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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“It’s an equal opportunity disease....”

—Dave Mayer, Evansville compulsive gambling counselor, on the first wave of chronic gamblers who are starting to appear at the city’s mental health facilities six months after riverboat casinos arrived, to the *Evansville Press*

Bloody 8th CD heats up in the Dog Days

Hostettler, Weinzapfel fully engaged

EVANSVILLE - Get tourniquets ready. Call the Red Cross. Maybe even have a supply of leeches on hand.

While most of the other Hoosier congressional races are subterranean during the Dog Days of summer, the Bloody 8th has already turned into a political hemorrhage.

Republican U.S. Rep. John Hostettler and Democratic challenger Jonathon Weinzapfel are slugging away on abortion, Medicare, political action committees, the environment and labor. Evansville’s two newspapers are covering the race on virtually a daily basis. The AFL-CIO has run two flights of TV ads against Hostettler.

The political analysts in Washington and Indiana are calling the race a barnburner. Stuart Rothenberg of the *Rothenberg Political Report* observed, “Hostettler begins as a narrow favorite for re-election, but the race is a tossup.” Charles Cook of the *Cook Political Report* rates it leaning Republican. HPR publisher Brian Howey sees it as a pure tossup.

“It’s the kind of race that would give Frank McCloskey nightmares,” Howey observed. “Probably destined for a recount.”

In just in the past week, these developments have taken place:

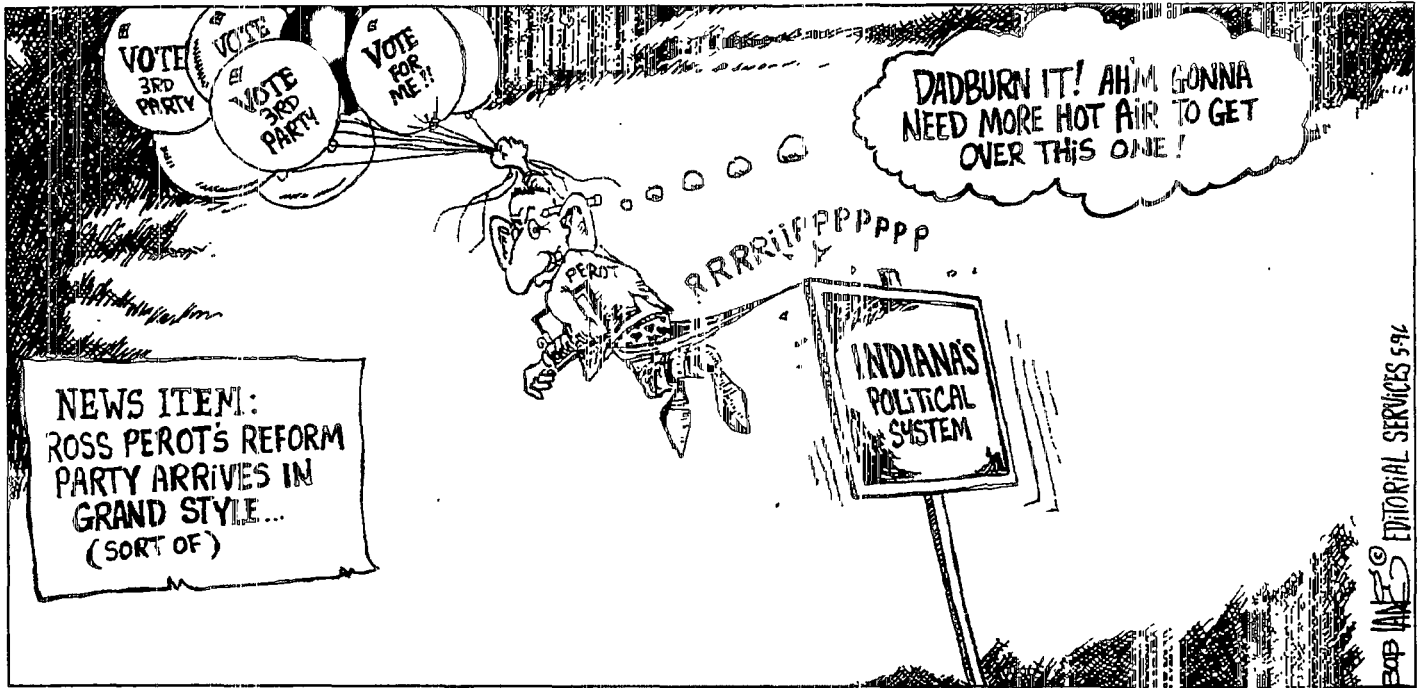
■ On Tuesday, Hostettler announced he had raised \$210,000 with \$140,000 cash on hand. Weinzapfel reported \$51,000 cash on hand. But thus far this year, Hostettler has raised \$123,000 and Weinzapfel \$114,000.

