



Juan Manigault: GOP's best hope?

South Bend challenger to Mayor Luecke may put race on GOP radar

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis

The last time South Bend had a Republican mayor, the headlines of Lloyd Allen preparing to take office were intermingled with the JFK assassination, the death of Lee Harvey Oswald and the collapse of Studebaker Corp.

The year was 1963 and Juan Manigault, the 2007 Republican nominee, has a faded **South Bend Tribune** with the headline reading, "Republican prepares to take office."

He hopes to produce similar headlines this year. But, in South Bend? One of Indiana's most reliable Democratic cities that has elected 10 consecutive Democratic mayors? One that has produced a Democratic lieutenant governor, governor and House Speaker? The city that has had Mayor Stephen J. Luecke at its helm since Joe Kernan went to Indianapolis a decade ago?

"There's a quiet uproar," Manigault told HPR as we met at Shula's Steakhouse in Indianapolis. "I am articulating very clearly what a Republican mayor will do for South Bend."

Mayor Luecke told HPR on Tuesday, "Our polling is showing good numbers. I'm holding our base and we're making inroads with Republicans."

Manigault, 54, has been president and CEO of Work-



Republican Juan Manigault (left) and South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke. (HPR Photos)

force Development Group for the past 20 years. He is keying in on jobs and the flight of South Bend companies ... not to Mexico or China ... but to sister city Mishawaka.

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A surge for Thompson

By **JOSHUA CLAYBOURN**

EVANSVILLE - As the race for president takes shape, political leaders in Indiana are beginning to take sides. While such support is unlikely to influence voters in early primary states like New Hampshire, their support does offer insight



into the endorser's political ideology and calculus. Perhaps more important, when their chosen candidate wins or loses, such support can impact the influence of Hoosier officials in



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- Sen. Richard Young on Gov. Daniels



Washington.

The state's most visible official - Gov. Mitch Daniels - declared his support for John McCain in February, calling him "a longtime friend." Attorney General Steve Carter has also endorsed McCain in the race.

Meanwhile Secretary of State Todd Rokita has firmly placed his support behind Gov. Mitt Romney. "Our country needs strong, innovative leaders in Washington, and that is why Governor Romney has my support," he said. Rokita is joined by former representative Chris Chocola and a number of prominent Indianapolis fundraisers in the Romney camp.

On the Democratic side, Hoosier public officials seem less likely to openly endorse a candidate. Nevertheless, Sen. Barack Obama, hailing from neighboring Illinois, is likely to garner plenty of support from Hoosier congressmen. During the 2006 campaign, Obama made visits to Reps. Brad Ellsworth, Joe Donnelly and Baron Hill, in addition to fellow senator Evan Bayh. Although none has officially endorsed Obama, his support for those Hoosier congressmen in '06 is likely to be returned in '08 if it's ever requested.

But arguably the biggest splash in the presidential race will occur in early July when Fred Thompson will, in all likelihood, announce his intention to run. According to a recent L.A. Times/Bloomberg poll, Thompson is already just a few points away from GOP front runner Giuliani.

This surge of support for the Reaganesque Thompson is reflected in the Hoosier state. Former Indiana congressman and candidate for governor David McIntosh has agreed to serve as the domestic policy chief for Thompson's campaign. That Thompson has tapped a Hoosier to serve as one of his top three advisers is no small thing. Rep. Steve Buyer has also jumped on the Thompson bandwagon, saying he has "the record, the integrity and the focus to lead this nation forward." So has Rep. Dan Burton and former Indiana GOP party chairs Rex Early and Mike McDaniel.

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Ultimately, of course, these endorsements are unlikely to drastically affect the outcome of who wins either nomination. But they clearly show that Indiana is making its presence felt on the road to the White House. ❖

Gen. Lute & the Iraq surge

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

INDIANAPOLIS - Lt. Gen. Douglas E. Lute, a native of Michigan City, Ind., is President Bush's selection as "war czar," meaning he will coordinate the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns.

He appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee last Thursday and said some astonishing things; things most of us already knew but seem to be evading Bush and Vice President Cheney.



Brian Howey's Column

On the surge, Gen. Lute said it has "shown so far very little progress" and added, "we're not likely to see much difference in the security situation" a year from now.

U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh revealed a U.S. intelligence report the commit-

tee heard last month that said trends in Iraq would "remain negative and that the prospect for political movement by the nation's feuding Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds appears marginal," the Washington Post reported.

Bayh quoted a CIA expert on radical Islam as saying that "our presence in Iraq is creating more members of al-Qaeda than we are killing in Iraq."

