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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“The good news is we still have a state. The bad news is we can’t afford it.”

- State Sen. Patricia Miller on the upcoming biennial budget legislative session

Hounding the scene for 2003 and 2004

Thanksgiving and a Mitch Draft?

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in *Indianapolis*

Every morning, I let my hound Mollie Mulligan out the back door for her morning constitutional. She’ll raise her powerful nose aloft, scanning in increments of approximately 30 degrees, for the vital scents of the neighborhood ... all 360 degrees. It’s inspired me to lift the HPR nose and do a 360-degree scan of the Hoosier political landscape as we head into the 2003 and 2004 election sequences.

Governor 2004

What would make Jim Kittle’s first Thanksgiving as chairman “best of class?” A sumptuous turkey, and a ham, and a bowl of gigantic shrimp, sparkling wine ... no, the real stuff, champagne on ice ... and Mitch Daniels as his 2004 gubernatorial candidate.

This is speculative, but watch for a big announcement within the week that could shape the Hoosier political landscape for the next two to 10 years.

During the summer and fall, I was convinced it was going to be an epic Mitch Daniels vs. Joe Kernan battle, which would be a political junkie’s dream. Daniels is uncharacteristically mum on his plans, and the recent “chatter” in the GOP pipeline is that Daniels is no sure thing now. The speculation, and it is only that, is that Daniels is on the short list to replace President Bush’s chief of staff, Andrew Card. Others say that the President cherishes his “Blade,” particularly in these uncertain times of war, the move to make the tax cuts permanent, and dealing with the new budget deficits.

There is a “draft Mitch” movement, complete with website, that is collecting testimonials and if The Blade were

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HD 81, 86 RECOUNT PROCESS BEGINS: Six teams of state auditors will travel to Fort Wayne on Monday to begin the first of two legislative recounts (Niki Kelly, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). Republican Matt Kelty challenged the results of the House District 81 election, which gave Democratic incumbent Win Moses Jr. a 64-vote victory. Political wisdom is that elections involving more than 50-vote margins are usually difficult to overturn. This is especially true in Allen County, where voters use electronic voting machines that are less prone to errors. That means the brunt of the Moses-Kelty recount will rest on the 792 absentee ballots cast in the race. Six teams of workers from the State Board of Accounts, as well as a recount director, will tally and double-check votes cast in the 53 affected precincts Monday and Tuesday. Each side will have attorneys present, and one observer each will work with each of the teams. If there is a disputed vote, that ballot will be decided by the three-member State Recount Commission at a Dec. 2 meeting in Fort Wayne. The panel consists of one Republican and one Democrat, with Republican Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy breaking any ties. A final vote tally will be

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to decide to return to Indiana, he would probably be considered by many to be the front-runner. We sniff a huge decision coming soon. If anyone knows what spirits Kittle has planned for his Thanksgiving feast, call the hound (though the nose does not lie).

Other speculation centers on Dan Coats, the ambassador to Germany, who has expressed an interest in returning to Indiana. Like Daniels, leaving his current post as the U.S. plunges into dual wars (Iraq, Terror) by next spring could leave President Bush in a lurch, particularly considering the strained relationship between the two nations. Some close to Coats are downplaying his possible gubernatorial bid, though they don't rule it out. It's doubtful that we'd see a Daniels-Coats primary showdown and the two met in Washington earlier this fall, where the topic came up. If Daniels decides not to run and Coats does, he would bring strong credentials to the race. He is undefeated in five House and two statewide Senate campaigns. He decided to relinquish the Senate seat in 1998 in part because he is tired of the constant fund-raising, missing an epic showdown against Evan Bayh.

The notion that Coats "ducked" the race against Bayh sticks in his craw and he believes he could have defeated the rising star Democrat. A run for governor would, in a sense, be a redemptive situation for Coats. Having run statewide twice, Coats would be a formidable candidate.

If Daniels and Coats pass, and again we emphasize that none of this is set in stone, the party mantle would fall back to 2000 nominee David McIntosh. The day after the 2002 election, McIntosh was reflective and unsure he wanted to run again, citing a desire to stay close to his young children.

