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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“We’re on the sunrise side of the mountain, night is passing, and we are ready for the day to come....”

- Gov. George W. Bush

Bayh deep-veeped by Thursday’s end?

Remember Bush in the Motown bar?

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

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INDIANAPOLIS - At the beginning of the day Thursday, U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh appeared to be on top of the world. Reliable sources had indicated a change in his Aug. 9 schedule - the day after Al Gore was to announce his runningmate. There was an info packet being Fed-Exed to the Indiana Democratic National Convention delegation. CNN was touting Bayh as one of six potential veep nominees.

That information, sent out on the HPR Daily Wire was making the day of Mary Meagher, Bayh’s communications director, hectic. “Did that go to the *Hotline?*” she asked. When told “yes,” it was, “Oh boy, I haven’t even had a cup of coffee yet.”

The Bayh Senate office has taken a stealthy role in the veepstakes. Chief of staff Tom Sugar had made the rounds last February, suggesting that Bayh had a “50 percent” chance of making the ticket. Throughout the spring and summer, Bayh’s name had long percolated at the top of most lists. But Thursday’s HPR Daily Wire had struck a nerve. The Bayhphiles didn’t want to do anything to unnerve the ever-fluctuating alpha candidate, Al Gore.

But by Thursday evening, there was deflation. CNN and MSNBC were reporting a new short list - Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, and Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman. CNN reported that the chief rap against Bayh was his vote against partial birth abortions and how it was inflaming abortion rights activists.

Here’s what HPR has learned since that Thursday

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INDY 500 STILL TOPS: A WTHR-TV poll asking Hoosiers what the top race in the state is revealed that 69 percent said it was the Indianapolis 500, 24 percent said the Brickyard 400, and 4 percent said it was the inaugural Formula One race, set to commence this September.

McINTOSH TAX PLAN REACTION: Here is the first comprehensive look at reaction from around the state to David McIntosh's release of details on his 25 percent property tax cut plan.

Associated Press: Republican gubernatorial candidate David McIntosh on Thursday announced the long-awaited details of his tax plan, which he has promised would cut property taxes by 25 percent while increasing education spending. The plan includes reductions in some general expenditures, such as operating costs of several state agencies. "It's much more than a slogan," McIntosh said. "It's a blueprint for how we will operate government in the future." And while Democrats conceded McIntosh's plan is feasible, they say his details aren't quite detailed enough - and that feasible is not necessarily favorable. "I believe that this is probably the most irresponsible tax and budget plan I've ever seen in the 15 to 16 years



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Daily Wire from a variety of sources:

1.) The Gore campaign is unnerved by Ralph Nader's strength in California, where he's pulling about 9 percent of the Democratic vote.

2.) There is an internal struggle going on within the Gore campaign over the definition of "swing voters." One side sees them as suburban, affluent and computer savvy - the so-called "bobos" (bohemian bourgeoisie). The other view of swing voters is white, suburban, without college degrees - more like Reagan Democrats who would respond to a more populist message.

3.) If Gore, who was said to be on the verge of a decision Thursday morning, accepts the populist notion, then that would tend to favor John Kerry, who is more likely to follow Gore's lead and demagogue issues that would confront big oil and big drug companies. Kerry is also seen as friend of big labor that would blunt Nader's in-roads there. On that front, the recent vote on free trade with China is casting a big shadow over a Democratic constituency that Gore had entered the summer in good shape with.

In contrast, Evan Bayh's appeal was to reach out to independents and moderates. Bayh is hardly a bomb-thrower. Sen. Lieberman is seen as filling Gore's need for a veep with a "reputation for moral rectitude," something that Bayh would satisfy, although not as prolifically as Lieberman did during the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal.

HPR's Latest Analysis: Obviously this is an extremely fluid situation that could have a profound impact on Indiana politics.

If Nader is really posing that big of a threat to the Gore campaign and the nominee has to lean left toward John Kerry to mollify labor and secure his base at this late date, then this presidential election is essentially over.

