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## GOP veto overrides crushing old foes

### ISTA defanged in political sea change

INDIANAPOLIS - For years Republicans have dreamed of defanging the Indiana State Teachers Association and other bogeymen such as the trial lawyers.

On Wednesday, when the House overrode Gov. Evan Bayh's veto on the fair share legislation, the Republicans may have finally reversed the tide against what many had considered to be the most powerful political entity in the state. After the ISTA defeated House Speaker J. Roberts Dailey in 1986, some observers were calling the ISTA even more powerful than the Republican and Democratic parties.

But with the override of the "fair share" legislation, the talk in the Statehouse corridors Wednesday was that the ISTA had been severely damaged. Some observers are saying that with an end to fair share, ISTA coffers may not see up to \$3 million annually that helped fund its extensive and powerful lobbying, and its campaign political action committees that made the ISTA a feared organization.

"They have systematically found their enemies and harmed them. The Republicans have ticked off an enemies list and they're really hitting them," said one lobbyist who asked for anonymity. "They've cruelly hurt the ISTA. At this point, we're talking about major league harm. There may be lay-offs and huge scale backs in staff."

House Republicans in overriding tort reform have also severely damaged the Indiana Trial Lawyers, where chief lobbyist Ed Treacy operated as a huge campaign money machine for Democratic candidates.

The final poison pill for many Democrats came with an override of the informed consent legislation. In one day, the House reversed a political generation of public policy that had become anathema to the conservative political movement. And all of this

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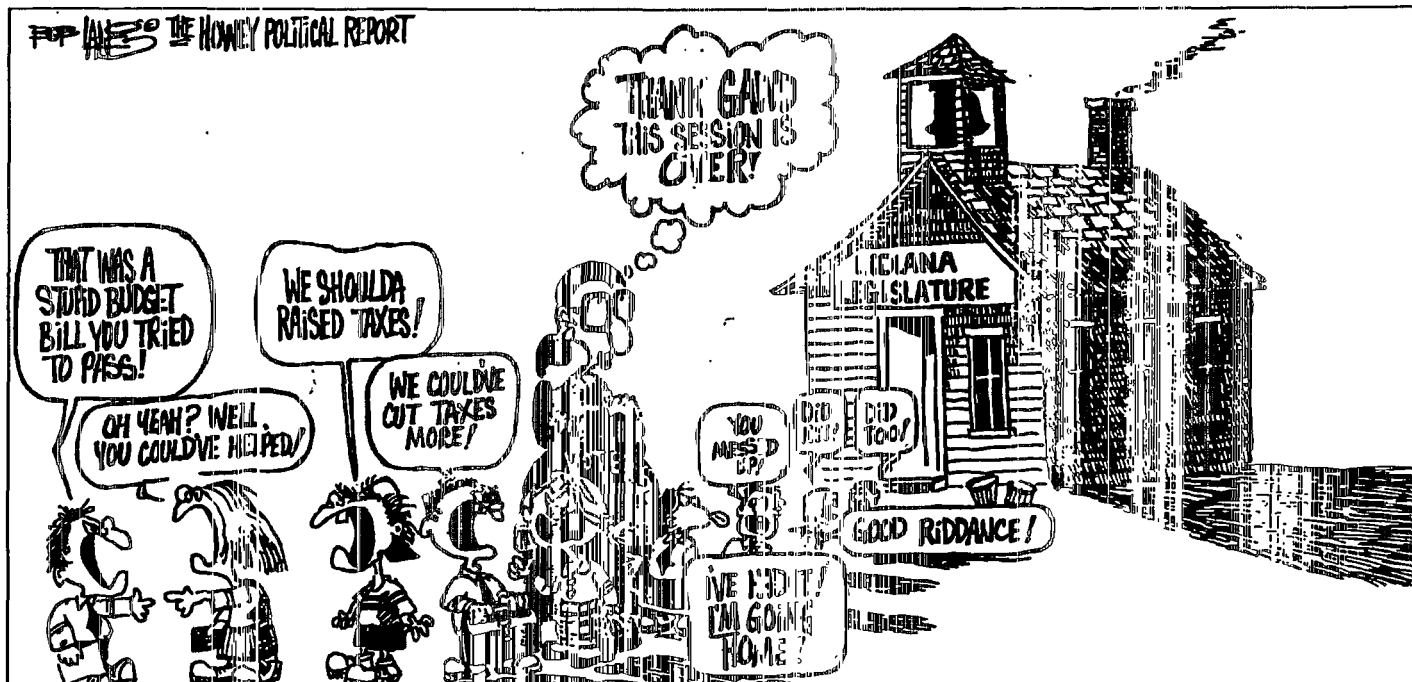
## "QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

