



HPR/TeleResearch Poll

Daniels takes 6 percent lead over Kernan; Bush slips a bit in Indiana

By BRIAN A. HOWEY in Indianapolis

Republican Mitch Daniels took a 6 percent lead over Gov. Joe Kernan in the HPR/ TeleResearch poll conducted between Oct. 10-14. Daniels led Kernan 46 to 40 percent. The poll of 1,050 likely voters has an error rate of +/- 3 percent.



On the presidential race in Indiana, President Bush maintained a comfortable lead, but it has slipped somewhat since recent surveys by the *Indianapolis Star/WTHR* and the *South Bend Tribune/WSBT* polls. Both of those polls had Bush leading by 13 percent, 53-40. Our poll had Bush leading by 52 to 42 percent. The irony there is that Sen. John Kerry is polling 2 percent more than Gov. Kernan is.

This polling sequence occurred after the IPALCO battle took place between Kernan and Daniels. The Kernan campaign is now airing a TV ad calling Daniels a "drug company insider" and recounts the big financial gains he made from the IPALCO deal.

TeleResearch pollster Jeff Lewis said Kernan's IPALCO ads turned off independent voters. "These ads were seen by 5 percent more of our survey sample (79 percent to 74 percent) over the Daniels response ads. "Independents were critical of these ads answering 19 percent more likely to 30 percent less likely to vote for Kernan," Lewis explained. "Clearly, these



Republican Mitch Daniels campaigned in Rockville last summer. (HPR Photo)



"It is so large that Members of Congress and people say, 'The Lord will provide.' Well, the Lord will be stressed."

— *U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, on the \$413 billion budget and \$590 billion trade deficits*

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1,050 respondents, margin +/- 3.0.

Rep: 40%
Dem: 36%
Indep: 24%
Men: 47%
Women: 53%
Minority: 12%
Northern IN 33%
Central IN 43%
Southern IN 24%

Age Range

18-34 15%
35-49 24%
50-64 31%
65+ 30%

USRight/wrong track

RT 45%
WT 46%
Unc. 9%

IndianaRight track/wrong track

RT 33%
WT 49%
Unc. 18%

Fav/Unfavs

Bush
VF 41%
SF 13%
SUn 11%
VUn 34%
Unc. 1%

Kerry
VF 23%
SV 20%
SUn 12%
VUn 43%
Unc. 3%

Daniels
VF 31%
SF 21%
SUn 18%
VUn 22%
Unc. 8%

Kernan
VF 23%
SF 27%
SUn 26%
VUn 17%
Unc. 7%

ads were not well received among Independent respondents.”

Even more troubling for Gov. Kernan was the 49 percent who believe Indiana is on the “wrong track,” compared to 33 percent for the right track. “This does not bode well for the Kernan administration,” Lewis said. “Independents answered 28 percent right track, 50 percent wrong track.”

Although Kernan's fav/unfav are slightly less than Daniels, his totals are within the survey's margin of error. Among Democrats, Kernan's overall favorables are 88 percent. Among Republicans his favorables are 17 percent compared to Daniels' 14 percent favorables among Democrats. Kernan's unfavorables among Republican's are 74percent (42 percent somewhat unfavorable, 32 percent very unfavorable). Independents rated Kernan 47 percent favorable to 44 percent unfavorable.

Party line votes are solid for the major party candidates. Kernan polled 84 percent with the Dems and Daniels got 86 percent of the Republicans. Kernan got 5 percent of the Republicans and Daniels got 6 percent of the Democrats.

Lewis said that 3 percent of the Democrats, however, strayed to Libertarian Ken Gividen along with 1percent of the Republican sample. “With Gividen polling a 3 percent overall, Daniels does not have to get 50 percent to win. This means Kernan has to get almost all of the 10 percent undecideds, a tall order for a sitting governor. Daniels is “knocking on heaven's door.”

Lewis said the “wild card” in this election could be the “18- to 24-year-old new voters.” They have been registering in unprecedented numbers all over the country. They are heavy cell phone users, which means they are out of reach by standard opinion research methodology. This makes their voting behavior unpredictable.”

Among minorities, Daniels got 20 percent favorables, which for a Republican is a respectable showing. Responses followed party lines as among independents Daniels got 50 percent favs (21percent very favorable, 29 percent somewhat favorable), against 39 percent unfavorables (20 percent somewhat unfavorable, 19 percent very unfavorable).

Presidential race in Indiana

Respondents are evenly divided on this ques-



Gov. Joe Kernan will need to pick up almost all of the 10 percent undecideds to pull out the election.

tion, 45 percent saying right track, 46 percent saying wrong track. “This response is reflective of national polling results, as well,” Lewis said. “Among Independents and minorities, however, the responses were significantly varied. Independents answered 37 percent right track, 51 percent wrong track.

Responses followed closely along party lines. Democrats rated Bush 85percent unfavorable (15 percent somewhat unfavorable, 70 percent very unfavorable). Republicans rated Bush 96 percent favorable (79 percent very favorable, 17 percent somewhat favorable) underscoring the fact that Bush has clearly secured his base.

Independents, however, are divided right down the middle as 49 percent gave Bush favorable marks (31percent very favorable, 18 percent somewhat favorable), and 49 percent rated Bush unfavorably (19 percent somewhat unfavorable, 30 percent very unfavorable).

Kerry's favs of 43 percent are overcome with his unfavs of 55 percent. Democrats gave Kerry 87 percent favorables and Republicans gave him 93 percent unfavorables. Independents gave Kerry 41 percent favorables to 55 percent unfavorables. Minorities gave him 80 percent favorables to 18% unfavorables.

Although Bush leads Kerry by 10 points, that represents the closest Kerry has come to Bush in Indiana of any previously published opinion polls. Bush got 9 percent Democrat crossover to Kerry's 4 percent Republican crossover.

The good news for Kerry is the closeness among Independents as Bush polled 46 percent to 42 percent for Kerry. Bush got 12 percent with minorities to Kerry's 78 percent. ❖



Kernan and Daniels spar over IPALCO, abatements

'Washington insider' and 'Say it ain't so, Joe.'

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS - The final debate between Gov. Joe Kernan and Republican challenger Mitch Daniels Sunday night in New Albany resulted in a number of cutting exchanges and a far more negative and contrasting tone.

But the debate, carried on mostly public television stations, was not widely seen nor extensively staffed. Many bigger Indiana newspapers carried Mike Smith's Associated Press account of the debate. In the two debates, neither candidate landed what could be described as a knock-out punch that could dramatically alter the outcome on Nov. 2.

