins the majority of the votes should not be seated and remove herself on a gracious note." Just like any Democrat would, right?

■ Gerry Lanosga, Indianapolis News - Republicans seized control of the Indiana General Assembly in the fall election on a promise, among other things, to introduce accountability to state government. Last week, though, they did a fair imitation of the petty politics that made voters so angry with the Democrats. They also provided ample evidence of the axiom that power corrupts. Senate Republicans didn't seem much concerned with voter intent. Instead, they voted to install Dempsey on the argument that the absentee ballots were compromised by the misfiling. Thus, Mrvan was undone by a clerical error. So why dump him? There can only be one answer: Because they can.

## TICKER T A P E

Fort Wayne pizza magnet Richard Freeland announced the formation of the "Early for Governor" committee. Linda B. Rusthoven will be the treasurer. Documents were filed before the state election board on Wednesday. The campaign will be located at 9302 N. Meridian St, Suite 299, Indianapolis, IN 46260. Campaign phone numbers include 317-581-1996 and fax at 317-581-1997.

Former Indiana GOP chairman Gordon Du mil has signed on with J. Patrick Rooney's gubernatorial campaign.

Gov. Evan Bayh and other governors met with Speaker Gingrich earlier this week on the subject of welfare reform. Gingrich was promoting the concept of block grants for states to pay for welfare, Medicaid and other programs. Said Bayh, "If this is not done right, it is not flexibility, it is making state taxpayers pay to balance the budget." He was echoed by Republican Ohio Gov. George Voinovich, who added, "There's a danger of what I call shift and shaft to the states."

IU pollster Brian Vargus had some interesting observations on "The Mike Pence Show" Wednesday. For instance, President Clinton's approval ratings are higher at this point in his first term than those of Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter. "The Reagan one is the one that interests me," Vargus said. As for Dan Quayle, Vargus said that he's the only Republican that Clinton leads in most polls.

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## INTERVIEW

### Hostettler first freshman to cross Gingrich on matter of principle

WASHINGTON - U.S. Reps. John Hostettler and Mark Souder found themselves in a conspicuous position last week - the only two Republican freshman to vote against the balanced budget amendment.

That landed Hostettler as the object of ire on The Rush Limbaugh Show. Hostettler also found himself in a controversy surrounding the funding of the I-69 Mid-Continent highway extension from Indianapolis to Evansville, saying he didn't believe the project should be financed through the general fund.

HPR caught up with Hostettler Wednesday afternoon, right before he rushed off to vote for the unfunded mandate legislation. Here's what the Republican freshman from Posey County had to say:

HPR: John Myers crossed Newt Gingrich years ago and paid dearly for it. Did you have any trepidations about crossing him on the balanced budget amendment when you met with him?

HOSTETTTLER: They just wanted to know where I stood and if this was a stance that was not in concrete. I talked with him exactly where I came from. This was something I campaigned on and this was something folks knew before the election took place. I wouldn't really consider any of it pressure, just an informational that went on before hand.

HPR: Did Gingrich know your stance on the balanced budget?

HOSTETTTLER: Several of us were there. Mine (position) was the only one which was concerned about amending the Constitution specifically.

HPR: Gingrich is a man who urges everyone to read the Constitution. How did he react?

HOSTETTTLER: As a matter of fact, I really didn't have a lot to say. Having talked to the leadership, specifically Majority Whip Tom DeLay who I had an extensive conversation with, I'm sure he knew from the beginning

where I stood on the issue. I told him where I stood on the issue and that I couldn't be moved. He didn't seem to show any discontent.

HPR: Is there any fear in crossing Gingrich?

HOSTETTTLER: There's no fear. It was an issue that was on principle and I don't believe the speaker will hold a matter of principle against anyone. I think the real issue is keeping true to the people who sent me here.

HPR: You are opposed to term limits. Do you think the same scenario will come up?

HOSTETTTLER: I don't think so. Term limits is an issue that holds quite a bit of difference throughout the Republican conference itself. There are folks in leadership who oppose amending the Constitution to limit terms.

HPR: Has anything surprised you thus far?

HOSTETTTLER: The issue that did surprise me was the balanced budget amendment. It was a big issue with the conference and the leadership. I think this is a leadership that treats folks in their party far differently than the folks did on the other side. And right now, I'm watching us pass an unfunded mandates bill which is getting strong bipartisan support.