A Massachusetts senator with a voting record as liberal as Sen. Ted Kennedy's will not play well in the Midwestern battleground states of Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Missouri.

If Bayh's camp was deflated Thursday evening, they were reminded of that night in 1980 when George H.W. Bush and his top braintrust found themselves in a Detroit bar, figuring they were out of the mix. And then came a phone call from the Reagan campaign.... ❖

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Bush, on the sunrise side of the mountain

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

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INDIANAPOLIS - Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush was supposed to deliver his speech of a lifetime.

And he did.

Bush delivered a message with specifics, took on the Clinton-Gore legacy, confronted cynicism, expressed tolerance and, as if answering for the sins of the Baby Boom generation said, "At times we lost our way, but we're coming home."

Bush's delivery, cadence, his emphatic statement on Social Security - "now is the time to give American workers security and independence that no one can take away" - revealed a politician in command of the opportunity and situation. The speech was on par with the best delivered by Presidents Reagan and Clinton - the two greatest political communicators of our time.

He reached out to his base, vowing sign into law a bill from Congress that would outlaw partial birth abortion. When he declared, "The surplus is the people's money," it was a direct line to the Republican base. On Social Security, he dared to touch the so-called "third rail," saying at one point, "If you don't touch it, you can't fix it, and I intend to fix it."

Bush's speech reached a dramatic crescendo, first quoting the lost voice of a teenaged Texas jail inmate, who asked him, "What do you think of me?" Bush described him as "a small voice, speaking for many." Bush noted a country divided by wealth and technology on one side, and poverty and crime on the other. Echoing Ronald Reagan, Bush declared, "We must tear down that wall."

He drew the speech to a close by talking of an El Paso artist, who said he'd rather live on the eastern side of the mountain - the sunrise side - when one could see the day approaching, as opposed

to the sunset side of a day passing. Bush declared, "We're on the sunrise side of the mountain. Night is passing. We are ready for the day to come."

While the Republican National Convention whirred with Hollywood efficiency to launch a new side of the Grand Old Party - one of tolerance and diversity - Bush used the speech to reach out to Democrats, minorities and women. While he called for a tax cut across the board, he promised lowering the bottom bracket from 15 percent to 10 percent. He observed that the progress for minorities "as been steady, but still too slow."

While the convention de-emphasized bitter warfare against Gore for most of the week, Bush was able to turn some of the Democrat's rhetoric back on him. "A time of prosperity needs a vision, and that's a fact," Bush said. "Or, as my opponent might call it, a risky truth scheme."

Bush noted the legacy of the greatest 20th Century Democrat - President Franklin Delano Roosevelt - and said of Gore, "It's the party of FDR, but the only thing he has to offer is fear itself."

Bush connected his roots - Midland, Texas, where "the sky is the limit" to his possible ascension to the White House by saying, "If you give me your trust, I will keep it. Grant me your mandate and I will use it."

The Texas governor said that while becoming president wasn't his vision of a lifetime, it is the "opportunity of a lifetime and I will make the most of it."

Already benefitting from a bump in the polls (Gallup had his lead at 14 percent just prior to the speech), while Gore's core support was flaking off to Green Party nominee Ralph Nader, Bush positioned his candidacy for victory in November. He also aimed his family as a true dynasty, potentially setting up the first father/son presidencies since the Adamses did it nearly 2 centuries ago. ❖

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that I've worked in and around state government," said Tom New, campaign manager for Gov. Frank O'Bannon. "This proposal will take Indiana down the road to disaster."