Gov. Kernan sought to portray Daniels as a Washington insider, using that term or others like it more than 10 times.

When Daniels launched into his description of the status quo, he explained, "Indiana's the only state in America to have lost high-tech jobs in recent years by the conventional definition. And it's absolutely true that we're going to have to fire on all cylinders to bring back a state that's lost 100,000 jobs and is still standing still while the rest of the nation moves forward. A southern Indiana businessman said to me months ago, "Yeah, we know what advanced manufacturing is down here; it's any manufacturing still going on in the state of Indiana."

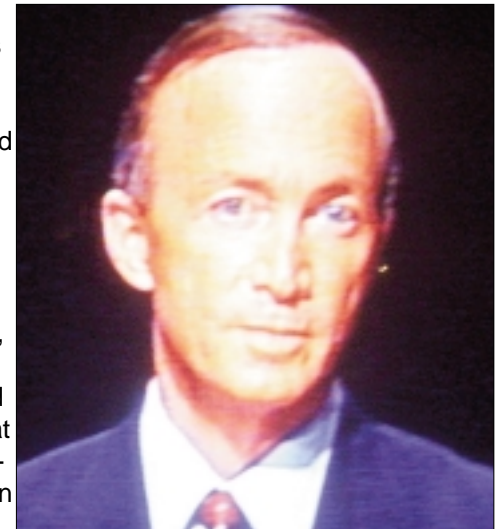
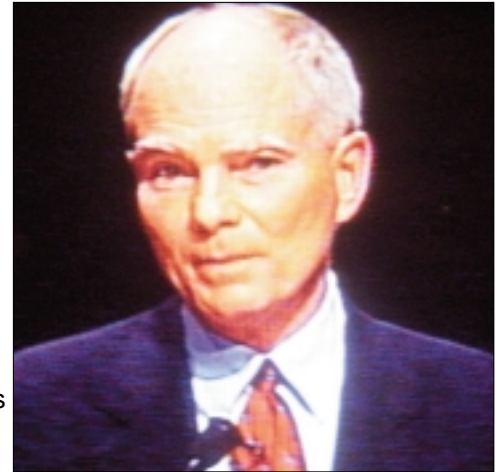
Kernan responded, "You've just heard, ladies and gentlemen, the Washington solution to strengthening Indiana's economy, the solution that is based, number one, on trashing Indiana compared to the rest of this economy across the country that is supposedly humming along, and we are the only state that has been left behind. The solution is not, as has been the case in Washington, but where my opponent from Washington was a part of this administration, to throw up

our hands and out-source jobs and to say that it is somehow good for the 250,000 people a year that lose those jobs."

The two sparred on the IPALCO issue. During a question about gaming, Kernan veered into what became his advertising theme of September. "When Mr. Daniels was in the private sector, as the member of the board of directors of a good Indiana-based company, he made the decision to sell that company out of state," Kernan said.

"And as a result of his decision, what we saw was retirees, workers and other investors in that good Indiana company that lost more than \$100 million. When we talk about taking the responsibility for

everyone in the state of Indiana, which is what the governor does, it is those people who are left out there high and dry. And he would have you believe that he is the victim in all of this. He's not the victim.



Gov. Joe Kernan and Mitch Daniels Sunday night in New Albany.

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It's those people that got hurt and hurt badly."

Daniels responded by saying, "Talking about business and going out of state, maybe the following names will be familiar to the governor: Ball Corporation, U.S.A. Funds, Lincoln National, Arvin, Clark Equipment Company, PSI, Galyan's, and here in New Albany, Robinson Nugent, the hall immediately adjacent to this one named for one of 33 companies that left the state of Indiana, corporate headquarters gone during the eight years that he has been specifically responsible for jobs and economic involvement. We've got a lot of work to do."

Later, Gov. Kernan was asked if, by extension, he was attacking Eli Lilly over the drug reimportation issue.

"No, not at all," Kernan began. "But what I'm saying is that, first, going back to an earlier ad that has caused my opponent to be rankled, in talking about the decision that he made, not saying that it was illegal, not saying that it was unethical, but the fact is that where he came from was to do something and make a decision where a lot of people got hurt, where folks lost their life savings, where Fred Barnes lost almost \$600,000 of his life savings, Marjorie Young lost \$135,000 worth of her life savings. People got hurt as a result of a decision that he made. And as a part of making that decision, while he was telling all of the shareholders and all of the workers and retirees that this was a good deal, he, in fact, was selling his stock. So while he and other members of the board and executives in the company all got out of it and got rich to the tune of about \$117million, we had thousands of people in Indiana that lost more than \$100 million. It's a question of judgment."

In his most emotional moment of any of the debates, Daniels turned to Kernan and said, "Governor, you called me in your ads greedy, you've called me untrustworthy, you said I don't know the difference between right and wrong. I guess maybe you believe that because you continue to do it now in the face of unanimous newspaper opinion, and I'm going to quote again: untrue, misleading, false, unfair, dirty -- I mean a cheap trick, below the belt, a cheap shot, and a smear.

"I'm so sorry you've chosen to do this. It's not what I thought of you at all. It's not the reason I ran around telling people in this state that I've always taken you to be a good man. It makes me want me to say, "Say it ain't so, Joe."

Ironically, that quote was the same thing many Democrats lamented on Dec. 9, 2002, when then Lt. Gov. Kernan dropped out of the race

Daniels added, "I never thought I'd hear an Indiana governor bash Eli Lilly and Company. All they do is save lives, create thousands of high-paying jobs in the state, exactly the kind we need so badly. They're our biggest taxpayer, our



In two previously televised debates, Kernan greeted Daniels at Franklin College in September, and Daniels met Eric Miller in April on WISH-TV.

biggest indigenous employer, and give back billions over the years to the communities in this state. If you're asking me to apologize for having worked there, I am sorry."

And Daniels concluded by saying, "We ought -- any governor of Indiana ought -- to every night hope and pray that somewhere in this state we are giving birth to the next Eli Lilly and Company at least every so often."

The two sparred over Daniels' tax abatement proposal. "It's a pro-small business move that would, I believe, trigger tremendous growth in this state," Daniels said of his proposal for automatic tax abatements. "But if we can encourage -- through somewhat lessened tax load in the first few years -- more job-creating investment, we'll get more jobs and from them more income and from that more revenue. This plan will pay for itself and very quickly."