Allies are now signalling a resolute McIntosh ready to gear up. McIntosh, they say, has learned from the 2000 campaign loss to Gov. Frank O'Bannon, the only blot on an exceptional political career. McIntosh would go into 2004 with much higher name ID than everyone, with the possible exception of Coats. He has analyzed his 2000 loss and knows a second campaign would have to cover the 2000 shortcomings, i.e., bad research and too great reliance on non-Hoosier consultants, better feel for out-state nuances. Movement conservatives who might

gravitate to Coats are preparing to re-enlist with McIntosh if the ambassador passes. The hurdle for McIntosh is to overcome the Indiana political culture that historically gives a person only one shot. McIntosh also needs to convince Kittle that he is capable of putting together a state of the art, "best of class" campaign.

After McIntosh, there are the two senators, Murray Clark and Luke Kenley; Advance America's Eric Miller, the candidate Kernan would love to face; and Petersburg Mayor Randy Harris. Of this tier, Clark would have the best chance of breaking out, having run a statewide LG campaign in 2000.

Lieutenant Governor 2004

There were 10 female gubernatorial candidates in this month's general election from Maryland to Hawaii. Indiana has had one female on the ticket since 1816 (Ann Delaney in 1984). Will Hoosier voters be ready for some gender diversity in the early part of the 21st Century?

We have our eyes on four rising star women. On the Republican side, Milroy businesswoman Jean Ann Harcourt will actively seek the nomination and she would make a terrific candidate. She was on David McIntosh's short list in 2000. Harcourt is a former Republican national committeewoman, serves on the Indiana Manufacturers Association board, has raised a family and has an effervescent personality, just the kind of candidate Indiana Republicans need to close the gender gap. Many insiders love State Sen. Becky Skillman, who is one of those mid-level senators who has yet to break out into any conspicuous manner. Skillman would offer the party geographical balance, coming from Bedford.

Other potential Republican LGs would be State Sens. Luke Kenley and David Long and, Lafayette Mayor Dave Heath.

Key Democrats to watch are State Sen. Vi Simpson and State Rep. Peggy

Welch, both from Bloomington. Either one would give South Bend's Kernan geographical balance.

Simpson stood tall in the tiniest minority party over the past couple of legislative sessions. She played a vital role in tax restructuring and, the year before, engineered a critical Senate Democratic walkout that made her caucus count just prior to sine die. Simpson is bright, sincere and engaging. Welch, a nurse now in her third term, is one of the more conservative Democrats and would give Kernan some ideological balance. Welch was the catalytic factor in getting the .08 BAC bill through after a decade of failures.

Then there is former Speaker John Gregg, who was instrumental in helping Kernan deliver on tax restructuring last June (despite voting nay), would lend geographical and ideological balance (Gregg is pro-life, pro-gun), and would give the Kernan campaign a most likeable -- perhaps even lovable -- facade of an epic glad-handing nature.

U.S. Senate 2004

Who will run against U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh? Right now the only one who's talking about it is Marvin Scott, the Butler University professor who almost defeated Andy Jacobs in 1994. GOP Chairman Jim Kittle would like to field a credible candidate, perhaps someone to draw an ideological contrast. John R. Price, who finished second (by 1 percent) in the 1998 primary immediately comes to mind. Some Republicans think that it would be a mistake to stoke up the Bayh organization, just like David Johnson did to Sen. Dick Lugar in 2000. Johnson was a credible candidate who raised some decent money, but he really had no chance of defeating Lugar.

Mayoral races in 2003

We're expecting a fascinating Democratic primary in Gary, where Mayor Scott King is going for a third term

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announced Dec. 2, but the commission won't pass an order adopting those results until Dec. 17. The recount commission Wednesday also set schedules for an Indianapolis legislative recount and several petitions contesting results based on other concerns, such as residency.

CANDIDATES LINE UP FOR ALEXA SENATE SEAT:

Valparaiso resident Patricia Pullara joined the race this week to replace fellow Valparaiso resident Bill Alexa in the Indiana Senate (Post-Tribune). Alexa, also of Valparaiso, was appointed recently to be a Porter Superior Court judge after Judge Thomas Webber retired. His Senate replacement will be picked in a meeting of Democratic precinct workers in the seven-county district. Indiana Democratic Party Chairman Peter Manous will schedule the meeting after he gets Alexa's formal resignation. Along with Pullara, Knox Mayor Nancy Dembowski has announced she will seek the 5th District seat. Others said to be considering running include attorney Michael Haughee, a former Hebron Town Council member, and Mark Gidley, a Plymouth school board member.