**"You're losing air down here...."**

- U.S. Rep. John Hostettler to a woman hissing at him from the front row at a town hall meeting in Bloomington, reported by Kurt Van der Dussen, Herald-Times.

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# HUMOR M I L L

## Wendellisms

by Wendell Trogdon  
Indianapolis News

Pat Rooney is learning about the media. He announces he will run for governor and gets less press than Dan Quayle, who says he won't.

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program held its bull sale this week...perhaps to coincide with the conclusion of the Legislature.



## Devil's Dictionary, by Ambrose Bierce

**Education, n.** That which discloses to the wise and disguises from the foolish their lack of understanding.

**Impunity, n** Wealth

## Political sea change at Statehouse

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comes amidst a flurry of media reports that have four House Republicans and two senators actively participating and/or endorsing the activities of the Patriot/militia movement.

And there is the widely circulated Feb. 13 letter that nine House freshmen sent to U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch demanding hearings into the federal government conduct in the Branch Davidian raid in Waco, Tex., which is speculated as a retaliatory cause for the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

Many observers believe that this arch conservatism coming in the wake of the Oklahoma City massacre will be politically damaging to the House freshman Republican class in the 1996 elections.

But even if Democrats can reclaim the House in 1996, as many observers believe is eminently possible, particularly now that the militia ties are coming to light, it would be a minimum of at least four years before they could begin unraveling the conservative agenda that wobbled through the Statehouse like a riderless steamroller in the past three months.

While the House might be attainable, the Senate looks like it will be Republican for the foreseeable future. The events of the past two days raise the stakes for Democrats to regain not

only control of the Indiana House, but also to put Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon in the governor's office.

Even if that were to occur, the Senate would likely act as a stumbling block against reversing the events of the past few days.

Still at stake this session is whether Gov. Evan Bayh will sacrifice property tax and excise tax relief in order to fend off reforms in prevailing wage. HB 1589 reached the governor late Tuesday. Earlier that afternoon, Fred Nation was saying the "governor usually has in mind what he plans to do before a bill gets to him."

An hour later, Bayh told the press at a bill signing ceremony, "I'll make a decision on that...as soon as I have made up my mind. I haven't reached that point yet. When I reach that point, I don't know."

House Speaker Paul Mannweiler and Senate President Pro Tem Bob Garton had emerged from a meeting with Bayh just before the ceremony. "They're keeping us in suspense," Mannweiler said with an impish grin.

Rep. Dennis Kruse hinted that a sweeter budget for Bayh would come after his prevailing wage decision. "The budget will be ironed out at the appropriate time," Kruse told HPR, adding, "without discussion between House and Senate Republicans."

# Prosecutor calls Lawler raid 'political'

ANDERSON - It's a staple in Indiana politics - the election year drug bust or gambling raid. Mayors and sheriffs with tough primary or general election battles at hand have used them through the years to show the voters

who's in charge. But there's a twist to this story in Anderson, where Mayor Mark Lawler is facing a primary challenge from Linda Haynes. Last Friday, city and Madison County police raided seven bars and restaurants where they confiscated 15 to 20 illegal video gambling machines. But Madison County Prosecutor Rodney Cummings, who upset Lawler's father last November, told the Herald-Bulletin, "It appears to me that the mayor and chief of police have used their political position to punish their opponents. Ten days before the election for mayor and the police chief focuses an investigation in Chesterfield on supporters of his primary opponent. It seems somewhat suspicious to me." Lawler and his police chief deny there is any political motive. Given the fate of Lawler's father last fall, this is a race to keep an eye on.