Kernan called it "the Washington solution" and added, "It's not trickle-down; it's trickle-on. Trickle on the heads of homeowners, trickle on the heads of other businesses, trickle on the heads of farmers across Indiana. By removing the responsibility for granting property tax abatement, which is an important tool for local companies to have, what you end up doing is abdicating that control to the Indiana General Assembly. That's not where it ought to be."

Kernan accused Daniels of "trashing" the Indiana State Police during a question about methamphetamines. Daniels responded, "Nobody has a higher regard for the Indiana State Police than I do. I've come to know them very well in recent months." ❖



Indiana 2004 Statewides

Governor 2004: Republican: Mitch Daniels.

Democrat: Gov. Joe Kernan. Libertarian: Kenn Gividen. **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:** Daniels has slightly more than \$246,000 in cash to finish the race, compared to Gov. Joe Kernan's \$2 million, according to a campaign finance filing that covers through October 8 (Jennifer Whitson, *Evansville Courier & Press*). Daniels' smaller cash reserve is caused in part by higher advertising expenditures. Daniels has spent \$13.9 million so far this year, compared to Kernan's \$10.6 million. Daniels' top 10 campaign contributors for 2004, according to his campaign finance report:

1. Republican Governors Association, Washington, D.C., \$1.6 million; 2. Indiana Republican State Committee, Indianapolis, \$163,000; 3. Northeast Indiana PAC for Better Government, Fort Wayne, \$116,000; 4. Becky Skillman for Lieutenant Governor, Indianapolis, \$115,000; 5. Dane A. Miller, Winona Lake, Ind., \$79,985; 6. Downey Family LLC, Kokomo, \$74,000; 7. Timothy S. Durham, Indianapolis, \$65,000; 8. Bakers & Daniels, Indianapolis, \$60,500; 9. Beurt SerVaas, Indianapolis, \$60,000; 10. Klipsch, LLC, Indianapolis, \$60,000. Daniels' top Evansville-based contributors for 2004: 1. Steven E. Chancellor, \$37,000; 2. Robert L. Koch, \$29,000; 3. Larry E. Dunigan, \$25,000; 4. Ameriqua Foods, \$25,000; 5. Matthew E. Wannemuehler, \$12,200; 6. Daniel S. Hermann, \$10,000; 7. Randy L. Stuckemeyer, \$10,000; 8. Traylor Bros., Inc./Contractor, \$10,000; 9. IBNK PAC, Integra Bank Corporation, \$8,250; 10. John M. Dunn, \$5,500. Kernan says he believes he'll succeed at every challenge he tackles. It's the only way he knows how to live (*Louisville Courier-Journal*). And so it is no surprise that despite polls showing the governor's race too close to call, Kernan -- a Democrat seeking a full term -- seems mighty confident. "I feel good," he said in an interview last week as he rode along Interstate 70 on his way to talk to seniors in West Terre Haute about the rising cost of prescription drugs. "Then again, I think Notre Dame is going to go 12-0 every year," he added. "I am realistic as well, but I feel very good." Fort Wayne Journal Gazette opined on Sunday, "Granted, the economy is not this simplistic. Indiana's job losses are the result of a myriad of factors that have and are influencing the state's economy. It would be absurd to say that Mitch Daniels



caused Indiana's recession. It is equally absurd to blame Joe Kernan."

Kernan said tough choices lie ahead with regard to the state's budget deficit, but he declined to describe them. The *Indianapolis Star* wrote about the huge budget deficit facing Indiana and quote the IMA's Pat Kiely as calling it "Indiana's dirty secret." Gov. Kernan told the *Star*, "I'm not going to sit here and tell



Gov. Kernan makes a point during Sunday's debate. (HPR Photo)

you where I would go today because it requires a great deal of thoughtful discussion to be able to make good decisions." Daniels said he would do his best to hold down state spending. "Spending has been going up in this state at a rate significantly higher than personal income and inflation," he said. Indiana's finances are in such bad shape that neither man can rule out cutting funds for local schools, universities, Medicaid and property tax aid for firms, farmers and homeowners. "My sense," Daniels said, "is we'll have to cut something almost everywhere." The topic of changing local government has become hot in Fort Wayne, Evansville and Indianapolis, cities that are looking for ways to make the city, county and township government structure work better for its citizens (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). "I do believe that the Uni-Gov concept, in the end, would mean a local government that works better for the citizens of Allen County, and would save taxpayer dollars. However, this is an issue that should be left in the hands of the local community," Kernan said. He is amenable to a uniform law giving local government the ability to restructure or consolidate, but "I think we need to recognize that one model may not fit every city and county" and give local governments the flexibility to determine what's best for them. Daniels said he is a strong believer in home rule and allowing local government to govern reasonably. "I am open to a restructuring of local government, but the state should engage in a broader discussion about the division of responsibilities and revenue sources shared by state and local government before any decisions are made," he said. A news release issued by the Mitch Daniels gubernatorial campaign contained false information about a "rally" Thursday morning in Terre Haute by veterans in support of Daniels (*Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). The Daniels campaign said the news release was prepared in advance of the event and it did not expect the low turnout. The Daniels campaign e-mailed



the release to the Tribune-Star around the 11:30 a.m. time of the "rally," and handed out copies of the news releases at the rally's anticipated site. The news release stated that veterans in a rally outside the Vigo County Courthouse "called on Gov. Joe Kernan to stop his smear campaign of Mitch Daniels." It stated, "During the rally this morning outside the Vigo County Courthouse, some vets held signs asking the governor to 'Stop the Smear Campaign.'"

But only one veteran attended the event, and he did not carry a sign. **Status:** *Tossup.*

Attorney General

2004: Republican: Attorney Gen. Steve Carter.

Democrat: Joseph Hogsett.

2000 Results: Carter (R)

1,077,951, Freeman-Wilson (D) 978,713, Harshey (L) 45,490.

2004 Forecast: Carter and Hogsett, have raised a record \$2.1 million for their respective campaigns (*Associated Press*). Hogsett, who entered the race late, has raised nearly \$1 million in four months, campaign finance reports filed Friday with the Indiana Election Division show. "This certainly gives me great cause for optimism that this is going to be a competitive race," said Hogsett. Carter reported raising \$1.1 million. Carter began his campaign with nearly \$375,000 left over from the then-record \$1.5 million 2000 race in which he defeated incumbent Democrat Karen Freeman-Wilson. Carter's largest contributions have been from the state Republican Party. The bulk of the \$959,727 raised by Hogsett from mid-June through early October has come from the state Democratic Party, labor unions and political action committees, according to the reports. Nearly one-third -- about \$300,000 -- came from individual donors. Hogsett endorsed the recently approved "circuit breaker" arrangements to provide property tax relief to Lake County homeowners Friday and said that Carter's opposition to the circuit breaker showed he was not on the side of area taxpayers. "When I started this campaign I said I wanted to be the 'people's attorney general,'" said Hogsett. "That means being an advocate for Hoosier families in all matters. I support Gov. Kernan's proposal to employ the circuit breaker to help limit the impact of higher taxes on tens of thousands Lake County families and seniors. Steve Carter opposes the circuit breaker. If Steve Carter had gotten his way, there would have been no relief coming this year." **Status:** *Likely Carter.*



Indiana 2004 Congressional

Congressional District 2: Republican: U.S. Rep.

