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## Forbes throws kink into Lugar strategy

### Foreign policy twists aren't playing his way

INDIANAPOLIS - Throughout Indiana congressional offices, talk radio shows and in newspaper letter-to-the-editor columns, the developments of U.S. intervention in Bosnia have turned the 1996 elections from the probable domestic content to that of foreign policy.

Good news for U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar - 10 weeks from the Iowa caucuses and 11 weeks from the New Hampshire primary - right?

The bad news for Lugar is that U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's prediction that it will take a \$25 million war chest to compete is coming true...only not the way everybody thought it would.

In a confounding twist of fate that has dogged the 1996 presidential race, Lugar's campaign seems to be stalled by, of all people, Steve Forbes, who burst into second place in Iowa in a recent *Des Moines Register* poll (See page 8). Forbes' candidacy is aptly described by *Indianapolis Business Journal* publisher Chris Katterjohn as smacking "of a joy ride for a millionaire with time on his hands."

This comes on the eve of U.S. troops arriving in Bosnia, a development described by *U.S. News & World Report* like this: "The future of Clinton's presidency, and of America's leadership in Europe and beyond, depends in part on what happens after they get there."

U.S. Sen. Dan Coats believes the Clinton administration has purposely attempted to shift the emphasis to foreign policy. "I think the president's made that decision, particularly if this budget agreement is put to bed. I think clearly it would shift to that."

Yet Lugar is supporting the Bosnian mission, telling HPR (pages 5-6) that it is the duty of senators to help President Clinton focus the mission. So Lugar finds himself ageing with the president in the one arena that might have allowed him to separate from the pack of other Republican presidential candidates.

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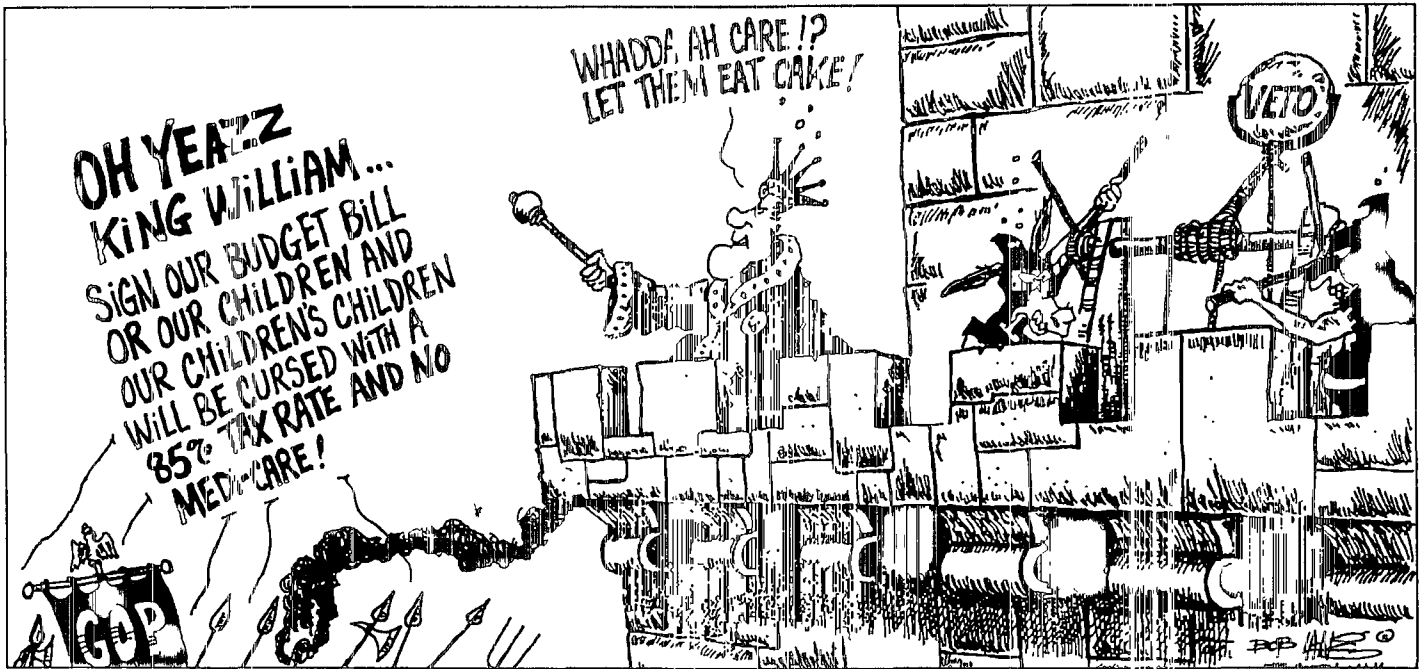
## "QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