# HORSE RACE

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## TERRE HAUTE

Chalos v. Jenkins (D) - Tribune-Star editorial endorses Jenkins, saying, "Jenkins comes to the race when his strength as a consensus-builder is high on the list of attributes needed by the next mayor. That factor sways us toward endorsing his candidacy."

LEANING JENKINS



## EVANSVILLE

Coker v. Davis, Frary, DeGroot, Groshans (R) - Free lance writer and columnist David Scott Coker and development company owner Lori Frary have made this five-way race interesting. Both have held a flurry of news conferences. Coker is intense, calling for a grand jury investigation of Mayor Frank McDonald for alleged cronyism. But insiders say Vanderburgh County GOP Chairman Joe Harrison is giving a wink and a nod Frary's way.

LEANING FRARY



HOOSIER ROUNDUP: Horse Race believes that Mayor Paul Helmke in Fort Wayne will pull out a victory over John Widmann. HPR sees races in East Chicago (where Stephen Stiglich is gaining some momentum) and in Michigan City (where Mayor Robert Behler is showing resilience) as tossups. In Bloomington Democrat Charlotte Zietlow appears to be winning the "Yard Sign Poll" over John Fernandez, and she has raised a considerable amount of money. Look for Monroe County GOP Chairman John L. Smith to capitalize on his Christian Coalition ties to defeat Councilman Kirk White. Our Muncie sources see former Mayor Carey fading, and a Donati win.

# TICKER T A P E

Here's a popular story going around the Statehouse that indicates that all is not hunky-dorey in the House GOP caucus. **Rep. Jon Padfield** complained recently to **Rep. Bob Alderman** that he didn't have enough time to read a bill that came up in Alderman's committee. Numerous sources tell HPR that Alderman responded by saying, "In a year and a half, you'll have plenty of time."

**Sen. Sandy Dempsey** had folks all over the Statehouse shaking their heads over her flip-flops on the issues. This time it was SB 311, the informed consent bill. Dempsey passionately spoke against the bill, then voted for it, then voted affirmative on concurrence, and then this past week voted to sustain the override.

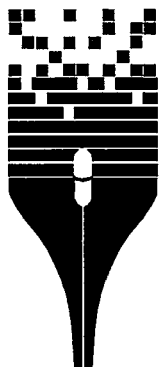
Expect WTHR-TV to a politically volcanic report with tape of four Republican members of the Indiana House and two GOP senators attending Patriot and/or militia meetings.

You have to applaud the candor of **Sens. John Waterman** and **Richard Thompson** and **Reps. David Lohr** and **Jon Padfield** for their affiliation and support within the militia movement. But Democrats tell HPR they are salivating over the prospects these relationships will mean on the 1996 campaign trail, particularly in wake of the Oklahoma City bombing of the federal building.

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# TICKER T A P E

Sources tell HPR that disciplined **Rep. Barb Engle** of Decatur is considering a switch to the Democrats.

Here's something for the "strange bedfellows" department. **Dinah Farrington** of Indiana Planned Parenthood has joined forces with **Cindi Martin** of Indiana Right-to-Life to work against welfare cuts.

HPR hears that a number of House Republicans have been called into leadership offices for telephone chats with former **Vice President Dan Quayle** over the position on tort reform.

**Fred Nation** on what's at stake for House **Speaker Paul Mannweiler**: "Nothing is more important to Paul Mannweiler than prevailing wage and possibly tort reform. He has to deliver on both of those."