Chris Chocola. Democrat: Joe Donnelly. **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. **People:** Urban/rural 73/27%; median income\$40,381; Poverty 9.5%; Race 84% white, 8% black; 5 Hispanic; Blue/white collar: 34/50%. **2000 Presidential:** Bush 53%, Gore 44%; Cook Partisan Voting Index: R+5; **2002 Result:** Chocola 95,081 (50%), Long Thompson 86,253 (46%); **2004 Forecast:** A South Bend Tribune/WSBT-TV poll, taken by Research 2000 between Friday and Sunday, showed Chocola with a 16-point, 54 percent to 38 percent, lead over Donnelly. Chocola and Donnelly packed their platforms neatly into a compact 30-minute debate held Saturday night at WNDU-TV. The exchange covered topics ranging from Chocola's record, free trade vs. balanced trade, Iraq, the Patriot Act, the No Child Left Behind Act, drugs from Canada, to whether taxes should be raised. The debate began with an opportunity for the challengers to explain how they differ from the other. Chocola did not cut down Donnelly and instead talked about what he says he's done since taking office (*South Bend Tribune*). "I just focused for two years on the promises that I made, like lowering the tax burden on middle class families, making sure to support our troops and that they have the tools to win and make sure to create jobs here in our community," Chocola said. Donnelly pointed out differences he sees between himself and Chocola and the similarities between himself and former U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer. "I'll be an independent voice for the people of this district in Congress. Chris (voted) with the president 100 percent of the time in 2003," Donnelly said. "My job is to represent the people of the second district like Tim Roemer used to. Tim always did what he thought was right, not just what the party told him to do," Donnelly said. **Status:** *SAFE CHOCOLA*

Congressional District 8: Republican: U.S. Rep.

John Hostettler. Democrat: Jon Jennings. Green Party: Clark Gabriel Field. **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. **People:** Urban/rural 58/42%; median income\$36,732; poverty 10.7%; race white 93.7%, black 3.7%, Hispanic .9%; blue/white collar: 32/52%. **2000 Presidential:** Bush 56%, Gore 42%; Cook Partisan Voting Index: R+8. **2002 Results:** Hostettler 98,952 (51%), Hartke 88,763 (46%), **2004 Forecast:** The Evansville Courier & Press endorsed Jennings. "We don't agree with every position taken by Jennings, but we do recognize in him an individual with the ability to work with others and the intelligence to confront complex issues," the Sunday editorial said. "As we



said, Congress needs representatives willing to reach across philosophical lines, and the district needs a representative more receptive and open to the entire constituency, not merely those who agree with his ideological beliefs. For these reasons we endorse the candidacy of Jon Jennings." Jennings poked fun at Hostettler's campaign ads Thursday, telling members of the Vincennes Kiwanis Club that "as you all know, I live in Boston." Jennings was referring to his Republican opponent's ads which portray Jennings as someone from Boston who only moved to Indiana to run for Congress against the incumbent from Blairsville (*Vincennes Sun-Commercial*). "The fact is, I was born in Indiana and I was raised in Indiana," Jennings said. "I went to Indiana University. I worked for a mild-mannered coach named Bob Knight. I worked for the Indiana Pacers. When the (Boston) Celtics came calling, how could I refuse?" Hostettler and his campaign were contacted Thursday but did not respond to his challenger's comments. Jennings chided Hostettler for believing that the current economy "is the greatest ever." when in fact "a lot of people are hurting." "Milk is now \$3 a gallon, gas is up, the light bill is up, but wages are not," Jennings said. **Status:** *Tossup*.



U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky (left) shares a laugh with U.S. Rep. Baron Hill in Indianapolis earlier this month. (HPR Photo by Brian A. Howey)

Congressional District 9: Republican: Mike Sodrel.

Democrat: U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. **Media Market:**

Evansville, Indianapolis, Louisville, Dayton, Cincinnati. **People:**

urban/rural 52/48%, median income \$39,011; race white 94%, 2.3% black, 1.5% Hispanic; blue/white

collar: 34/50%; **2000 Presidential:** Bush 56%, Gore 42%; Cook Partisan Voting Index: R+8. **2002 Results:** Hill 96,654 (51%), Sodrel 87,169 (46%). **2002 Money:** Hill \$1.144m, Sodrel \$1.62m. **2004 Forecast:** Our sense is that this race has tightened up, thus, we are moving it into the tossup category. We're not predicting a Sodrel upset. But anytime you're on the receiving end of a \$2 million ad assault in a district where President Bush is expected to run well, that makes this race the most competitive in Indiana. 9/11 Commissioner Lee Hamilton campaigned with Hill on Thursday and told WISH-TV that Hill was going to have to work to pull out another win. Sodrel has been running TV ads assailing Hill over his vote on China trade. Hill has been running a TV ad walking through a neighborhood with children playing, saying he didn't support tax cuts that weren't aimed at the middle class. Hill said that if he is criticized for that, "So be it." What is strange about this ad is that Hill never looks at the camera. He is talking while walking, and looking off into the distance, instead of



his audience. **Status:** *TOSSUP*

Indiana 2004 Legislative

Senate District 5: Republican: Victor Heinold.

Democrat: State Sen. Nancy Dembowski. 2000 Results: Alexa (D) 27,151. **2004 Forecast:** Dembowski raised \$99,000 since mid-April. Heinold raised \$65,500 in the same period. Both candidates had numerous small donors, but also had hefty sums from big givers and committees. And political action committees are lining up, with a teachers' PAC giving Dembowski \$32,100, and a manufacturers PAC giving Heinold \$2,500. Major contributors to Dembowski included: IPACE, the Indiana State Teachers Association's PAC (\$32,100); United Steelworkers of America Local 6787 (\$1,500); the Indiana State Bar Association PAC (\$500); and the Indiana Senate Democrats (\$4,800). Major contributors to Heinold included: Indiana Farm Bureau PAC (\$3,000); Indiana Manufacturers PAC (\$2,500); Valparaiso businessman Harley Snyder (\$2,000); Merrillville businessman Dean White (\$2,000); and the GOP Senate Majority Campaign Committee (\$11,000). **Status:** *TOSSUP*

House District 26: Republican: Tippecanoe County Councilwoman Connie Basham. Democrat: Joe Micon.