"Gov. Evan Bayh carried politics into a disturbing arena ...."

-*Evanville Press* editorial on the controversy surrounding Toyota, Bayh and U.S. Sen. Dan Coats

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# HUMOR

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## Wendellisms

By Wendell Trogon, Indianapolis News

It's no surprise Hoosiers are against sending troops to Bosnia. They refused to get involved in the Hatfield-McCoy feud in Kentucky.

We can't be concerned with ethnic squabbles abroad. We have a class basketball war to fight here.

## Devil's Dictionary

By Ambrose Bierce

**Longevity**, *n.* Uncommon extension of the fear of death.

**War**, *n.* A by-product of the arts of peace.

**Worm's meat**, *n.* The finished product of which we are the raw material.

## Outgoing AG Carter adamantly against LG run

INDIANAPOLIS - Was Attorney General Pamela Carter's surprising decision to step down after one term also a way of slamming the door on a potential lieutenant governor run?

"I have no desire to run at this time. I have no plans," she told a packed news conference Tuesday at the Indiana Supreme Court.

Influential Democrats ranging from party Chairman Joe Andrew to Bayh chief-of-staff Joe Hogsett suggested afterward that if Frank O'Bannon called, Carter might be persuaded to serve.

But that's not what Carter told HPR as she left the Statehouse late Tuesday. Asked about a potential LG draft, Carter rolled her eyes toward the heavens and sighed. "No," she said, "for the same reasons."

In her announcement, she proclaimed herself in good health, said she had presided over a world-class public law firm, and added, "I am confident the citizens would have returned me to this seat if I had sought re-election." But she said she wanted to devote herself to her family.

Republicans believe they could have unseated Carter, noting that she did not fare well in the 1992 campaign in Allen and Marion counties against an extremely flawed Repub-

lican challenge by Timothy Bookwalter.

Democratic Chairman Joe Andrew called it "a surprisingly honest and sincere decision" that one makes when contemplating one's own mortality.

Carter's decision left the capital Democratic legal establishment in a buzz. Possible entrants into the 1996 race included some of the usual suspects: Jeff Modisett (who declined a 10th CD run for family considerations), Ann DeLaney and 1994 clerk of courts nominee Alison Wharry.

Carter aide Dennis Lee, a former chief of staff to Joe Hogsett, is a favorite of the current AG staff. Other distinguished Indy attorneys on the lips in many downtown pubs and eateries Tuesday night were former Supreme Court justice John Krahulick, Ted Boehm, Jack Wicks and John Burge.

Another would be Andrew, who feels obligated to Gov. Evan Bayh and O'Bannon to continue as chairman.

■ **AG Notes:** Former Monroe County GOP Chairman Eric Allan Koch has entered the race, bringing the race to four.



## Early dominates two forums

INDIANAPOLIS - Last week HPR's competition, *Indiana Legislative Insight*, published by the honorable Ed Feighenbaum, hosted a gubernatorial debate.

HPR wasn't invited to this event and a decision was made not to breach protocol by crashing the party or sending in a painting crew of Marx Brother imitators. However, the room was choked with HPR secret agents, who combined their accounts in this filed report:

Many Indiana political debates have been silly, but this one wasn't. Perhaps it was due to Mike Pence and Network Indiana broadcasting it live.