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Porter County Democratic Chair Leon West knows firsthand how fortunate the county has been to have one of its own, Bill Alexa, in the state Senate. Now that Alexa is about to step down, West doesn't want the county to lose the Senate seat. Alexa's Senate district includes parts of five counties. To better assure that Alexa's successor will be a Porter County resident, West and other party officials have been scrambling to fill a large number of vacant precinct committeemen positions in the county (Times of Northwest Indiana). This is needed because Democratic Party committeemen from throughout the district soon will vote on who will fill out Alexa's term in the Senate.

HOSTETTLER TARGETS GAY MENTORS: U.S. Rep. John Hostettler, R-Ind., wants President Bush to pressure the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America program to drop a policy allowing homosexuals to be mentors. Hostettler was one of nine Republican congressmen to sign a letter to President Bush on Tuesday criticizing the mentoring program for a nondiscrimination policy requiring U.S. affiliates to accept homosexual mentors. "The parent does not meet the mentor and will not be informed if their child is matched with a homosexual," they wrote. "The new policy ignores the

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with opponents such as former Attorney General Karen Freeman-Wilson, former Calumet Township Trustee Dozier Allen, and several others lining up. King, however, will be tough to defeat in a crowded primary field. And he's had some successes with Gary's legendary homicide rate, a new baseball stadium (though it blew its budget), a national beauty pageant, and a new minor league basketball team.

Then there will be what we'll call the "Twin Tossups" in Fort Wayne and Evansville.

Fort Wayne Mayor Graham

Richard has quietly put together an effective first term, but faces some huge demographic obstacles. The areas Mayor Paul Helmke annexed will come into play in 2003 for the first time and they are heavy Republican. The Democratic organization is obviously not hitting on all cylinders (i.e. Rep. Win Moses's near upset). And there could be a rematch against 1999 Republican nominee Linda Buskirk, who signalled her intention this week. Buskirk lost to Richard by less than 100 votes. Jon Olinger is also considering a run.

In Evansville, Mayor Russell

Lloyd Jr. has been an effective, though not flashy, mayor. He has a number of big projects that will come to fruition in 2003. His likely opponent is Democratic Councilman Kurt John. Evansville voters haven't upset a sitting mayor since the 1950s.

In Indianapolis, Mayor Bart

Peterson's approval rating has been about 75 percent and right now he is a heavy favorite to defeat either county Treasurer Greg Jordan or State Rep. Phil Hinkle. But Peterson has some prickly issues to work through this year (Colts, police and fire pensions, police budgets, charter school funding, jail overcrowding). A combination of problems could weaken him; conversely if he handles the issues as he has others in his first three years, he'll be Landslide Bart.

At Anderson, where Mayor Mark Lawler tearfully announced he wouldn't

seek a record fifth term after acknowledging marital infidelity, some observers believe he may change his mind by the February filing deadline. Even so, the Anderson Herald-Bulletin reports a number of Democrats and Republicans pondering the run, but not State Sen. Tim Lanane.

"I just came through a campaign and feel an obligation to fill out the commitment to serving in the Senate," Lanane told the *Herald-Bulletin*. "Because of family and personal considerations, the timing was not right." Lanane said he would like to consider running for mayor in the future, but not in 2003.

Other Democrats indicating probable runs include Anderson Township Assessor Dorothy Manis; assistant city attorney Robert W. Rock, who lost a bid for the U.S. House in 2000 to Republican Mike Pence; and Controller Leisa Julian. Other Democrats believed to be considering seeking the nomination are assistant city attorney Thomas Broderick Jr., who currently serves on the Madison County Council; Carroll Grile, president of the Anderson City Council; and Madison County Commissioner Otis Cox.

Two Republicans include former Madison County Councilman Kevin Smith, who switched from the Democratic Party earlier this year, and former state Rep. John Blevins.

In East Chicago, Mayor Robert Pastrick is going for his gazillionth term, reversing his second election night vow to not seek another. A donnybrook rematch against Stephen Stiglich would create high drama of Last Hurrah proportions. But with all the problems pressing in on the People's Republic of East Chicago, the critical question might be: Who would want it?