Lute also said he questioned Bush's strategy of sending thousands more troops into Iraq. "During the review, I registered concerns that a military 'surge' would likely have only temporary and localized effects unless it were accompanied by counterpart 'surges' by the Iraqi government and the other, nonmilitary agencies of the U.S. government," Lute wrote in a document obtained by The Associated Press.

And on Wednesday, the New York Times reported that the Iraqi government and parliament are unlikely to attain any of the benchmarks U.S. government and military leaders have pleaded with them to pass. These include oil revenue sharing and assimilation of Baath party members back into the government.

The political impact of this? I agree with Newt Gingrich: Republicans are looking at a potentially disastrous 2008 election cycle. Little wonder that former Congressman Mike Sordrel wants to wait until next February before he decides to run again. ❖



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These include WSBT-TV, Schurz Communications (the parent company of the South Bend Tribune), St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Northwest Mutual Life which are a few of the companies Manigault says have fled to Mishawaka. "And they weren't recruited," he said. "The just left."

Luecke downplayed the loss of the companies to Mishawaka, saying, "South Bend and Mishawaka are all part of a regional economy. Yeah, a couple of companies have moved out, but many more have moved in."

The mayor cites \$1.3 billion in investments in the decade he has been mayor. He said the downtown is growing and the crime rate has dropped 24 percent. There are hotels and a condominium development coming to the downtown area. "The downtown is now a true destination," said St. Joseph County Democratic Chairman Butch Morgan.

A research park is about to be launched near the University of Notre Dame where Manigault graduated with a degree in English. "We've been working with the university on that for a number of years," Luecke said.

He also said the city recently attracted a Mishawaka high-tech company, Odyssean Technology, to relocate to South Bend with eight to 10 employees

Manigault charged that Luecke's economic development and planning department has 38 employees. "Fort Wayne has 17 or 18," Manigault said. "You'd expect companies would be coming in, but they're leaving."

Former IU economist Morton J. Marcus observes of Manigault, "His agency was audited by the state and there was some trouble about missing funds. He claims the state made mistakes, took responsibility away from him and hired a private group, which then hired back his own staff. All confusing. Juan is a nice guy who can turn out a crowd if you need one. He has good contacts."

The median income for a household in the city is \$32,439, below Indiana's median income of \$39,717. Some 16.7 percent of the population and 13.6 percent of families are below the poverty line, according to U.S. Census.

Regional leadership

"South Bend has to regain leadership of the economic engine of this regional economy," Manigault said, noting that it encompasses 805,000 people, ranking 42nd in the United States. "That's what I plan to make it." As for the Notre Dame research park, Manigault said that it

is only 12 acres. "What about the next 500 acres?" Manigault asked.

But he traces South Bend's decline well beyond the Luecke or Kernan administrations. He maintains it began around 1976 when Eddie DeBartolo wanted to build University Park Mall north of South Bend. He sought city utilities but was denied.

So University Park Mall was built north of Mishawaka. "All that development north of Mishawaka could have been north of South Bend," Manigault said. "We've been on a slow decline ever since. As our tax base declines, South Bend must return to its leadership role in this region. On Day 1, a Manigault administration will be a pro-business climate. We will be asking, 'What do you need to compete? What role will the city play in business retention.'"

And, he said, South Bend will work with the Daniels administration in its economic development efforts that have spawned 371 economic development projects and 38,000 jobs since 2005.

"Why hasn't South Bend participated in the governor's trips" to Japan and Europe? Manigault asks.

He insists he won't be in Gov. Mitch Daniels' "hip pocket."

But he asks of Gov. Joe Kernan (who as head of the department of commerce for 5 1/2 years and 1 1/2 as governor) and House Speaker B. Patrick Bauer, "What did we get from having a governor and a speaker? An expansion of IUSB and Ivy Tech? Did we get a U.S. 31 to Interstate standards? Did we get an influx of business?"

"No," Manigault responded.

Luecke said that South Bend needs to capitalize on its greatest strengths: location and its proximity to Chicago. "Advanced logistics," is the way he put it. "We're in a great location for warehousing and distribution."

South Bend has become a bitter outpost in the scheme of Indiana's quest to redevelop its economy from heavy manufacturing of the 20th Century to one of logistics, advanced manufacturing, and life sciences that is happening around Indianapolis, Bloomington and Lafayette, as close as orthopedic enclave Warsaw.

In the past decades, it has lost Bendix, South Bend Toy, South Bend Range, South Bend Screw, and Torrington.

