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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“The good news is we’ve raised \$300,000 for Democrats in the state. The bad news is the money is going to the Colts.”

- Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson at a recent Democratic fundraiser

## Hartke trying to get momentum, money

### Hostettler generates more controversy

By **MARK SCHOEFF Jr.** in Washington and **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis

For the past two months, controversy has swirled in CD 8 over comments that GOP Rep. John Hostettler made to a group of breast cancer survivors. As the campaign between Hostettler and Democratic challenger Bryan Hartke enters its final weeks, the question hovering over the race is whether Hartke can take advantage of the Hostettler missteps to beat the incumbent.

Hostettler offended a group of 11 women, some from his district, who visited his Washington office to lobby for breast cancer funding by linking the disease to abortion. After the *Evansville Courier & Press* reported about the incident, he refused to talk to the newspaper. In a subsequent campaign publication, he wrote that he had been set up by the women.

Both campaigns maintain that the imbroglio redounds in their favor.

“It’s a constant barrage of outrage about comments he’s made to those women,” said Hartke. “I’ve been trying to tell people that’s what the real John Hostettler is like.”

But the Hostettler campaign says that Hostettler’s tiff with the *Courier* has energized his base. “Voters appreciate Congressman Hostettler’s representation,” said Jim Banks, deputy campaign manager for Hostettler. “They believe he is a man of integrity and they don’t believe what they read in the *Evansville* newspaper. After the newspaper continued to write article after article and editorial after editorial, at some point they went way too far with their attacks on the congressman. The whole situation awakened our volunteers and our network.” Hostettler’s political success

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**FBI SENDS OUT NEW TERROR ADVISORY:** The FBI is warning state and local authorities that recent taped statements by al-Qaida leaders may signal that another attack on the United States has been approved (Associated Press). The agency said Wednesday, however, that the nationwide alert level remains code yellow — "significant risk" — because officials do not have any specific information detailing where and when an attack might occur. Yellow is the third-highest of five threat levels.

**LUGAR DROPS RESISTANCE TO IRAQ RESOLUTION:** Republican resistance to a congressional resolution authorizing military action against Iraq faded as House Majority Leader Richard K. Arney (Tex.) endorsed it and Sen. Richard G. Lugar (R-Ind.) indicated he is no longer helping to lead an effort to change it (Helen Dewar, Washington Post). Lugar believes "progress has been made and this is probably as far as it can go, given the support there is for the resolution" as currently drafted, said Lugar spokesman Andy Fisher, referring to changes made last week in negotiations with House leaders of both parties. The fate of the Lugar-Biden proposal was



has depended upon his skill in turning out his core supporters.

Washington analysts question whether Hartke can overcome Hostettler. Amy Walter, House editor of the *Cook Political Report*, said that in previous years when Gail Riecken and Paul Perry were the CD 8 Democratic candidates, the Democrats were always looking for the silver bullet that would fell Hostettler, who has squeaked by in each election since he won the "Bloody Eighth" seat in 1994. "If this were against Riecken or Perry, it definitely would have been momentum shifting. They never had that one issue that could bring it home for voters."

Stuart Rothenberg, editor of the *Rothenberg Political Report*, also doubts that Hartke can win. "Hostettler is weak, but the Democrat is weak," he said. "Right now it would be a long shot for the Democrat to win. The DCCC (Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee) has not pushed this race, but some Republicans are nervous."

A poll released last week by Garin-Hart-Yang Research Group gave Hartke hope. It shows Hostettler ahead 45 percent

to 36 percent with 19 percent undecided in a survey of 402 likely voters. But Hostettler maintains a decisive money advantage. The June 30 Federal Election Commission fundraising report showed Hostettler with \$218,432 cash on hand compared to Hartke's \$14,453. The Hostettler campaign said that it expected to have about \$230,000 cash on hand in the Sept. 30 FEC filing. Hostettler has been on the radio for three to four weeks in the eight counties that have been added to the district. He will launch television ads soon.

Although Hostettler is on the air, he has refused to debate Hartke one-on-one. This week he declined a joint appearance on WGAB-1180 AM. Hartke says he benefits from Hostettler's reticence. "He has shown he doesn't want to represent people," he said. "He doesn't want to talk about issues. This election is about people. I will answer the phone. I will talk to the media. I'll talk to voters."

