

EXCLUSIVE

Mannweiler, Garton steer tricky course

Freshmen, Democrat maneuvers, Senate recount and '96 bid weigh in

INDIANAPOLIS - The real action at the Indiana General Assembly thus far might have been in a phone conversation between House Speaker Paul Mannweiler and Senate President Pro Tem Robert Garton.

As Mannweiler said, they are in contact on a weekly basis trying to accommodate the 10-point "Contract With Indiana." Mannweiler takes the contract seriously. A huge copy of it sits in his Statehouse office and has been marched onto the House floor when votes were due on the first two contract items.

"These are things the Senate has endorsed in the past," Mannweiler explained. "We've been trying to meet weekly between the two leaderships so we can tell each other what's going on; so it can be as well-coordinated as it can be."

H.B. 1001, a piece of reorganization legislation, was scheduled to cross over from the House to the Senate Thursday. It was sure to attract much attention.

Mannweiler and Garton will have plenty of pressure to keep the lid on things. Mannweiler's comes from two sources. One is the Indiana Conservative Assembly, a group made up of most of the House freshmen. Members of leadership, such as Mannweiler and State Rep. John Keeler, are in the process of joining, taking a cue from President Abraham Lincoln, who put most of his 1860 presidential opponents on his cabinet so he could keep an eye on them.

There was a rumor that one House Democrat had joined, and that kept John Schorg of the Democratic caucus busy trying to figure out who it was.

The word in the Statehouse corridors was that the ICA might break with the Republican caucus "25 to 30 percent of the

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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

"You make us feel dirty, you really do."

- State Sen. Robert Garton, to Indianapolis Star columnist Dick Cady, on the topic of accepting consulting fees from firms who lobby the Legislature

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Sad trends: Single parents head 21.8 percent of families in Fort Wayne and 24.8 percent in Indianapolis. In Jackson County, illegitimate births increased from 168 in 1993 to 190 in 1994 (*Critttersville Times*) In 1974, the county reported 29 illegitimate births.

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar has named **Mark Schoeff** as his press secretary. He replaces **Kevin Shaw Kellems**, who has been named Lugar's state director.

Indiana's two largest cities - Indianapolis with 118 and Fort Wayne with 39 - set homicide records in 1994. Fort Wayne's increased by 10 over its 1993 record, and Indianapolis was up 45 over last year. Indiana's other big cities fared relatively better: Gary with 76, down from 110 in 1993; South Bend with 19, tying its record; and Evansville with eight. Terre Haute did not have a homicide in 1994.

Fort Wayne physician **Dr. John Crawford** has announced he will seek a city council seat. He spent more than \$100,000 in 1991, but lost.

An unscientific survey by **WOWO** radio on Jan. 14 found 76 percent of those calling in to register an opinion favored the Indiana Legislature voting to switch to Central time.

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Feb. 19 in New Hampshire: the first big day for Quayle, Lugar presidential campaigns

MANCHESTER, N.H. - Feb. 19 will be the day to gauge just how serious former Vice President Dan Quayle and Sen. Richard Lugar are about winning the presidency.

That's the day of a first campaign cattle call sponsored by the New Hampshire Republican State Committee called "Vision for the Future."

While Lugar created headlines last week by saying he would consider running for president despite what Quayle did, Lugar has not returned to New Hampshire since a

couple of forays last spring. Quayle was escorted around the state by former Gov. John Sununu last month. "It was real quiet," said John

DiStaso, the chief political reporter for the *Manchester Union-Leader*. "He just went around meeting interesting people with his old pal, John Sununu."

As for Sununu's clout, now that he lives in Washington, DiStaso said, "That's an unknown. He's been out of the New Hampshire scene. But a lot of people really like Sununu here."

The 1996 Republican presidential race has boiled down to a three-tiered race - with Quayle in the second tier - according to a Washington political analyst.

There are also two question marks - Colin Powell and Newt Gingrich - that could change the whole equation.

Stuart Rothenberg of the *Rothenberg Political Report* has placed Quayle in the second tier of candidates. Lugar does not factor into Rothenberg's calculations

■ Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm occupy the first tier with Gramm having the perception of "momentum" in Iowa. Former Tennessee

Gov. Lamar Alexander, said Rothenberg, "has found a niche as everyone's dark horse."