Each candidate's position on the rostrum was an appropriate compliment to their reigning ideologies (or lack thereof). Sen. Bob Garton was on the left, Rex Early in the center, and George Witwer was on the right. Unannounced Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith wasn't there. If he had been, he would have been seated on the other side of Witwer, and not for purely ideological reasons.

Rex Early dominated the Republican event by presenting himself as a conservative who has passion. He also called himself a man for the working people, "because I used to be one." However, someone working on a Clark County chain gang might have a differing view of Early's ties to the working class. Early talked up his \$25 license plates and subtly mentioned one of his campaign staples aimed at Goldsmith: he is running for only one office.

Bob Garton looked like Bob Dole (several HPR moles made the same observation). His campaign seems to be driven

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by process rather than ideology and called the no taxes pledge "foolish."

Witwer would sign the tax pledge and tried to make a case for his spending cap which he said would bring annual tax relief to Hoosiers. While Witwer was sincere, he appeared too aggressive and sometimes naive. That jibes with Mary Dieter's account in the *Louisville Courier Journal*: "Several people said after the debate that they found his (Witwer's) interruptions and over-enthusiasm to be annoying and one commented that Witwer needed to take some Valium."

Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon came off as decent, honest, sincere but extremely cautious. His weakness may be a perception of fence-sitting on issues, and his strength is his sincere love of Indiana.

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HPR agents also infiltrated "Governor's Night" at Bob Irsay's party barn on Nov. 21 (obviously, this secret agent is a Republican). The agent filed this report written in invisible ink and decoded under ultra-violet light:

I was struck by the degree Early dominated a crowd that was made up mostly of Carmel and Marion County contributors, to the point that it suggests (in tandem with the city elections) that Early may be making significant inroads into Goldsmith's base. And Marion County could very well be the most important battleground in the May primary.

Goldsmith didn't show. Garton literally folded, making just a few cursory remarks. Witwer was politely received by the audience. He was seen as a nice guy, but wet behind the ears.

**HPR forecast:** It's a two-man race.

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### Play of the Week

Republican leadership in the U.S. House stripped the Istook-McIntosh measure out of the lobby reform. The Istook-McIntosh measure would restrict money federal grantees could spend on political advocacy. But it wasn't the end to Rep. David McIntosh's "welfare for lobbyist" fight. An aide to the Muncie Republican explained to *Roll Call*, "We're not giving up. If we're not successful this year, we'll try again next year."

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Mike Harmless is expected to make known next Monday his decision on whether to seek a rematch against U.S. Rep. John Myers. While Harmless wasn't saying which way his decision will go, he did say the announcement would come via a press release.

Democratic Fort Wayne City Councilman Tom Henry is apparently back in office. A recount of his 2-vote loss to Republican Laura Lee Waterman gave him a 5-vote victory late Tuesday night. That's a boost for Northeast Indiana Democrats, who at some point would like to see Henry run for Congress. But Allen County Republicans are considering court remedies to what they believe were mis-handled absentee ballots during the recount.

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# Lugar says he will help Clinton 'sharpen the focus' on Bosnia

## HPR INTERVIEW

**"The most important thing that senators can do right now is assist the president in sharpening the focus of the mission...."**

**- Sen. Dick Lugar**



INDIANAPOLIS - Prior to the 19th annual Lugar Symposium at the University of Indianapolis, Sen. Dick Lugar sat down with HPR and WRTV reporter Roxanne Butler to talk about Bosnia and his presidential campaign.

Both situations are in a state of flux and Lugar readily admits that no one really knows what is around the next bend.