Hartke's campaign denies that it is being shunned by Washington. "We have people in from the DCCC right now helping us," said Hartke campaign manager Paul Bitz on Tuesday. "They wouldn't be

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here if they didn't think we could win."

A DCCC aide in Washington said Hartke, nephew of former Sen. Vance Hartke, will sneak up on Hostettler. "Hostettler makes himself more vulnerable with each passing day," said Kim Rubey. "We've always been watching this race closely. Hartke has been running a strong stealth campaign and will surprise a lot of people."

The National Republican Congressional Committee is equally confident about Hostettler's prospects. "The fact of the matter is Mr. Hartke hasn't raised the money he needs to be competitive," said NRCC spokesman Ed Patru. "Perry outspent Hostettler by nearly two to one in that race. Mr. Hartke has far less support in terms of financial contributions and in terms of grass-roots organization." Democrats had hoped that Indiana House Speaker John Gregg would challenge Hostettler.

Anthony Long, chairman of the CD 8 Democratic Party, said the same dynamic is working for Hartke that propelled Hostettler in to his first win in 1994. "John Hostettler came to office in a ground-swell from the bottom up. Bryan Hartke's grassroots campaign is starting to be energized. Women are just really mad over (the Hostettler comments).."

But Hostettler seems to be waging a bid to reach out to cancer and women's groups. He attended an American Cancer Society event in Washington on Sept. 19 and his wife addressed a Business and Professional Women meeting Tuesday in Terre Haute. One of his television commercials may focus on his votes to increase funding for breast cancer research. It's unclear how redistricting will affect the race. It has become majority Democratic with the addition of Terre Haute. But President Bush carried the district in 2000. Bitz said there are 62,000 hard Republican votes in the Bloody 8th compared to 110,000 hard Democratic votes. "If they get out and vote their party, Bryan should win," said Long.

The latest wrinkle is Hostettler's decision to vote against the Iraq resolution today. "Don't fire unless fired upon," Hostettler said on the House floor this week. "It is a notion that is at least as old as St. Augustine's Just War thesis."

It is another example of Hostettler as part of a tiny minority either in his party or in the entire House on conspicuous votes (i.e. the Traficante expulsion, the vote against Newt Gingrich for speaker, etc.)

In this gun-loving, Bush-devoted district, Hostettler's vote today could draw pause among some of his most faithful.

### Sodrel draws closer in the 9th

The other southern Indiana race that has yet to capture national attention is also close enough to be considered competitive. A Wilson Research Strategies Poll showed U.S. Rep. Baron Hill leading Republican challenger Mike Sodrel 39.7 percent to 33.6 percent, with 24.7 percent undecided.

The similarities are that Hill, like Hostettler, hardly has a firm grip on the seat, coming from behind to eke out his first win in 1998 and then winning a closer-than-expected race against anti-abortion activist Michael Bailey in 2000. The big difference is that while Hostettler has a huge money advantage over Hartke, Sodrel will have far more resources, having run a significant amount of TV.

Sodrel's campaign director Jeff Canada pointed to two numbers encouraging the challenger. In the southern counties of Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington, Sodrel is ahead. Sodrel is also leading with voters who are familiar with both candidates and know something of their issues. Canada said, "We are very pleased with the poll results, especially the results from the south central parts of the district, where this race is won or lost. These results show the sophomore incumbent is not only vulnerable, but is losing his Democrat base." ❖

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unclear in the wake of Lugar's decision. An aide to Biden said the senator is exploring what provisions of the proposal might be offered for a vote with some chance of passage and consulting with colleagues on what to do.

**GARY MAYOR TELLS ABC NEWS TO BUG OFF:** Mayor Scott King called an ABC News documentary on the city "garbage." In a letter to producers of the Peter Jennings show "In Search of America" that aired Sept. 7, King said the hour-long program smacked of a "lack of journalistic ethics" and led to a show that portrayed Gary "as (ABC officials) predetermined it to be, not how it is" (Post-Tribune). King indicated that he sought to file a lawsuit against ABC because Jennings said "crime is as high as ever" in Gary, when actually it has dropped substantially since King took office. But he didn't because Indiana law does not permit a city to prosecute an action for libel even in cases involving reckless disregard for the truth. "Your company hurt this city and a lot of people in and around the community simply to have it fit into a predetermined storyline," King said. "I had respect for Peter Jennings. I no longer do. Only once before in my seven years as mayor have I told anyone that they are

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not welcome in Gary, but I say that to you and your associates. The other time was to the KKK."