It was a hotbed of opposition to Gov. Daniels' Major Moves program and the leasing of the Indiana Toll Road. Even though the Major Moves money will accelerate U.S. 31 being brought up to freeway standards in places



Gov. Daniels with Mayor Luecke during a 2006 visit to the city. (South Bend Tribune photo)



like Lakeville, LaPaz, Kokomo, Westfield and Carmel, the area remains hostile to Daniels. It was one of the only markets not to televise the governor's annual State of the State address last January. Many opposed Daylight-saving time and once it passed, openly feuded with neighboring Elkhart County, which advocated Eastern or Central time, even though Michigan five miles to the north was also on Eastern Time.

Despite its status as an overwhelming Democratic city, there have been some cracks. Luecke recently fired deputy mayor Federico Thon, his liaison to the Hispanic community. Luecke told the South Bend Tribune he took the action because Thon's behavior no longer met the requirements of the office.

"I was shocked," Thon said. "I felt I have represented him extremely well and supported him fully the whole time I've known him."

Manigault, who has lived in South Bend for 24 years, says he will trim back the mayor's staff from 10 to about half that.

Hispanic factor

Thon's dismissal might be seen as an opportunity for Manigault to build support with the city's growing Hispanic community, which he estimates to be 3 to 5 percent.

Yet Manigault's Republican Party, including former Congressman Chris Chocola, targeted Hispanic immigrants in the 2006 campaign and party conservatives helped torpedo the immigration compromise in the U.S. Senate last week. Some Republicans want the estimated 12 million illegal aliens to be deported.

New York Times columnist David Brooks wrote this week that between 1960 and 1980, as college education numbers dramatically rose, liberals celebrated cultural individualism and conservatives economic individualism. "This cultural offensive created a silent backlash among people who were no so enamored of rampant individualism and who were worried that all this diversity would destroy the ancient ties of community and social solidarity," Brooks observed. "These conflicts were and are primarily cultural clashes and not economic and ideological ones."

"People are coming to America to find hope and economy," Manigault said. "I believe in assimilation. We're doing what we can to speak out against the negativism. The way my party acts now, we'll have separatism. Our country is a great experiment. We have to focus on assimilation, acceptance and what it means to be an American.

Republicans need to go back to their roots. They abolished slavery. In 1964, LBJ's Civil Rights Act would not have passed if House and Senate Republicans hadn't voted for it because Southern Democrats voted against that bill."

Manigault said that the GOP "is the right party for America, but we haven't articulated a clear vision for America. I believe in our party, but it will take a different kind of leadership to restore our party to its rightful place in America. Democrats get the symbolism. Republicans have the right ideas, but don't have the symbolism."

Can Manigault win?

Manigault insists "We are raising the kind of money that we'll need to get our message out." He raised more than \$30,000 during his 67 percent primary win over Terry Miller. **South Bend Tribune** columnist Jack Colwell, noting that Luecke's primary opponent, an unknown named

Bill Davis, got 20.9 percent of the Democratic primary vote, wrote in a recent column: "There is no reason to believe those Davis votes really were for him to be mayor. They were votes of Democrats sending a message of dissatisfaction about Luecke or about something in the city. And remember, throngs of Republicans certainly weren't crossing over to vote for Davis. Manigault won't be poor. Not in qualifications and ability to discuss issues. Nor in campaign



St. Joseph County Democratic Chairman Butch Morgan with downtown South Bend behind him. (HPR Photo)

funding."

Colwell said about his "20 percent rule" that it is an indicator of voter discord with Luecke. "There is some significance, however," Colwell observed. "Enough to provide a wake-up call for the Luecke campaign. Enough to add to the conclusion that Manigault has a chance. How much of a chance will depend on how Luecke responds and how Manigault takes advantage of the opportunity."

Morgan said that Luecke will run an extensive door-to-door campaign this summer and fall, indicators that the chairman and mayor aren't taking anything for granted. He echoes Luecke when he says he is comfortable with the incumbent's polling numbers.

Some observers believe that with the Matt Kelty campaign in deep trouble in Fort Wayne - once seen by the state GOP as their best prospect for a big city pickup - the South Bend race is emerging on its radar.

HPR Horse Race Status: LEANS LUECKE. ❖



Ballard tries to press Peterson on crime wave

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

INDIANAPOLIS - Big city. Big crime. Big taxes. Will these be the big issues that can make the Indianapolis mayoral race competitive?

That's what Republican mayoral nominee Greg Ballard is hoping. He hosted a press conference outside the shuttered North District police station just south of Broad Ripple and insisted that Mayor Bart Peterson's call for \$85 million in new income taxes wouldn't put a single additional cop on the street.