**Butler:** Give us an overview of Bosnia and what you would like to see happen?

**Lugar:** The important thing that senators can do right now is assist the president in sharpening the focus of the mission. Specifically how we will know when we've had success. I suggested the criteria might well be the balance of power so that Bosnians are about to defend themselves. And during the year of our participation in NATO, we either want to make certain there is a downsizing of disarmament of tanks, heavy artillery or a rearmament and heavy training of the Bosnians so that they can take of themselves so we can leave with a great deal of certainty that life will go on in the reconstruction of the country that will be proceeding during the year that we're there.

**HPR:** What are the chances of a disarmament program?

**Lugar:** It may work out fairly well. The parties at Dayton talked about the ratio of arms the Croations, Bosnians and Serbians would have at various junctures during the year. Right now, a survey team including United States military and NATO forces will get a benchmark of how much each side has. Sort of a census of arms. That will be the line from which we draw down in the disarmament. Sen. Nunn and I made that proposal a year ago. It was incorporated in the Dayton accords, namely the so-called build-down because I felt it would be safer as opposed to sending more arms to the area that we simply disarm the parties so they could not attack each other or attack us as intermediaries. In the event that doesn't work out, like let's say all sides have second or third thoughts about it and they are reticent to disarm, then the Dayton Treaty clearly calls for the United States to guarantee the rearmament of

the Bosnians and their training. Yesterday Secretary Perry, Secretary Christopher and Gen. Shalikashvili emphasized it would not be done by the NATO military forces, but will be done by private contractors and the arms would be paid for by the Europeans. The question I was focusing on was whether it would occur within the year. I asked Gen. Shali, a military man, is this doable in one year before the approximate time before we come out and he assured me that was feasible.

**Butler:** There has been controversy that the United States not get buried in Bosnia. Is there a chance this could turn into another Vietnam?

**Lugar:** The basic question came down to the fact that without United States leadership and organization, the problems in Bosnia would continue indefinitely. The dangers that have always been there would spread to other countries. It would provide a disorganizing process in Europe that would ultimately lead to a lack of safety for Americans and a loss of jobs as our exports to Europe would decline. So there is both the security issue and the economic issue which sometimes does not enter in the picture but is very much there. The robust economy which we have right now is based on our dealings with Europe - American factories that are in Europe, American sales persons making sales in Europe and hundreds of thousands of jobs we anticipate in the coming year. Well we cannot anticipate that if Europe is undermined by an on-going struggle that Europeans have been unable to quell. Now, people ask, why can't the Europeans do it? After all they are a populous group with a lot of military force. But the fact is they are unable to do it. They are fractionated in rivalries, history and relationships in various parts of Yugoslavia. So ultimately, it was United States diplomacy, and I give credit to Assistant Sec. Dick Holbrook as the instrumental figure, literally called them together in Dayton, Ohio, and for two weeks the presidents of the three countries went at it. But they were there because of our guarantees and our assurances that we will be there and we will be in charge. That we

will guarantee a balance of power. These are the instrumental factors that have brought some semblance of cease fire since Nov. 11. And there has been a strange peace punctuated by occasional gunshots in the suburbs of Sarajevo.

**HPR:** Are the Bosnian Serbs going along with this? Some people have suggested that the Dayton Accords were crammed down their throats and we've seen suburban militias of Sarajevo disclaim the treaty. Give us a sense of what the Bosnian Serbs may do at this point.

**Lugar:** Well, the Bosnian Serbs in many cases are not pleased with the agreement. The leadership is outraged, in large part because President Milosevic of Serbia bargained for them in Dayton. He literally kept them out of the picture. They were there physically, but Milosevic literally kept them in their rooms. Then when they returned back home, he ordered them to initial the treaty. He will order them to come to Paris to sign it. Now you may ask on what basis can he do this? Essentially he does this because Serbia is the dominant power. Serbia supplies the Bosnian Serbs. Serbia could provide the Bosnian Serb leadership to the war

crime tribunal if that was the disposition of Milosevic. He has a great deal of clout. Now that doesn't mean everybody is happy about it. Now the general feeling of Holbrook and others who have been over there negotiating is that the majority of Bosnian Serb civilians are very pleased about the peace that has come. The people have been ravaged. They have been hit by the economic embargoes as severely as anybody else. They would like to see the reconstruction of their country. And they largely feel this was an adventure by Milosevic and some Serb leaders in some type of pan-Serbian union that did not work out. And enough is enough and they ought to return now to some stability.