In Elkhart, former four-term mayor Jim Perron is expected to seek a rematch against Republican Mayor Dave Miller, who has put together a credible first term and has the confidence of key businessmen such as Art Decio. ❖

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune* - Where are they when we need them now? We don't know who to call. I mean, for months they gave us advice. "Call Chris Chocola and tell him he's meaner than a junkyard dog." "Call Jill Long Thompson and tell her to stop being a threat to humanity." So, of course, we called. We'd call Chocola's headquarters and say, "I want to tell Chris that I think he's meaner than a junkyard dog." Some volunteer would take down our message carefully so that the candidate would be informed of our opinion. No doubt this had great effect on Chocola, who resolved to be less mean. And then we'd call Long Thompson's headquarters and say, "Please inform Jill that I want her to stop being a threat to humanity." A volunteer there would carefully write down our request and rush it directly to Long Thompson. And she no doubt responded by being less of a threat. We knew that the call for us to call was because those groups with independent expenditures couldn't ask flat-out that we vote for somebody but still had to suggest some action. We were pleased that they found a way to provide their valuable service, coming right into our homes with their sound advice. They were very helpful. The phone numbers were right there on the screen. We didn't even have to look them up. But now, who do we call? Aren't there other people who are mean and threats that we should be calling? ❖

Brian Howey, *Indianapolis Eye* - My sincerest sympathies go to the people of Michiana for having to endure what became the absolute lowest common denominator of American politics. It was interesting that of all the Libertarian congressional candidates in Indiana, Sharon Metheny in the 2nd CD got the most votes by far -- 7,101 -- nearly double the votes for other Libertarians. That tells me that

some folks had just decided they'd had enough of Chocola and Long Thompson. Had any more of you joined them, it could have impacted the outcome. I know both these people and the TV ads that ran in their names aren't really reflective of the kind of people they are. At least, that's what I would hope. But then again, they allowed the flotsam to go out and invade your living rooms in their sullied names. I have public credibility to maintain and I would never use this column to do the kind of crap that they did to each other. You'd hope that in some clarion moment this weekend, both Chocola and Long Thompson will sit back, reflect and realize what damage they did to their own reputations and the process. Call Chris Chocola (574-277-2002) and Jill Long Thompson (574-287-1547) and tell them you're tired of the same ol' dirt and that in 2004, you'll seriously consider joining the 7,000 Libertarian voters who decided to take a stand if it happens again. I'm serious. The 2nd CD will be just as competitive in two years as it was this fall. ❖

Amos Brown, *Indianapolis Recorder*

- At the end of October, the number of homicides in Indianapolis stood at 103, 10 more than a year ago. However, the number of homicides in neighborhoods patrolled by the Indianapolis Police Department is down by some 15 murders. The increase in homicides is occurring exclusively in neighborhoods patrolled by the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Why? Because the community policing initiatives in IPD are beginning to bear fruit as neighborhoods that were plagued with homicides are seeing them drop dramatically. The addition of Mayor Peterson's 200 more police on the street is also helping. ❖

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psychological research and common sense," they wrote. "As a general rule of thumb, Big Brothers doesn't match up adult men with teen-age girls. Obviously that would set up a risky situation that could lead to sexual abuse."

CIGARETTE SALES DOWN: A look at monthly cigarette tax revenue figures from the Indiana Department of Revenue shows that there was little drop-off in total cigarettes purchased immediately after the new tax rate went into effect. In June, about 72 million packs of cigarettes were sold in Indiana, raising \$10.8 million in taxes. In July, about 69 million packs were sold, bringing in \$37.9 million. In August, \$39.4 million in cigarette tax revenue came in (Brian Werth, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). Indiana budget officials anticipated an increase of \$23 million to \$25 million a month after the new tax went into effect. That seemed to be about right after the July and August figures came in. But September and October figures have been well behind expectations. The September total cigarette tax revenue was \$30.8 million, meaning about 56 million packs were sold in the state. In October, the tax totaled \$32.7 million, or about 59.5 million packs sold. The figures could mean that Hoosiers have

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started to quit smoking after a lag — or that they have found other outlets, out of state, to buy their smokes. "We're not certain what is happening," said Cathy Henninger, a spokeswoman for the revenue department. "There are a lot of theories. They could be buying them out-of-state or over the Internet. Or there could be some unexplainable thing happening."

TEARFUL MAYOR LAWLER ADMITS ADULTERY; WON'T SEEK RE-ELECTION: In three tearful confessions before his church congregation Sunday morning, Anderson Mayor J. Mark Lawler admitted to committing adultery and announced he will not seek re-election in 2003 (Indianapolis Star). Lawler sobbed through a 10-minute speech in each of the three regular services at the North Anderson Church of God, of which he and his wife, Dorian, are members. "I have failed miserably," Lawler told the congregation. "I've come before you today to confess weaknesses, sexual weaknesses, I possess. I have been unfaithful to my wife on more than one occasion. My wife deserves better." Lawler, a Democrat who was first elected mayor in 1987, said Anderson deserves better. "I acknowledge that the pattern of my conduct has shaken the trust of the com-