**HOUSE REPUBLICANS SEEK TO EXPAND HOOSIER RX:** Republicans vying for control of the Indiana House pledged efforts Tuesday to make more seniors eligible for state prescription drug benefits, and help people save more for retirement (Mike Smith, Associated Press). Their proposals would expand the number of low-income seniors eligible under the HoosierRx program from an estimated 30,000 to 100,000. The program allows some residents age 65 and older to shave 50 percent off their medication costs up to yearly limits of \$500, \$750 or \$1,000. "We think they have paid a lot into the state of Indiana over their lives, not only in taxes but in building this state, and the least we can do is make sure they have prescription drugs they need at an affordable price," said Rep. Mike Murphy, R-Indianapolis. "Even in good times this would be tough to do," said House Ways and Means Chairman B. Patrick Bauer, D-South Bend. "In tough times, they are really airing something that gives false hope to people."

**STATE TO PROBE ALLEN COUNTY AUDITOR:** The state Board of Accounts will  
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## Anguished decisions by Indiana Members

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS - You could see and feel the anguish Indiana members of Congress have been dealing with over the possible war with Iraq. As today's U.S. House vote neared, they began taking sides, often with information most of the rest of us don't have.

"Pre-emptive strike does not reflect restraint and does not allow for the adequate pursuit of peaceful means for resolving conflict," U.S. Rep. Mark Souder said. A classified White House briefing with about 20 other lawmakers, Souder said, "took most of my agony away" (Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). "There were chilling things in the classified briefing. It absolutely convinced me. Not that this isn't extremely difficult, but this is absolutely a question of if we don't act, there's going to be a loss of life."

**U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer** said in an op-ed article for the *Lafayette Journal & Courier*, "From meetings and briefings with White House officials, the secretary of defense, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the chiefs of the reserve components, State Department officials and the CIA, I have been sufficiently convinced without hesitation that Saddam's threat is clear and present."

Despite President Bush's Monday night address in which he made a powerful but circumstantial case against Saddam as a latter-day Stalin, Buyer was trying to call for more openness. "Over the past 10 days, I have encouraged the secretary of defense to declassify more intelligence so that the public may be better informed," Buyer said.

U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, spoke of feeling the weight of his decision. "In these instances, you are asking, in a very real fashion, young Americans to give their lives for this country," Visclosky told the *States News Service*.

U.S. Rep. Julia Carson was one of

the last in the delegation to make a decision. She was pressed by WIBC talk show host Greg Garrison about where she stood on Monday. "In terms of the resolution, there's nothing specific that I can look up. We've let him go for more than a decade and all of a sudden we have an urgency on this vote right before an election. What's going to stop Saddam from using those weapons against our American soldiers? I think we need to let the weapons inspectors work."

**Garrison asked**, "If the resolution supports what the president wants to do, will you support a concept of a pre-emptive strike?" Carson responded, "My vote is not by secret ballot. Everyone will know what I'll do. I support the concept of letting the inspectors go in. I'm not going to Iraq, you're not going to Iraq."

On Saturday, Carson gave the Democratic response to President Bush's weekly radio address and tried to refocus the debate on the economy. "I feel as though some in Washington have not shared my determination to focus on the home front by strengthening our weakening economy and helping all Americans get through these economically challenging times," said Carson.

**It was a theme** that played out in the 6th CD on Wednesday. On the House floor, U.S. Rep. Mike Pence was talking war. "The United States does not seek to start a war," Pence said. "We seek to finish one."

On the homefront, Democratic challenger Melina Fox was saying, "Eastern Indiana is crashing and burning. We need Congress to focus on the economy as much as it focuses on terrorism" (Rick Yencer, *Muncie Star Press*). During a *Star Press* interview, Pence acknowledged the campaign would likely shift back to the economy once the war resolution was adopted. If that occurs, it could tighten up races in the 2nd, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th CDs. ❖

## Legislative leadership appears resolved

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

INDIANAPOLIS - By nightfall on Nov. 6, the day after the election, Bob Garton and Pat Bauer are expected to be on top of their respective caucuses.

