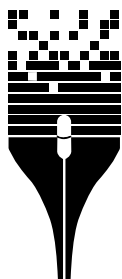


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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“It was nice being Gov. Santa Claus. Now it’s tough to be Gov. Scrooge.”

- Gov. Frank O’Bannon, to the Wall Street Journal on tightening state budgets

## Mayors shaky in FW, Evansville

### Mid-term review of Class of ‘99

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis

Indiana’s 1999 class of Big Four mayors -- Bart Peterson in Indianapolis, Graham Richard in Fort Wayne, Russell Lloyd Jr., in Evansville and Steve Luecke in South Bend -- are nearing the middle of their terms - and thus it’s time to gauge where they stand politically.

HPR’s analysis finds that two of the mayors, Republican Lloyd in Evansville, who won by 514 votes, and Democrat Richard in Fort Wayne, who triumphed by a mere 76 votes, are in political hot water. Neither, however, has been compromised so much that their re-election is severely in doubt. Both Lloyd and Richard can expect tenacious challenges in 2003 and must

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improve their standing in the next year to 18 months in order to position themselves for a second term.

**Peterson is in better shape** in Indianapolis, where he won by 19,826 votes in 1999. The type of challenge he’ll get in 2003 will largely depend on how the Marion County Republican organization performs in 2002, in contests such as State Rep. Jim Atterholt, who is expecting a major challenge in his newly drawn House district.

Of the Big Four -- mayors who should be the commanding personalities in their media markets -- only South Bend Mayor Steve Luecke appears to be in a real solid position to win a second full term, and that’s despite frequent comparisons to the popular former mayor, Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan. Of course, a cruising mayor can easily be derailed

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**SPECULATION ON EAST CHICAGO INDICTMENTS:** Comments made last week by incoming Northern Indiana D.A. Joseph Van Bokkelen are stoking up the rumor mill in Lake County that several East Chicago officials are facing indictment. Several sources have told HPR that target letters have been sent, attorneys hired and that indictments will be announced after Van Bokkelen is sworn in sometime in September. Sources tell HPR that East Chicago Mayor Robert Pastrick is not a target. Last week, the Times of Northwest Indiana quoted Van Bokkelen as saying, "Public service is the highest form of service, but with it comes a duty. I am not alleging that we have corrupt public officials, but what I will say is that public officials have an obligation to do their duty in an honest manner. If they violate the law, then they have every reason to fear - the U.S. attorney's office."

**KERNAN SAYS TAX RESTRUCTURING PLAN COMING IN SEPTEMBER:** Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan has told business leaders to expect a tax restructuring plan by the end of September with Gov. Frank O'Bannon using the November Organization Day for a special session. By having a plan on the table by the fall, he said, it should

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by a police scandal totally out of his control or a spike in the crime rate.

Here is our analysis of the Big Four mayors, their current political standing, and potential opponents:

### Bart Peterson

The Democrat ended a 32-year lock on Republican control of the state's capital city and with it shifted the entire political dynamic for the state as the GOP lost its big fundraising and media market generation. In tandem with Democratic control of the governorship for close to a generation, it has created a power realignment.

Peterson hasn't made a glaring mistake yet, and has proven to be politically astute. Examples include reaching out to the business community to get the humane shelter air conditioned, a political move with great elan playing to animal lovers (including independent females) across the city. It might sound trivial, but that's where effective re-election TV ads come from.

The mayor appears to be adhering

to his famous "Peterson Plan," adding 40 of 200 promised new police men in 2000 with another 50 in the budget in 2001. He lobbied the legislature to help bail the city out of a police/fire pension pinch left over from the Goldsmith administration, and while he pointed out fiscal concerns he inherited, he's resisted being sharply critical of Stephen Goldsmith.