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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:** Fernandez raised more money, but with the strength of the GOP statewides in what was a nominally Republican year, the Bloomington mayor found

himself down by about 17 percent after Labor Day. Critics said he should have done bio ads earlier before opening up the guns. Fernandez campaign consultants told the candidate the only way he had a chance was to go negative. It didn't work. Rokita had an extraordinarily fine and tough year, winning a wild three-ballot convention floor fight, and then overcoming a 2-to-1 money lead to win. We'll watch him closely. **Final Status:** *LEANS R*. **Final Result:** Rokita 789,261, Fernandez 627,416, Sink-Burris 66,937.

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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:** A number of Democratic critics are extremely upset at how this race turned out. The most damning element was the unique Evan & Birch Bayh spot for Long Thompson that was never used. The campaign thought it was too soft in a race that escalated into one of the most expensive and ugly in memory. Chocola gutted this one out and used President Bush to the max, along with the GOP's revolutionary STOMP program. It will be important for Chocola to try and soften his image, be studious, reach out to those who might have been turned off. GOP insiders have high hopes for him in Congress. **Final Status:** *Tossup*. **Final Result:** Chocola 95,074, Long Thompson 86,177, Metheny 7,101.

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:** Pence is a rising star Republican in Congress. In two campaigns, he has stayed true to the ideals he wrote about in "Confessions of a Negative Campaigner" a decade ago. He's won two races without an ugly sentiment. He truly is Indiana's happy warrior with a real shot at leadership. Fox was a candidate with a great resume, but she ended up relying on tired labor issues such as repealing NAFTA, which is never going to happen, and lamenting the loss of glass factories, which has been a long-time economic trend. **Final Status:** *Likely Pence*. **Final Result:** Pence 118,438, Fox 63,873, Robertson 3,406.

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:** Funny how so many Democrats are telling us

after the election that they knew Julia had this locked up. We saw too many worried faces prior to the election. To Rep. Carson's credit, she has a great machine that performs year after year. So much so that 1998 nominee Gary Hofmeister said he will not help fund another GOP candidate against her. Carson may finally have a safe seat. **Status:** *TOSSUP*. **Final Result:** Carson 77,327, McVey 64,352, Horning 3,909.

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.bryan-hartke.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:** We never bought the notion that Hostettler was really in trouble. That might be a different story at some point when either John Gregg or someone like State Rep. Brian Hasler steps forward. And Hostettler remained true to form, being one of six Republicans to vote against the Homeland Security Bill after the election. **Status:** *LEANS R*. **Final Result:** Hostettler 98,941, Hartke 88,744, Williams 5,150.

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 won his third term by defying a president in a district that seems to be trending Republican. Hill will be getting to the point where he'll have the powerful incumbency adding heft to his portfolio, with big washouts like 1994 perhaps the only way he'll lose. **Status:** *TOSSUP*. **Final Result:** Hill 96,654, Sodrel 87,169, Melton 2,745, Cox 2,389.

Indiana House Races

Trend Line: In our pre-election edition, we wrote: "We've added three races to the list -- seats held by Democrat Reps. Ron Herrell (HD30), Scott Reske (HD37) and William Cochran (HD72). It suggests at least a mild GOP wave developing. Our heart tells us to expect a 51-49 Democratic House. Our gut says a 50/50 is a real possibility, and our brain is saying, "Who in the hell really knows?" After the three Bush/Cheney visits this week, some of these races could be influenced by the big White House guns." The House ended up 51-49 Dem.

House District 8: Republican: Carl Baxmeyer. **Democrat:** Ryan Dvorak. **Geography:** St. Joseph County. **1998 Results:** M. Dvorak 11,613, Sulok (R) 6,715. **2000 Results:** M. Dvorak 15,660, Zirkle (R) 9,768. **2002 Forecast:** Father Mike Dvorak's win for prosecutor, a come-from-behind win by the Democratic sheriff and this race show the strength of the St. Joe organization. **Status:** *Tossup*. **Final Result:** 10,949, Baxmeyer 9,009.

House District 17: Republican: Steven Heim. **Democrat:** Ralph Winters. **Geography:** Plymouth, Culver, Marshall. **1998 results:** Cook 10,448, Beck 5,596. **2000 Results:** Cook 13,428, Roush 5,859. **2002 Forecast:** We said, "Heim seemed to have the upper hand." **Status:** *TOSSUP*. **Final Result:** Heim 10,073, Winters 7,422.