The critical question when it comes to Rep. Bauer is whether House Democrats will retain control of the lower chamber, or if there's a 50/50 tie, will there be a Democratic Secretary of State John Fernandez to cast the deciding vote for speaker next January.

A number of reliable and informed sources tell HPR that Bauer has essentially secured upward of 30 votes in the Democratic caucus that would position him to be either speaker or House minority leader. Going into the fall, many observers believed Bauer had between 20 and 25 votes lined up, with Rep. Win Moses the primary challenger. Other contenders included Reps. Chet Dobis and Jonathon Weinzapfel, with compromise candidate speculation centering around Reps. Ed Mahern, Markt Lytle and Paul Robertson.

**Sources tell HPR** that Bauer was able to convince two key House constituencies, the Black Caucus and the labor Democrats, to come on board. The deal with both would have Bauer installing Indianapolis Rep. William Crawford as the new chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and Rep. Russ Stilwell of Boonville and a United Mine Workers official, as the majority floor leader.

Critical to that was the successful wooing of Rep. Craig Fry of Mishawaka into the Bauer camp. Though they hail from St. Joseph County, there has been a rivalry between Bauer and Fry that has sometimes bordered on the acrimonious.

One influential Democrat told HPR he believed that when push came to shove after the elections, the signals from Gov. Frank O'Bannon and Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan would have given Bauer the needed thrust. "Pat and Joe Kernan carried the

water on tax restructuring," the source said.

On the Senate side, State Sen. Murry Clark, R-Indianapolis, has not officially ended his challenge to Senate President Pro Tempore Robert D. Garton, but virtually every Statehouse observer we've talked to believes Garton will prevail. Clark sent Garton a letter last month asking for reforms in the way business is conducted in the Senate. "He told members of the caucus he would change and open things up," Clark said late last month. "But he hasn't responded."

**Senate observers** believe that Clark and Sen. Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville, who pondered a challenge to Garton a couple of years ago, made the same mistake. Both got commitments from most reform-minded senators first before wooing others who might have had an open mind but were not within the challengers' prime constituencies. In both cases, Garton got wind of the insurrection and was able to tamp it down with a mixture of retribution and ... sweetness.

One observer told HPR he witnessed two recalcitrant senators headed to Garton's Ivy Tech office recently. "They were going to kiss the ring," he said.

The most curious aspect of Clark's challenge to Garton was that while the *Indianapolis Star* has editorially called for new legislative leadership, not one word was written about the Clark challenge.

**The big power question** now is whether Republicans can pick up two additional seats to give them a quorum-proof majority. Brad Hiller of the Republican campaign committee, believes his party has an excellent chance of picking up the Mark Blade seat in the Terre Haute area where Republican Jerry McMullen is running a vigorous campaign against Tim Skinner (who upset Blade in the primary), and Rose Antich's seat in Northwest Indiana where Republican Shane Stillman is waging a credible cam-

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investigate claims of ghost employment by Allen County Assessor Mike Ternet after the Indiana State Police turned down the case earlier this week. Allen County Prosecutor Robert W. Gevers II decided Wednesday to ask for the state board's help in the ghost employment inquiry, said Robyn Niedzwiecki, a spokeswoman for Gevers (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). The state Board of Accounts hasn't yet been contacted but will take the case when the request is made, Deputy State Examiner Mike Fiwek said. "That's why we're here," he said.

**RFK JR. CALLS BUSH RECKLESS:** The Bush administration currently poses the largest threat to the environment and is allowing polluting companies to operate without penalties, environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said Wednesday (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). Kennedy spoke to a capacity crowd at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne as part of the Omnibus Lecture Series. The speech was broadcast on televisions throughout the Walb Student Union for those without tickets. Kennedy called Congress "foolhardy" and the White House "reckless" in a speech that warned of the looming dangers to the Earth. "We will

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have effectively no environmental legislation. They are piece by piece dismantling the environmental protections," an animated Kennedy said of the White House. "There's nobody that's ever been worse (than Bush)."