Louisville Courier-Journal (Lesley Stedman) - **Headline: McIntosh gives more details on tax-cut plan/ Proposal would bankrupt Indiana, Democrats say - Republican David McIntosh yesterday released details of his plan to cut residential property taxes by 25 percent, saying he is willing to reduce funding for some government agencies to pay for the cuts. The agencies that oversee state parks and economic development and regulate utilities and environmental compliance could suffer funding cuts under the plan. Major social service programs would be spared budget cuts while schools, colleges, police and prisons would see increases of about 4 percent annually, he said. McIntosh called the plan "the most comprehensive blueprint" ever presented by a candidate for governor. However, Senate Democratic caucus Leader Richard Young, D-Milltown, said the plan "is based on overly optimistic revenue projections." Tom New said the plan would cause "massive deficits" even after big cuts in government services.**

Evansville Courier (Tim Starks) - **Headline: McIntosh**

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draws fire after unveiling tax plan/One critic says cuts would bankrupt state by 2005 - Hoping to dispel public skepticism of his campaign centerpiece, gubernatorial challenger David McIntosh released details Thursday on how he would pay for a guaranteed 25 percent property tax cut. But the campaign of incumbent Democratic Gov. Frank O'Bannon thinks only important programs and surpluses will vanish, and continues to argue that McIntosh hasn't offered many details at all.

South Bend Tribune (Susan Dillman) - **Headline: Bowen endorses McIntosh tax plan - Of all the endorsements a politician could reap for a campaign tax cut promise, none may be sweeter than that coming from former Gov. Otis R. Bowen.** Bowen, the beloved and berated architect of Indiana's last big property tax fix 28 years ago, has shied away from political involvement. But on Thursday, the quiet Bremen doctor bestowed his political blessing on Republican governor candidate David McIntosh and his 25 percent "guaranteed" property tax cut plan.

Indianapolis Star (editorial) - **Headline: McIntosh's tax cut - David McIntosh on Thursday took a big step toward answering the skeptics. The Republican candidate for governor**

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Selling 'compassionate conservatism'

By MARK SCHOEFF JR.

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WASHINGTON - Republicans likely have achieved a bounce from their unified, diversified, and tightly packaged convention in Philadelphia designed to articulate "compassionate conservatism." Now the challenge for the GOP is to turn their ethereal reveling into a reality on the ground.

"The party is more united than it's ever been before," said Indiana Republican Party Chairman Mike McDaniel from the convention floor. "They think (Texas Gov.) George W. Bush is going to win, and you can feel it."

Rex Early, a former state chairman, said the positive vibe is palpable. "The enthusiasm is as real as in 1980, which was my all-time favorite," he said of the convention that gave Ronald Reagan his first nomination.

This year's convention is a stark contrast to 1996, said Rep. Steve Buyer (R-2nd CD). "In 1996 with Bob Dole, there was a lot of 'hope.' Where here there's excitement, confidence, and a belief that George W. Bush will be the next president."

Party faithful say the compassionate conservatism theme will produce a victory in November. "This is the best thing that's ever happened to this party," said McDaniel. "Some of the time our rhetoric got in the way of our message, and that turned people off."

Larry Hopkins, Hamilton County GOP chairman and a convention delegate, said, "This is a different Republican Party. We've had recent conventions that had a harder edge and had some red meat. We've learned that that didn't sell well with the American public. We are learning from our mistakes and changing our approach. We think we hit a homerun in terms of how we're portraying ourselves, and it will pay off in the fall."

The packaging, not the product, has

been modified, said Buyer. "Conservatives haven't changed our beliefs or our principles at all. This convention deals with the marketing of those beliefs." Over the years, Democrats have "worked very hard to paint us as cold, callous and uncaring." The convention was designed "to show that we do care, but it's from a different perspective. We believe in empowering people, but we also believe in individual responsibility and accountability."

The GOP emphasized inclusion and diversity Monday night, featuring former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell. "The Republican Party has every intention of being the governing majority party of the country and wants all Americans, regardless of race or ethnicity, to know that there's a place at the table for them," said Mike Pence, a candidate for the open 2nd CD seat being vacated by incumbent GOP Rep. David McIntosh. Pence was one of 22 congressional candidates who addressed the convention Monday afternoon.