Peterson has cracked down on irresponsible landlords. In another example of political finesse, he initiated the leveling of a fleabag hotel across the street from the Indiana State Fairgrounds just as folks came streaming in from across the state. Peterson has sent snowplows into the neighborhoods and became the first American mayor empowered to control charter schools. He has been working to solve the city's sewage overflow problems without incurring the alarmist \$150 rate increases Republicans charged he would bring. While the EPA has rejected his first draft, nothing ever gets by the EPA on a first draft. Sewers could become a big issue in 2003 if he can't get it solved. And Peterson has increased arts funding and successfully brokered a deal for a new mid-field terminal for Indianapolis

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## Cook, Rothenberg to head HPR Forum Nov. 6

Nationally reknowned political analysts Charlie Cook and Stuart Rothenberg will join HPR's Brian A. Howey and Mark Schoeff Jr. to headline the 2nd Annual *HPR Forum Series* from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Westin Hotel in downtown Indianapolis.

The Forum -- titled "*One Year Out*" due to its scheduling a year from the 2002 elections -- is sponsored by Baker & Daniels, DLZ, Vectren, National Graphics, and the Indiana Democratic Party.

Cost of the Forum will be \$50 and reservations can be made by calling 317-254-0535 or via e-mail at jackhowey@howeypolitics.com. Additional Forum sponsorships are available by calling Brian Howey at 317-254-1533.

The Forum will feature panels on the 2002 and 2004 elections, Indiana tax restructuring and its political implications, and the on-going power realignment between the two major political parties.

Also joining the Forum will be U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, State Sen. Mike Young, Pat Kiely of the Indiana Manufacturer's Association, Marion County Democratic and Republican Chairs Ed Treacy and John Keeler, and Indiana State Chairs Mike McDaniel and Peter Manous. A number of other appearances are in the process of confirmation and will be announced in the coming weeks.

**Cook is editor and publisher of *The Cook Political Report***, and political analyst for the National Journal Group, where he writes weekly for *National Journal* magazine and *CongressDailyAM*. He is also an analyst for CNN, appearing regularly on the highly rated *Inside Politics*. As one of the most sought-after political experts in the nation, Cook has appeared on all the major network news shows, including NBC's *Meet the Press*, ABC's *This Week* and *Nightline*, CBS's *Evening News with Dan Rather* and PBS's *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*. He also served as an election night analyst for CBS in 1990 and 1992, for NBC in 1994, 1996 and 1998. As one of the most popular political speakers, Cook addresses dozens of national and regional associations and corporate clients each year.

**Stuart Rothenberg is editor and publisher of *The Rothenberg Political Report***, a Washington, D.C.-based political newsletter that reports on House, Senate and gubernatorial elections, presidential politics and political trends. When he isn't talking to candidates, consultants and reporters around the country, he also writes a weekly column for *Roll Call*. A frequent radio and television analyst, he has appeared on *John McLaughlin's One-on-One*, *The Today Show*, *The MacNeil-Lehrer NewsHour*, CNN's *Inside Politics*, as well as dozens of other programs. Stu served as an election night analyst for CNN in 1992, 1994 and 1996. ❖

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give state lawmakers and Hoosier taxpayers enough time to weigh in on the proposal. "This is a process that has added urgency because of the court-ordered reassessment ... and it will be a crisis (for homeowners) unless something is done," Kernan told officials with the Indiana Chamber's Tax Policy Committee. Any restructuring proposal, he added, would first be aimed at protecting homeowners from the sticker shock of reassessment, but the plan also would be crafted in a way that creates an economic climate that "isn't going to kill business in Indiana" (Terry Burns, Times of Northwest Indiana). "We have a revenue problem in Indiana, but fundamentally those two things (revenues and tax restructuring) have to be separated," Kernan said. "For us to be able to get this done and work it through the General Assembly, revenue neutrality will be a very important piece of this. We cannot do tax restructuring as a way to masquerade some kind of a tax increase. We have to be open, upfront and the numbers need to work. Folks have to be comfortable with all the mathematics. There are folks out there who will try to poke holes in it, but if you make sure that the math works

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and you're able to validate exactly what it is you're doing, you can create credibility. I'm confident that when we come forward with whatever we (propose) that the numbers will work." Kernan, however, declined to reveal what specific taxes the administration might be focusing on, saying only that "everything is on the table," including the existing income and sales taxes. "We got into this with the idea and the commitment that we're going to get it done," he added. "The consequences of doing nothing will be too negative, too dramatic for Indiana."