**PROSECUTOR LAWLER DIES:** William F. Lawler Jr., who was Madison County's prosecutor for 28 years, died Monday after a year-long battle with Lou Gehrig's disease (Associated Press). He was 76. Lawler, a Democrat, was first elected in 1962, and he held the prosecutor's post until losing a bid for re-election in 1978. He regained the office in 1982 and remained prosecutor until losing his campaign for an eighth term in 1994. He was the father of Anderson Mayor J. Mark Lawler. "Dad enjoyed being an attorney and ultimately prosecutor," Mark Lawler said. "When he was prosecutor he would be gone from early in the morning until late at night. I was most involved with him during political campaigns, and that is what drew me in that direction."

**ISTA SAYS PAY A BILLION OR REDUCE STANDARDS:** The state's largest teachers organization is calling for lawmakers to put up \$1 billion to pay for state and federal education standards, or postpone punishments for

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**Trend Line:** An ABC News/Money magazine poll of 1,024 adults, conducted in the month ending Oct. 6 (+/- 3%), shows: the Consumer Comfort Index lost five points to -20 on its scale of +100 to -100. It's fallen this far in a week only 18 times in 875 continuous weeks of polling, including a six-point drop last April that inaugurated this year's downward spiral; 27% rated the national economy as excellent or good; 73% rated it as not good or poor. The stock indexes hit fresh multi-year lows on Wednesday, slammed by a gaggle of Wall Street analyst downgrades and ongoing worries about profit growth ahead of the official start of the third-quarter reporting season (CBS/MW). "You're seeing a lot

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of emotional selling," said Peter Boockvar, equity strategist at Miller, Tabak & Co. While the strategist feels stocks are dramatically oversold over the short term, he acknowledged that they could stay that way for some time. "Unfortunately this market is psychologically sick." **HPR Political Watch:** Scores of middle class voters are going to be getting their third quarter 401(k) statements late this month. As political analyst Stuart Rothenberg noted, "There is no evidence of a partisan surge yet, but Democratic strategists can take heart that surges often occur very late in an electin cycle, sometimes as late as the last weekend." Rothenberg projections have the Republicans with 223 seats in the House, 208 for the Democrats and four tossups - Indiana, Illinois, Maine and New Mexico. "If the Democrats win all four of these tossups, the House's numbers would be exactly as they are today," Rothenberg observed.

## Indiana Statewide Races

**Secretary of State 2002: Republican:** Deputy Secretary of State Todd Rokita  
**Democrat:** Bloomington Mayor John Fernandez. **Libertarian:** Rebecca Sink-Burris. **1994 Results:** Gilroy (R) 902,100, Jeffers (D) 542,539, Dillon (L) 32,483, Knight (A) 13,948. **1998 Results:** Gilroy 828,557, Little (D) 652,565, Dillon (L) 51,775. **2002 Forecast: Jobs for Southwestern Indiana PAC endorsed Fernandez.** Fernandez charged that Gilroy and Rokita are dragging their feet in the investigation into the IPALCO/AES merger. Fernandez noted that on Oct. 3 both Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings credit agencies downgraded the company's credit rating, resulting in even deeper loss of stock value. "This announcement is ominous news for IPALCO employees, retirees and investors," Fernandez said. "The situation is growing more and more grave by the moment, and the people who are supposed to serve as Hoosier investors' top watch dog are dragging their feet in the investigation." Where does this race stand? Not sure. There hasn't been any meaningful independent polling. We believe this is going to be a test of party GOTV. **Status: Tossup.**

## Indiana Congressional Races

**Congressional District 2: Republican:** Chris Chocola. **Democrat:** Jill Long Thompson. **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. **Websites:** www.jilllongthompson.com; www.chocolaforcongress.com **2000 Result:** Roemer (D) 107,076, Chocola (R) 98,367. **2002 Outlook:** Long Thompson and Chocola disagreed Monday night in Logansport over whether Congress should pass laws to restrict abortion, defining their views on that issue more clearly (Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune*). Chocola believes "life begins at conception" and "taking life any moment before natural death is the wrong thing to do." He added: "As a member of Congress, I would support laws that would reflect that belief." Long Thompson said she is a United Methodist and shares her