■ On Wednesday, Weinzapfel accused Hostettler of “bundling” PAC contributions after publicly stating he would not take such money. The campaign cited five executives either employed or associated with subsidiaries of EMC Corp. in Massachusetts of making \$5,000 in contributions to Hostettler on June 29, the day before the June 30 reporting deadline. “The Hostettler PAC pledge is as bogus as a \$3 bill,” said Weinzapfel campaign manager Jason Simpson. But Curt Smith, Hostettler’s chief of staff, told HPR, “Those

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PLAY OF THE WEEK: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh gets the nod for taking on IOSHA over the simplistic issue of whether highway workers should be able to wear shorts on hot summer days. It was a classic populist assault on a federal and state bureaucracy. But the biggest result was another flurry of positive press coverage throughout the 2nd CD. That, along with the apparent failed petition drive for an independent candidacy of Bill Frazier gives McIntosh a pretty good week.



The Evansville Press reports that people are beginning to show up with compulsive gambling problems in the

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Remembering the '92 Perotistas in Fort Wayne when the ultimate third party could have won

FORT WAYNE - There was a map of the Summit City on the wall of a former South Side doctor's office, color coded into zip codes.

"They're zippies," said Laura Snyder, a political novice, back in the heady days of late May in 1992. She was a Ross Perot volunteer who went from being an apolitical bartender at the Downtown Hilton to a totally immersed political activist ignited by the Texas twang of the ultimate outsider on CNN's Larry King Live.

Zippies, as Snyder described, were the precincts to the Perotistas. Amidst a beehive of excitable volunteers, stacks of t-shirts, bumper stickers and newspaper articles, this band of Hoosiers deep in Dan Quayle country were preparing a direct mail blitz on behalf of the most potent third party candidate since Teddy Roosevelt raised the Bull Moose back in 1912.

A few weeks later, after a tip from the wire services, the scene in Perot headquarters was different. It was a wake. Snyder was dressed in black. Perot had pulled out of the race, claiming that President Bush was about to sabotage his daughter's wedding. People were crying. The bloom was off the rose. The unique moment in history had vanished.

Even when Perot re-entered the race that

fall, his most ardent supporters in Fort Wayne did not heed his nasal call to arms. Certainly many of them made up the 19 percent who voted for the billionaire. But Perot would never be able to reignite the dynamic activism that prompted housewives, doctors, couch potatoes and remnants of the Silent Majority to turn out for the most riveting populist uprising since the Prague Spring of 1968 or Berlin in '89.

In July 1996, Perot is back. He has quietly guided United We Stand into the Reform Party. It is on the ballot in all 50 states (no small task). It even has a convention fight shaping up with former Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm. And people like ABC News commentator George Will talk as if Perot could finish second this time. Not because of any ardent activism (where was he on the balanced budget amendment?), but because Republican Bob Dole has been so bad this summer. Or, perhaps, after a couple more guilty verdicts in Little Rock a few weeks hence push Bill and Hillary Clinton into a spiral.

So, Ross Perot could conceivably finish second in 1996.

But Perot is only a shadow of what he was in 1992, when, for an electric moment in history, he could have finished first.