The best way to make inclusion a reality, rather than a hit television miniseries, is by selecting the right agenda. "It has to be issue driven," Pence said. "The most powerful issue the GOP has in its arsenal to reach out to minority Americans is educational choice. The black community has always been ahead of the white community on educational choice."

Expanding the party base is a long-term undertaking. "This is a starting point," said Tony Samuel, an Asian American and one of five minorities - all alternates - in the Hoosier convention delegation. "We need to be more inclusive. You can't say we've done well enough."

Samuel, campaign manager for State Superintendent of Public Instruction Suellen Reed, said the GOP must consistently practice what it began preaching in Philadelphia. "It has to filter down to every function. You have to show that you're reaching out to people." As an

example, he pointed to the Marion County Republican booth at the Indianapolis Black Expo in July.

Compassionate conservatism is a top-down rather than a grassroots phenomenon, emanating from the presidential candidate himself. The convention was "an accurate reflection of Governor Bush's heart and goal," said GOP consultant Kevin Shaw Kellems, who attended the Philadelphia festivities. "It's where he wants to lead the party, and that's a sincere desire on his part."

But outside the convention hall, some conservatives felt that the GOP was getting too soft. "I can't tell the difference anymore between Republicans and Democrats," said a patron at the Snow White Cafeteria, a working class restaurant on Market Street in the heart of Philadelphia's historic district. "I'm a staunch Republican and I'm going independent."

A cook at the Snow White, where coffee is 95 cents a cup, also is fed up with the GOP show. "Don't try to appease everybody, that's what the Democrats are doing. Who's paying for it? The middle class. We keep paying taxes. I'm going to go for Buchanan."

Kinder and gentler seems to be counter the approach of some members of the Hoosier delegation. Rep. John Hostettler (R-8th CD) aggressively fights gun-control legislation. But guns hardly

crossed the Philadelphia radar. Rep. Dan Burton (R-6th CD) has led investigations of multiple alleged Clinton administration improprieties over the past several years. But scandals were not explicitly mentioned at the convention. McIntosh leads the House Conservative Action Team, known for its 1994 revolutionary fervor.

McDaniel said the entire Hoosier congressional delegation is behind Bush. Everyone "will hitch their wagons and communicate this message because it's so popular with the public."

Communicating compassion involves putting a human face on budget numbers and demonstrating how the GOP's fiscal conservatism has protected Social Security, improved education and bolstered health care, said Buyer. As an example, he points to the \$70 million allocated to community health care centers in the labor and health and human resources appropriations bill. A portion of that money would go to the Indiana Health Center in Kokomo. "It's frustrating for Democrats to figure out a way to attack Republicans."

But Buyer's opposition is skeptical of the conservatives' compassionate hue. "The jury's really out on that," said Wyatt Hornsby, spokesman for 5th CD Democratic challenger Greg Goodnight. "We'll wait to see if they back up their words with actions." ❖

GOP unity contrasts with O'Bannon and Bauer

David McIntosh's gubernatorial has been stressing not only the unity in Philadelphia, but the same back home in Indiana. When McIntosh trotted out the details of his 25 percent guaranteed property tax plan, sitting beside him were the Republican legislative braintrust - Sens. Larry Borst and Morris Mills, and Reps. Jeff Espich and Paul Mannweiler - along with Supt. of Public Instruction Suellen Reed.

Then there was Gov. Frank O'Bannon's education plan that he announced late last month. After it was made public, Democratic House Ways and Means Chairman B. Patrick Bauer was quoted by the Associated Press on July 21, saying, "No legislator that I know of, including the speaker, was advised or consulted. It came to me out of the blue."