HPR: Were you surprised when you and Souder were the only ones to oppose the balanced budget amendment?

HOSTETTTLER: I wasn't sure at the time who the other one was on the screen. Mark is very principled. When I found out, it didn't really surprise me.

HPR: Were you surprised when Rush Limbaugh singled you out?

HOSTETTTLER: Not really. He said he was going to hold everybody's feet to the fire on this contract. He might have forgotten exactly what the contract said. It says all we've had to do is bring these items on the floor for a vote. Since we've done that so far, none of us have broken the contract. I understand he has ratings to uphold.

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## Hatcher hints at Gary mayoral run; O'Brien eyes 'shortcomings'

GARY - Former Gary Mayor Richard G. Hatcher has left the door open for entry in the May primary, saying that if current candidates don't address Gary's image, jobs, economic development and effective management, "There will be a very important announcement to make" by Feb. 17 (Debra Gruszecki, *The Times of Munster*).

"This is the most crucial and important election since 1967," Hatcher told a crowd of 500 people in a two-hour speech. "If you make a wrong decision in May of this year, I really fear for this city." Currently, State Sen. Earline Rogers, State Rep. Charlie Brown and several others have entered the race. Hatcher served as mayor from 1968 to 1988.

Hatcher also blasted Gov. Evan Bayh for failing to help Gary. "I will not forgive him for that," Hatcher said. "He would not be in that office were it not for the votes of the people in this city." Observed Lawrence Johnson, a former neighbor of Hatcher's, "Everyone to whom I talked took it to mean that he will run for mayor. Either that, or, it's deal-making time."

■ **INDIANAPOLIS:** Mayor Stephen Goldsmith continues to demonstrate why he has become Indiana's most compelling, if not controversial, political figure. His initiative to carve Indianapolis Public Schools into five districts caught friend and foe off guard. When IPS officials turned up for a Senate committee hearing on the bill sponsored by State Sen. Theresa Lubbers on Monday, they were disorganized due to lack of copies of the 40-page bill. And City-County Councilman Susan Williams, who worked with Goldsmith on the reform school board slate, termed the secretive way the mayor handled the initiative as "an absolute breach of faith" (Rebecca Buckman, *Indianapolis Star*). "It's highly, highly disappointing to me that he couldn't squelch his insatiable urge to manage the world and allow some of these folks to dis-

play their abilities."

■ **Probable Democratic mayoral nominee** Thomas P. O'Brien shed some light on his looming candidacy and campaign against Goldsmith. He questioned earlier HPR-reported comments that his candidacy would lack "credibility." Said O'Brien, "I'll admit that matching the mayor's fund-raising will be difficult, but Louis Mahern raised nearly \$1 million in wake of Hudnut's extremely popular tenure. Besides, the mayor must hold back at least \$900,000 just to keep pace with the upcoming gubernatorial races." And O'Brien said of the issues, "I find it hard to believe how little has been made of the mayor's serious administrative and personal shortcomings. Rather than discuss those things which I'm sure you're familiar with, I'll wait until the campaign."

## CITY WATCH

■ **LOGANSPOUR:** Four Democrats are now seeking the mayoral nomination. Mike Busch, a former assistant to former congressman Jim Jontz, joins incumbent Mayor Bill Vernon, Council

President Terry Hornburg and Steve Rance in the primary.

■ **FORT WAYNE:** Democrats finally have a mayoral candidate, albeit an obscure one. Leslie Crosby, a political unknown, filed last week. Democrats are still scrambling to find a "credible" candidate. Republican Mayor Paul Helmke will also have some primary opposition. Tom Ostragnai, who spearheaded the city's drive to adopt its "Drug Den" ordinance and has been a candidate for the Indiana House, announced his candidacy. His campaign slogan is "Lock 'em up and throw away the Helmke."

■ **ROUNDUP:** Brazil Mayor Kenny Crabb filed for re-election the day after another Republican, Charles Burgess, withdrew after a Jan. 24 battery conviction.

## HUMOR

### M I L L

### Wendellisms, by Wendell Trogdon, *Indianapolis News*

"What a campaign slogan: Stephen Goldsmith: a solution looking for a problem."