**O'BANNON APPROVES STATE EMPLOYMENT POLICY ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon has signed a state employment policy that prohibits job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation (Steve Hinnefeld, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). The policy, which governs treatment of about 35,000 state employees, is an annual statement that takes effect each Aug. 1. Until this year, it included no reference to sexual orientation but called for "equal employment opportunity" without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, disability or veteran status. The new language says: "In addition, sexual orientation shall not be a consideration in decisions concerning hir-

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International Airport.

His vulnerabilities lie with the African-American community and personal rights advocates. His line item veto of faith-based programs and closing the office of Goldsmith's popular Front Porch Alliance and his ardent backing of the arts have some African-American pastors guessing about his priorities. They're also concerned about property taxes and fees on church properties. Constitutionalists were infuriated when he pressed the narcotic roadblock case to the U.S. Supreme Court, which shot it down.

As for potential opponents, GOP Councilors Phil Borst and Phil Hinkle, and legislators such as Reps. Paul Mannweiler (who's getting married this fall), Mike Murphy, Sens. Teresa Lubbers, Murray Clark, maverick businessman Bob Parker and even former Lilly CEO Randall Tobias are watching and hoping Peterson slips up. None is showing a lot of enthusiasm for jumping in now. As one of said, "He's following in Evan Bayh's footsteps; copying the techniques of governing by not doing much, but looking like it." If the GOP tanks in its 2002 races, the party will be in real trouble finding a front-line candidate. If that occurs, it could lose its 15-14 control of the City-County Council and Indy could become solidly Democratic. **Horse Race Status:** *Likely Peterson.*

## Graham Richard

His razor-thin victory in a city that elected a Republican three straight times means Richard has his work cut out. Richard's staunchest '99 pledge could be the millstone around his neck: pledging to reduce crime by 20 percent across the board in his first year. Crime went up 6 percent, although Richard claimed it was down 3 percent because some numbers previously included were taken out. For the first six months of 2001, crime was up 13 percent in Fort Wayne, compared to 13

percent and 17 percent declines in the last two years of Mayor Paul Helmke's administration. He's alienated firefighters and police officers by threatening to drastically change health insurance as part of an effort to cut costs.

Critics say that Richard has not kept up a high profile, preferring to work behind the scenes on his strengths, which include economic development. Local Democrats have urged him to increase his profile. Even there, on issues such as the sagging Southtown Mall that has received state funding, there have been more setbacks recently than victories. He appointed a task force to study the cargo hauler Kitty Hawk facing bankruptcy and threatening 500 jobs, but nothing has been heard. Richard also has not taken a stand on a proposed gay rights law introduced by Democratic Councilman Tom Henry.

Republicans see 3,000 new recently annexed voters who they've identified as friendly coming into the mix in 2003. Leading challengers include Councilman John Crawford, a doctor who has considerable personal wealth, and 1999 nominee Linda Buskirk, who might have won had Sheriff Joe Squadrito endorsed her campaign. **Horse Race Status:** *Tossup.*

## Russell Lloyd Jr.

Like Richard, Lloyd is facing police labor problems over an alleged 7 percent pay increase promise, with FOP picketing his home -- a dramatic development since his father was assassinated in his home shortly after leaving office. Lloyd has also been drawn into a 28-year murder case where the EPD's presumed next chief was a witness. An *Evansville Courier & Press* editorial stated that Lloyd is "under siege" and that "he appeared bumbling and unsure as he responded to questions."