One of the more interesting press articles this week was by **Cam Simpson** of the *Indianapolis News*, who noted that tort reform could have "one major impact that has barely been whispered in the halls of the Statehouse: The legislature could provide valuable protection for tobacco companies sued because of deaths and illnesses blamed on smoking."

**Gov. Bayh** on his desire on having a super majority for an override: "It's interesting to see in Washington the opposition party are arguing for a line item veto. I think it's a good thing."

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## House freshmen barnstorm Hoosier town meetings; begin '96 campaigns

KENDALLVILLE - Twenty people sat on folding chairs at the City Hall Annex, arms folded and attentive as U.S. Rep. Mark Souder entered the room last week.

It was his fourth town meeting of the day, with another to go that night. Souder explained to the group that he would do 31 town hall meetings and conduct two weekly radio shows.

"I'm not as good on TV as I am on radio because people have to look at me," he quipped, before telling the people, "We moved at such a pace that the Senate is gasping for air."

Throughout the 2nd, 4th and 8th Congressional Districts this April, Souder and fellow freshman Congressmen David McIntosh and John Hostettler are conducting close to 75 such meetings. The meetings have several purposes: inform constituents, put their spin on the momentous events rattling Congress, and commence their 1996 re-election campaigns.

For Souder, there aren't enough hours available for him to explain everything he has on his mind.

When Senate candidate Jim Jones conducted a town hall meeting in Kendallville last summer, the people he talked with were focused on security - jobs, crime and an adequate storm warning system. This day, their questions were about term limits and school lunches.

The school lunch issue is used as an example by Souder of how the "Republican Revolution" is being distorted by the media. Funding isn't being cut, Souder said, only its increase - down from 5.2 percent to 4.5 percent. "The media are going to reconfigure it to make us look mean," Souder said.

But he questions the federal government's place in providing subsidized lunches for kids who don't need them. "Jefferson and Adams never had a debate about school lunches," Souder said.

His quest will be to begin the process of balancing the budget, telling folks that "if you're not mad at me in the next 18 months, it will be an anomaly. "Everybody is going to get a

little aggravated at some point," he said.

In Kendallville this day, the only aggravation expressed was Souder's.

### HOSTETTLER'S "PROJECT"

Of the three Hoosier freshmen, John Hostettler is viewed by most observers as the most vulnerable in 1996. The 8th District had a history of retiring its congressmen in short order until Frank McCloskey, as liberal as Hostettler is conservative, held it for 12 years.

So there was great interest in how Hostettler would handle the scrutiny. At a Friday night meeting in Bloomington, Hostettler found himself on the receiving end of some hostility.

Kurt Van der Dussen of the *Herald-Times* wrote, "The tendency of a few people to deliver diatribes instead of ask questions or engage in discussion angered Hostettler supporters at both meetings."

But, the reporter noted, "Hostettler hardly proved to be defenseless." After a response, a young woman in the front row hissed at the congressman.

"You're losing air down here," Hostettler replied without breaking his stride.

An overflow crowd (reported as 60 and 100 by the two daily newspapers) greeted Hostettler at his first meeting at the Evansville Civic Center. Tom Rathel of the *Evansville Courier* wrote in his lead, "The 'Contract With America' and the first 100 days of the 104th Congress drew mixed reviews...."

Rich Azar of the *Evansville Press* noted, "An overflow crowd posed questions ranging from the Mexican bailout to the Fourth Amendment, to dismantling the IRS" for Hostettler.

In Vincennes, 30 people attended a morning meeting. Sun-Commercial reporter Deanna Ratts led her story this way: "Eighth District Congressman John Hostettler said this morning that the federal government needs to focus on serving the public rather than creating mounds of red tape and bureaucracy."

At that session, Hostettler emphasized

that he voted against the Contract twice - on term limits and the balanced budget amendment. "My commitments are to the folks of the 8th District," he said. "I'm not going back on my word."