Dole campaign asks for Lugar background veep documents

HORSE RACE

TRENDLINE: Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge is in the GOP veep seat this week. But our Washington jockeys tell us the Dole campaign has requested background documents from Sen. Dick Lugar. Joe Camel has been dropped from the short list.

PRESIDENT

Bill Clinton, D Bob Dole, R Ralph Nader, I	LEANS D	MSNBC poll has Clinton over Dole 54-30 percent. CBS/New York Times has Clinton up 57-37. But CBS poll shows Clinton's Whitewater negatives rapidly rising. George Will suggests on Brinkley that Dole give up the nomination. That giant sucking sound is Ross Perot feasting on Lamm.
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GOVERNOR

Stephen Goldsmith, R Frank O'Bannon, D Steve Dillon, L	Leans R	Debate over Debate I: O'Bannon campaign produces list of 10 CD debate sites. Claims Goldsmith is evading debates instead of joint appearances. Dems say Frank has some questions he wants to ask Steve. Whaddaya say we ponder this over a round of golf? Dillon returns.
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2ND CD

Marc Carmichael, D David McIntosh, R	LIKELY R	Pffffst! There goes the Bill Frazier candidacy. McIntosh gets another barrage of good press clippings over highway worker/shorts issue. A play to the female voter? But no beer after work.
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7TH CD

Robert Hellman, D Ed Pease, R	Leans R	Debate over Debate II: Hellman wants to debate in all 13 counties. Pease wants three debates in Terre Haute, Lafayette and Indy. Hellman releases May 8 poll by American Campaign Associates (+/-4.65%) that shows Pease leading Hellman 22-20 percent with 55 percent undecided. District's heavy GOP makeup has it leaning R.
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10TH CD

Virginia Blankenbaker, R Julia Carson, D	Tossup	Blankenbaker leads money war \$256,172 to \$84,310. Watch FEC reaction to Carson report. Blankenbaker works Indy Black Expo, Carson MIA. Carson campaign phone number rings to Lacy Johnson residence. A strange camp.
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Horse Race Key: Safe means assured victory; Likely is outside 10 points; Leans is between 4 and 9 points; Tossup is within statistical margin of error. Status in bold/caps means a change.

TICKER TAPE

Pocket City, six months after Aztar's City of Evansville riverboat casino began to ply the Ohio River. Twenty mental health center therapists will undergo training to become certified compulsive gambling counselors. Dave Mayer of the Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Center's Stepping Stone addiction treatment facility said it usually takes people six months to a year to begin seeking treatment. "With men, it's usually \$50,000 on up; with women it's smaller, about \$25,000 on up." Mayer estimates that between 3 and 6 percent of the population will gamble compulsively and another 5 percent are problem gamblers.

U.S. Sen Dan Coats, reacting to a Senate approval of a national commission on gambling, said that field hearings will be scheduled for Indiana next year. Coats said the time and place have yet to be determined. The Gambling Impact Study Commission will explore the relationship between gambling crime, its impact on individuals, families, businesses, social institutions and economies, the role of advertising, and revenues to government. "The major purpose for the Indiana hearings is to assess the direct and indirect impact of the very significant increase in gambling availability and activity on Hoosiers,"

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Noble County's Jim Koons has been Democratic chairman for 52 years

HPR INTERVIEW

"I'm the guy who talked the lieutenant governor to run for lieutenant governor and let Bayh run for governor. He had a lot more money than Frank O'Bannon and I said, 'Why don't you wait until next time?' And this is what he did...."

- Jim Koons



AVILLA - Is this Jim Koons?
"Yeah."
Brian Howey from HPR. Hey, folks have been telling me you've been Noble County Chairman for more than 50 years.

"Better than that."
I'd like to talk with you.
"Can't now. I've gotta customer."
How about later this evening? When would be a good time?

"Six or six thirty. Before the Cubs start."
Actually, I first discovered Jim Koons at the library in Kendallville during a Jim Jontz town hall meeting in the summer of '94. Throughout the entire session, Jontz talked about job insecurity, the plight of the double income families and so on. Finally, Koons spoke.