During the same week, Lloyd said he was considering tearing out part of a new riverfront project before it was finished to add left turn lanes. Two days later he reversed his decision. Then there was

Lloyd's plan to put a new soccer complex adjacent to a cemetery, bringing out protests that it would be disrespectful.

Lloyd has some victories. The Mesker Zoo appears to be on its road to recovery. The Freedom Festival he initiated was deemed a success.

Some Republicans tell HPR that they wonder if he is up to the job and believe that he will not be able to endure a real crisis. Some are speculating that Vanderburgh County Councilman Lloyd Winnecke, a former TV news director, might consider a run. He's married to Commissioner Carol McClintock, a known political fundraiser.

Democrat Councilman Curt John will be the likely challenger. While he wields considerable clout as council president and is already gearing up, he's not without baggage. He's been a part-owner of a pub called Fast Eddies, which features a "thong Thursday" promotion and gleeful Republicans purportedly have photos of John with girls in thongs. **Horse Race Status:** *Tossup.*

## Steve Luecke

Luecke, like some other mayors, is in the middle of negotiations with some unhappy police. Talks broke down and police are planning to demonstrate their displeasure on proposed pay hikes at the College Football Hall of Fame enshrinement festivities this weekend. The mayor, whose father died last week, is currently out of town with his mother in Illinois. And a lot of the heat goes to the city council in the negotiations.

Luecke has concentrated on improving the corridors leading into the city, as he promised to do in the last election, and neighborhoods. He got the additional funding needed for the College Football Hall of Fame on the tax rolls, as he also promised to do even though it's been unpopular.

As Jack Colwell of the *South Bend Tribune* assesses, "No scandals or big blunders." The assumption is that Luecke will seek a second full term in 2003 and currently there are no obvious challengers. **Horse Race Status:** *Safe Luecke.* ❖

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ing, development, advancement and termination of civilian employees. Further, we will strive to maintain a working environment free of sexual harassment and intimidation." Steve Sanders, a Bloomington resident and state coordinator of the Human Rights Campaign, said the change came about after a year of behind-the-scenes lobbying, including a meeting in February of the governor and gay-rights advocates. "We just talked in general," he said. "The governor reiterated this was something he was interested in doing, and he asked us to work with his legal staff." Said O'Bannon spokeswoman Mary Dieter, "This addition reflects the governor's belief that employment decisions should be based on merit, not on factors with no bearing on an individual's ability to perform their duties." Indiana becomes the 10th state to adopt a policy of not discriminating in employment on the basis of sexual orientation, Sanders said.

**BUILD INDIANA FUNDS WENT TO PRIVATE BUSINESSES:** Build Indiana money went to three private businesses in Butler-Tarkington last year, all in the name of neighborhood revitalization (Michele McNeil Solida, *Indianapolis Star*). Under the 1989 law creating the Build Indiana

## Lugar, Daniels team up on Ag spending

By MARK SCHOEFF Jr.

WASHINGTON - In Detroit parlance, the result of last week's debate on an agriculture supplemental spending bill might be called pattern bargaining.

In the Motor City, unions target a particular automaker for the first contract negotiation. Then they apply the same parameters to talks with other companies. In Washington last week, Congress held the agriculture measure to \$5.5 billion, an amount that was designated in this year's budget blueprint. The Bush administration hopes that is a harbinger for negotiations over appropriations bills in the fall.

"The agriculture vote signaled that change is in the air," Mitch Daniels, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, said in an HPR interview. "There's a new sheriff in town. It was an important moment in that the

limits of the budget resolution were respected, and it gives us hope that that can continue to be the case."