"For now, Dole and Gramm have more resources and skills than other potential hopefuls. But each has serious flaws," Rothenberg reported. "Dole's immediate problem is to decide upon a message. Conservatives generally find him acceptable, but he has never been entirely comfortable running an ideological race.

"Gramm's chief liability is that he is

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sometimes referred to as 'the Republican's LBJ' - a political insider who often seems a bit too calculating."

■ Quayle leads the second tier.

"Dan Quayle has a base within the party among conservatives, and he could be a factor in Iowa and New Hampshire," Rothenberg wrote. "But he carries too much negative baggage at this point to be ranked as a top tier hopeful."

■ Jack Kemp ("looks good on paper, bad in real life") and Pat Buchanan ("much of his vote-getting appeal was based on his Bush-bashing) finish out the second tier. Buchanan received the Union-Leader's endorsement in 1992, and if he doesn't run, Quayle could capture the endorsement.

The Indiana news media were all aflutter about the two worst-kept secrets in state politics - that Quayle is about to announce his candidacy for president and that Lugar is thinking about it.

Quayle essentially made that decision in November 1992. The news is when he will announce. Last week's Quayle flare-up occurred when Texas pollster David Hill,

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who has worked for Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, linked up with the "Issues '96" committee. Also signing on was GOP operative Mark Goodin, fresh as a senior adviser to unsuccessful Virginia Senate candidate Oliver North.

Marilyn Quayle also fueled the flare-up with a speech in Hammond, calling Gramm's victory in a Louisiana straw poll "a joke." She said Gramm and Alexander lack broad, grassroots support.

■ On the third tier are Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter and Govs. Pete Wilson of California, Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin, and Bill Weld of Massachusetts.

■ As for Lugar, who has yet to put a presidential campaign staff in place or begin raising money, the key will be to gain enough publicity during the agriculture budget deliberations to rival Speaker Gingrich's revolution in the House. Lugar begins full committee hearings Jan. 26, with the last coming Feb. 14 - five days before the cattle call.

■ The "question marks," Rothenberg said Powell is not likely to enter the race until the last minute. Gingrich, he said, "might look at the race if no front-runner emerges."

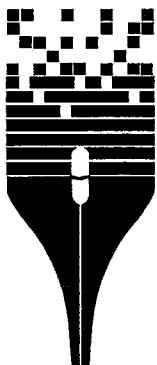
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The Dec. 24 edition of *Editor & Publisher* notes that the Times-Mirror news interest index for October said that 41 percent of Americans followed the elections closely and 36 percent fairly closely, compared to 23 percent who follow the O.J. Simpson trial closely. Writes **Debra Gersh Hernandez**, "Nevertheless, half of the respondents said they did not learn enough about the candidates and issues to make an informed choice at the polls."

Out-going Democratic state **Chairwoman Ann DeLaney** is expected to remain on the popular TV show "*This Week in Indiana Politics*."

As HPR reported in its Dec. 15 edition, **State Sen. John Sinks** has announced he will not seek re-election in 1996. That sets up an intriguing GOP primary race between former representative **Mitch Harper** and Fort Wayne City **Councilman David Long**.

U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer's father-in-law, **U.S. Sen. Bennet Johnston**, D-La., has announced he will not seek re-election in 1996. It was Johnston's Pelican PAC that jump-started Roemer's successful 1990 campaign against **U.S. Rep. John Hiler** with \$10,000.