Most of the controversy, Hostettler found, came on environmental issues. At Evansville, Jim Daniels of the Izaak Walton League said he wanted to stop "the political erosion of 25 years of environmental legislation." Both the Courier and Press quoted Hostettler as backing environmental legislation that could be backed up by "scientific data."

The environment seemed to surface more at town hall meetings in the 8th CD than the other two districts, probably because of Indiana University's influence and the I-69 extension project, where environmentalists fear the highway will be too costly to the land. Ironically, McIntosh was much more active on that front than Hostettler.

## MR. MCINTOSH/DR. DEREG

In 1993, then-U.S. Rep. Phil Sharp conducted a town hall meeting in Muncie where he explained his votes for Clinton tax increases. At one point, Sharp told the crowd, "If you don't like it, vote for somebody else."

David and Ruthie McIntosh were in the audience that day and he insists that was the impetus for his extraordinary run for Congress.

McIntosh conducted 12 town hall meetings in the 2nd CD, as well as House Regulatory Affairs subcommittee hearings in Indianapolis and Muncie. McIntosh generally found supportive audiences, as did Souder and Hostettler.

At a Saturday morning meeting at McDonald's in Winchester, McIntosh was asked about putting a hold on the endangered species list. But most of the questions there concerned the flat tax and national sales tax proposals, national defense and welfare reform. In nearby Portland, most of the questions centered on job training.

The Portland Commercial Review's Barbara Wilkinson led her story by writing, "The Republican 'Contract With America' is off to a good start, according to U.S. Rep. David

McIntosh."

Brian Francisco of the Muncie Star previewed the subcommittee hearing and then covered it. The coverage was everything a congressman would want.

"The regulatory horror road show might enjoy a long run," Francisco wrote on April 19. "A motorcyclist accused the government of blackmail for threatening to withhold highway funds from states that failed to pass helmet laws. A Richmond municipal official wondered why every bus in her city had to have a hydraulic wheelchair lift when only one rider needed the assistance."

On April 18, Francisco's lead was: "Business executives and farmers told ghost stories Monday, and in every tale the boogeyman was a bureaucrat."

It left McIntosh this opening: "You often think if (regulators) had to live with the things they write, we'd have better results."

Out of two dozen people testifying, the only warning of ending regulations came from Michael Shays of Muncie, who said he remembered when the White River was "an open sewer." To which McIntosh responded, "We can't just throw out the entire system or return to a completely unregulated state."

The Muncie hearing even brought out Wayne Townsend, the 1984 Democratic gubernatorial nominee from Hartford City, who testified that soil conservation officials couldn't agree on whether his farm contained wetlands. "We need to bring order out of chaos," Townsend said.

As if having Townsend question wetland designations wasn't good enough, McIntosh hit the visual jackpot on the April 18 front page of the Anderson Herald-Bulletin. Under a headline stating "Regulations take their toll" was a two-column AP wirephoto of McIntosh and two other subcommittee members under a huge portrait of Gen. George S. Patton at the Indiana War Memorial.

Mike Deaver and all the "fellas" from the Reagan White House would have been proud.

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**Bayh** noted in his support for a super majority veto override: "I say that knowing that it won't happen while I'm governor."

**Brad Allamong**, president of the Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce, announced last week that his is considering a run against U.S. Rep. **Tim Roemer** (Dave Hawk, *Michigan City News-Dispatch*). "There are several issues that need to be resolved before I would make a commitment to a candidacy," Allamong said. He said he has talked with Republican leaders throughout the 3rd CD and the reaction has been "surprise and encouragement."

State Sen. **Joe Zakas** is also considering a run against Roemer.

U.S. Rep. **Lee Hamilton** told Indiana University students in Bloomington that there will be "profound ramifications" in wake of the Oklahoma City bombing in the form of government seeking more authority to combat terrorist groups (Steven Higgs, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). Hamilton also said that it would be a victory for terrorists if their actions led to a "diminution" of liberties in the United States. "Terrorism has come to our shores," Hamilton said at one point.