Said Rob Collins of the McIntosh campaign, "The Republican unity contrasts sharply with the continued fighting between Gov. Frank O'Bannon and his party." ❖

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made good on his promise to release a detailed, four-year financial plan showing exactly how he would go about cutting property taxes by 25 percent while still providing adequate yearly funding increases to public schools. Until now, state Democrats have had a grand time making fun of McIntosh's bold promise, insisting it can't be done. Now, the numbers are in black and white and it's fair to say that at first glance McIntosh makes a pretty strong case that such a major tax cut is possible.

GOLDSMITH APPEARS AT GOP CONVENTION: It didn't take long for Steve Goldsmith to appear at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia. Minutes before the convention officially began on Monday morning, Goldsmith held a press briefing on the theme for the day "Opportunity with a purpose... leave no child behind." Goldsmith told the media about activities in the local Philadelphia area in which Republicans were reaching out to schools and faith-based institutions. Goldsmith, who is serving as a domestic policy advisor to George W. Bush, is also scheduled to appear with former Sen. Dan Coats to address the convention's goals in this area.

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POLLS: ABC News has G.W. Bush leading Al Gore, 53 to 42 percent. Newsweek has Bush up, 47 to 40 percent. An NBC News poll showed that Green Party nominee Ralph Nader was drawing 14 percent of the Democratic vote.

BAYH WATCH: A Chicago Tribune/WGN poll shows Gore with only a 2-point lead over Bush in Illinois, 42 to 40 percent, well within the margin of error. Illinois is seen as a key swing state and that poll could prompt Gore to take a harder look at Sen. Dick Durbin as his vice presidential nominee. The Chicago Tribune reported that Gore will make his vice presidential selection on Tuesday, Aug. 8 in Tennessee. The Tribune identified Durbin, Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa and former senator George Mitchell as short list candidates.

NUNN-LUGAR MILESTONE: The United States has obtained a major milestone in destroying Cold War era weapons of mass destruction. On Saturday, July 29, the Nunn-Lugar program destroyed the final nuclear weapons test tunnel at Degelen Mountain, Kazakhstan. "This was the world's largest nuclear test tunnel complex and the most important test range

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Kyle Hannon, *Elkhart Truth* - Unless Bush had selected Charles Manson, the vast majority of the public is not going to care three weeks from now who is second on the ticket. What slight advantage comes along with a running mate is nice, but not crucial. The bottom line for Bush, and later for Gore, is that they have to stand on a podium with their running mate and smile. They should choose someone they kind of like. Will Cheney be a good running mate? All I know is that he has considerable government experience and he comes from Wyoming. As far as electoral votes, Wyoming has all of three. But it is one of my favorite states. Geographically, Wyoming is about twice the size of Indiana but the population is less than half that of Indianapolis. The types of people range from the wealthy in Jackson to the tough-guy cattle men and oil riggers sprinkled throughout the rest of the vast state. The rugged terrain and vicious winters breed strong people. The state government tends to be suspicious of the federal government. But they are not backward. Wyoming was the first state to give women the right to vote. Maybe Bush didn't select the most strategic running mate. But he chose a decent man from a robust state. ❖

Mike Leonard, *Bloomington Herald-Times* - In January, as Congress prepared to take up President Clinton's proposal to provide more than \$1 billion in military aid to Colombia, a former fighter on the front lines of the drug war tried to make a point. To underscore his opposition to the proposal, he mailed the Marine Corps Achievement Medal that he earned for fighting narcotics traffickers to the White House. "Its chances for success are ridiculous," retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Sylvester Salcedo said of the new drug war initiative. "It's impractical ... there are just too

many variables beyond our control." A key component of what became a \$1.3 billion aid package was the provision of 63 helicopters to Colombia to support counter-narcotics missions within the country. Those helicopters came into play recently when 13 Colombian police officers were executed, one by one, by leftist guerrillas while the helicopters and rescue personnel remained on the ground only miles away. A Colombian official explained that the helicopters aren't equipped to fly at night, which seems stupefyingly short-sighted if their purpose is to disrupt or intercept the movement of narcotics. ❖

Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune* - They say that the national political conventions don't decide anything anymore. "They," pontificating current political wisdom, are wrong. The conventions still set a tone for the elections and set presidential campaigns on courses to the White House or to oblivion. George W. Bush knows this as he plans for the most important speech of his campaign on Thursday and seeks to avoid the disaster that befell his father in the hellacious heat of Houston in 1992.