"Part of the problems families are having," he began, "is that everybody wants more. Everybody wants two or three cars, two or three TVs, a VCR and a microwave."

If Jontz was chagrined that the Noble chairman undermined his message a bit, it didn't show. For of all the political figures in the Hoosier state, no one outranks the 81-year-old Jim Koons - a friend of Harry Truman's and conciliator between Bayh and O'Bannon - for longevity in his position.

We conducted this phone interview at 6:15 p.m. on Monday ... before the Cubs-Pirates game.

HPR: When did you become Noble County chairman?

Koons: Oh gosh, that's so long ago I forgot.

HPR: I believe you said 52 years. That was when Franklin Delano Roosevelt was president.

Koons: Right.

HPR: How did you get involved in Democratic politics?

HPR: I was always interested in politics when I was in high school. They wanted me to be precinct committeeman here in Avilla and I took it. The following year, I was in the food business and the mayor of Kendallville called

and said, 'Congratulations!' And I said, 'What for?' And he said, 'You're the new county chairman.' And I've been that ever since.

HPR: Have you ever thought about stepping down?

Koons: Well, I tell them every time that if they want to put somebody else in, go ahead and do it.

HPR: What are the biggest changes in the role of a Hoosier county chairman?

Koons: Of course, the trouble of politics today is money. If you don't have money, you're sunk. The trouble with the governor candidates, legislative candidates or any of 'em, if they can't get any money and their opponent's got money, they get beat.

HPR: Fifty years ago could you run a successful campaign on a shoestring?

Koons: We had money back then, but nothing like today. Another thing today is newspaper and television is so high priced.

Newspaper ads are terrible compared to what they used to be. In last year's city elections we elected a mayor in Kendallville and Ligonier and what I did was I got a picture of each one of our candidates and a little story of each one and put it in a brochure and had 10,000 printed and we were successful. Plus our other advertising in the newspaper and the radio, but not as much since we put these things out.

HPR: Has the departure of the patronage system been good for Indiana politics?

Koons: The trouble as I see it right now is that we don't have any Young Democrats. We can't get anybody any good because they're all working night shifts. They're either in college or working nights. Our unemployment is waaaay down. For instance in Avilla, we're the eighth fastest growing town in Indiana right now.

HPR: So, instead of getting some young buck a job on the highway department they're going into the private sector?

Koons: Yeah. Years ago I used to have somebody hounding me all the time about getting a job on the county highway department or the state. Now, you don't have that problem

because most of them have better jobs than that.

HPR: The independent political organization for candidates was pioneered in the Fort Wayne area by Dan Quayle and Win Moses and now Evan Bayh has used that concept. Is that good?

Koons: You almost have to now. There's a lot of independent voters. You talk about Evan Bayh. My son, who is a priest in Fort Wayne, used to run around with Evan Bayh at the state fairgrounds while his dad and I campaigned. I've been with every president up to this one now. The biggest kick I got out of anybody was Harry Truman.

HPR: Tell me about Harry Truman?

Koons: He was the most down-to-earth guy. He was as common as an old shoe. I got on the train with him in Ohio and we rode into Garrett, Indiana. We probably had 5,000 people standing at the railroad station downtown. He came out and gave a talk. This was right at the time everyone was giving his daughter hell because she was trying to play the piano and she wasn't very good at it. And he said, 'It's none of those people's damn business how she plays the piano.' But the biggest kick I got out of him was in Fort Wayne when I had him in for a \$100 dinner at the new Coliseum. And he stayed down at the hotel and we went down there after dinner. He said, 'Jim, I want you to come down and walk with me in the morning.' And I said, 'What time are you going to walk?' And he said, 'Oh, about 3:30.' I said, 'Oh, I won't be down, I live 20 miles away. I'll be down at 8 o'clock to pick you up for a brunch at 10 o'clock at the Campbell ranch.' And when we got down there Truman walked up to a horse and opened up his mouth and said, 'He looks like a 5-year-old to me.' Everybody got the biggest kick out of that.