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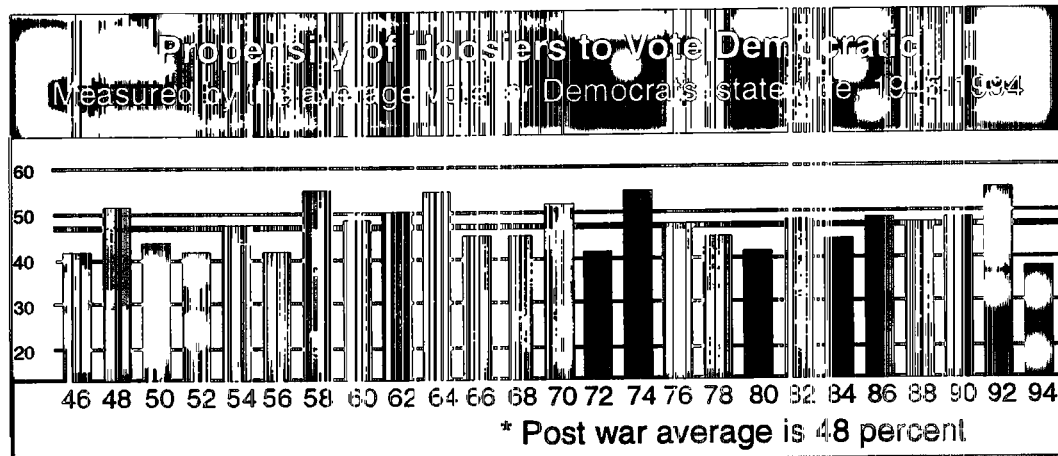
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State GOP Vice **Chairwoman Shirley Baker** suggested going **Al Hubbard** as a potential 1996 gubernatorial candidate before the St. Joseph County Republican Women's Club (Clara **Porter**, *South Bend Tribune*). Hubbard had told HPR after announcing his resignation that he wasn't interested in running for elective office. Baker also had this to say about **Gov. Evan Bayh**: "As unfair as it may be, he will get credit for a lot of what we Republicans do in the next two years."

State GOP political director **Susan Wehrenberg** is joining former Vice President **Dan Quayle's** "Issues '96" Committee. **Scott Kennedy** is also making the jump from the state committee to Quayle's staff.

Fayette County Republican chairman **Bob Hoffman** resigned, citing a busy work schedule. A caucus has yet to be scheduled.

Democrats bought an extra 15 minutes of satellite uplink time for **Gov. Evan Bayh's** State of the State address last week. That meant the Republican response couldn't air live immediately after the speech (**Ketzenberger**, **Stedman**, **Zasadny** - *Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette*). Was it a savvy political move? Yes, but more because Bayh has run over his allotted time in the past, and not a blatant attempt to bump the GOP response.



Speaker Gingrich's recommended reading from Madison to DeWaal

A list of books, sections of books, documents and individual theorists recommended by House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.

The "Federalist" papers.
The Constitution.
The Declaration of Independence.
"Democracy in America," by Alexis de Tocqueville.
"Creating a New Civilization: The Politics of the Third Wave," by Alvin and Heidi Toffler (with an introduction by Gingrich).

"The Effective Executive" by Peter Drucker.
"Working Without a Net: How to Survive and Thrive in Today's High-Risk Business World," by Morris Shectman.

"The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change," by Stephen Covey.

"Washington: The Indispensable Man," by James T. Flexner.

"Leadership and the Computer: Top Executives Reveal How They Personally Use Computers to Communicate, Coach, Convince, and Compete."

"The Tragedy of American Compassion," by Marvin Olasky.

"The Wealth of Nations," by Adam Smith.
"The Other Path," by Hernando DeSoto (in particular, the introduction by Mario Vargas Llosa).

"The Two Cultures" by C.P. Snow
"Keeping America Competitive" by Edward E. Potter and Judith A. Youngman.
"Plunkitt of Tammany Hall" by William Riordan.

"Advise and Consent," by Allen Drury.
"The Last Hurrah" by Edwin O'Connor.

"The Fourth Instinct" by Arianna Huffington.
"The Origins of the American Revolution" and "The Radicalism of the American Revolution" by

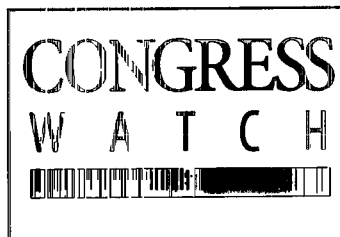
Gordon Wood.

"America, America" by Elia Kazan.
"Take Back Your Government: A Practical Handbook for the Private Citizen Who Wants Democracy to Work," by Robert Heinlein.

"My Years at General Motors," by Alfred Sloan.

"Building a Community of Citizens: Civil Society in the 21st Century," Don E. Eberly, editor.

"Chimpanzee Politics" by Franz De Waal.



COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

■ **Curt Kovener**, *Crothersville Times* - Newspapers in Indiana are facing a moral and ethical decision. Last year, the Indiana Legislature approved a law requiring the names, addresses and identifying characteristics of those convicted of child sexual assault crimes to be placed on a registry and be made available to the public. So the registry, complete with names, address, and social security numbers of those convicted of child sexual assaults, is now available in Hoosier communities. The list is public record - anyone can look at it - but should newspapers publish the names of their community residents that are found on that list. How does that square with a philosophy of an offender paying his debt to society? Or is our attitude that because it was a sex crime against a child, the offender must continue to pay his debt to society with public ostracizing. But if a newspaper doesn't publish the list and a person on the list commits another sexual assault, did the newspaper properly serve its readership? I haven't made my mind up on this ethical question. Though nearly 20 years in this business has shown me that some newspapers and some readers are not so much concerned with the public's right to know as much as a public's desire to voyeur.

■ **John Krull**, *Indianapolis News* - Steve Goldsmith doesn't suffer from a lack of self-confidence. Most people - even ones gifted with intelligence and drive, as is the case with our policy wonk mayor - would consider the job of running city government in a good-sized metropolis to be work enough for one person. Not Goldsmith. Almost from the moment he took charge of the big office on the 25th floor of the City-County Building, he has looked for something else to do. While Goldsmith is busy planning his re-election run for mayor, he also is busy giving serious thought to running for governor. If Goldsmith were to be re-elected, he would have to begin his gubernatorial campaign less than a month after he is sworn in as mayor. If those voters don't mind being used as pawns in a political power game and aren't bothered by the fact that the person they elect as mayor may

serve - in basically a part-time capacity - for less than a year, come this November, they can vote for Steve Goldsmith.

■ **Robert D. Novak**, *Washington Post* - The day before Newt Gingrich became speaker, 13 House colleagues - calling themselves the Republican Discussion Group - met over lunch to plot a strategy for diluting the Contract With America. The splinter group represents between 20 and 30 of the 230 Republicans in a House in which the GOP commands a majority of 25. This threatens the GOP agenda. The party leadership under Gingrich, however reluctantly, feels it must deal with the rebels. But not without heckling. The 73 House Republican freshmen are not traditionally submissive rookies. They are furious that the tiny liberal-moderate minority could be the tail wagging the dog. "The Republican leadership seems more concerned about 20 moderates than the rest of us," Rep. Mark Souder, an Indiana freshman, told me. Thus, the balanced-budget debate on the House floor Jan. 25 and 26 is important not just for determining whether it contains a three-fifths requirement for tax increases, but for how the new Republican majority functions.

■ **Jack Colwell**, *South Bend Tribune* - In his State of the Middle Class Address, Gov. Evan Bayh sought to speak to, for and about the middle class, which is where most Hoosiers believe they belong. It's also where the votes are to decide elections, including a future election in which Bayh could be running for the U.S. Senate. Bayh, as any governor does, calculated his remarks for impact on two difference audiences - the legislators sitting before him and also the larger TV audience. He embraced many of the same elements of the House Republican's Contract With Indiana. What a far cry from the days when Republicans sought to picture the governor as a wild-eyed liberal spender. Evan Bayh is a conservative, probably the most fiscally conservative governor since Edgar Whitcomb. People who know (Bayh) well say he is indeed conservative, in fact, tight with a buck.

TICKER TAPE

State GOP **Chairman Al Hubbard** was slightly steamed about HPR's interview with State **Sen. Jean Leising** in last week's edition. Leising said her key "failure" was not convincing Hubbard to pump funds into her race against **U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton**. Leising came within 6,000 votes of upsetting Hamilton. Hubbard made the decision not to fully fund the race after two different pollsters found Leising trailing badly. The state GOP committee did retire Leising's \$50,000 campaign debt...after the election.

Allen County **Commissioner Ed Rousseau** has a reputation as being a bit of a fighter, given his past antics on the football and softball fields. But when he threatened Fort Wayne **Mayor Paul Helmke** by saying "I'm going to kick your ass" in front of reporters at the Statehouse last week, it may have redefined a new level of bickering. Both, by the way, are Republicans.