Philadelphia should be no Houston. For one thing, Pat Buchanan won't be at the Republican National Convention this time. On the eve of the party's 1992 convention in Houston, it could have been said, but wrongly, that conventions don't mean much because of the fact that nominations no longer are in doubt as the delegates gather. A mean-spirited tone was set in Houston by Buchanan and some of the other speakers who drove the GOP to the far right -- not to the middle, where presidential elections tend to be won or lost. And darned if a guy named Bill Clinton didn't win the presidency. ❖

Indiana 2000 Racing Form

GOVERNOR, congressional races

Governor: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh. **Democrat:** Gov. Frank

O'Bannon. **Libertarian:** Andrew Horning. **1996 Results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** McIntosh did what he had to do to end the blood-letting on his campaign. His tax proposals appear to have held up well to scrutiny. In fact, we've been struck by the lack of journalistic analysis around the state beyond the first news cycle reporting of the plan. O'Bannon's denunciation of the plan as a "fraud" last Friday got virtually no news play and seemed borderline hysterical. Endorsement of the McIntosh plan by Gov. Bowen, Hudson's Bill Styring, the Bill Shel-drake at the Fiscal Policy Institute have taken the heat off of McIntosh and will allow him to go forth and promote it. Having said that, it wasn't a bad week for O'Bannon either. The

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Rand Corporation study rated Indiana's improvements in state academic standards the highest in the nation, along with Texas. The O'Bannon campaign can use that to blunt McIntosh's coming assaults on his educational record. O'Bannon, McIntosh and Andrew Horning agree to three fall debates in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne and Evansville. "I am excited that Hoosiers will have a chance to hear from all three candidates this fall," O'Bannon said. "These debates will allow voters to compare and contrast each candidates' past record and vision for the future." The three debates are as follows: Friday, September 22nd -- Indianapolis -- a one-hour televised debate sponsored by the Indianapolis Press Club; Tuesday, October 10th -- Fort Wayne -- a one-hour televised debate sponsored by the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce; and Thursday, October 12th -- Evansville -- a one-hour televised debate sponsored by WNIN TV. In 1996, O'Bannon and his opponents Steve Goldsmith and Steve Dillon had three debates in Gary, Greencastle and Indianapolis. With both major party campaigns up and running on TV for good, the key question is whether McIntosh has found himself in a hole too deep to climb out of. The HPR/TeleResearch Poll in mid-June had O'Bannon up by 4 percent, 44-40. In mid-July, Garin-Hart-Yang had O'Bannon up by 23 points. McIntosh campaign sources suggested it was more like 15 to 18 percent. At convention time, the Republicans really needed to have the gap in single digits - certainly by Labor Day. O'Bannon is seeking the same kind of magic of slashing gasoline taxes on winter natural gas prices, so that run isn't over with. We've also noticed that O'Bannon has gotten great traction on McIntosh's missed Congressional votes and has gotten under his skin on that issue. While Democrats still believe that McIntosh will make this race a close one, they may have fattened up enough to fend off a late charge. We'll know a lot more next week on the Bayh veep scenario, Bush's post-convention bump, and how much of a drag Al Gore is going to be. **General Status:** *Leans O'Bannon.*

U.S. Senate: Republican: U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar. **Democrat:** David L. Johnson.