**HPR:** Is the greatest threat to U.S. troops renegade Bosnian Serbs?

**Lugar:** Not necessarily. There is some discipline in that army. The threat of so-called renegade forces would be hoodlums or persons who are emotionally debilitated who might do strange things. But it would not be organized. The fact that there's been a cease fire by all of the parties since Nov. 11 indicates a rather remarkable control over their forces.

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The election of *Jesse Jackson, Jr.*, in Illinois' 2nd CD adjacent to Indiana's Lake County has two minor implications for Hoosiers. First, Jackson defeated *State Sen. Emil Jones*, a Chicago machine politician. His loss exposes deeper cracks in Chicago's "regular Democratic organization." Furthermore, Jackson's campaign centerpiece was for locating the third Chicago airport in the far south suburbs. That could have a substantial economic impact here in Indiana, where a previous proposed site location on the Illinois-Indiana state line fell apart several years ago.

JFK Jr.'s *George* magazine is keeping tabs on former *Vice President Dan Quayle* in its latest edition under the headline "See Dan Run." *George* lists the upcoming exhibits at Huntington's Dan Quayle Center and Museum, including, "Oct. 5 1995-Feb. 4, 1996: The Sporting Life: Dan Quayle as Athlete and Sportsman."

*George* also photographed regular folks around the country who have the same names as presidential candidates. The other "Dick Lugar" was a computer repairman. The other "Al Gore" was a biker type flipping off the camera. The other "Bob Dornan" is a Virginia Democrat who is backing the real Dick Lugar.

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### Indiana leaders stake positions on Bosnia

This is reaction to the U.S. intervention in Bosnia by Indiana political leaders:

■ This appeared in this week's edition of *U.S. News & World Report*. "**Sen. Richard Lugar** of Indiana, a military veteran like half of his Senate colleagues, fires back at the junior House members: 'I would say you'd better grow up, better begin to think through again what the stakes for this nation are.'"

■ **U.S. Rep. Mark Souder**, R-4th: "While the situation in Bosnia is tragic, I do not believe the United States can or should serve as policeman for every ethnic and national conflict that occurs in the world. There has been conflict in the Balkan region for centuries, and even if the fighting stops temporarily, I believe the war would resume once our troops left. In this particular case, I see no clear national interest that warrants the sacrifice of American lives. For these reasons, I oppose sending American troops to Bosnia."

■ **U.S. Sen Dan Coats:** "It's probably the greatest ratio of calls against a policy that we've ever had - about 40-1. We're getting hundreds of calls."

**U.S. Rep. Andy Jacobs**, on WIBC-AM: "The constitutionality of this needs to be decided by the Supreme Court."

■ **U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer**, to George Stuteville of the *Indianapolis Star/News*: "Having gone over there, I saw nothing that has changed my mind. If anything, it only solidifies my opposition. The president's arguments about spillover theory ring hollow. The parties appear to be tired and realize there are only losers, not winners."

■ **Dan Quayle**, to the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*: "There's no evidence it's going to go beyond the borders of the former Yugoslavia. Do you think we should be like an international 911 operator?"

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"With President Clinton significantly ahead in the still-to-be-concluded 1995 political sweepstakes, the White House is planning to use an unlikely theme - leadership - to help him win re-election in 1996." Top White House aides say that while Clinton is frequently accused of 'waffling and having no backbone,' he actually has a record of 'taking on tough issues' and his 1996 campaign will make a point to remind voters of that. Aides list the 1993 deficit reduction fight, the North American Free Trade Agreement, the sending of U.S. troops to Haiti, intervention in the Mexican peso crisis, defense of affirmative action, and battles against the NRA and tobacco lobby as evidence of how Clinton has stood up for principles."

