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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“They do need to think twice before they go down that road....”

—O’Bannon campaign manager Tom New, on the candidate’s debate question on abortion to Goldsmith, and whether it will become a late issue.

# Campaign ‘96 ends the Watergate era

## Hoosiers have no appetite for a good scandal

INDIANAPOLIS - The Watergate era is over. The watershed event in this sea change in American politics is the imminent re-election of President Bill Clinton.

Not so long ago, a hint of scandal cast in the Watergate shadows could doom political campaigns. Clinton has had Whitewater, the FBI files, the travel office, and now his lucrative Indonesian connection to contend with. Yet the latest CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll shows Clinton leading Republican Bob Dole 54-35 percent.

**Here in Indiana, Hoosier voters have** been bombarded with accusations of wrong-doing in newspaper articles, television news reports and TV ads over Stephen Goldsmith’s “Golfgate” and 10th CD Democrat Julia Carson’s alleged largesse over the clothing budget at the Center Township trustee’s office.

Yet public opinion polls here reveal no disintegration of support for either Goldsmith or Carson. In fact, Goldsmith has finally cracked the 45 percent barrier in the latest Mason-Dixon poll and now has a 1- point lead over Democrat Frank O’Bannon.

Today, Americans and Hoosiers appear to have little interest, appetite or tolerance for accusations of scandal - even events such as the Indonesian connection and Golfgate that have been accurately chronicled by such esteemed newspapers as the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Indianapolis News*.

“**What we are seeing is a profound** reality - how we deal with TV,” said radio and TV commentator Mike Pence. “Bill Clinton is just someone on TV. There’s something weird about what TV is doing to the American political culture. It’s like it’s on a different planet or a different plane. There is a cognizant disconnect.

“Nixon must be spinning in his grave,” Pence said, before launching into his credible imitation of President Clinton.

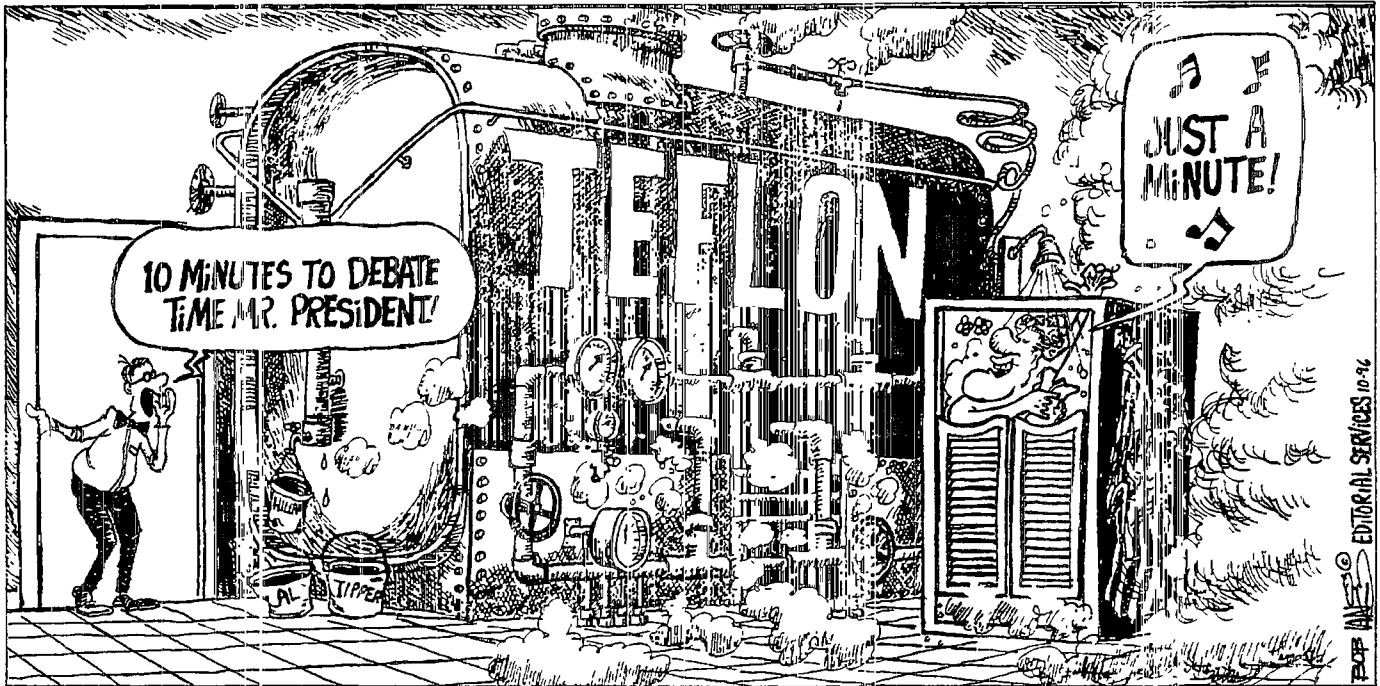
“H.R. Who?” Pence had his Bill Clinton saying.  
“Smear never fed a child.”