"Headline: Mayor Goldsmith wants to reinvent IPS. The man is making Newt Gingrich seem unassuming."



"Left ringers" can now gripe about House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Working Assets Long Distance, a San Francisco-based company, opened up the 800-NIX-NEWT line last week as a form of protest against the "Contract With America."



### Devil's Dictionary, by Ambrose Bierce

Whangdepootenawah, n. In the Ojibwa tongue, disaster; an unexpected affliction that strikes hard.

Recount, n. In American politics, another throw of the dice, accorded to the player against whom they are loaded.

Rear, n. In American military matters, that exposed part of the army that is nearest to Congress.



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- Newton County Enterprise*
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## Legislative forecast:

### Mannweiler faces caucus dilemma; IPASS at sine die?

■ Feb. 15 could be a red-letter date in the Republican House caucus. It's at that point that members of the Indiana Conservative Assembly will try to prod Speaker Paul Mannweiler to reassign the informed consent abortion legislation out of Rep. John Keeler's Judiciary Committee to Rep. Robert Alderman's Public Policy Committee. The ICA is convinced Keeler will let the bill die in committee. Mannweiler said on Network Indiana's "Mike Pence Show" Monday that he had voted for the legislation in 1990 and had placed it in Judiciary so as not to interfere with "Contract With Indiana." Said Micah Clark of the Indiana Family Institute, "The mood of the pro-life activists is, we'll take him at his word...up to a point." But Dinah Farrington of Planned Parenthood of Central and Southern Indiana countered, saying, "Paul is wise enough to know that if an abortion battle is waged in 1995, it will cause serious splits in the Republican Party."

■ The ironies of the abortion posturing are intriguing. Former Democratic Speaker Michael K. Phillips was pro-life while Mannweiler, serving as majority leader, was pro-choice. Now that Mannweiler is speaker, Democratic Minority Leader John Gregg is pro-life. Here's another

one: Senate Republicans replaced pro-life Democrat Frank Mrvan with pro-choice Republican Sandy Dempsey, creating a 25/25 split on the abortion issue.

■ The Bayh administration is expecting the IPASS legislation to be one of the last things resolved in the 109th session. "It's the public issue," said press aide Fred A. Nation. "That's an issue that will go down to the end because the questions will take some time to answer and it's a big dollar issue."

■ Gov. Evan Bayh met with 14 editorial writers last week. Bayh and Superintendent of Public Instruction Suellen Reed will be visiting more such editorial boards within the next month. And what kind of press have they been getting? Bonnie Blackburn of the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette wrote in Sunday's edition, "When it came time to talk policy, I was disheartened to hear that little solid research goes into drafting legislation that affects all Hoosiers." Blackburn quoted Sen. Robert Garton as saying, "We don't have any staff" to check on proposals. And she concluded, "If legislators rely only on lobbyists for information, they're going to make laws that help only the lobbyists employers."

#### Listing of February Republican Lincoln Day Dinners.

FEB.	COUNTY	TIME	PLACE	SPEAKER
4	Delaware	6 p.m.	Horizon Center	U.S. Rep. J.C. Watts
10	Tippecanoe	6 p.m.	Purdue Union	Rex Early
11	Jennings	6:30 p.m.	Jennings Co. MS	State Sen. Bob Garton
11	Ohio	7 p.m.	Ohio Co. Hist. Bdg.	Rex Early
12	Warren	4 p.m.	Beef House	Rex Early
13	Shelby	6:30 p.m.	Shelbyville MS	Sec. of State Sue Anne Gilroy
15	Rush	6:30 p.m.	Rushville HS	Rex Early
18	Benton	6 p.m.	Benton CC	Rex Early
20	Scott	6 p.m.	Best Western	State Sen. Jean Leising
23	Franklin	6:30 p.m.	Hickory Lane	Auditor Morris Wooden
24	White	6:30 p.m.	American Legion	State Sen. Bob Garton
25	Madison	6 p.m.	Holidome	U.S. Rep. David McIntosh
25	Newton	6 p.m.	S. Newton JH	Rex Early
26	Johnson	6 p.m.	Jonathan Byrd	U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer
26	3rd CD	TBA	TBA	U.S. Rep. David McIntosh