1988 results: Lugar (R) 1,430,525, Wickes (D) 668,778. **1994 results:** Lugar (R) 1,039,625, Jontz (D) 470,799, Bourland (L) 17,343, Barton (A) 15,801. **2000 Forecast:** Lugar forgoes the Republican convention to campaign at home. With Johnson sitting on \$1.2 million (still more than a million less than Lugar), it's still more than what Lugar has had to deal with since Floyd Fithian in 1982. Johnson has been extremely active weighing in on the issues, though he is finding very limited traction thus far with the news media. Lugar's campaign is taking no chances. We still believe Lugar is in good shape, but believe Johnson is prepared to make a credible run. **Status:** *Safe Lugar.*

Congressional District 2: Republican: Mike Pence. **Democrat:** Robert Rock Jr.

Independent: Bill Frazier. **Geography:** Muncie, Anderson, Richmond, Shelbyville, Columbus and East Central Indiana. **1994 Results:** McIntosh 93,592, Hogsett 78,241. **1996 Results:** McIntosh 122,288, Carmichael (D) 83,478, Zimmerman (L) 4,662. **1998 Results:** McIntosh (R) 99,584, Boles (D) 62,426, Federle (L) 2,236. **2000 Forecast:** Pence showed \$256,891.58 with \$196,500.58 cash on hand. Rock had \$152,118.50 for the quarter with \$108,089.16 cash

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of the former Soviet Union," said Sen. Dick Lugar, the co-founder of the Nunn-Lugar program. "This nuclear testing range is now eliminated and will never again be used for nuclear weapons testing or contribute to the proliferation of nuclear terror."

HOOSIER GAS PRICES LOWEST IN NATION: AAA Motor Club says that Indiana gas prices are the cheapest in the nation - an average \$1.29 a gallon.

NEW PEAKING PLANT PROPOSED: Duke Energy wants to build a peaking power plant of 650 megawatts in West Terre Haute (Terre Haute Tribune Star). The company opened a similar plant in Vermillion County in June. It has started the permit procedure with IDEM and has approached the West Terre Haute Town Council. If approval is obtained, construction wouldn't begin until next year.

ANDREW HAVING FUN IN PHILLY: Joe Andrew, the Hoosier who is Democratic National Chairman got credentials to the Republican National Convention from CBS anchor Dan Rather and is making good use of them by talking to everyone in the press he can find (Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune). The Bush campaign has denounced him for "breaking the rules," Andrew

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said, but "I didn't know there were any rules." Democrats are running TV spots during convention time in 17 states where the presidential election could be run. They also are running sports critical of the congressional voting record of Dick Cheney, Bush's running mate. The report is that Democrats will spend \$3.5 million on TV during the GOP convention. How did Andrew get his convention credentials? He said he was told CBS has a tradition of trying to interview the chairman of the opposition party during the convention, but most have not come into the convention hall to carry their message beyond the cameras.

NICHOLSON, ANDREW DEBATE: On CNN Tuesday afternoon, Andrew appeared with GOP Chairman Jim Nicholson and debated the so-called "race facade" the GOP was presenting on TV and the Internet. Andrew accused the Republicans of having more "African-American and Hispanic people on the stage than there are actual delegates. That was very good for Democrats, because it's a convention night conversion. They're just providing photo ops. They are using these people as props." Nicholson responded, "You need to get new talking points, Joe."