Geography: Lafayette, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County. **2002 Results:** Scholer 5,630, Micon 4,731. **2004 Forecast:** U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar stumped for Basham in Lafayette on Friday **Status:** *Tossup*.

House District 30: Republican: John Smith.

Democrat: State Rep. Ron Herrell. **2002 Results:** Herrell (D) 9,017, Rudolph (R) 6,966, Fridholm (L) 379. **2004 Forecast:**



John Smith got support from a powerful ally, U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, on Friday but District 30 State Rep. Ron Herrell doesn't think it will affect the outcome of his re-election bid (*Kokomo Tribune*). **Status:** *LEANS D.*

House District 31: Republican: Tim Harris.

Democrat: Blackford County Commissioner Larry Hile. **2002 Results:** Rep. Dean Young 9,046, Raju (D) 3,909. **2004 Forecast:** When U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar stopped Saturday in Marion, he had teamwork on his mind (*Marion Chronicle-Tribune*). Lugar, the longest-serving senator in the state's history, was in Grant County to nurture support for Tim Harris, Republican candidate for District 31 state representative. "I want to be helpful for him personally so he can bring results here," Lugar said to a about 30 gathered for a rally Saturday in Matter Park. Harris said he was overjoyed and humbled to have someone of Lugar's status come to support his campaign. "It's an honor, to say the least," Harris said. Lugar told the crowd Harris has the right principles for entrepreneurship and business investments necessary to bring jobs to the area. "Get more jobs. That's easier said than done, but the fact is Indiana is way behind," Lugar said. "We have got to bring people to invest in us. You've got to have people like Tim who are business development-oriented." **Status:** *TOSSUP.*



House District 33: Republican: Bill Davis. Democrat: State Rep. Ron Liggett. **2002 Results:** Liggett (D) 9,143, Thornburg (R) 6,895. **2004 Forecast:** Sen. Lugar campaign with Davis on Friday. **Status:** *Leans D*

House District 46: Republican: Jeff Lee. Democrat: Vern Tincher. **2002 Results:** LaPlante (R) 8,079, Tincher (D) 7,275. **2004 Forecast:** Lee, and not State Rep. Brooks LaPlante, is still on the ballot. Most Statehouse observers are writing this seat off for the GOP. **Status:** *LIKELY D.*

House District 63: Republican: Martin County Commissioner Paul McFeaters. Democrat: Rep. David Crooks. **2002 Results:** Crooks 10,984. **2004 Forecast:** Crooks is occasionally targeted by state Republican money. But so far this election cycle, that isn't the case (*Evansville Courier & Press*). Crooks raised more than \$53,000 this year and has almost \$27,000 left. McFeaters raised more than \$14,000 and has just shy of \$10,000 in cash. McFeaters has not received party help. **Status:** *LIKELY D.*

House District 64: Republican: Troy Woodruff. Democrat: State Rep. John Frenz. **2002 Results:** Frenz 10,516, Davis (R) 8,774. **2004 Forecast:** Indiana's House Republican Campaign Committee has jumped into the race between Woodruff and Frenz. The campaign committee, which is dedicated to winning control of the House from

Democrats, gave Woodruff almost \$37,000 so far this year in the race, most of it coming in a lump sum on Oct. 4 (*Evansville Courier & Press*). That brings Woodruff's fundraising total for 2004 to just shy of \$60,000. His largest payments have gone to an Iowa company for radio ads. Woodruff had \$26,128 in cash as of the close of the reporting period, with \$6,859 in campaign debt. "You know, I'm excited about any help I get, whether it's from the state party or individual donors," Woodruff said. So far, the House Democratic Caucus Committee has not responded in kind. But Frenz still has more cash in his coffers, at \$44,789, thanks in part to the \$14,500 he received this year from I-PACE, the committee for the Indiana State Teachers Association. Frenz has raised \$47,809 this year and has spent \$3,020. **Status:** *LEANS D.*

House District 77: Democrat: David Hennig.

Democrats: State Rep. Phil Hoy. Independent: Rev. Bill Garrett. **2002 Results:** Hasler (D) 10,437. **2004 Outlook:** Hennig and independent Billy D. Garrett will take part in a live radio debate at 8 a.m. Tuesday on WGBF-1280AM (*Evansville Courier & Press*). Hoy said he won't be there because of disgust over what he views as false attacks over the gay marriage issue against him by Hennig in newspaper and radio advertisements. "I have so little regard for this man and his approach to politics that I don't want to dignify him with my time," Hoy said Friday. Hennig, a credit counselor, defended his advertising last week. He accused Hoy of "ducking out of the debate and trying to avoid his record." "I've made my positions clear enough," Hoy responded Friday. Hoy and Hennig appeared together on a WGBF program in the spring. Hennig raised just shy of \$37,000 for the race and spent \$32,221 so far this year. He had \$4,689 in cash and no debts at the end of the period. He has given \$17,000 to his own campaign, with the next biggest donor, Robert Hennig, giving \$7,000. As of the filing deadline, the state party had not given to Hennig's campaign. The Democrats haven't given to Hoy, either, but he still has a lot of money to spend -- almost \$42,000. He's raised more than \$62,000 this year, with a big boost from teachers unions - \$22,500 from I-PACE, the state teachers association's group, and \$2,000 from the Evansville branch. Garrett had not filed his report as of Friday's noon deadline, according to Election Commission staff. **2004 Outlook:** **Status:** *LEANS D.*