HPR: Tell me about John Kennedy.

Koons: He was a down-to-earth guy. But I really knew his brother Bobby better than I knew him. I had his brother in Fort Wayne a couple of times to talk. Bobby was a good talker. The whole family was sharp. John Kennedy, if he had lived, would have really been something.

HPR: What would have happened?

Koons: John Kennedy would have been the greatest president ever because he was

smart, he knew how to get along with people. He was just a great guy.

HPR: One of the things I hear people make a distinction over are Old Guard Democrats and Bayh Democrats. What do you make of that kind of talk?

Koons: That's mostly talk. I can't see that much difference?

HPR: Where do you think Evan Bayh is headed?

Koons: I know him very well. Very well. In fact, I'm the guy who talked the lieutenant governor to run for lieutenant governor and let Bayh run for governor. He had a lot more money than Frank O'Bannon and I said, 'Why don't you wait until next time?' And this is what he did.

HPR: How did Frank respond to that?

Koons: I had him up here at a JJ dinner and afterwards that's what I told him. Two or three days later Frank called me and said, 'Jim, I've been thinking this over and I think that's what I'm going to do.' And then he announced it. I think it was smart for him because Bayh was young and he had a lot more money and I don't think he could have beat Bayh then.

HPR: Knowing the Harry Trumans and the JFKs as you did, do you see the same kind of stuff in Evan Bayh that you saw in those men?

Koons: Yes I do. Evan Bayh will run against Coats. He's already informed me about that. He told me, 'Don't start campaigning for me yet, I haven't announced.' And I told him, 'That don't make no difference.'

HPR: What makes Evan Bayh a star?

Koons: He's a sharp guy. He's got this state in the best shape it's been in a long time.

HPR: The polls show Goldsmith leading O'Bannon. If the state is in that great of shape, why is that happening?

Koons: Don't worry about those polls. When the time comes I don't think Goldsmith will beat him.

HPR: Why is that?

Koons: In my county alone, Frank O'Bannon put \$740,000 in my town here; \$100,000 in Kendallville; \$300,000 into Rome City in the Sylvan Lake dam; and they've put money in Albion and Ligonier. If these people up here aren't for Bayh and O'Bannon, they're crazy.

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Coats said.

U.S. Rep. John Hostettler has accepted one joint appearance with Democrat Jonathon Weinzapfel in the 8th CD - Oct. 9 at Leadership Evansville. Weinzapfel is pushing for debates in all 13 counties.

U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer was prominently featured on CBS Evening News last Friday after he spoke on the House floor against gay marriages. Buyer said that such unions "violated God's principles." On Network Indiana's Mike Pence Show, Buyer said his staff had prepared remarks for him. But after listening to Democrat Rep. Barney Frank and Republican Rep. Steve Gunderson - both gay - Buyer strayed from his prepared remarks and spoke "off the cuff." He told Pence, "They just made me mad."

Fred Nation reports that Gov. Evan Bayh has received a few inquiries from the White House with regards to a possible Democratic Convention keynote address. And the New York Times Richard Berke quotes deputy White House Chief of Staff Harold Ickes as saying, "There's a longish short list that's under consideration. It's being whittled down slowly, and Gov. Bayh is certainly on that list."

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U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar accused President Clinton of being more comfortable with New Deal farm programs of the past than with the new farm bill that returns American agriculture to market reforms. Lugar appeared opposite President Clinton at a meeting of the U.S. Agriculture Communicator's Congress. At that meeting, Clinton said he had "reservations" about the new farm bill. Lugar responded, "The fundamental thing that needs to be communicated is that a revolution has occurred and it is the end of supply management. This is a significant change."

Five Republicans have filed for the July 20 precinct caucuses in the 40th Indiana House District. That is the seat being vacated by Rep. Sam Turpin. Filing were Brownsburg Councilman Matt Whetstone, Hendricks County attorney Tom Leslie, former corrections officer Linden Swift from Plainfield, Linda Watson from Plainfield and Kurt Duncan from Brownsburg.