Daniels gave credit to Hoosier Republican Sen. Richard Lugar, for whom Daniels once served as chief of staff. "The smartest tactician here was Sen. Lugar," Daniels said, citing Lugar's success in framing the issue and in persuading Republicans to stay together to vote against cloture, or an end to the debate, on a \$7.4 billion version of the agriculture bill backed by Democrats. With cloture unattainable, Democrats settled for the \$5.5 billion legislation on Aug. 3. Cloture is invoked with the approval of 60 senators. The Democrats hold a 50-49 advantage in the Senate. Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont is an independent.

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Fund, money is supposed to go to government entities for capital improvement projects. But \$50,000 was spent fixing up a day-care center and two neighborhood eateries. Even with new rules in place to improve oversight of the Build Indiana Fund, this could happen again. The governor doesn't want to interfere with the projects lawmakers choose, and lawmakers don't follow the dictates of the 1989 law. The Build Indiana Fund was never designed to benefit someone's private business, said Sen. Lawrence Borst, R-Greenwood, who helped craft the 1989 law governing how this pool of gambling revenue is spent. But the four legislative caucuses -- including his own -- have relaxed their standards for what projects are placed in the budget, he said.

**MANOUS/SEVERTSON HAVE BABY BOY:** Incoming Indiana Democratic Chairman Peter Manous and his wife, Susan Severtson, had a baby boy -- Andrew Kenneth Manous -- Monday morning at University of Chicago Hospital. The baby weighed 10 pounds, 5 ounces.

**INDIANA'S MATH SCORES SHOOT UP:** Indiana fourth graders got the second highest scores in the country and eighth graders' scores were fourth highest

passed a \$5.5 billion ag spending. Senate approval of an identical figure obviates the need for a conference committee. President Bush will now sign the bill. Lugar argued that time was of the essence. If Congress failed to pass the supplemental before August recess began on Friday, the Congressional Budget Office said that farmers would not receive checks by Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year. After that, the money would have been unavailable.

"We have pinned down today money that will go to American farmers," Lugar said in a statement following Friday's vote. "We've done so in a responsible way. We've done so with the support of the President of the United States and both houses of Congress. And that is no mean achievement in an agricultural piece of legislation." The supplemental will raise farm income for 2001 above the average over the last decade.

**With suppliers and banks** breathing down their necks and faced with low commodity prices, Hoosier farmers could start receiving checks next week. "We would have liked to have seen a little more money," said Kent Yeager, director of government relations at the Indiana Farm Bureau. "It was obvious that there was a lot of concern that something had to be done quickly. The timing became the biggest issue, so we're certainly appreciative of that."

The road to passage of the \$5.5 billion supplemental was tortuous. In the Senate Agriculture Committee, chairman Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) carried the day with the \$7.4 billion bill. On the Senate floor on July 31, a Lugar amendment to substitute the House legislation for Harkin's was voted down 52-48.

Lugar talked to President Bush at a July 31 Senate policy lunch. On Aug. 1, Lugar suggested to White House chief of staff Andrew Card that Bush signal he would veto a bill above \$5.5 billion. On Aug. 2, Bush urged the GOP to hold the line on agriculture spending. At a White House meeting that afternoon, Bush

pulled Lugar aside to tell him that he would veto any bill above \$5.5 billion. That night, the House went into recess, making a conference committee on differing House and Senate bills impossible to schedule before August recess. On Aug. 3, Senate Republicans denied cloture on the \$7.4 billion bill, leading to approval of the \$5.5 billion by voice vote.

**For the fourth** time in four years, Congress has approved agricultural emergency spending. In 1996, Congress passed a bill written by Lugar that gave farmers flexibility to plant any crops they choose to meet market demand and instituted fixed but declining payments as subsidies are phased out. Under previous law, farmers received counter cyclical payments when crop prices fell below target prices.

"The problem is our failed farm policy," said Melina Fox, a Democrat who formerly chaired the Farm Service Agency state committee. She is running against GOP Rep. Mike Pence in the new 6th CD. "We're continuing to throw emergency and disaster money into the farm program. That's not going to solve the problem, but our farmers need it." She would have voted for the \$7.4 billion bill. "We can have this \$1.3 trillion tax cut yet we can't support our farmers who are providing a basic human need."