Former Indianapolis AP newsman **Lindel Hutson** is now assigned to the Oklahoma City bureau. He told **Welton W. Harris II** of the *Indianapolis News* that the first thing he did after the bombing was he booked 14 hotel rooms. Hutson had driven past the building 10 minutes before it blew up.

# Mike Pence: conservative talk radio has rights, but responsibilities

## HPR INTERVIEW

***"The market place is strong enough and smart enough to weed out those folks who cross the line...."***

**Mike Pence**

***"...talk radio, responsibly used, is beginning to free us from sound bites and 30-second television commercials...."***

**Mike Pence**

The times when President Clinton and Mike Pence, a former Republican congressional candidate and now a syndicated talk show radio host, agree are rare.

But Clinton crossed over into Pence's domain Monday, denouncing in Des Moines, Iowa, the "promoters of paranoia" and the spreaders of hate on talk radio.

It came less than a week after the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, and days after G. Gordon Liddy spent considerable air time telling listeners how to make the kind of bomb used in the heartland.

Last week, Indianapolis-based talk radio host Stan Solomon's bid to become a special deputy with the Marion County Sheriff's Department was challenged by Richard Bottoms, a Nuvo systems analyst. Bottoms who delivered tapes of Solomon's program to the sheriff. The Indianapolis News described the taped programs where Solomon "allegedly uses slurs against racial minorities and gays."

HPR talked late Wednesday afternoon with Pence, who will appear at an Indiana Civil Liberties Union forum at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Athenaeum in Indianapolis to talk about the controversies of talk radio.

HPR: What do you make of President Clinton's admonishment of conservative talk radio hosts, who he maintains are spreading hate and paranoia?

Pence: I think President Clinton is right in that vein. We have rights in America. And in tandem with those rights, we have responsibility. Whatever type of journalist we are, whether it be in the entertainment business or as professional journalists, we always have the consequences of the way that we present fact and information.

HPR: You bill and market your show as conservative talk radio. Where do you put your show in the spectrum of talk radio that has come under such intense scrutiny this week?

Pence: I like to consider what we do on the Mike Pence Show as mainstream conserva-

tive. We try and address a lot of what is public frustration with late 20th Century liberalism - economic policies on state and federal government or on social policies at either level. We do not as a rule entertain guests or callers who are identified with the radical right. We simply are not interested in creating a forum for the conveyance of paranoid conspiracy theories at the state and federal level.

HPR: How do you recognize and weed those kind of callers out?

Pence: We don't do a lot of call screening. We really try to allow people, whether they agree or disagree with the host, to come on. But my program is different from a lot of talk radio today in that we have a guest on the program every day of the show. We've been fortunate to have Gov. Evan Bayh and Sen. Dick Lugar and everybody in between. That's very, very different. In that sense, we have total control over the quality and character of the people we allow on. We simply are not interested in creating a forum for the radical right.

HPR: Does Stan Solomon create that kind of forum?

Pence: Stan Solomon is a talk radio host who trades in conspiracy theories, who trades in the idea that the North American Free Trade Agreement, or the general agreement of tariffs, are both part of a one world government conspiracy. While I don't believe that is true, we just don't want to fuel paranoid delusions.

HPR: I'm sure you have listened to Limbaugh, Liddy, Ollie North and Michael Reagan. Who are the people you feel are fueling those conspiracies?

Pence: It would be difficult for me to give a list of shows that give voice to the radical right. There is no individual who consistently does that, except for maybe the short wave radio guys. But probably my program most frequently emulates the tone and content of the Rush Limbaugh Show. Where we are different is that we do not shy away from dealing with issues. Particularly in the last two years the Rush

Limbaugh program has been content to deal with issues related to the size and scope of government. I just simply believe that Hoosiers and Americans also want to talk about the pressing cultural issues of our time. But where we're similar to Limbaugh is a constant desire to inform and entertain, so probably that's where the greatest similarity exists.

HPR: Do the events of this past week with talk radio concern you, as possibly being painted by the same brush as some of the more irresponsible shows?