Special Municipal Election

East Chicago Mayoral Democratic Primary: Mayor Robert Pastrick, George Pabey, Lonnie Randolph. **2004 Forecast:** Gov. Joe Kernan denied a request to have the Indiana State Police oversee the Oct. 26 East Chicago mayoral primary despite concerns of possible acts of violence (Steve Walsh, Post-Tribune). Attorney Nathaniel Ruff submitted the request for state police protection on behalf of his



client, Democratic candidate George Pabey, who is running against incumbent Mayor Robert Pastrick in the court-ordered special election. Ruff asked Kernan to provide extra protection because there were already reports of damage to campaign signs and allegations of intimidation. The Pastrick camp subsequently made a similar request of the governor. Kernan's office said it didn't yet have a response to the Pastrick request because it had arrived Friday afternoon. In the letter signed by Kernan and dated Friday, the governor said state police presence during the elections would not be appropriate. However, Kernan addressed Pabey's concern about any disruptions in the letter. "The acts of violence and destruction of property you described in your letter cannot be tolerated. I urge you to continue to work with local law enforcement agencies to address any such incidents," the letter stated. Kernan wrote that any complaints can be addressed to the East Chicago police, Lake County Sheriff's Department or the Indiana Election Commission. Three months ago Pabey had \$744 in his campaign treasury and nothing to campaign for. As of last week, he has raised \$92,000 and appears to be leading a court-ordered repeat of the 2003 Democratic mayoral primary. "Everybody just wants to help," Pabey said. "They believe now. Last time, even the people helping me didn't think it could be done." According to campaign finance forms filed last week, more than 100 people have donated to Pabey's campaign since the state Supreme Court ordered a do-over of the race, which Pabey narrowly lost to Pastrick. Pastrick, who is known to have hosted several fund-raisers, had not filed his campaign finance documents and risks fines of up to \$50 for each day they are late. Pastrick said his files were confiscated by federal investigators who have filed corruption charges against a number of his political allies and top officials in his administration. "The

federal government took all our records and we can't make a complete file," Pastrick said. "As soon we get our records back then we'll make a complete filing on everything." Pastrick said he did not know how much his campaign had raised since his last filing, which showed only \$988 in the bank and a debt of \$90,000. Pabey's records show he has spent \$27,000 since August, including \$5,200 on a fund-raising dinner at Casa Blanca that netted him more than \$14,500. "He's going to need every penny," Pastrick said Friday. Among Pabey's largest donations were: \$2,500 from firefighter John Luellen, who was arrested in 1999 when police pulled him over in his city car and found a bag stuffed with absentee ballots. Luellen was never charged with a crime; \$2,000 from the Service Employees International Union Illinois Council Political Action Committee; \$1,000 from police officer Angelo Machuca, who is head of the East Chicago chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police; \$1,000 from City Councilman Richard Medina, a vocal Pastrick critic; Councilman Anthony Copeland also gave \$500; \$3,000 from Enterprise Properties, LLC of Gary, a company owned by political powerbroker Jewell G. Harris. City spokeswoman Myrna Maldonado will be campaigning hard for the next few weeks, but not for Mayor Pastrick. In what will be her last news release for the city until after the Nov. 2 election, Maldonado announced she is taking a media relations job with the Kerry-Edwards campaign — in Michigan. Maldonado will miss the Oct. 26 special mayoral primary and final weeks of a bruising campaign against George Pabey. The timing was not lost on political observers and Maldonado's peers at city hall, who see the departure of a loyal lieutenant and precinct captain as a blow to the Pastrick effort. **Status: LIKELY PABEY ❖**

04 Bush-Kerry Election Presidential Polls

Rasmussen Tracking, Oct. 15-18
Bush 48, Kerry 46

Gallup Tracking, Oct. 15-18
Bush 52, Kerry 44

Zogby/Reuters, Oct. 15-17, +/- 2.9
Bush 45, Kerry 45, Nader 1

ABC News Tracking, Oct. 13-16, +/-3
Bush 50, Kerry 46, Nader 2

Newsweek, Oct. 14-15, +/-3
Bush 50, Kerry 44, Nader 1

TIME, Oct. 14-15, +/-3
Bush 48, Kerry 46, Nader, 3

Washington Post Tracking, Oct. 13-16, +/-3
Bush 50, Kerry 46, Nader 2

Indiana: South Bend Tribune/WSBT, Oct. 10-12, +/-4
Bush 53, Kerry 40



Unprecedented interest in this election: What's it mean?

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

On the night of the third presidential debate on Oct. 13, more than 30 people jammed the Chatterbox, a downtown Indianapolis jazz bar ... to watch the debate.

"The band even decided to start playing after the debate at 9:30," said owner Dave Andrichik. "I've never seen more interest in politics."

I, too, have seen what appears to be unprecedented interest in this election. On Thursday, I spoke before a business group called CNB on the 30th floor of Market Towers. The dozen or so members were all fascinated by both the gubernatorial and presidential races. "Normally we don't talk a lot of politics," said one CNB member. "This year is different."



But the real acid test came that night when I gathered with some of my "artist" friends. This group has shown virtually no interest in the political process in the past. Politics bores these folks. But Thursday night, between guitar jams, the talk turned to the presidential race. Everyone was planning to vote. But what stunned me was how the talk turned to recruiting. "Everyone in this room should go out and make sure five friends vote," my guitarist friend said.

The ensuing thump was my jaw hitting the floor. One of the things I like about this crowd is that it is so apolitical, that any time a particular issue permeates this little bubble, I take notice. Last Thursday night, the political talk lasted almost an hour.

Back at the Chatterbox Saturday night, a man embedded in a group of friends casually mentioned that he was undecided in the presidential race. He spent the next hour listening to Bush and Kerry supporters trying to bring him around.

There has been considerable speculation on what the record registration is going to mean on Nov. 2.

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell was asked on ABC's *This Week* about polls showing Bush with a slight edge. Rendell said, "President Bush has sort of been ahead in the polls almost since the end of the Republican convention.

Senator Kerry was ahead briefly. And these polls are margin of error. And remember, George, these polls don't show new registrations. So in Pennsylvania, the new registrations were significantly pro-Democrat. So in Pennsylvania, take Philadelphia, for example, there are "over 200,000 new registrations. None of those are in the polls. We will carry Philadelphia, in my judgment, at least 50,000 votes more, bigger margin, than Al Gore did. That's huge, and that's not reflected in the polls."

U.S. News & World Report observed, "Some senior conservative activists are getting jittery about President Bush's re-election prospects, and not just because the candidate-in-chief failed to deliver a knockout blow in the debates. Paul Weyrich, head of the Free Congress Foundation, says he thinks a surge in voter registrations, propelled by angry, anti-incumbent sentiment, spells trouble. "Those new voters are going to kick George Bush out of office," Weyrich predicted.

The Los Angeles Times reported on Sunday that after spending much of the spring and summer courting swing voters, John Kerry is "now hurriedly trying to rev up enthusiasm among blacks, turning his attention to a stalwart Democratic constituency that some community leaders complain he neglected for too long." Kerry has "tapped the Rev. Jesse Jackson as a senior adviser, hosted a summit of black clergy in Philadelphia and visited black churches in Cleveland and Miami, joined by Jackson and the Rev. Al Sharpton, a onetime rival for the Democratic presidential nomination."