**But not all Democrats** favored the \$7.4 billion measure. Rep. Baron Hill (D-9th CD) supported the \$5.5 billion emergency bill because "that abides by the budget resolution," said Hill spokesman Scott Downes. "Although everyone would like to help farmers as much as we can, as the budget tightens, there's only so much we can do."

Daniels attributed the ag spending victory in part to Bush's "directness" in determining and maintaining a policy position. He believes that straightforward approach will bring order to what has been a "chaotic" budget process in the past. "The previous White House may have been a little more devious or clever about the words they used." ❖

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**Trendline:** It's a curious logo of vast size -- The Phoenix Group -- adorning the side of the Precedent South adjacent to I-65 near the Greenwood exit. That's the same Precedent center developed by the Peterson family -- as in Mayor Bart Peterson. In fact, the very building was used by the 1999 Gilroy campaign and State Rep. Mike Murphy to charge the Democrat had his loyalties outside of Indianapolis. When we asked Phoenix Group financier Bob Grand about the logo, he called it "our south side operations" and added, "I told you we were going to be big."

**Governor 2004: Republican:** David McIntosh, Sen. Murray Clark, Sen. Luke Kenley, Randall Tobias, Paul Helmke, Eric Miller, George Witwer. **Democrat:** Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan. **1996 Results:** O'Bannon (D) 1,075,342, Goldsmith (R) 997,505, Dillon (L) 35,261. **2000 Results:** O'Bannon (D) 1,230,345, McIntosh (R) 906,492, Horning (L) 38,686. **2004 Forecast:** There are increasing signals that former Lilly CEO Randall Tobias is gearing up for this race. Business sources portray Tobias as shelving some of his business/investment activities in order to concentrate on a run for governor. Democratic Chairman Robin Winston is also predicting that Tobias will enter, comparing his candidacy to that of millionaire Gov. John Y. Brown in Kentucky back in the 1980s.

"It could completely change the dynamic," Winston said, noting that Tobias has the wherewithal to finance much of his campaign. "Indiana has never had this kind of candidate," Winston said. The Democrats nominated industrialist John Hillenbrand in 1980, but Hillenbrand did not attempt to finance his own campaign, a losing effort to Robert D. Orr. Other signs that point to this are the Phoenix Group's virtual takeover of the fundraising apparatus of the Indiana Republican Party, its installation of Luke Messer as the GOP's executive director. As one observer noted, "These guys have written the checks but weren't allowed to determine how the money was spent. That is changing." Lt. Gov. Kernan, gearing up to spearhead the crucial tax restructuring session in November, got a nice boost when Indiana reported math test scores in the NAEP ratings were up substantially. **Status:** *Leans D.*

**Congressional District 2: Republican:** Chris Chocola, State Sen. Thomas Weatherwax. **Democrat:** Jill Long Thompson, Mark Meissner, State Sen. William Alexa. **Geography:** South Bend, Michigan City, Mishawaka, Elkhart, Kokomo, Plymouth, Logansport; LaPorte, St. Joseph, Starke, Marshall, Pulaski, Fulton, Cass, Carroll and parts of Howard, Porter, Elkhart and White counties. **Media Market:** South Bend-Elkhart, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Chicago. **2000 Result:** Roemer (D) 107,076, Chocola (R) 98,367. **2002 Forecast:** State Rep. B. Patrick Bauer, flush with a \$90,000 Ivy Tech job, for all practical purposes bowed out of this race. **Status:** *Leans JLT.*