Pence: Naturally any time one's profession is under attack, there is a natural defensive reaction. Upon reflection, I am absolutely convinced that the marketplace is now and has always been smart enough to identify the snake oil salesmen from those who are seriously committed to their craft. Inasmuch as our program has been able to host the diversity of guests that we've had and has developed a reputation for fairness equal to the our reputation of having consistent conservative ideas, I'm not terribly troubled with being mixed in with the other side of the argument.

HPR: What happens when talk radio crosses the line, as some believe Liddy did this week?

Pence: I am someone who does not believe, and I believe President Clinton echoed this this past week, that government censorship is the answer. I believe we have a very successful experiment in free expression going on its 220th year. We ought to maintain that. I think in all reality the marketplace is strong enough and smart enough to weed out those folks who do cross the line. And simply by virtue of turning the dial, Americans and Hoosiers have the ability to marginalize the people who do not responsibly use the media.

HPR: Is someone like Stan Solomon approaching that line of marginalization?

Pence: I think whether or not he's off the radio, he's off the radar screen. In fact, I believe that when you look at those programs that have been successful here in Indiana and around the nation, you're looking at programs that by definition are not fringe programs. They simply could not enjoy the ratings sufficient to recruit advertisers and affiliates if they were always appealing to the fringe. You will always have the radio stations that will carry

whatever simply to fill airtime. But for those programs that want broad appeal, they will have to withstand the market test. I think the market is strong enough to know the snake oil salesmen from serious people.

HPR: In the 1992 campaign, a lot of politicians were looking to talk radio for that unfiltered access to the public, as opposed to going through a reporter, an editor, the copy desk or a producer. How's that changing the American political process?

Pence: It is a tremendous blessing to representative democracy that talk radio, responsibly used, is quite possibly beginning to free us from the world of sound bites and 30-second television commercials. The lieutenant governor was on my show in December and we gave him an unedited hour on statewide radio where listeners could get a personal sense of Frank O'Bannon as a family man, a businessman and an elected official. In that context, that's where talk radio is at its highest and best use where it can allow not only people in power, but everyday people to have access to information in the public debate, absent a Lincoln or Jefferson Day dinner, that they have never had.

HPR: Comcast is going from 40 channels to 80 in the next few years. You expect this will expand into TV?

Pence: I don't think there is any question that the popularity of talk is expanding on the national level into television and there's no question it will continue to expand on a statewide and regional basis. People simply want intimate, unedited access to news, fact, information and people. Then they, as individual participants in the process, want to make judgments on all of those things without them having to be run through five or ten filters on an editorial board.

HPR: It's been a very disturbing week. Any other thoughts on these events?

Pence: The conclusion that talk radio has some how caused these radical right psychopaths to detonate their weapon in Oklahoma City doesn't hold water. If you properly understand these fringe elements, you realize they've always been with us and they have as little to do with the mainstream conservative debate as they did for mainstream liberals .

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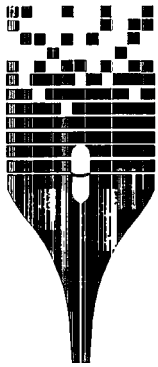
Indianapolis **Mayor Stephen Goldsmith** raised \$243,339 for his mayoral campaign during the first three months of 1995. He now has \$1.3 million, which is about \$400,000 less than what Sen. Richard Lugar has raised thus far for his presidential campaign.

House **Speaker Newt Gingrich** will testify before U.S. **Rep. David McIntosh's** Regulatory Affairs subcommittee on May 2 in Washington on "Corrections Day." That was established by Gingrich as a tool to correct legislative and regulatory mistakes. "Corrections Day will be a powerful new tool to repeal government actions that are both dumb and expensive," McIntosh said.

**Gov. Bayh** bantered with the press Tuesday prior to his brief statements on prevailing wage. At one point Bayh quipped, "Isn't it ironic that the same station that airs 'GED on TV' would also air Rex Early?"