church's belief that decisions on abortion should be made in consultation with "family and doctors and, most especially, clergy." She added: "I believe very strongly that this is a private matter to be decided by individuals and churches and not by the United States Congress." In the portion of the debate where the candidates questioned each other, Chocola noted that Long Thompson served in the Clinton administration as an undersecretary of agriculture and asked if she thought President Clinton should have been impeached. "At the time, I thought I probably he would," she said. But looking back, she questions whether all the millions spent on the impeachment process was worth it. Chocola recalled that Long Thompson continued to work for the Clinton administration in a post to which she was appointed after losing a re-election bid for Congress in Indiana's 4th District. Long Thompson replied that she wasn't working for Clinton but "for the people of this country. It was the people who paid my salary." Democrats believe Long Thompson will fare well in the next round of polling. Chocola told HPR, "I've been watching the finger poll. We driver a Hummer and we get a lot of reaction. We've seen a lot of Vs and ones and even some other fingers up. I like what I'm seeing now." **Status:** *Tossup.*

**Congressional District 3: Republican:** U.S. Rep. Mark Souder. **Democrat:** Jay Rigdon. **Geography:** Fort Wayne, Goshen; Kosciusko, Whitley, LaGrange, Steuben, DeKalb and parts of Elkhart and Allen counties. **Media Market:** South Bend-Elkhart, Fort Wayne. **Websites:** www.jayrigdon.com; www.house.gov/souder/ **2000 results:** Souder (R) 131,051, Foster (D) 74,492. **2002 Forecast:** Rigdon accused Souder of insulting Mennonites by refusing to debate at Goshen College, a Mennonite institution (Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Souder claims the charge is ridiculous because he was raised in the Apostolic Church, which like the Mennonite Church is Anabaptist. Souder now attends a United Brethren in Christ church. Mennonites strongly oppose a war with Iraq, which Souder supports, and Souder said Goshen College would not be a neutral debate site. Shirley Showalter, Goshen College president, said she is disappointed the debate will not take place there, but she isn't insulted. **Primary Status:** *Safe Souder.*

**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. **Websites:** www.foxforcongress.com; mikepence.house.gov/ **2000 results:** Pence (R) 106,023, Rock (D) 80,885, Frazier (I) 19,070. **2002 Forecast:** *Roll Call* puts this in the "Safe" category for Pence. We believe he has the momentum here, but we're going to wait and see what the reaction is to 401(k) third quarter statements that come out before we make such a shift. Similar to the CEO corporate earnings deadline in August, a dose of real bad economic news could tighten a number of races, including this one. Pence and Fox will debate at 7 p.m. Oct. 28 in the Anderson City Auditorium. **Status:** *Leans Pence.*

**Congressional District 7: Republican:** Brose McVey. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Julia Carson. **Libertarian:** Andy Horning. **Geography:** Indianapolis. **Media Market:** Indianapolis. **Websites:** www.juliacarson.org; www.broseforcongress.org **2000 Results:** Carson (D) 91,300, Scott (R) 61,818, Ali (L) 2,513. **2002 Forecast:** The *New York Times* lists this race as one Republican strategists see as ripe for upset. A Public Opinion Strategies poll released by McVey's campaign showed Carson with a 43-38 point lead. Carson called for greater stress on domestic issues at a time when much of the nation's attention is focused on foreign affairs when she gave the Democratic response to President Bush's national radio address last Saturday (*Associated Press*). That opportunity tells Horse Race that national Democrats realize the McVey threat and are working to bolster Carson. "Recently, I feel as though some in Washington have not shared my determination to focus on the home front by strengthening our weakening economy and helping all Americans get through these economically challenging times," said Carson. "Our economy is in trouble. Our nation's workers continue to face an unstable job market by layoffs, business bankruptcies, plant closings." The more the emphasis shifts to the economy, the better for Carson. That's why McVey used his

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not meeting the guidelines (Shannon Lohrmann, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). With standards being implemented this year and schools facing consequences as soon as 2006, the Indiana State Teachers Association released an independent study Tuesday showing the amount of money necessary to prepare students for what have been called some of the highest standards in the nation. If the state cannot guarantee the funding, it should adjust the timeline to avoid punishing students or schools before giving them the necessary resources, said ISTA deputy executive director Dan Clark. "We either lower the standards dramatically, or we make the investment in children of color, children of poverty and special education children in order for them to achieve high standards," he said. "If we make the choice to maintain the high standards and rigorous accountability, there is no way possible for those children to achieve those standards without that investment." That could take from \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion based on a study by John Myers, lead researcher for Augenblick & Myers Inc. Most of the costs come from additional teacher and staff salaries. Indiana now employs 55,000 teachers.