**Congressional District 4: Republican:** U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, U.S. Rep. Brian Kerns, State Sen. Mike Young. **Democrat:** Open. **Geography:** Tippecanoe, Clinton, Boone, Montgomery, Hendricks, Morgan, Lawrence and parts of Marion, Johnson, Monroe, Fountain and White counties. **Media Market:** Lafayette, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Evansville, Louisville. **2000 Results: Old 5th CD:** Buyer (R) 132,035, Goodnight (D) 81,423; **Old 7th CD:** Kerns 131,562, Graf (D) 65,174. **2002 Forecast:** The *Indianapolis Star* reports, "With help from telecommunications companies, drug manufacturers and others with interests before the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Buyer used his new seat on the panel to take an early fundraising lead over Kerns. Buyer reported raising \$273,558 in campaign funds this year, while Kerns took in \$102,604, according to reports filed with the Federal Election Commission." Kerns received contributions from the PACs of Rep. Jerry Weller of Illinois and House Speaker Dennis Hastert -- but that was before it was known that Kerns and Buyer

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in a national math examination, Gov. Frank O'Bannon and Superintendent of Public Instruction Suellen Reed announced last Thursday. The state's top two education leaders said Hoosier students in both grade levels -- and at all levels of ability -- have shown significant improvement since Indiana began participating in the National Assessment for Educational Progress, or NAEP. "These scores validate all the hard work and intense focus that people across our state have put into improving education for Hoosier children," O'Bannon said. "I'm particularly happy to see that even our children who struggle the most have made strides." Said Reed: "These results give credence to our many successes over the past several years. We have worked hard, along with parents, teachers and students, to improve the academic preparedness of our K-12 student population. These results show that our hard work is paying off. State Rep. Paul Robertson, D-Depauw, said the new standards are part of an effort by Indiana leaders since the mid-1980s to make education the state's top priority. "We've been changing the things we're doing in education to key on preparing people for the 21st century," said Robertson, a teacher at Corydon High School (Lesley Stedman,

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Louisville Courier-Journal). "I think it's working." David Holt, a lobbyist with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, said the state's impressive math scores show progress that will help Indiana's businesses succeed. "We're starting to see some of the reforms work," Holt said (Indiana-polis Star). "This is a good first step."

**MESSER RESIGNS PRACTICE, HEADED TO GOP:** Luke Messer will become executive director of the Indiana State Republican Party, as HPR reported several weeks ago in Horse Race when Messer decided against seeking the secretary of state nomination.

**MUNSON WON'T SEEK SENATE SEAT:** State Rep. Bruce Munson, R-Muncie, has apparently ruled out a run against State Sen. Allie Craycraft, D-Selma, reliable sources told HPR. Munson is not expected to seek reelection to the House in 2002. ❖

would be facing each other in 2002. Hastert's PAC gave an additional \$5,000 after redistricting threw the Hoosiers into the same district, but the money was immediately taken back. Rolls-Royce North America helped Buyer hold a fundraiser. Former Rep. Ed Pease, who helped elect Kerns to succeed him, is now a Washington lobbyist for Rolls-Royce. A spokeswoman for the company said both Pease and Rolls-Royce are remaining neutral and the company's PAC has offered the same support to Kerns. State Sen. Mike Young, the other Republican who has said he will run, did not report raising any money. Young said he plans to raise from \$350,000 to \$420,000 for the GOP primary. **Status:** *Safe R.*

**Congressional District 5: Republican:** U.S. Rep. Dan Burton. **Democrat:** Open. **Geography:** Indianapolis, Kokomo, Marion, Shelbyville; Wabash, Huntington, Howard, Grant, Tipton, Hamilton, Hancock and parts of Marion, Johnson and Shelby counties. **Media Market:** Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Lafayette. **2000 Results:** Burton (R) 194,771, Griesey (D) 72,821, Hauptmann (L) 8,874. **2002 Forecast:** Eighteen months out from the start of the 108th Congress, the race to replace term-limited Government Reform Chairman Dan Burton (R-Ind.) is wide open, with several committee members expressing a desire to wield the gavel (Ben Pershing, *Roll Call*). The newspaper said that Burton is currently preoccupied with caring for his wife, who is seriously ill. "His focus right now is on his family," said Rep. Steve Buyer. "I don't think he's thinking about anything else." But whatever happens in his personal life, Burton is not likely to retire, several GOP Members and aides said. **Status:** *Safe R.*