**Bill Styring** of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation said he was in the minority there in his prediction that Bayh would veto the prevailing wage/tax reform bill. "They think there's enough tax relief to give him enough cover," Styring said of his colleagues. "But he wants to be president, so he has to veto."





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## Lugar lines up Iowa heavy hitters

All the talk that Sen. Dick Lugar's presidential campaign is getting out of the blocks too slowly was allayed in Iowa last week.

Former Iowa Republican Chairman Richard Schwarm and two experienced political PR operatives - Jeanette Schmett and Mike Day - have joined the Lugar campaign.

"That is a real significant development," said Marty Morris, Lugar's chief of staff in the Senate office.

Des Moines Register political writer David Yepsen said in an April 16 dispatch that "the decision by the trio of respected political workers is a boost for Lugar in Iowa, where his late-starting candidacy lags well behind others."

Schwarm, who chaired the Iowa party from 1989 until 1994, told Yepsen, "This is a chance to get in on the ground floor and get him off to a quick start."

Schwarm, a long-time associate of Gov. Terry Branstad, said his decision to support Lugar comes with his call for eliminating the IRS and repealing the federal income tax and replacing it with a 17-percent sales tax. "It makes a lot of sense and it takes a lot of courage to do that," he told Yepsen.

Added Lugar communication director Mark Helmke, "Everybody has been saying that all the prime people had been chosen and that's not the case. They'll be the core for a pretty good organization in Iowa."

Day and Schmett ran two successful congressional campaigns in Iowa and one in Minnesota in 1994. Day is a former agriculture newscaster and Schmett has been active with the Iowa Young Republicans. "They are very well plugged in," Helmke said.

■ **LUGAR NOTES:** Helmke is predicting that "come January," Lugar will be on a fund-raising par with Sens. Bob Dole and Phil Gramm. That comes after a week when \$1.3 million was raised, including \$750,000 at an Indianapolis fete at the Westin Hotel, and \$90,000 at a reception at Sycamore Hills Golf Club in Fort Wayne. Lugar now has \$1.7 million.

■ Helmke called President Clinton's Iowa campaign stops this week a "panderfest," including his proposal to cut agriculture subsidies by \$1.5 billion over five years, compared

with Lugar's call for \$15 billion in cuts over the same period.

■ Lugar will be in California this weekend for fund-raisers in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

■ Lugar attended the Godfrey Sperling breakfast with about 25 Washington reporters Wednesday morning, including David Broder of the Washington Post. It was a meeting with this group in January that helped prompt Lugar's decision to seek the presidency.

■ The Lugar campaign downplayed the significance of the Oklahoma City bombing knocking his speech off national TV. "The mood of the whole country will be affected by what happened," said campaign chairman Mark Lubbers (Kathleen M. Johnston, Indianapolis News). "Those things happen when you're in the White House and you have to deal with it."

■ A Sunday Louisville Courier-Journal editorial lauded Lugar. "He can match any conservative with commitments to limited government, prudent spending and family values. But he also warns Republicans against 'piling on' and mean-spiritedness in the affirmative action debate. On some issues he comes across as shockingly moderate."

■ Michael Tackett of the Chicago Tribune wrote of Lugar's announcement ceremony in Indianapolis last week in a front page article: "His speech, although hardly rousing in its delivery, was muscular in substance. In an age of talk-radio sound bites, Lugar speaks like Woodrow Wilson."

■ The Indiana press was pretty upbeat in its Lugar announcement coverage, although the Indianapolis News ran page 1 pictures of Lugar's eyebrows and a computer-manipulated shot with them trimmed.

■ The Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette quoted former Allen County Republican Chairman Orvas Beers as saying Lugar is a long-shot. "But then I didn't think he'd get elected mayor. He's just a tremendous guy. He could do it." The Indianapolis News quoted 1996 gubernatorial hopeful Rex Barry as saying, "I don't think he's such a long shot."