U.S. Rep. Mark Souder has selected Robin Bertsch of Fort Wayne as his campaign manager. Serving as deputy campaign managers in his 4th CD race against Democrat Jerry Houseman will be Amy Gibson of Indianapolis and Stephanny

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COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Brian Howey, HPR - With the successes of Goldsmith's privatization, there are also some dark shadows. The most compelling of these is the case of George Tomanovich, a whistle-blower in the Parks Department who sued Goldsmith and the city in July 1995. Goldsmith would do himself a favor by opening the books and show that there is nothing to hide. He should do everything he can as soon as he can to remove all doubt connected with the Golfgate allegations. If, as they say in Washington, "mistakes were made," the lessons from Watergate and Whitewater remain constant. Fess up. Explain what remedies are being taken to make sure it doesn't happen again. Take the lumps early and hope that by Nov. 5, voters will be more impressed with things like the Naval Air Warfare Center than they are concerned about what occurred in the early days of the administration at the Parks Department.

Mary Beth Schneider, Indianapolis Star - Privatization is a cornerstone of Goldsmith's gubernatorial campaign. Now is the time to find out if it gets the results he says it does. And now is the time to find out if it can mesh with the kind of government Goldsmith has promised voters - an accountable process responsive to the public. Democrats have called for a special prosecutor to look at the case they call Golfgate, along with a State Board of Accounts audit of two city departments. If this was only political, why pay the money to Tomanovich? If there is no smoking gun, then why not have an independent counsel and the State Board of Accounts confirm that?

Mary Dieter, Louisville Courier-Journal - Rumors that (Sen. Dan) Coats might not run (in 1998) have been around for awhile. And when he met with reporters in an informal discussion last week, he appeared meditative, perhaps even ambivalent, about another run. He was asked whether he'll run in 1998 even if the Democrats take control of the Senate in November. "I'm not answering that question because it's hypotheti-

cal," he said. "There's a time to make the decision and there's a time to campaign and it's not now." GOP state chairman Mike McDaniel said there is "no question in my mind" that Coats will run. McDaniel said he has asked Coats whether he was reluctant to run against (Gov. Evan) Bayh, surely his toughest opponent yet. "He kind of locked his jaw and looked at me (as if to say), 'Are you kidding me?'"

Richard S. Williamson, Chicago Tribune - My first full day in Moscow was a national holiday celebrating Russian independence. At dusk, I made my way to Red Square where the Yeltsin campaign was to hold its last rally. Arriving at the rally, my eyes saw things I never would have imagined possible. Nearly a half million people were crowded in the area. Yeltsin had addressed the crowd at 7 p.m. Now, rock bands were playing. People were singing and cheering. Looking over this vast sea of people I saw about 30 Russian flags of blue, white and red vertical stripes being held aloft and waving in the air. And close to the platform where Yeltsin had addressed the crowd and then danced and where rock bands now played, there waved "Old Glory." In my heart, I thought, freedom indeed is unleashed.

Morton Marcus, Indianapolis Business Journal - The central Indiana area code of 317 is being split in two by the telephone folks. Indianapolis and its suburbs will remain 317. The remainder of the area will become 765. This is as serious as cows getting into the parlor. Marion and Muncie will be separated from the Holy See, our state capital. Richmond and New Castle will be exiled. And Shelby County, according to my informants, will be divided into three parts. Yes, a single county, with no significant sins, will be separated into 317, 765 and 812 area codes. If the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has any say in the matter, perhaps we could have some rationality and sensitivity to community perceptions applied to this introduction of the 765 area code.

Kernan, Witwer in two different operational modes this summer

SOUTH BEND - The crush of the convention and toothy glints before the cameras have vanished.

These days - the Dog Days - find lieutenant governor nominees Joe Kernan and George Witwer searching for their roles before the fall campaign begins on Labor Day, sans the spotlight.

The operational mode of the LG campaigns is quite different.