"We must stem the rising tide of crime and first and foremost that means cops on the streets," Ballard said Tuesday morning. "At a cost of \$80,000 per officer, the mayor could easily hire the additional 900 officers Sheriff Anderson called for three years ago. I call on the mayor to use this proposed tax increase to hire a minimum of 750 additional officers and reopen substations in under served areas."

Ballard's comments came in the wake of news of an arson spree in the Garfield Park area and attacks on elderly residents in the Butler-Tarkington neighborhood.

"These attacks on senior citizens must stop now," Ballard said. "While I am pleased a suspect has been identified, there is no excuse for the mayor to have allowed violence in this area to continue unchecked for so long."

The Indianapolis Star reported earlier this month that Indianapolis Metropolitan PD staffing levels are down 177 officers.

The Peterson administration disputes that number. Deputy Mayor Steve Campbell explained, "The authorized force which has always been counted, always includes people in the academy and any probationary officers on the street. It's always included those folks. Right now we have 100 of those, including 50 on the street. We have 1,633 on the payroll and the authorized strength is 1,640. In reality, we're seven officers down. We always count the ones in the academy."

Campbell said that Peterson's crime package had always called for \$85 million. "Had we gotten the fire merger from the legislature, that was \$15 million less. That \$85 million would have been \$70 million," he said of the demise of the Indy Works package in the Indiana General

Assembly that would have forged additional fire department mergers with the townships.

In an April interview with Mayor Peterson, HPR asked: Are you concerned that with the current crime wave, the buck doesn't stop with the mayor as far as the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department goes?

Peterson responded: "No. The reason I don't have any second thoughts on this is the world has changed. Back in 2000, the mayor of Indianapolis had never really been involved in the criminal justice system beyond the police. The mayor had the police. Then you had the whole county budget and that was the sheriff, it was the prosecutor, courts and crime lab. As it evolved over the first half of this decade, I became, in effect, responsible for all those things. Literally by merging the



Republican Greg Ballard (right) is attempting to use the crime wave to get into the race with Mayor Bart Peterson. Peterson (top, right) is shown last winter with IMPD Chief Michael Spears and Sheriff Frank Anderson. (HPR Photos by Brian A. Howey)

city and county budgets through Indy Works, I got that authority. It got there because for the first time in 30 years, the criminal justice system was in crisis, spurred by the jail overcrowding problem. So I don't have control over the police department, but I never had control over anything other than the police department before."

Peterson added, "The buck stops with me any way. The new governing body - and it is only a governing body by consent - is the Criminal Justice Planning Council, and I'm now the chairman of that. With that position, I want to exercise my best efforts to work together on these issues and we have been pretty effective over the past three years. I would rather achieve our goals that way that worry about who controls what particular agency." ❖



2008 Indiana Governor

Governor 2008: Republican: Gov. Mitch Daniels.
Democrat: Senate Minority Leader Richard Young, Jim Schellinger, Jill Long Thompson.



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 Results:** Daniels (R) 1,302,912, Kernan (D) 1,113,900, Gividen (L) 31,644. **2008 Forecast:**

MitchFest (the governor's re-election kickoff at Hinkle Fieldhouse) gets underway in earnest at 11 a.m. Saturday. St. Joseph County Chairman Butch Morgan told HPR he hopes **Schellinger** will be able to show at least \$1 million raised at the June 18 deadline. **Long Thompson** is expected to officially kick off her campaign during the second week of July. Campaign adviser Chris Sautter said that Thompson will roll out Democratic endorsements. Thompson has also assembled a campaign team that includes pollster Peter Brodnitz, Benenson Strategy Group; direct mail: Amy Pritchard & Ed Peavey, Mission Control; and web and internet strategy: Blue State Digital. Blue State Digital is considered the Democratic Party's premier web and internet strategy firm. The founding partners were the core internet strategists in Howard Dean's 2004 presidential campaign. Sautter noted, "We have been in touch with much of Jill's donor base and are confident there will be significant support for her candidacy." **Young** had a Statehouse presser today and said, "The role of the governor's office is to champion and promote ideas and legislation that embrace, empower, and encourage the will of the people of Indiana. The current occupant of the governor's office has chosen a different method of leadership. The will of the people is an annoyance to him. The arrogance of knowing what is best for all of us without listening to us may belong in the corporate boardroom, but not in the Governor's office," Young said. "By selling off chunks of Indiana's state government to private entities, the governor avoids making government more efficient. He simply pays others to do what he was elected to do. He has lessened accountability, and his policies have resulted in fewer services for Hoosiers who need them most." **Democratic Primary Status:** TOSSUP. **General Status:** Leans Daniels. ❖

2007 Mayoral

Fort Wayne: Republican: Matthew Kelty.