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**DOWN AFTER ELECTION:** Heading into the November elections, the leadership of the Monroe County Democratic Party remains intact despite the illness of chairman Frank McCloskey. McCloskey, who has bladder cancer and is undergoing treatment, continues to give advice to local candidates, attend candidate meetings and attend party functions (Brian Werth, Bloomington Herald-Times). But the 63-year-old former Bloomington mayor and six-term U.S. congressman will step down as his party's leader shortly after the election. "I'm starting to get into it," McCloskey said last week after a workout at the YMCA. "I expect a decent turnout and a solid number of Democrats to win their races. But after the election, I'm stepping down. I've got a lot on my plate."

**BETHLEHEM MERGER TALKS OFF:** The weight of Bethlehem Steel Corp.'s \$5 billion current and future legacy costs appear to have squashed merger talks between the company and European steelmaking giant Arcelor (Times of Northwest Indiana). Reuters reported Sunday that Arcelor CEO Guy Dolle told the Financial Times Germany edition, "There are no more talks with Bethlehem chief (CEO Robert "Steve") Miller."

**POLL SHOWS SUPPORT FOR NEW TERRAINE I-69 ROUTE:** Forty-nine percent of the 600 people respond-

second TV ad to try and shift the economic burden on to Carson. McVey criticized Carson for her record on small business. The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) and the Small Business Survival Committee (SBSC) each released their scorecard for members of the 107th Congress and Rep. Carson received scores of 8 and 7 percent, respectively. "During the past two years, key economic indicators like job loss, personal bankruptcy, personal income and home foreclosures have all gotten worse and put our city and state in some of the worst shape in the country," McVey said. "Our 7th district needs someone in Congress who will fight for job growth and small business, not tax and regulate it out of business," **Status:** *Tossup/Leans D.*

### **Congressional District 8: Republican:** U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:**

Bryan Hartke. **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. **Websites:** www.bryanhartke.com; www.house.gov/hostettler/ **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 100,461. **2002 Outlook:** Polls showing Hartke just outside the margin of error, a "no" vote on the Iraq resolution in this gun-loving, Saddam-loathing district along with a dose of bad economic news could make this race a late bloomer. **Status:** *Leans Hostettler.*

### **Congressional District 9: Republican:** Mike Sodrel. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep.

Baron Hill. **Media Market:** Evansville, Indianapolis, Louisville, Dayton, Cincinnati. **Websites:** www.house.gov/baronhill/, www.mikesodrel.com **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:** Hill leads by 6.1 percent - 39.7 percent to 33.6 percent, with 24.7% undecided in a Wilson Research Strategies Poll conducted for Sodrel. Hill began his first TV ads on Monday, articulating his support for Social Security. This race seems relatively close in a district where Bush topped Gore 58-40 percent and Lugar 64 percent in 2000. If GOP candidates can develop a tail wind behind Bush, keep your eye on this one. **Status:** *Leans Hill*

## Indiana House Races

### **House District 75: Republican:** Vanderburgh County Clerk Marsha Abell.

**Democrat:** Rep. Dennis Avery. **Geography:** Evansville, Vanderburgh and Gibson counties. **1998 Results:** Avery 11,714, Spurling (L) 1,250. **2000 Results:** Avery 14,850. **2002 Forecast:** JPAC endorsed Abell, saying that her voice on the new terraine I-69 route will be an important addition to the Indiana legislature. **Status:** *LEANS D.*

### **House District 81: Republican:** Matt Kelty. **Democrat:** Rep. Winfield Moses Jr.

**Geography:** Fort Wayne, Allen County. **2000 Results:** Moses 8,573, Conley (R) 4,794. **2002 Forecast:** Kelty has made an issue of the fact that Moses owns a house in Indianapolis and lives there rather than in Fort Wayne. Now the issue has spilled over to embroil State Sen. Thomas Wyss, Fort Wayne Republican running for re-election in District 15. (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Moses maintains it is economically sound to own a home in Indianapolis instead of living in hotels while on legislative business. And he mentioned that Wyss also owns a home in Indianapolis. Wyss said he has a Fort Wayne house and a winter home in Indianapolis so his wife can be closer to their daughter. Kelty said there is a difference between Wyss and Moses because Wyss owns homes in both cities while Moses has just an apartment in Fort Wayne. **Status:** *Leans D.*