Friends of Indianapolis City **Councilman Stuart Rhodes**, who was to have been a target of the "Goldsmith Team" in the upcoming Republican primary, say he will not seek re-election. Rhodes was involved in a unique flap last week. Psychic **Marilene Isaacs** had predicted on a cable TV show that Indianapolis tap water would be unsafe. "Some kind of comment like that, not based on fact, doesn't belong on the air," Rhodes told the *Indianapolis News* and Isaacs was bounced. Isaacs had once served as a marriage counselor to former Mayor **Bill Hudnut**.

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When U.S. Rep. John Hostettler and Mark Souder entered their offices earlier this month, they found their district constituent files...empty. Outgoing Members of Congress Frank McCloskey and Jill Long had either returned files to constituents or destroyed them. The problem, said Hostettler chief-of-staff Curt Smith, was federal privacy laws. "Mr. McCloskey couldn't just give us the keys and say all the cases are in the files. That was not an option." Hostettler staffers had originally complained to the Evansville media before learning that McCloskey was just following the law.

Greencastle Mayor Michael Harmless has essentially ruled out seeking a second term as mayor, saying he can't afford to keep the job that pays just \$26,000 a year. The door to a second term remains ever-so-slightly open should no competent candidate from either party emerge. Harmless is also watching the first 100 days of Congress carefully, telling HPR that he will make a decision on whether to seek a rematch with U.S. Rep. John Myers sometime this summer.

Fort Wayne Democrats, Michigan City GOP desperately seeking mayoral candidates

■ **FORT WAYNE** Democrats do not have a mayoral candidate. Steve Corona, who was expected to make the race, has dropped out because he cannot take a leave of absence from his Job Works position. The party approached Dr. Tom Hayhurst about running, but he has decided to seek the 4th District Council seat being vacated by David Long, who will run for the Indiana Senate in 1996.

Next on the Democrats' list was former State Rep. Ben GiaQuinta. "He's our only plausible option," said 1991 candidate Charlie Belch, who will not run. But GiaQuinta isn't interested either. "I guess I'm more concerned about running for the legislature one more time," GiaQuinta said.

Other options? Possibly next to be approached are city bicentennial director Irene Walters and former state senator Graham Richard.

■ **INDIANAPOLIS** An *Indianapolis News* "InfoLine" readers poll revealed that out of 137 calls, 66 percent felt that Mayor Steve Goldsmith should serve a full term, and 19 percent said he should keep his options open (i.e. run for governor in 1996). The best comment came from reader Lawrence Ryan, who said, "I think they ought to privatize the mayor."

The *Indianapolis News'* Kathleen Johnston also reported that E. Mitchell Roob has emerged as a potential successor to Goldsmith should he win re-election, then win the 1996 gubernatorial race. Roob, 33, is executive director of Marion County Health & Hospital Corp. "Certainly, there's no one more philosophically aligned to the mayor than Mitch Roob," said Anne Shane, Goldsmith's chief of staff.

Other potential successors include Deborah Daniels of the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee, House Speaker Paul Mannweiler, and Councilman Toby McClamroch.

Marion County GOP Chairman John Sweezy said precinct committee members would

pick the new mayor, should such a scenario arise. "Positions in politics, you have to earn on your own," Sweezy said. "It's not a monarchy here."

■ **TERRE HAUTE** The two-man Democratic primary showdown between Mayor Pete Chalos and former Vigo County Sheriff James Jenkins has become a trio. "Perennial mayoral wannabe George A. Schoffstall" declared his candidacy

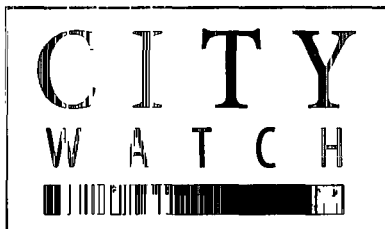
last week, wrote Erik Christianson of the Terre Haute Tribune-Star. Chalos defeated Schoffstall in the 1979, 1983 and 1991 primaries.

■ MICHIGAN CITY

Remember Randy Miller? He's the last Republican mayor and his name has surfaced this past week as a potential mayoral candidate. There are also two other GOP candidates clandestinely "seriously considering" a run. The GOP hasn't run a candidate since 1983.