Witwer concentrates on \$\$\$

Witwer's stunning nomination at the Republican convention caught not only the press off guard, but the Goldsmith campaign as well. HPR has learned from sources close to the Goldsmith campaign that the Witwer has evolved in an internal perception there from a dangerous ideologue and loose cannon, to a relationship that has grown into a healthy respect for his abilities to motivate a core of grassroot supporters and raise money.

These sources say that Goldsmith's people didn't understand the network Witwer had established across the state.

Witwer has been enveloped completely into the Goldsmith sphere. Ryan Martin, a campaign aide from Witwer's gubernatorial campaign, has come aboard the Goldsmith team. Witwer's scheduling and other activities are all coordinated through Goldsmith headquarters.

The Bluffton newspaper executive is now working the fundraising circuit. Witwer tells HPR that he is having great success at raising money. Witwer had raised a half million for his gubernatorial campaign and \$130,000 for the Opportunity Project of Indiana.

"It's easier to raise money when you're on a winning team," Witwer said, adding that the only constriction he has seen since his nomination is simply "time."

Kernan's HQ in South Bend

In contrast, Kernan has opened a sepa-

rate campaign office in South Bend for two reasons: he is still actively functioning as mayor and his geographical emphasis will be the northern third of the state.

"Right now, he is concentrating on Northern Indiana physically," said Mary Downes, Kernan's campaign manager. "The reason for that is Steve Goldsmith had good numbers in that part of the state."

1996 Kernan is better known in Northwest Indiana as opposed to the Fort Wayne area.

WATCH "But Allen County will be an area of emphasis for us," Downes said.

Kernan's summer stump speech centers on who he is, why he wants to be O'Bannon's LG, the Democrats' "common sense approach to government" and, as Downes said, "basically spinning Frank O'Bannon's message."

Downes said that Kernan's stump strategy will go under extensive re-evaluation by mid-August.

Debate season draws near

The worlds of Kernan and Witwer will collide at three debates scheduled thus far: one on agriculture policy at the Indiana State Fair in mid-August; at the Indianapolis Press Club and in Nashville at the Association for Economic Development.

■ **Gubernatorial notes:** The O'Bannon campaign has lined up 10 sponsors for debates in each Congressional district: *Gary Post Tribune/WYIN-TV*, 1st CD; Ball State University Alumni Association, 2nd; South Bend League of Women Voters, 3rd; *WPTA-TV*, Fort Wayne, 4th; *IU-Kokomo*, 5th; Franklin College, 6th; *DePauw University*, 7th; *IU Student Association* and the *Shoals News*, 8th; *New Albany Business* and *Professional Women*, 9th; and *WTHR-TV/Indianapolis Star-News*, 10th.

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Hartzell of Fort Wayne. Gibson had served on George Witwer's gubernatorial campaign. Hartzell was communications director in Souder's 1994 campaign.

Thirteen news organizations have picked up the 500-page depositions of George Tomanovich, Greg Henneke, Dennis Zaiser, James Shackelford and Leon Younger, among others in the "Golfgate" story. The depositions were made available to the media by the Frank O'Bannon campaign, which believed that few news organizations would have paid the dollar per page cost that would have been charged by Marion County courts.

Mayor Stephen Goldsmith and Frank O'Bannon will be appearing before the Indiana Realtors PAC at the French Lick Springs Resort at 9 and 11 a.m. Friday morning. That is the same day the Indiana Democratic Editorial Convention meets for its annual convention. O'Bannon will play host to a reception from 9 to 11 p.m. Friday night. Jonathon Weinzapfel will be the keynote speaker at the Orange County Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner that same night. Also on tap for the weekend will be a Young Democrats meeting Saturday afternoon and the annual IDEA banquet Saturday night that is

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expected to draw Gov. Evan Bayh and U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton.

Not one member of the Indiana Congressional delegation voted for the pay raise.