District 19: Republican: Crown Point Councilwoman Pamela Roth. **Democrat:** Rep. Bob Kuzman. **Geography:** Crown Point, south Lake County. **1994 results:** Conlon (R) 8,850, McCall (D) 5,280. **1996 Results:** Kuzman (D) 12,236, Sparks (R) 10,453. **1998 Results:** Kuzman 9,130, Gasparovic (R) 6,917. **2000 Results:** Kuzman 13,879, Johnson (R) 12,177. **2002 Forecast:** "Kuzman appears to have weathered a challenge." He won with 56 percent. **Status:** *LIKELY D*. **Final Result:** Kuzman 7,620, Roth 6,355.

House District 26: Republican: State Rep. Sue Scholer. **Democrat:** Joe Micon.

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munity," he said. "I announce at this point, that I will not be seeking re-election, as planned, for my fifth term as mayor."

BURTON OPPOSES HOMELAND SHIELDING LILLY, OTHER VACCINE MAKERS: Rep. Dan Burton says he was unaware of a provision shielding childhood vaccine makers from lawsuits when he voted to approve legislation creating a Homeland Security Department, Associated Press reports. Burton, and several Senate democrats, have called for the provision to be removed. "Instead of passing legislation to take away the rights of families with vaccine-injured children, we should be passing legislation to try to help them," Burton said in a written statement.

NANCY MALOLEY, FIRST IDEM CHIEF, DIES: Nancy A. Maloley, 56, a former environment, energy and natural resources public policy planner who served in the Reagan and first Bush administrations before switching careers to interior design in the mid-1990s, died of breast cancer Nov. 17 at her home in Washington. She was chosen by Gov. Robert Orr as the first head of IDEM.

HOSTETTLER ONE OF SIX REPUBLICANS TO VOTE AGAINST HOMELAND BILL:

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Rep. John Hostettler, R-Ind., was one of six Republicans to vote against a homeland security act that passed the House 299-121 Wednesday (Evansville Courier & Press). Rep. John Hostettler has said that he objected to creating another level of bureaucracy in the federal government, and mentioned on the campaign trail that the FBI and CIA should be part of any new homeland security department.

LUGAR 'WON'T BE PAIN IN THE BUTT' SAYS GOGOL: Richard Lugar is nothing if not a loyal Republican. A senator for 26 years during the presidencies of three Republicans, he has voted with GOP White Houses nine out of 10 times (Sylvia Smith, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). Yet, on the eve of Lugar's return to the helm of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for the first time in 16 years, there's a bit of anticipation in Washington circles: How will Lugar buck this president? After all, he led the Senate to override President Reagan's 1986 veto of sanctions Congress imposed because of South Africa's apartheid policy. He once called the Reagan administration "simply stupid" to be involved in a plan of deception and lies about Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi because America's strength is that "we tell the truth as a government." And he almost single-handedly forced the first Bush administration to get congression-

Geography: Lafayette, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County. **1998 results:** Scholer 5,750, Clapper 4,655. **2000 Results:** Scholer 9,086, Windler 5,186. **2002 Forecast:** If this is Scholer's last term, this seat could be competitive in 2004. **Status:** *Leans R.* **Final Result:** Scholer 5,623, Micon 4,835.

House District 27: Republican: Bob Hicks. **Democrat:** State Rep. Sheila Klinker.

Geography: Lafayette, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County. **1998 Results:** Klinker 10,553, Julian (R) 5,512, Rumps (L) 287. **2000 Results:** Klinker (D) 12,544, O'Brien (R) 8,095. **2002 Forecast:** This is another seat that could come into play in 2004 if Klinker retires. If she doesn't, it's a Dem keeper. **Status:** *Leans D.* **Final Result:** Klinker 6,352, Hicks 3,835.

House District 30: Republican: Lynn Rudolph. **Democrat:** State Rep. Ron Herrell.

Geography: Kokomo, Howard County. **1998 Results:** Herrell 7,711, Burkhardt 7,520. **2000 Results:** Herrell (D) 11,442, Burkhardt (R) 9,351. **2002 Forecast:** We wrote, "This race has been close in the past two cycles, but didn't seem to be on anyone's radar screen until the last two weeks." There's a reason it wasn't on anyone's radar; it really wasn't that close. **Status:** *TOSSUP.* **Final Result:** Herrell 9,017, Rudolph 6,966, Fridholm 379.