U.S. Rep. David McIntosh was to meet with Office of Management and Budget Director Alice Rivlin to urge President Clinton to adopt the Republican Congress' seven-year plan to balance the budget. "It's important that President Clinton understand that the House freshmen are completely, totally and 100 percent committed to keeping our promise to the American people to balance the budget."

Center Township Trustee Julia

# PERHAPS... WE WANDER

By Brian Howey

## Jacobs' retirement signals end to civility, as Evan-Dan flap shows

*"And they were singing,  
Bye-bye Miss American pie,  
Drove my Chevy to the levee  
but the levee was dry  
And good ol' boys drinking whisky and  
rye,  
Singing this will be the day that I die...."*



This Don McLean song from the '70s kept popping into my head that gloomy Saturday before Thanksgiving as I drove from Andy Jacobs' retirement announcement at his Indianapolis home.

It was *The day the music died*, I kept hearing McLean sing.

As it has been well reported, the Jacobs event was extraordinary. The home was choked with Republicans and Democrats - Julia Carson, Bill Hudnut, Jeff Modisett, Virginia Blankenbaker. There was almost a holiday spirit to the event, and, perhaps, a wake.

As I was heading to my car, a Jacobs friend proclaimed skyward, "an era has ended."

Bill Hudnut pretty much agreed a few minutes earlier in Jacobs' living room. He had waged two election fights against Jacobs in 1972 and 1974. Both were fought more like a friendly chess match. There were no personal attacks, negative ads and killer phone banks.

Hudnut didn't think the '96 race in the 10th CD could stay that lofty. "It's an open seat," he said. "That will catch the attention of the national parties and that really changes the dynamic."

A mere 72 hours later, reminders of the new realities quickly set in. Gov. Evan Bayh, worried that his efforts to attract Toyota to Gibson County might bring about criticism similar to the 1988 Isuzu-Subaru issue he leveled at John Mutz, officially opened the 1998 Senate race with a pre-emptive strike by insisting that U.S. Sen. Dan Coats had threatened the

deal by not signing on to a specific letter the governor's office had written.

It all seemed to come to a head in a phone conversation Bayh and Coats had earlier that week. "Literally, moments after I got off the phone in a personal call with the governor assuring my support, he went ahead with a statewide press conference and totally misrepresented my position," Coats steamed.

What was that call like? Was it polite, I asked.

"It was polite," Coats said. "But the governor kept insisting that I specifically use the language in a draft letter that was sent to us. I kept saying, 'I don't understand why I need to do that because I had talked with Toyota officials personally last month that I was assuring you of my support.' His response was, 'No. You need to use the specific letter.'"

What might the next phone call between Coats and Bayh be like? "Well, I'll tell you what, I'm going to handle the next one differently," Coats promised.

How was this political dance perceived in Southwestern Indiana?

The *Evansville Press* editorialized it this way: "Gov. Evan Bayh carried politics into a disturbing arena. Bayh used the forum of an economic development effort vital to Southern Indiana to lash out at Coats.

"Letters Coats sent to Toyota and to Bayh made clear...that Coats supported the state's efforts," the *Press* continued. "So here is Indiana's chief executive, in climactic negotiations to locate a major plant in the state, trying to make political capital by picking a fight with a senator he presumably will try to unseat in 1998."

The *Evansville Press* quoted Webster for the definition of "politics" - "political methods, tactics, etc.; sometimes spec., crafty or unprincipled methods."

The editorial asked, "Did Webster know Bayh? Or is it just coincidence that the definition seems to have been written for him?"

*Bye-bye, Miss American pie....*

# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

**Chris Katterjohn, Indianapolis Business Journal** - No matter how deft the spin put on the campaign thus far, it cannot hide the fact that (Sen. Dick) Lugar just doesn't have the name recognition or image to generate the support he needs to make him a contender. And, sadly, no amount of money or intense campaigning seems to change that. At some point the campaign must recognize that the longer Lugar stays in the contest racking up poor showings, the more he looks like a loser and the greater the damage to his image outside of Indiana and Washington, DC. An unfortunate, but realistic, hypothesis.