Democrat: Tom Henry. **2003 Results:** Richard (D) 27,251, Buskirk (R) 19,701. **2007 Forecast:** Next week will be either D week or R week for Kelty. D as in "death" or R as in "reprieve" or "redemption." The Allen County Election Board will meet at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday to consider the \$158,000 in "personal" loans Kelty received from Right to Life president Fred Rost and Steve and Glenna Jehl and did not disclose until he filed an addition three weeks ago. If the board clears Kelty, the early controversy and Kelty's obvious grassroots campaign talents will give him a chance to recover. If it refers the case to prosecutors, Kelty will be a deep trouble and will have to fend off calls to leave the ticket. Republicans we've talked with say Kelty's public comments that he will repay Rost and the Jehls will hurt his fundraising ability. Many donors will worry that their money won't go to the race with Democrat Tom Henry. Kelty has also alienated the kind of pro-growth Republicans who voted for Mayor Graham Richard in the last two elections. Those Republicans could negate the addition of Aboite Township. The Kelty campaign is in deep trouble now. **Status:** LEANS HENRY

Congressional District 9: Republican: Mike Sodrel, Todd Young. Democrat: U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. **Media Market:** Evansville (11%), Indianapolis (23%), Louisville (55%), Dayton, Cincinnati (10 percent). **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. **2004 Presidential:** Bush 59%, Kerry 40%. **2002 Results:** Hill 96,654 (51%), Sodrel 87,169 (46%). 2004 Results: Hill 110,455, Sodrel 100,469, Schansburg 9,893.



2008 Forecast: We've run the Sodrel-Waits-To-The-Feb. 5-Super-Tuesday-Presidential-Primaries scenario by 9th CD Republican officials and way up the NRC food chain and nobody is shooting it down. One 9th CD official told us, "You've got the scoop." What would convince Sodrel to run? A Hillary Clinton Democratic nomination would be one. Even Hoosier Democrats have expressed fear over that one. If she chose Evan Bayh for the ticket, that would help Hill, but that wouldn't come until next summer. Another scenario that might please Sodrel is if conservative darlings Fred Thompson or Newt Gingrich sew up the GOP presidential nomination. In the meantime, the guy truly twisting in the wind is Todd Young, who could put together a campaign structure, but probably won't be able to raise much money without Sodrel clearly signalling his intention to stay on the sidelines. **Status:** TOSSUP. ❖



THE BOAR'S NEST

Hostettler writing book

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**

Former congressman and "constitutional scholar" **John Hostettler** will re-emerge at 6:30 tonight at the Newburgh Central Library. Mr. Hostettler will discuss James Madison's thoughts on property rights -- how his thoughts were pertinent during the foundation of the country and how they should apply today. A release promoting the event says, "We hope that you will bring a friend to join us for this rare appearance. Also, that night we will announce details about the upcoming Restoring Our Heritage Fall Banquet, including who will be this year's keynote speaker."

A former staffer for the 8th CD congressman says that Hostettler is also writing a book.

Lawrence joins the courts

Glenn R. Lawrence, a well-known appointee to state leadership posts under Democratic governors has joined the Marion Superior Court as its new court administrator. About 20 people applied for the position following the resignation of former court administrator Ron Miller in April. Lawrence will

supervise a staff of 21 and manage a \$55 million court budget.

Lawrence (pictured, left) returns to government work after two years at Coleman Graham & Stevenson where he's concentrated on gaming, government services and legislative affairs. Past state appointments include executive director, Indiana Gaming Commission; commissioner, Indiana Department of Administration; and chairman, Indiana



Alcoholic Beverage Commission. He was also a former executive assistant for public safety under Governor Evan Bayh in the early '90s. And as the first general counsel for the Indiana Department of Correction, Lawrence managed a program to build additional prison facilities. He's also worked in private practice in Crawford County and was a chief deputy prosecuting attorney in Harrison-Crawford Counties.

Rep. Kuzman is expected to resign

Statehouse sources are expecting State Rep. Bob Kuzman, D-Crown Point, to resign. First elected in 1996, indication are he will end up with IceMiller.