Kerry's "newfound focus on the group is more than October's traditional get-out-the-vote effort. It comes amid signs that many blacks remain ambivalent about the Democratic candidate, despite their antipathy toward Bush and ongoing anger about the contested 2000 presidential election in which the ballots of hundreds of thousands of black voters were disqualified, *The Times* reported.

In Indiana, we've seen a burst of news stories about record registrations, including 60,000 in what is now Democratic-leaning Marion County. But they are occurring in Republican areas, too. Bartholomew County reported 1,500 new registrations since the primary and more than 4,000 for the year.

In the final two weeks of the presidential campaign, Sen. Kerry is expected to raise fears of a military draft and of a "January surprise" - a purported plan by President Bush to privatize Social Security. For President Bush, *NBC Nightly News* reported on Sunday that, "Beginning next week, a stepped-up effort to undermine voter confidence in John Kerry's ability to wage the war on terror."

And my take? I'm expecting a "November surprise." ❖



Civics 101 with Sen. Lugar

Students asked about the War in Iraq, but Senator warned about economic viability

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

CARMEL - The news media peppered Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Richard Lugar with questions about Iraq and the War on Terror.

So did the students last Friday at University High School. But Lugar had something else on his mind: the economic viability of Indiana and the U.S. On all counts, the message from this most respected messenger was troubling.

First, the war

HPR asked Lugar to put his "incompetence" charge against the Bush administration in post-war Iraq and U.S. Sen. John Kerry's use of the quote into context. Lugar, along with U.S. Sens. Chuck Hagel and John McCain, raised eyebrows in mid-September when he accused the Bush administration of "incompetence" in the reconstruction of Iraq. The quote has since shown up in ads by the Democratic National Committee and Kerry's debate with President Bush in St. Louis.

Kerry was asked if he would proceed with the same plans in Iraq as President Bush. Kerry responded, "Sen. Richard Lugar, the Republican chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said that the handling of the reconstruction aid in Iraq by this administration has been incompetent. Those are the Republican chairman's words. Sen. Hagel of Nebraska said that the handling of Iraq is beyond pitiful, beyond embarrassing; it's in the zone of dangerous. Those are the words of two Republicans, respected, both on the Foreign Relations Committee."

Lugar explained in Carmel, "I appreciate how in politics people attempt to validate their own points of view with those who they think might have some credibility. He weakens himself every time he mentions me, Chuck Hagel or even the Secretary of State. He's saying you can't take my word for it, you have to ask Lugar or Powell or McCain."

Sen. Lugar called it "very, very unfortunate" that Kerry is "trying to stir up the waters when we, in a very bipartisan way on the Foreign Relations Committee support our troops, but likewise ask the question that someone needed to ask in

a check and balance situation."

Lugar, who voted with Bush 99.2 percent of the time last year, said he used the "incompetence" quote after learning that only \$1 billion of \$18 billion passed for Iraqi reconstruction had been used by the Bush administration. "I had a conversation with the President just two months before on this very issue, in which he agreed" that the money "needed to get into the field." Lugar said that when he went to Iraq earlier this year and found little of the reconstruction was occurring, he told them, "You're incompetent. Get on with it. Now, that was not an indictment of President Bush. But it was of the people who somehow hadn't gotten the word. Now they're getting better at it. Resources are getting in the field."

He called them the "dancing in the street crowd," the administrators who were convinced Americans would be seen as liberators. "Naivete prevailed at that point," Lugar said.

Capitol terror

As for U.S. Sen. Mark Dayton's decision to abandon his Capitol Hill office due to a perceived terror threat, Lugar said, "I have no reason to suspect that Sen. Dayton knew any more than I know. Our office is going to remain open. The fact is the Capitol is a potential target, as is the White House. A pre-election attack is a possibility." HPR asked if he expected an attack and Lugar responded, "No, I'm not, but you ask because a number of measures have been taken."

The Lord will be stressed

Lugar spent his address at University High talking about the \$413 billion deficit, a \$590 billion trade deficit and an aging population. "It is so large that Members of Congress and people

say, "The Lord will provide. Well, the Lord will be stressed."

He noted that Indiana has 13 percent of its jobs in "thought-process" whereas the top 20 states are in the 25 to 35 percent range. "That is not good news. We have a problem," Lugar said. He said China and India have been investing in U.S. Treasury bonds. "But what if they park it someplace else? Then you have an unraveling of everything."

He scanned the room of students and said, "We'll face this with a country that does not have education. You'll be leading an a fairly early age. I'm not pessimistic. There are solutions, but it won't be easy." ❖



U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar spoke to students at the University High School in Carmel on Friday. (HPR Photo by Brian A.



Ken Bode, Indianapolis Star - After 16 years of one-party control, our state clearly needs a change of leadership. So, for governor, I'm voting for Mitch Daniels. Change was the message in 1988 when Evan Bayh won the governorship ending 16 years of Republican rule. After that length of time any party begins to run out of gas, out of energy, out of ideas, out of talent. The best people who want to serve in public life already have. For the last four years the Indiana Democratic Party has looked depleted. The problems in education, job loss, brain drain, corruption in state agencies all accumulate. On average, one child in Indiana has died from abuse or neglect every week for the past 10 years. That sad hangover from the O'Bannon-Kernan years is reason enough to vote for change. The way you run away from a record like that is to go negative, tear down your opponent. A Democratic operative said to me recently, "This guy Daniels really drinks the Kool-Aid." This reference to Jim Jones and the mass suicides at Guyana is a popular metaphor for a true-believing, right-wing, ultra-conservative zealot. This is pure baloney. However, Democrats who might consider splitting their ticket should ask themselves, "What kind of a Republican is Mitch Daniels?" I have known him for 25 years, watched him work both in Indiana and Washington. In terms Hoosiers will understand, this is my answer: Daniels is a Dick Lugar Republican. He entered politics with Lugar, worked for him when Lugar was mayor of Indianapolis and went to Washington as Lugar's Senate chief of staff. Daniels has the same values, political outlook and work ethic as his mentor. Sen. Lugar has spent a political lifetime learning all there is to know about national security and weapons systems, an expertise recognized so widely that he recently was considered a finalist for the Nobel Peace Prize. For the past 16 months, Daniels has taken a page out of the Lugar book. Criss-crossing Indiana in his RV, he has not only campaigned for governor, he has trained for the job. He has visited farms and factories, charter schools and universities, small businesses and big industries. He has studied the state. He is a vacuum cleaner for information. He asks Hoosiers: What's on your mind? How do you feel about government? What do you need? What he has found is that many parts of Indiana feel left out, left behind, no longer part of the whole. For me, Daniels' Washington experience is an important asset. The Office of Management and Budget, which he directed, is the battleground where federal agencies and their programs meet their budgets. Good training for a governor facing lean times. He understands how independent inspectors general with subpoena power operate to clean up government corruption,



and he promises to use one to weed out Indiana's scandals and ethics violations. That is long overdue. Most important, Mitch Daniels understands Indiana and its people. I will vote for him.