**Brian Howey, HPR** - Republican pollster Bill McInturff explained, "Newt Gingrich is so intent on inserting himself in the debate and he has so defined the political agenda that...Newt may well be more of a defining factor" in 1996. There is perhaps no Republican in the United States more tied to the fate of Speaker Gingrich than Rep. David McIntosh. While fellow freshmen revolutionaries Mark Souder and John Hostettler have shown their independence by departing from Gingrich on such issues as the balanced budget amendment and term limits, McIntosh has been a loyal lieutenant in the Gingrich vanguard. If Gingrich's revolution fails in the next month, McIntosh's fate is in a position to plunge if a Democrat emerges to make the challenge.

**Mary Dieter, Louisville Courier-Journal** - The genuine differences in philosophy and style among the three announced Republican candidates for governor were highlighted Friday in the first debate of the campaign. Bob Garton probably came off best. He was gubernatorial and sincere in demeanor. Candid on some answers, he was vague and too diplomatic on others, outlining alternative solutions (as he does as pro tem) instead of offering decisive positions (as he must as a gubernatorial candidate. Rex Early, the presumed front-runner among the three, was funny and animated as expected, but he allowed George Witwer to get

under his skin without really trying. Witwer resembled an enthusiastic and yappy small dog, nipping at the heels of the much more formidable bulldog. Once Goldsmith has announced, he will have a much more difficult time declining to appear onstage with Early and the others. And when that happens, there's a good chance he'll be bloodied from the battle.

**Albert R. Hunt, Wall Street Journal** - The harm from policies pushed by the Republican Congress - most of which Sen. Dan Coats supports - probably would overwhelm any good that might come from his private-sector-oriented proposals. But Dan Coats is showing genuine concern for poor people that hasn't been as evident in the conservative community since Jack Kemp stepped out of the political spotlight. Like Messrs. Kemp and Bennett before him, this is a compassionate conservative struggling to address societal tragedies. That makes him a very important politician with a contribution to make.

**Walter Shapiro, USA Today** - Both the House and Senate have passed Newt Gingrich-style welfare bills that would, in part, end the federal guarantee of a minimum benefit for even the most abjectly poor. All was in readiness for a conference report that would glide through the GOP House and Senate, except for one glitch. Richard Lugar, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, refuses to sign the agreement. His objection: the legislation would transform the school-lunch program into another block grant, a fixed lump sum paid to the state, which doesn't expand even if a state's need grows. An interview with Lugar can quickly turn into a game of find the soundbite. "I am trying to argue this in terms of the humaneness of it" - and here the senator changes his inflection as if he were talking to Newt Gingrich and the House Republicans personally - "you're on the wrong side. You're way out and if you overreach, the revolution is going to falter."

## TICKER TAPE

**Carson** announced her candidacy for the 10th CD in the Statehouse Rotunda. Asked if she expected a bruising primary challenge, Carson explained, "I would trust we would not have an energetic primary. No one could match my credibility. No one out there announced or unannounced could parallel my service. I believe if anyone gets into this race, I will defeat them." The strong words come a day after *Attorney General Pam Carter* announced her retirement. It set up this dream scenario for Indiana Democrats: Carson goes uncontested for the 10th CD and *Ann DeLaney* runs for AG - sparing the party a potential blood bath in both races.

**Marion County Democratic Chairman Kip Tew** has announced the 10th CD slating convention for Feb. 17 at a place to be determined.

**State Sen. Jean Leising** kicked off her 9th CD rematch with *U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton* on Tuesday by suggesting that had she been able to raise more money in 1994 she could have defeated the Democrat. But Hamilton told *Mary Beth Schneider* of the *Indianapolis Star/News*. "She said immediately after the '94 campaign that if you were ever going to beat Hamilton, you had to do it in '94. She's changed her tune."