**Congressional District 6: Republican:** U.S. Rep. Mike Pence. **Democrat:** Melina Ann Fox. **Geography:** Anderson, Muncie, Richmond; Wells, Adams, Blackford, Jay, Madison, Delaware, Randolph, Henry, Wayne, Rush, Fayette, Union, Decatur, Franklin, and parts of Bartholomew, Shelby, Johnson and Allen counties. **Media Market:** Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Dayton, Cincinnati. **2000 results:** Pence (R) 106,023, Rock (D) 80,885, Frazier (I) 19,07. **2002 Forecast:** Pence led the Indiana Congressional delegation in fundraising with \$307,476. Of that, \$110,327 came from PACs and the rest from individuals. Fox collected \$10,191 in the month after opening her campaign and before the reporting period ended. She has spent the spring and summer effectively clearing the decks to avoid a credible primary challenge and now turns her attention to raising money. Pence opposed increased fuel economy standards for SUVs, saying that auto workers in his district oppose the amendment on the grounds that it would "put families at risk on the road. . .and hard-working automotive families at risk at work who could well lose their jobs if we damage this vital part of our automotive economy" (*Muncie Star Press*). Pence also voted for Arctic oil exploration. "If we are able to exploit it prudently, it could be one-fourth of our domestic production within the next 10 years." **Status:** *Leans R.*

**Congressional District 8: Republican:** U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:** Paul Perry, Hal Johnston. **Geography:** Evansville, Terre Haute, Greencastle; Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Gibson, Pike, Martin, Daviess, Knox, Sullivan, Greene, Owen, Clay, Vigo, Vermillion, Parke, Putnam, Warren and part of Fountain counties. **Media Market:** Evansville, Terre Haute, Indianapolis. Lafayette. **1994 results:** Hostettler (R) 93,529, McCloskey (D) 84,857. **1996 Results:** Hostettler (R) 109,582, Weinzapfel (D) 106,134, Hager (L) 3,799. **1998 Results:** Hostettler (R) 92,227, Riecken (D) 81,381, Hager (L) 3,395. **2000 Results:** Hostettler 116,860, Perry (D) 100,461. **2002 Forecast:** Johnston, the deputy Knox County prosecutor, weighs in to the race. Others may also jump in. The Evansville Democratic establishment appears ready to back Perry, who will announce his intentions by the end of the month. **Status:** *Tossup.*

**Congressional District 9: Republican:** Mike Sodrel, Jeff Ellington. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. **Geography:** Bloomington, Columbus, Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, New Albany, Jeffersonville, Madison, Nashville; Spencer, DuBois, Orange, Crawford, Perry, Harrison, Washington, Jackson, Brown, Jennings, Scott, Floyd, Clark, Jefferson, Switzerland, Ripley, Ohio, and parts of Dearborn and Monroe counties. **Media Market:** Evansville, Indianapolis, Louisville, Dayton, Cincinnati. **1994 results:** Hamilton 91,459 (D), Leising (R) 84,315. **1996 Results:** Hamilton (D) 128,885, Leising (R) 97,747, Feeney (L) 2,315. **1998 Results:** Hill (D) 92,477, Leising (R) 87,278, Feeney (L) 2,397. **2000 Results:** Hill 125,978, Bailey (R) 101,790, Chambers (L) 4,634. **2002 Forecast:** Monroe County Councilman Jeff Ellington is putting feelers out on this race. He upset State Rep. Jerry Bales in 1998, only to lose to State Rep. Peggy Welch. **Status:** *Leans D.*