■ **BLOOMINGTON** The Democratic primary is shaping up in a race between Charlotte Zietlow and John Fernandez. The *Bloomington Herald-Times* calls Zietlow "a lightning rod for anti-abortion sentiment" and urged the race to keep on "real issues." On the GOP side, Councilman Kirk White will face off against Monroe County Chairman John L. Smith.

■ **STATE ROUNDUP** Columbus Democrats have a primary shaping up with former Mayor Nancy Ann Brown gearing up for a challenge from former firefighter Fred Armstrong. Mayor Bob Stewart is retiring....Former Peru Mayor Dick Blair will seek a rematch with current Mayor Dave Livengood, a Republican....Former New Castle Mayor Bud Ayers will attempt to regain his old job. He joins a Democratic field that includes current Mayor Sherman Boles, who defeated Ayers in 1991, and former Henry County Sheriff Vaughn Reid Jr..



PERHAPS... WE WANDER

By Brian Howey

HUMOR

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What's the 'privatization' capital of Indiana? Here's a surprise; it's not Indianapolis....

Here's a little test for you: What Indiana city could be considered the "privatization capital" of the state?

If you answered *Indianapolis*, you're a victim of the perception game. While Mayor Stephen Goldsmith is achieving a national reputation for aggressively pursuing competitiveness in city services, the city with the greatest legacy in this arena is Fort Wayne.

While William D. Eggers of the California-based Reason Foundation calls Goldsmith's fervor to bring competition to city services "the greatest municipal reforms since Boss Tweed and Tammany Hall," and "the most comprehensive competition right now of any government entity in the country," he acknowledges it has been occurring in smaller and medium sized cities (particularly in California) for some time.

Goldsmith's crest is coming because he is tutoring such big city mayors as New York's Rudolph Giuliani and Los Angeles' Richard Riordan. Goldsmith's municipal revolution in Indianapolis is coming with some severe political consequences inside his own party.

Meanwhile, Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke has suffered politically, branded as a Clintonian Republican, particularly when contrasted with Goldsmith and his magnificent PR organ.

The fact is that since Democrat Mayor Ivan Lebamoff privatized the city light company back in the early 1970s, Fort Wayne has steadily turned key services over to the private sector for the past two decades. It's included

city golf courses, ambulance service and, since Helmke took office in 1988, data processing, city garages and sanitation have all gone private. This gradual approach - as opposed to Goldsmith's crash course - has brought about considerably fewer political consequences. Goldsmith is poised to match his standing with the public against the party organization from which he rose to power.

It's interesting that with all the publicity Goldsmith has received in central Indiana, other Hoosier cities have moved cautiously. Evansville has privatized its wastewater treatment plant, Elkhart has done garbage, but there are few other instances.

Mike Roeder of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns fields a lot of inquiries. "We get asked about it an awful lot," said Roeder, "but they're looking at Indy to see what kind of headaches they're running into before they put their foot in the water."

Pssst. Here's a secret. Give Paul Helmke and Win Moses a call if you fear a migraine.

Wendellisms, by Wendell Trogdon, Indianapolis News

"Bipartisanship, Gov. Bayh and President Clinton have learned, is what you call for when your party is in the minority."



You've heard of the "Contract with America." And, of course, there's the "Contract with Indiana." *Bloomington Herald-Times* columnist **Mike Leonard** reports that city council candidate **Jim Stinson** is proposing a "Contract with Bloomington." And Leonard asks, "Could a Brown County politician's 'Contract with Gnawbone' be far away?"