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And Hamilton responding to Leising allegations that he voted for more spending and against tax cuts by suggesting that she was beginning the campaign with negative attacks and distortions.

State Rep. Rick McConnell appears to be emerging as the 8th CD front-runner. Vanderburgh County Commissioner Rick Borries will not enter the race. Key Democratic sources say that Vanderburgh County Prosecutor Stan Levco probably won't get into the race but remains undecided. State Chairman Joe Andrew said this of McConnell: "He has surprised everyone with his fundraising strength. His organization has really come together."

Brian Howey's column is now appearing Mondays in the Daily Journal in Franklin.

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## Dole's wake-up call in Iowa takes Lugar's oxygen

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Meanwhile, Forbes is spending big bucks and sucking up support. "Forbes is stealing from everybody, particularly Gramm," said David Yepsen, political writer for the *Des Moines Register*.

"Steve Forbes' entry makes a difference only because of the extraordinary money he brings to this process," said Lugar, mentioning WMUR-TV, the only TV station in New Hampshire, as an example. "He's running 16 ads a day. There has never been such a television buy, even in the last week of the campaign."

Under FEC rules, Forbes or a Ross Perot can spend whatever personal money they want. But normal candidates can only spend a total of \$600,000 during the entire New Hampshire sequence.

"So we and most other candidates have been very careful about this, realizing most of the emphasis would have to come in the last two, three or four weeks," Lugar said. "But Forbes has run these ads and he has gained recognition rapidly and some support."

That means that at a time when Lugar could have been filling the vacuum as the "foreign policy candidate" - particularly if Clinton flinches should casualties start arriving Stateside - Forbes has moved into the way.

"Many support me because of my experience in foreign policy and particularly since the Bosnian thing has become a hot issue," Lugar told HPR. "People will think more about that. It is a role President Clinton is trying to play and I think is doing much better at it."

Lugar's primary scenario for success is a Dole collapse. "My success depends on Sen. Dole faltering. I always anticipated that Dole would come back to the field and that essentially a good number of people who might have supported Dole would support me. But that has to occur, obviously, for me to be successful. And we're obviously getting closer to the moment of truth in Iowa."

The Iowa poll shows no evidence of Dole losing his base. "He's kind of shored things up here a little bit," said Yepsen. "He's sharpened his message a little bit. Fifty-three percent of those caucus goers say Bob Dole's message is just

### Des Moines Register poll

Here are the results from the Des Moines Register polls in August and last Sunday (4.9 +/-).

Candidate	Sept.	Dec.
Dole	40	41
Forbes	0	12
Gramm	18	9
Buchanan	7	7
Keyes	3	4
Lugar	2	3
Taylor	2	1
Dornan	1	1
Wilson	4	0
Specter	4	0
Undecideds	15	16

right. Dole got the wake-up call in August at that straw poll and moved to correct it. Unfortunately for Dick Lugar, it takes some oxygen out of the air."

In the history of the caucus, no candidate finishing lower than third place has ever been able to continue his campaign very long.

If Dole somehow gets bloodied during the domestic budget negotiations, Lugar might stand to benefit. Dole has deftly handled the domestic battles (particularly in contrast to Speaker Newt Gingrich). Lugar and Dole stand together on Bosnia and it appears the Indiana Republican has little room to out-flank Dole on foreign policy.

As for Forbes' long-term success, Yepsen explains, "This is an air thing. It's a huge television buy - one of the biggest I've ever seen. Forbes' problem is he's got no ground game, no organization. No nothin'. You have to have precinct captains to get people out."

Absent Forbes' ground game, could Lugar's respected Iowa staff coalesce some of that support by caucus night? "They might," Yepsen said. "But right now Lugar is not in contention. You're talking about a battle between Forbes, Buchanan, Gramm and Alexander and two of them will get left behind."