Randolph eyes return to Senate

State Sen. **Sam Smith**, D-East Chicago, still hasn't officially resigned, but his potential

open seat may be sought by a familiar face: former senator **Lonnie Randolph**. "I have connections in the Senate, people I keep in touch with and can work with from around the state," Randolph told the **Post-Tribune**. Randolph was an unsuccessful candidate for East Chicago mayor. Smith, who now says he will probably resign next month, wants his wife, **Diane**, to fill the seat. Gary Mayor **Rudy Clay** appears to be backing **Joel Rodriguez** of East Chicago. Many thought that Clay, who is also Lake County Democratic chairman, would install someone from Gary in what would be a continuation of power moving from East Chicago to the Steel City. "I'm making no secrets. I like Joel Rodriguez," Clay said. Other hopefuls include former



State Rep. **John Aguilera** and Gary lawyer **Tony Walker**.

Burton's untraditional campaign

U.S. Rep. **Dan Burton** is in a tough re-elect against Dr. **John McGoff**. He is running a different campaign. His recent Lincoln Day speeches have included a defense of the Iraq War. He's been holding town hall meetings on medical maladies. On Saturday (coinciding with MitchFest at Hinkle Fieldhouse), Burton is having a session on men's prostate cancer at the IU Medical Center. Last spring, he did one on women's gynecological cancer. ❖

Got a tip for the Boar's Nest? Send it to: phillipsgroup@comcast.net



Souder wants Newt to run

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Mark Souder told **The Politico** that he is open to a presidential candidacy by former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"He's the best idea guy in either party," Souder said. "He should get in the race, because I think we need someone who can push issues." Just last week, Gingrich said on "Fox News Sunday" that after a series of Internet-based workshops on Sept. 27 and 28, he'll decide on a White House bid. "I'll start looking at it, you know, on Sept. 30," Gingrich said.

"I haven't made up my mind yet, but shoot, I might back him," Souder said. Elected as part of the Gingrich revolution that retook the House in 1994, Souder parted with Gingrich in

1997, advocating that he give up the speakership. Souder told HPR last winter that while he was friends with U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback and generally supported his positions, he didn't think Brownback could win.



U.S. Rep. Mark Souder aboard the Mackinaw.

Clinton extends lead

Sen. Hillary Clinton leads Sen Barack Obama 36-22 percent in a University of New Hampshire Survey Center poll was released Wednesday. The poll showed a significant drop for former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, to 12 percent from 21 percent in the previous UNH-conducted poll in late March and early April. Former Vice President Al Gore, who is not a candidate, also drew 12 percent. ❖

2008 Presidential Polls

Republican	Date	Giuliani	McCain	Thompson	Romney	Comp. Spread
Zogby	05/17 - 05/20	26%	13%	10%	10%	Giuliani +13%
Gallup	06/01 - 06/03	32%	19%	11%	12%	Giuliani+13%
Rasmussen	06/04 - 06/07	24%	24%	11%	11%	Tie
CNN	05/04 - 05/06	25%	23%	13%	10%	Giuliani +2%
Cook/RT	05/11 - 05/13	26%	24%	9%	9%	Giuliani+2%
FOX News	06/05 - 06/06	22%	13%	15%	10%	Giuliani +7%
Pew Research	03/21 - 03/25	33%	23%	--%	8%	Giuliani +10
LATimes/Bloombg	04/5 - 04/09	29%	12%	15%	8%	Giuliani + 22
NBC/WSJ	06/08 - 06/11	29%	20%	14%	14%	Giuliani +9%
Democrat		Clinton	Obama	Edwards	Gore	Comp. Spread
Zogby	05/17 - 05/20	39%	24%	11%	--	Clinton +15%
Gallup	06/01 - 06/03	29%	30%	11%	17%	Obama +1%
Rasmussen	06/04 - 06/07	37%	25%	11%	--	Clinton +12%
Time	04/05 - 04/09	33%	26%	25%	--%	Clinton +7%
CNN	05/04 - 05/06	38%	24%	12%	12%	Clinton+14%
Cook/RT	05/11 - 05/13	32%	24%	13%	10%	Clinton +8%
Pew Research	03/21 - 03/25	35%	26%	16%	12%	Clinton +9%
FOX News	06/05 - 06/06	36%	23%	12%	14%	Clinton +13%
LATimes/Bloomb	04/05 - 04/09	33%	23%	14%	13%	Clinton +10
NBC/WSJ	06/08 - 06/11	39%	25%	15%	--	Clinton +14%