Libertarian Steve Dillon has joined the race for governor. The Libertarians earned automatic access to the 1996 gubernatorial race by finishing with 2 percent of the vote in the 1994 secretary of state's race. "My hope is and I've asked to be included in any gubernatorial debates," said Dillon. "We feel the people are tired of the same old Republican and Democratic choices." It will be the third time Dillon has run against Goldsmith. He did so in the 1986 Marion County prosecutor's race and in the 1995 Indianapolis mayoral race. Indianapolis teacher Lenna McPherson will join the ticket as the lieutenant governor candidate.

Steve Schmidt has joined Joe Zakas' 3rd CD race against U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer as campaign manager.

ABC News gives President Clinton a 329-135 lead in Electoral College votes, with 74 votes in the tossup category. Dole is considered strongly ahead in Indiana.

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are individual contributions. They are not bundled. They do not come with any strings attached whatsoever. That's the only way Congressman Hostettler raises money. Just ask Newt Gingrich."

■ On Sunday, *Evansville Courier* columnist Alan Julian exposed the two candidates on the Medicare issue. "An important thing happened in the 8th CD race last week. Jonathon Weinzapfel acknowledged there will have to be cuts to Medicare to keep the program solvent," Julian wrote.

Julian reported that Hostettler suggested a reduction in growth in Medicare spending and added, "Democrats immediately jumped on that with a massive national campaign claiming Republicans want to cut Medicare."

At a press conference, Weinzapfel criticized Hostettler for advocating cuts to Head Start. Reporters asked him, if not Head Start, then what should be cut? The Democrat responded by calling for the charging of full price on Western mineral and grazing rights. "It was a pretty lame answer," Julian wrote. "But when pressed, he went on to say it has become obvious that Medicare faces a \$90 billion shortfall and some short-term solutions will be needed." Julian quoted Weinzapfel: "Cuts, reductions in the rate of growth, whatever you want to call it."

■ Last Saturday Hostettler's brother, Dan, a 27-year member of the Communications Workers of America, got into a heated exchange with Indiana AFL-CIO President Charles Deppert during a packed Evansville Central Labor Council event where Hostettler spoke.

In an account written by Julian, Deppert described capitalism as a system where owners of capital "try to make as much money as you can and keep your workers from revolting."

Dan Hostettler responded, "Isn't the opposite of that called socialism?"

Deppert shot back, "I'm not going to be red-baited here. I don't consider myself a socialist ... I believe in the social welfare of our society." Julian reported that more than 100 people packed the council chambers, and about half were Hostettler supporters.

■ Weinzapfel signed a campaign pledge on July 9 challenging Hostettler to "stick to the issues instead of below-the-belt campaign smears."

■ On July 8, Marc Stalcup of the *Evansville Press* reported that Hostettler plans to target Catholic Democrats by appointing a special campaign staff liaison to make contacts. This element of the campaign has been spurred by an uncharacteristic reaction of Hoosier Catholic church officials who ardently opposed President Clinton's support of partial-birth abortions.

Ralph Reed of the Christian Coalition told the *Chicago Tribune* on Monday, "The Catholic vote is the jump ball of American politics." The *Tribune* story went on to explain, "Political history in the last 20 years records that whichever candidate appealed successfully to the largest proportion of Catholic voters has gone on to win the presidency."

In 1992, a majority of Catholics supported Bill Clinton over George Bush. But, the *Tribune* noted, "In 1994, the majority of Catholics favored Republican candidates and helped the GOP take over Congress. The unmistakable trend to more Republican voting and the need to expand their political base by finding like-minded folks encouraged the Christian Coalition and other conservative groups to seek alliances with Catholics in the last several years."

Curt Smith downplayed the Catholic liaison story. "It's pretty informal," he said. "John will put his message out there. Partial-birth abortion is wrong and Jonathon Weinzapfel has yet to take a position on that."

Simpson said the Weinzapfel is against partial-birth abortions.

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The Bloody 8th has already attracted national coverage from the *New York Times*, *Newsday* and, soon, from the *Miami Herald*. "They all see it as a classic case study," said Simpson.

Hostettler was the 1994 upset engineer in both the primary and general elections. Weinzapfel followed the same script last May. The 8th will be at the epicenter of this year's historic battle for the control of Congress.