on hand. Frazier's FEC report notes \$1,200 raised and \$3,467.18 cash on hand, which certainly doesn't realistically account for the TV advertising he has done over the past month. That compares with If nothing else, Pence proved that he's an adept ad-libber during the opening day of the GOP National Convention in Philadelphia on Monday. Pence was selected as one of 22 congressional hopefuls to deliver mid-day speeches. But Pence was introduced by the wrong name and the wrong state - Minnesota. Hardly a golden gopher, Pence adeptly recovered, and like any good radio show host identified himself at the top and bottom of his speech. "Our country is in need of renewal as never before," Pence told the GOP delegates. He emphasized tax cuts and rebuilding the military in his six-line remarks. His campaign used the exposure to generate media coverage in the district. Campaign manager Lani Czarniecki said: "Mike is a very compassionate man, and he conveyed that well in his message." Jim Wilkinson, spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee, told HPR that Pence was chosen to speak because "this is the Super Bowl of politics and Mike Pence is in the starting lineup. Mike Pence will be one of the new members who will work with President Bush next year." Meanwhile in the district, Bill Frazier, a former GOP state senator who is running as an independent, said he is not sorry that he won't have a convention to attend this year. "That's an honor to be able to do that," he said of Pence's speech. "But people here vote. I'm spending my time and energy right here in the second district shaking hands and talking to voters." Frazier, a Muncie businessman and farmer who will finance his own campaign, has two television ads up. One focuses on children's health care. The other is a bio spot. The Democratic candidate is Robert Rock Jr., an Anderson lawyer and son of a former Anderson mayor and lieutenant governor. **Status:** *Leans Pence.*

Congressional District 5: Republican: U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer. **Democrat:** Greg Goodnight. **Libertarian:** Scott Benson. **Geography:** Kokomo, Marion, Peru, Monticello, Lowell, Northern Indiana. 1994 results: Buyer 108,575, Beatty 43,619, Alfred (L) 3,328. **1996 Results:** Buyer 133,604, Clark (D) 67,125, Lehman (L) 5,255. **1998 Results:** Buyer (R) 101,567, Steele 58,504 (D), Waters (L) 2,317. **2000 Forecast:** Goodnight reports contributions of \$235,000, which is more than the last three Democrats to run against Rep. Steve Buyer collected (Dave Kitchell, Logansport Pharos-Tribune). Goodnight said he is just \$3,000 behind Buyer's total and has more cash on hand than any other congressional candidate in Indiana's 10 congressional districts. The Indianapolis Star's editorial page zings Buyer for not communicating via e-mail. **Status:** *Likely Buyer.*

Congressional District 8: Republican: U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:** Dr. Paul Perry. **Geography:** Evansville, Bloomington, Vincennes and SW Indiana. **1994 results:** Hostettler (R) 93,529, McCloskey (D) 84,857. **1996 Results:** Hostettler (R) 109,582, Weinzapfel (D) 106,134, Hager (L) 3,799. **1998 Results:** Hostettler (R) 92,227, Riecken (D) 81,381, Hager (L) 3,395. **2000 Forecast:** Hostettler's supporters go to Owensboro, Ky., to bask in a campaign stop by G.W. Bush. Susan Taylor of the Evansville Courier reported, "The Texas governor and his wife, Laura, then spent about 30 minutes shaking hands, signing autographs and talking to his supporters, who mainly came from Western Kentucky and Southern Indiana. Several people were wearing T-shirts supporting Indiana's 8th District GOP congressman, John Hostettler, who is seeking a bid for a third term to Congress." 8th CD Democrats meeting in Vincennes two weeks ago were sensing victory. **Status:** *Tossup.*

Congressional District 9: Republican: Michael Bailey. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. **Geography:** Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, Connersville, New Albany Jeffersonville, Madison, Nashville and SE Indiana. **1994 results:** Hamilton 91,459 (D), Leising (R) 84,315. **1996 Results:** Hamilton (D) 128,885, Leising (R) 97,747, Feeney (L) 2,315. **1998 Results:** Hill (D) 92,477, Leising (R) 87,278, Feeney (L) 2,397. **2000 Forecast:** Bailey is the proud father of his and Lori's 9th child - a boy! Jarin Michael Bailey was born on July 22 at 9 p.m. and weighed 10 pounds 4 ounces - wow! Mother and baby are doing great! The campaign observed, "The delivery took place at the Bailey's new barn-house with a certified mid-wife. This was the 4th Bailey child to be born at home. Behold, children are a gift of the Lord; The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver Is full of them. Psalm 127: 3-5." Hill's quiver appears to be full of votes. **Status:** *Safe Hill.*

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The Lugar Series, The Bowen Institute,
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