House District 36: Republican: Andy Kincaid. **Democrat:** Terri Austin.

Geography: Madison and Delaware counties. **2000 Results:** Jack Lutz (R) 12,397, Austin 11,487. **2002 Forecast:** We wrote, "With U.S. Rep. Mike Pence running strong and a mild GOP wave developing, Austin's election is tenuous." **Status:** *Tossup.* **Final Result:** Austin 8,640, Kincaid 7,918.

House District 37: Republican: Rob Steele. **Democrat:** State Rep. Scott Reske.

Geography: Southern Madison County. **1998 Results:** Mellinger (D) 9,826, Steele (R) 5,625. **2000 Results:** Mellinger (D) 15,380. **2002 Forecast:** The Indiana Chamber threw a lot of money into this race late, and Reske held on ... barely. **Status:** *TOSSUP.* **Final Result:** Reske 9,009, Steele 8,599.

House District 42: Republican: Fountain County Auditor Patti Smith. **Democrat:**

Rep. Dale Grubb. **Geography:** Parke, Warren, Vermillion counties. **2000 Results:** Grubb 13,669, Andrews (R) 7,774, Stevenson (L) 454. **2002 Forecast:** An energetic challenge, but not that close. **Status:** *Leans D.* **Final Result:**

House District 44: Republican: Andrew P. Thomas. **Democrat:** Putnam County

Councilwoman Lana Schimpf. **Geography:** Brazil, Clay and Putnam counties. **1998 Results:** Crosby 13,224. **2000 Results:** Crosby 16,132. **2002 Forecast:** We wrote: "Virtually everyone believes Thomas will win and be a critical GOP pickup." This seat should stay in the Republican column for most of the decade. **Status:** *LIKELY R.* **Final Result:** Thomas 8,997, Schimpf 6,507.

House District 45: Republican: Jasonville Mayor Bruce Borders. **Democrat:** Alan

Chowning. **Geography:** Sullivan, Daviess, Greene, Knox and Vigo counties. **1998 Results:** Gregg 14,351. **2000 Results:** Gregg 16,554, Hood 5,187. **2002 Forecast:** John Gregg may have pulled this one out. **Status:** *LEANS D.* **Final Result:** Chowning 9,627, Borders 9,337.

House District 48: Republican: Elkhart City Councilman Timothy Neese.

Democrat: Bruce D. Carter. **Geography:** Elkhart, Elkhart County. **1998 Results:** Mock 16,833. **2000 Results:** Mock 14,876, Crabtree 6,777. **2002 Forecast:** Neese will win. This will be a safe GOP seat. **Status:** *Safe R.* **Final Result:** Neese 10,251, Carter 5,248.

House District 52: Republican: Marlon Stutzman. **Democrat:** Rep. Dale Sturtz.

Geography: LaGrange, Noble, DeKalb counties. **1994 Results:** Sturtz (D) 6,837, LeCount (R) 5,789. **1996 Results:** Sturtz 10,049, Hanneman (R) 6,258. **1998 Results:** Sturtz 6,677, Wonderly 6,385. **2000 Results:** Sturtz 9,536, Wonderly 7,825. **2002 Forecast:** We wrote: "Conventional wisdom is that Sturtz will return for one last term, but an upset here wouldn't be hugely surprising." Well, there was an upset and the Republicans pick up another seat that should have been in their column save for the fact that Sturtz was personally popular. It's also important to note that his no votes against tax restructuring didn't save him. **Status:** *LEANS D.* **Final Result:** Stutzman 6,950, Sturts 6,701.

House District 56: Republican: Richard Hamm **Democrat:** Phillip Pflum.

Geography: Richmond, Wayne County. **1994 Results:** Bodiker 7,142, Hamm 7,087. **1996**

Results: Bodiker 10,772, Hamm 8,159. **1998 Results:** Bodiker 8,152, Paust 5,947. **2000 Results:** Bodiker 9,508, Pappin 8,882. **2002 Forecast:** Democrats hang on to a seat they feared they would lose. Hamm has now lost this seat four times. **Status:** *Tossup*. **Final Result:** Pflum 6,511, Hamm 6,096.

House District 57: Republican: Roland Stine. **Democrat:** John R. Wheeler.

Geography: Shelbyville, Shelby and Bartholomew counties. **1996 Results:** Linder 13,730, Thayer (D) 6,704. **1998 Results:** Linder 12,741. **2000 Results:** Herndon 10,903, Lux 9,745. **2002 Forecast:** This seat -- open in this election -- should stay in the GOP column for most of this decade. **Status:** *LIKELY R*. **Final Result:** Stine 8,384, Wheeler 5,429, Jester 508.