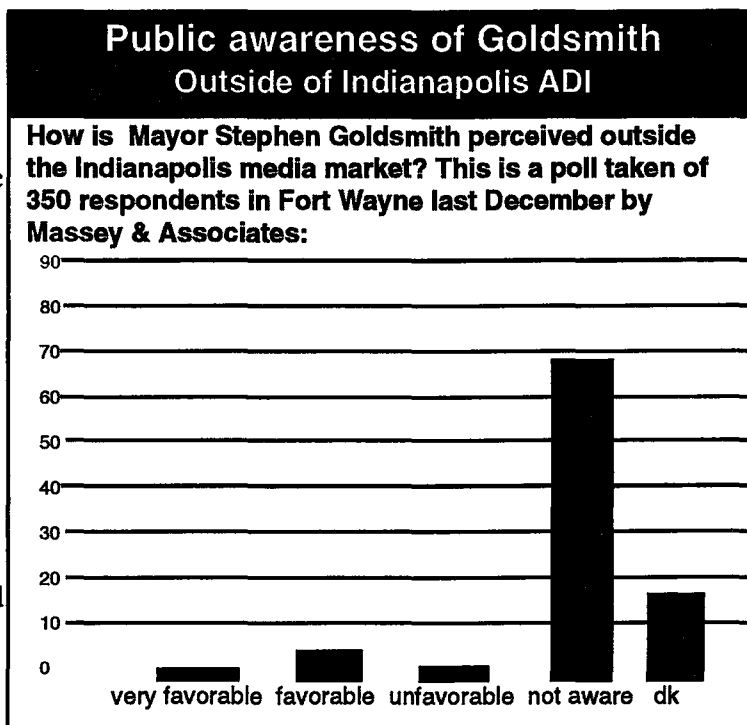
Devil's Dictionary, by Ambrose Bierce

Rumor, n. A favorite weapon of the assassins of character.

Virtues, n. pl. Certain abstentions.

Vanity, n. The tribute of a fool to the worth of the nearest ass.

Disobedience, n. The silver lining to the cloud of servitude.



SPECULATIONS THOUGHTS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

By Morton J. Marcus

■ Is there a labor shortage? Few analysts put much faith in county unemployment figures. Often these numbers are defended as "the best we have available." That's not much of a vote of confidence.

■ What other evidence do we have? There are stories, plenty of stories, from Elkhart and most other industrial towns that it's hard to find qualified employees. But what hard evidence exists?

■ The Indiana Department of Workforce Development offers no data which tells us much about this labor shortage. How many jobs are

going unfilled? For how long? In which parts of the state? What types of jobs are going unfilled? Where are successful employers finding workers? What premiums are being offered?

■ We have to presume the state has some of this data, but maybe they have not put it together. And if that's the case, why not?

■ Could the private sector, through its personnel managers and chambers of commerces, put out a report? In this Brave New World, where shrinking government is a passion, maybe the private sector should take up the challenge.

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of the time." That's significant, since the caucus has banished two members in recent years for not toeing the party line.

"Breaking is not the right word," insisted State Rep. Dennis Kruse, R-Auburn, who chairs the group. "We may not agree with their positions that often."

Rep. John Becker, R-Fort Wayne, said, "Mannweiler told us he didn't feel threatened, but he emphasized the caucus is the 56 Republicans."

Kruse said his group's primary aim is to get "pro and con information" into the hands of all House members prior to floor votes. "Our aim is to supply information so members can make informed votes on issues. It's not a power base to go up against the Republican and Democratic caucuses."

The other danger for Mannweiler is for Democrats to insert language in bills that, as one observer explained, "might set that group off."

Kruse has a reputation for being very conservative, but is not a grandstander. This freshman class of Republicans, if they are savvy, might have a real impact later in the session if they can adroitly position

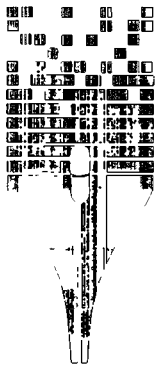
themselves to be a decisive bloc.

While Garton didn't sign on with the contract, it's in his best interests to shepherd much of the legislation, which he philosophically agrees with. His looming 1996 gubernatorial candidacy can ill afford to see this conservative bloc of freshman bolt, creating an intra-party blood feud. The quicker and quieter this session is, the better it is for Garton.

Garton also may find himself in a ticklish situation on whether to recommend seating Republican Sandy Dempsey or Democrat Frank Mrvan from the 1st District. At presstime, Dempsey had a three-vote recount lead.

While Garton has received good marks for his early handling of the contested election, should Dempsey be seated he certainly will hear complaints from Democrats that the election was stolen and it's "politics as usual."

Lake County Republicans will be furious if Dempsey isn't seated, however. They are making it known that a Garton gubernatorial bid would not be well received in The Region should that occur.



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