Morton Marcus, Syndicated - Governor Joe Kernan and Mitch Daniels, his challenger, are sincere, intelligent men. Yet both are saying their number one priority is jobs. Do Hoosiers expect a governor to be responsible for job creation? Is the government to blame for Indiana's lagging economy? In 1996, 86.4% of the jobs in Indiana were in the private sector. We ranked 4th in the nation in this measure. In the intervening eight years, the private sector generated only 59.7% of the increase in employment we experienced. That figure ranked us as 47th in the nation. Of course, as Hoosiers, we want to know who was worse than we were. The answer is Connecticut, Mississippi, and Ohio. Only Ohio is similar to us in that threesome. Shouldn't we be asking what is wrong with the private sector in Indiana? Some might answer that we had excessive growth in public employment. No. Growth in the Indiana public sector was only 9.8%, putting us in the middle of the pack (25th in the nation) and below the national figure of 10.8%. We have lowered taxes on business in Indiana. A recent study showed Indiana among the dozen states most favorable to business. Yet you can be sure that when the next session of the General Assembly meets, the business lobbyists will be in there crying that state taxes are hindering their success. Are we never to hear an end to the bleating of the privat sector about its inability to compete? ❖

Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune - Polls are cited constantly in election stories in newspapers and on TV. There are even polls at the polls, those exit polls that caused such problems for the networks in their faulty projections on election night of 2000. So how accurate are the polls now tracking the presidential race and the close contest for governor of Indiana? First, let's be clear that all polls are not created equal. Polls conducted by professional pollsters with good credentials are pretty darn accurate. Polls conducted by amateurs without a sound sample basis are of little value. Internet polls where anybody could vote any number of times are worthless. Second, even the best poll is only a snapshot of opinion for the time when it is conducted. Daniels leading Kernan by 3 percentage points, is not a prediction that Daniels will win. ❖



East Chicago Board of Works Never approved sidewalks

SOUTH BEND - An East Chicago official whose vote could have made the controversial sidewalk program legal said Friday he never got the chance to do so (Bill Dolan, Times of Northwest Indiana). George Weems, a member of that city's Board of Works, testified Friday the board never was asked to approve the spending of \$24 million to pour concrete sidewalks, curbs, patios and driveways on public and private property in the months leading up to the 1999 East Chicago primary election. Weems was called to the witness stand by the U.S. attorney's office to provide evidence against East Chicago City Councilmen Frank Kollintzas, Joe De La Cruz and City Controller Edwardo Maldonado. The defendants pleaded not guilty to federal conspiracy and fraud charges. The government alleges they took part in a scheme to raid city coffers to pay for concrete and tree trimming services in return for residents' votes for Mayor Robert Pastrick and his slate of allied candidates five years ago. Weems said a smaller sidewalk program was brought before the Board of Works in 1998, but the mayor never pursued it. He said the sidewalk program was resurrected at a Feb. 17, 1999, board meeting, but never run through the process required by state law.

Kerry predicts 'January surprise' over Social Security

U.S. Sen. John Kerry attacked the President, based on a quote in Sunday's *New York Times* magazine, in which an anonymous source says President Bush told a group of wealthy supporters in a second term, he would come out strong for the privatizing of Social Security (ABC World News Tonight). Kerry called it Bush's 'January surprise.'" Kerry: "He said -- and I quote him -- 'we're going to move quick-

ly to privatize Social Security.'" Harris: "This line of attack reinforced by a new Kerry campaign TV ad - 'The real Bush agenda -- cutting Social Security'-- is being called misleading by the Bush campaign. They say 'The New York Times' quote was made up by an anti-Bush reporter. That Bush has never used the word 'privatization.' And the President supports the concept of allowing people to pay into Social Security to invest some of that money in the stock market." Bush: "John Kerry needs to stop using scare tactics. That's what these are: scare tactics."



Jeb Bush won't run in 2008 election

Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida "publicly ruled out running for president in 2008, quashing for now, talk of a third Bush in the White House." The Governor said on ABC's *'This Week'* that he would return to Miami when his second term ended in 2006.

Scowcroft sees 'failing enterprises'

The national security adviser under the first President Bush says the current president acted contemptuously toward NATO and Europe after Sept. 11 and is trying to cooperate now out of desperation to "rescue a failing venture" in Iraq and Afghanistan (*Associated Press*). Brent Scowcroft, a mentor to the current national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, also said in an interview published in England that Bush is inordinately influenced by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. 'Sharon just has him wrapped around his little finger,' Scowcroft told London's *Financial Times*. 'I think the president is mesmer-

ized.' Scowcroft said the Bush administration's 'unilateralist' position was partly responsible for the post-Sept. 11, 2001, decline of the trans-Atlantic relationship.

Casinos owe \$130 million in back taxes

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana's 10 casinos owe the state about \$130million in back taxes, penalties and interest for tax years 1995 through 2002, according to an audit the Indiana Department of Revenue finished this week (Louisville Courier-Journal). The casinos also could owe an additional \$30million annually starting this year, said Cathy Henninger, a spokeswoman for the revenue department. T "It's a substantial amount of money," said Mike Smith, executive director of the casino association. "We are already a relatively high-taxing state. Once you include our local-share agreements, we pay more in taxes than the 294 casinos pay in Nevada."

Democrats take aim at Stutzman

HOWE - Republican Rep. Marlin Stutzman finally wrested away House District 52 from Democratic hands two years ago in a fierce campaign (Niki Kelly, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). But that isn't stopping Democrats from waging a fight in the 66 percent Republican district, which covers parts of LaGrange, Noble and DeKalb counties. John DeLucenay, 46, of Avilla, referred to Stutzman as "a know-nothing, nobody from Amish land," adding that northeast Indiana has suffered since Stutzman took over. "I'm about a dozen points behind and that's exactly where I want to be in October. In four weeks, I have to convince the undecided (voters) that I'm the man for the job," he said. ❖