House District 60: Republican: Bloomington Councilman L. David Sabbagh.

Democrat: Peggy Welch. **Geography:** Bloomington, Greene, Lawrence and Monroe Counties. **1994 results:** Bales (R) 11,825, Anderson 5,210. **1996 Results:** Bales 15,743, Germann (L) 1,931. **1998 Results:** Welch (D) 10,172, Ellington 8,987. **2000 Results:** Welch 13,961, Shean (R) 10,495. **2002 Forecast:** Republicans and big business passed on taking Welch out. She is now a potential statewide candidate. **Status:** *LIKELY D*. **Final Result:** Welch 9,830, Sabbagh 6,154, Billingsley 769.

House District 68: Republican: John Keeton. **Democrat:** Rep. Bob Bischoff.

Geography: Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, Dearborn, Switzerland counties. **1998 Results:** Bischoff 11,881, Kristoff (L) 1,742. **2000 Results:** Bischoff 11,746, Leising 11,544. **2002 Forecast:** We wrote: "Republicans thought they could pick off one of the Ohio River Dems between Lawrenceburg and New Albany, but this isn't likely to be the one." Bischoff takes an impressive victory **Status:** *Leans D*. **Final Result:** Bischoff 10,239, Keeton 6,657.

House District 72: Republican: Ryan Bergman. **Democrat:** Rep. William Cochran.

Geography: Floyd County. **1998 Results:** Cochran (D) 10,746, Beal (R) 7,361. **2000 Results:** Cochran 14,267, White (R) 10,017. **2002 Forecast:** Bergman outspent Cochran \$50,000 to \$30,000. Should Cochran retire, this seat could come into play. **Status:** *LEANS D*. **Final Result:** Cochran 10,402, Bergman 8,594.

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:** State Republicans did not get behind Abell and Avery wins an impressive victory. **Status:** *LIKELY D*. **Final Result:** Avery 9,070, Abell 6,101.

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:** We wrote: "Kelty has out-raised Moses, but the Democrat has been pumping money into the House Democratic caucus. We expect Moses to return, but with a closer victory than he's used to." This race knocked Moses out of the speaker's race, though we believe Bauer had it locked up by early October. Seeing Moses in the back row on the Republican side was ... shocking. We'll bet he makes his way back to the front. **Status:** *LEANS D*. **Final Results:** Moses 4,718, Kelty 4,654.

House District 86: Republican: State Rep. Jim Atterholt. **Democrat:** Dr. David Orentlicher.

Geography: Indianapolis, Hamilton county. **1998 Results:** Atterholt 13,085, Griesey (D) 6,942. **2000 Results:** Atterholt 17,320, Goodloe-Coe (D) 9,708, Perry (L) 1,178. **2002 Forecast:** This race lived up to every expectation when it comes to the math. Orentlicher was certified with a 36-vote win in a race that seemed to go Republican election night, but flipped Democratic the next day. The most amazing thing was that Orentlicher won the race on gun control issue, and the NRA never responded even though control of the House hung in the balance. We expect this seat to remain very competitive. And it will be interesting to see how someone with Orentlicher's style of intellect will work in House brawling. **Status:** *Tossup*. **Final Result:** Orentlicher 9,904, Atterholt 9,868.

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al approval before attacking Iraq in 1991. But looking for acts of defiance and fireworks is the wrong way to view Lugar, a former aide said. "He is not going to be about opposing the president," said David Gogol, Lugar's legislative director in the mid-1980s and now the president of Sagamore Associates, a lobbying firm. But if the Bush administration is taking what Lugar thinks is a wrong course, Gogol said, "he'll try to move the president without being a pain in the butt."

LEGISLATORS LOOK TO TOBACCO FUND: Indiana will have to look hard next year at its cash-rich tobacco settlement fund, according to lawmakers and budget officials who see red ink nearly everywhere else they look (Martin DeAgostino, South Bend Tribune). The fund isn't nearly big enough to plug the state's budget hole, now estimated at \$750 million, but it could offset painful cuts in health care programs or bolster selected non-health portions of the general fund. Budget officials say either move would generate stiff resistance, especially the second option, but neither can be discounted at this stage of budget preparations. "We've got to look at everything," said Sen. Vi Simpson, a Bloomington Democrat who chairs the State Budget Committee. ❖