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# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

**Robert Novak**, *Chicago Sun-Times* - U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar had been handled roughly by the White House, a treatment to which the dignified Republican veteran was not accustomed. So, he was not expecting a telephone call Wednesday morning from George W. Bush. Even more unexpected was the president's tone and what he said. During a 20-minute conversation, Bush was collegial--abandoning the confrontational posture taken earlier in the week toward Lugar and other critics of his Iraq policy. He privately told the senator Wednesday exactly what he told spokesman Ari Fleischer to tell the world: He has not decided whether to use military force against Saddam Hussein's regime. Bush signaled he wanted to work with Lugar to get a mutually acceptable war resolution. Indeed, the resolution now sure to move through the Senate this week bears little resemblance to the blank check for war demanded by the White House two weeks earlier. As a result, Lugar appears to have dropped plans to draft a more restrictive resolution. Other senators convinced the White House that this tough-guy approach would only split Republicans and guarantee a noisome debate. The amended resolution and the president's telephone call to Lugar followed. Lugar has since told friends he has no desire to be a "dog in the manger" and probably will not offer his own resolution. ❖

**James Patterson**, *Indianapolis Star* - Dear Sen. Bayh, I voted for you in the last election, so please hear me out. From the reports I hear, you are poised to make the biggest mistake of your political career. Before you do, stop! Some people have said that you will one day decide to run for president. If that's true, then it's important you know with absolute certainty what it says in the U.S. Constitution

about who has the power to declare war. President Bush does not; only Congress does. In fact, this is one of the bedrock principles of our form of government. We live in a democratic republic, not a dictatorship. Congress cannot arbitrarily hand over this sacred authority at the behest of the president. Why are you blindly following the lead of Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., on this? Lieberman is a potential presidential candidate whose pro-Israel views no doubt contribute to his position favoring an attack on Iraq. I am urging all of my friends to contact you and let you know how they feel about your willingness to abdicate your duty to uphold the Constitution. ❖

**Amos Brown**, *Indianapolis Recorder*

- All year, I've written that Republican McVey is the most serious candidate Carson has yet faced. Mainly because his conservative views aren't widely known. In interviews, McVey doesn't come across as a Republican Neanderthal like Dick Armey, John Ashcroft or Tom Schneider. An Indianapolis Star/WTHR/Channel 13 poll released Tuesday shows the race a virtual tie with Carson at 42 percent, McVey 38 percent, Undecided 14 percent and Libertarian Andrew Horning at 5 percent. With the poll's margin of error at 5 percent, the results are a tie. The major problem with this poll is that Market Shares Corp., who conducted it, seriously undersampled African Americans by 20 percent. Even though this poll is flawed and skewed, make no mistake, Brose McVey is making inroads in this race. His latest TV ad doesn't openly savage Carson, though it does show Carson's face in the typical, unflattering way candidates portray their opponents. Instead of openly attacking Carson, which would anger and energize Black voters, McVey talks about economic issues. ❖

## TICKER T A P E

ing to a telephone poll commissioned by the Bloomington Herald-Times said they favored a new route for the highway that would link Indianapolis and Evansville, while 35 percent said they preferred using Interstate 70 and U.S. 41.

**FEDERAL HIGHWAY OFFICIAL EYES KOKOMO BYPASS:** The federal highway administrator traveled the "Kokomo Bypass" on Tuesday afternoon. She feels our stoplight-inflicted pain (Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune*). Administrator Mary E. Peters, who rode along U.S. 31 from Indianapolis to come here to campaign for Republican congressional nominee Chris Chocola, agreed with the view in these parts that the route needs improvement. Actually, as a one-time resident of Logansport, Peters already was familiar with how the Kokomo Bypass became, as she put it, "part of the town." So, why doesn't the highway administrator go back to Washington and order a new highway? It's not as simple as that, of course. Peters doesn't do that. The Bush administration does submit budget requests. Congress must approve appropriations. And then the states really decide just where to allocate their federal highway money. In her plea for support for Chocola, Peters noted that he is seeking a seat on the House Transportation Committee. That could put him in a position to have a say greater than an average freshman in Congress on Indiana transportation needs. ❖