Hoosier Support: Giuliani (\$172,450 raised in Indiana): Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi, Stephen Goldsmith, Tim Durham, Beurt SerVaas, Steve Hilbert. **McCain:** Gov. Mitch Daniels. **Romney (\$83,750):** Attorney General Steve Carter; Secretary of State Todd Rokita, James Bopp Jr., Dan Dumezich, Bob Grand, Chris Chocola. **Thompson:** U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, U.S. Rep. Dan Burton, David McIntosh, Mike McDaniel, Rex Early. **Clinton (\$71,000):** Mel Simon, Bren Simon. **Edwards:** Robin Winston, Ann & Ed DeLaney, 9th CD Chair Mike Jones, State Reps. Russ Stilwell, Dennie Oxley, Terri Austin, Terry Goodin, Sheila Klinker, Robert Kuzman, Linda Lawson and Scott Pelath; Greencastle Mayor Nancy Michael; Bill Moreau Jr., Shaw Friedman, Vanderburgh Co. Chairman Mark Owen, 8th CD Vice Chair Mary Lou Terrell, Greg Hahn, Bruce Kehoe. ❖



Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune -

While Russia's Vladimir Putin blusters about aiming missiles again at targets in Europe, Sen. Richard G. Lugar seeks in his calm diplomatic manner to advance the program that has deactivated or destroyed thousands of nuclear warheads and missiles in the former Soviet Union. If renewal of Cold War rhetoric doesn't interfere, Lugar will participate in August in a ceremony in Russia hailing the 15th anniversary of the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction Program. In an interview over breakfast in the Senate Dining Room, Lugar said the invitation from Russia for the ceremony, discussions and visits to four sites of weapons dismantling provides hope for continued dismantling rather than re-aiming. "Putin is making statements that could well be calculated for the people he serves in Russia," said Lugar, the Indiana Republican who is his party's leading spokesman in the Senate on foreign affairs. "He is telling them, 'We're back. Russia is back. We're wealthy,'" Lugar explained. Lugar is more interested in pursuing the signs of possible future progress in discussions in Russia in August than in angry reaction now to what Putin may say. That's diplomacy: Accentuate the positive and downplay what could be negative in the quest for suitable accord. Lugar has seen ups and downs in the Nunn-Lugar program ever since he and former Sen. Sam Nunn, a Georgia Democrat, successfully sponsored the legislation. Results? The program provided funds for deactivation or destruction of 7,000 nuclear warheads and thousands of missiles in the former Soviet Union, many of which were aimed at the United States. Also, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan emerged from the Soviet break-up as the third, fourth and eighth largest nuclear powers. Now, as a result of Nunn-Lugar, they are nuclear-free. When Lugar wanted to visit Russia last year to view Nunn-Lugar progress, he was told his trip "would not be timely or appropriate." Lugar brushed it off, knowing Russia no longer was desperate for funds to handle potentially "loose nukes" and that there was a desire to show, "We're big guys again." ❖

Gary Gerard, Warsaw Times-Union -

The media generally reports the "record profits" of oil companies but fail to put those profits in context. Take Exxon Mobil Corp.'s \$9.9 billion third-quarter profit. That's a lot of money to be sure, but Exxon doesn't make as much

relative to its product as many other industries do. Exxon's profit margin for its \$9.9 billion quarter was almost 10 percent. But the average of all manufacturers is around 8.5 percent. Computer technology firms make around 11.5 percent; chemical companies, 13.5; electronic equipment, 14; beverage and tobacco, 19.5; and pharmaceuticals, 22.5. Merck made 25.3 cents for every dollar of revenue that year. ❖



Doug Ross, Times of Northwest

Indiana - At the risk of sounding like Carl Sagan, let me give you a different perspective on "the region." It's bigger than you think. A

week ago, author John Austin of the Brookings Institution addressed a crowd at the Quality of Life Council's quarterly meeting. To him, "the region" was not a conglomeration of communities but of states and provinces. It's a valuable lesson in broadening our horizons. If the Great Lakes region were a separate nation, its economy would be the third-largest in the world, Austin said. This region -- the Great Lakes region, not the Calumet region -- is where great industries were born. Timber. Meatpacking. Oil. Steel. Electronics. Autos. Aviation. This is where manufacturing's muscle was toned. This is where land grant universities like Purdue University opened the door of learning to everyone. This is where the Internet was born |

and where Internet 2 is being developed. There's a lot of reason for pride in the Great Lakes region's history. The desire to cling to the past is understandable. Change can be frightening. But it must be embraced if we -- as both the Great Lakes region and "the region" -- are to thrive. The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority seems to understand this well. The RDA is looking to fund projects that have the biggest potential payoffs. Most promising, perhaps, is that the RDA members are encouraging the region to think big. Gary/Chicago International Airport doesn't have regularly scheduled passenger airline service now, but develop it anyway. And get the work done in time for the Olympics to be held in Chicago in 2016. Extend commuter rail service to Lowell and Valparaiso, and then start thinking about other ways to connect people in Northwest Indiana to the rest of the Chicago area. Expand transportation options, including the construction of the Illiana Expressway, even in its truncated form. ❖





Donnelly, Souder meet with VA official

ELKHART - U.S. Reps. Mark Souder (IN-03) and Joe Donnelly (IN-02) met Wednesday with William Feeley, Deputy Health Undersecretary for Operations and Management for the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Feeley oversees 21 Veterans Integrated Service Networks and is responsible for business operations and facilities management, including Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs). Feeley indicated that the VA hopes to have the clinic open by mid-February 2008, although the exact location for the clinic is still uncertain. "Joe and I continue our bipartisan work with the VA Department to improve health care for veterans in Indiana," Souder said. "The men and women who have worn the uniform bravely served all of us when we needed them, and the federal government now needs to provide for them in their time of need. The new clinic, which will probably be in Goshen, will serve veterans from all the surrounding counties." "Providing quality healthcare for our Hoosier veterans is a top concern of mine as a member of Congress," Donnelly said.



Governor denies clemency for killer

INDIANAPOLIS - Gov. Mitch Daniels has concluded his review of the case of Michael Lambert and has denied his petition for clemency. Lambert was sentenced to death in 1992 for the murder of Muncie Police Officer Gregg Winters. Lambert is scheduled to be executed after midnight on June 15 at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City.

Fort Wayne fourth in solo commutes

FORT WAYNE - The Fort Wayne metropolitan area ranks fourth in the nation in the percentage of commuters who drive alone to work (**Fort Wayne Journal Gazette**). A U.S. Census Bureau report Wednesday showed more people than ever are driving alone to work as the nation's commuters balk at carpools and mass transit. Regardless of fuel prices, housing and work patterns make it hard for suburban commuters to change their gas-guzzling ways.

Graffiti prompts fear for mayoral candidate

EAST CHICAGO - The homes of Republican mayoral candidate Arthur Santos and his brother Anthony were hit last week with what they say is threatening gang graffiti (**Times of Northwest Indiana**). The Santoses said they believed the graffiti was part of a pattern of intimidation against the mayor's enemies. Mayor George Pabey's spokesman said that is ludicrous. The graffiti on the backs of the Santoses' next-door homes on Indianapolis Boulevard had the letter K as the last letter of the writing. Anthony Santos said the police told him the K is a signal to other gang members that the occupants of the house can be attacked at will. "The cop said, 'Yeah, they marked your house all right,'" Anthony Santos said. "He said there was nothing they could do and that we should watch ourselves."

Candidate won't face charges

EVANSVILLE - Criminal charges will not be filed against former Evansville City Council candidate Stephanie Terry, whose primary election day handouts spurred an investigation (**Evansville Courier & Press**). Terry, who lost to Melissa "Missy" Mosby in the 2nd Ward Democratic primary on May 8, gave voters a card that Vanderburgh County Prosecutor

Stan Levco said could be construed as "an improper slate." Under the legend, "The Preferred Democrats," Terry's card listed her name and the names of Democratic Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel, City Clerk Alberta Matlock and at-large City Councilmen Keith Jarboe and Curt John. "You can't have a group of candidates on one (piece of campaign literature) unless people have signed a 'consent to slate' form (allowing it)," County Clerk Susan Kirk said on primary election night. "None were turned in to the Election Office. "(Terry's literature) made it look like Jonathan Weinzapfel and Alberta Matlock and everybody was for her." In a letter to Vanderburgh County Election Office attorney Doug Briody, Levco, a Democrat, said he decided not to charge Terry because she is contrite and because Mosby doesn't want to push it.

State orders New Albany to cut budget by \$500k

NEW ALBANY - The Indiana Department of Local Government Finance has notified New Albany that its 2007 budget proposal is \$589,095 too high (**Louisville Courier-Journal**). The City Council can decide to cut the budget by that amount, or use other sources of revenue to make up the difference.

Bush approval at 29%; Congress at 23%

WASHINGTON - President Bush's approval rating is at just 29 percent in the latest NBC/Wall Street Journal poll. It's a drop of six points since April, and it represents his lowest mark ever on this question in the NBC/Journal poll. Also, only 23 percent approve of the job that Congress is doing, a decline of eight points since April.