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# TICKER T A P E

**PLAY OF THE WEEK:** Frank Caperton of the Indianapolis Star and his bizarre apology in Sunday's "Behind Closed Doors" column. Caperton refused to reveal to the New York Times who complained about what he said was a disparity of critical items run on the Goldsmith gubernatorial campaign. But he added up the negative inches and concluded, "Goldsmith got the most critical attention by a country mile." What Caperton failed to comprehend was that the Goldsmith campaign had blown a double digit lead, aired a commercial which was not researched and was inaccurate, and has had to contend with allegations involving "Golfgate" and the Meridian Street police brawl during the

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## Watergate, from page 1

In essence, Bill Clinton has ably taken over the Teflon legacy of our generation's other legendary candidate, Ronald Reagan - the Great Communicator. Clinton is as good on TV and during a speech as President Reagan was.

The real change, however, is the public's disinterest in ethics. Reagan survived allegations involving the Iran-Contra scandal, small potatoes to the array of ethical questions that cloud the future of Bill and Hillary Clinton.

**This past week,** Bob Dole launched an attack on Clinton over the Indonesian financing, a curtailing of the drug interdiction budget and Whitewater. Richard Berke of the *New York Times* reported in Tuesday's edition, "Mr. Dole's advisers had hoped the ethics offensive would help rescue the campaign. Instead, with the polls showing he is in even worse shape, many leading Republicans are increasingly turning their attention to saving the party from losing the House or Senate."

A recent *New York Times* poll revealed that Indonesia story "has not roused the public." Only 42 percent said they had heard "some" or "a lot" of the issue.

**Conversely,** the O'Bannon campaign has literally dispersed reams of paperwork to the Indiana media on "Golfgate" and other perceived flaws in Goldsmith's first term in office. The campaign's TV ads attempt to document by

citing the *Indianapolis News* and the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* in the Golfgate allegations. None appears to be sticking. In fact, the Indiana Manufacturing Association's tracking shows Goldsmith's negatives down by 6 percent. The IMA's Pat Kiely added that "there is a backlash by women age 18 to 44" against negative advertising.

**In both the governor's race** and in the 10th CD, Goldsmith and Carson have responded by facing the camera and appealing to the voters to ignore the allegations. That is a shrewd strategy. These two long-time public servants are eyeballing the voter with a simple message: "Trust me. I am honest. And if you see me, stop by for a chat."

That contrasts with ads from O'Bannon and 10th CD Republican Virginia Blankenbaker, who place many elements of documented data before the voter alleging misconduct in office. It may be too confusing for the voter.

**Thus, it's easy to conclude** that either the attention spans are short, or voters just plain don't give a hoot about scandal unless there's a live boy, a dead woman or an ethnic joke involved. In the Watergate era, Americans had CBS Evening News battlefield gore from Vietnam, Nixon, a man who could arouse great hate, and even Gary Hart's pants-around-the-ankles trapeze to Bimini on the Monkey Business.

## \$64K question: Will the Marion County GOP turnout for Goldsmith?

# HORSE RACE

**TRENDLINE:** The governor's race is hangs on turnout. Labor says they're ready to help O'Bannon. Two critical questions for Goldsmith: After tweaking the Marion County GOP for so long, will they come to his rescue on Nov. 5? Will the Rex Early wing also bleed Republican?

### PRESIDENT

Bill Clinton, D  
 Bob Dole, Rep  
 Ralph Nader, I  
 Ross Perot, Ref  
 Harry Browne, L

**SAFE D**

Even Bill Clinton's "exploding cigar presidency" appears safe. Dole can't even go on the attack right. Only good news for Dole is he's leading Indiana 44-38 (Mason-Dixon). CNN/USA Today/Gallup has BC leading 54-35; Hotline/Battleground has it 51-36. This is a landslide.

### GOVERNOR

Stephen Goldsmith, R  
 Frank O'Bannon, D  
 Steve Dillon, L

**Tossup**

Mason-Dixon has Goldsmith leading O'Bannon 45-44 percent. IMA four-day tracking composite has the race tied at 40-40 percent, but says 17 percent of Dems are undecided. WPTA-TV poll in 4th CD had Goldsmith leading O'Bannon 40-33 percent in an area he needs to do well. Papa Bayh TV ads still in the wings for FOB.

### 19TH INDIANA HOUSE

Duane Sparks, R  
 Robert Kuzman, D

**TOSSUP**

This is the Conlon seat that is a pure tossup. Huge labor rally boosting Kuzman.

### 32ND INDIANA HOUSE

Eric Turner, R  
 Elizabeth Stanley, D

**LEANS R**

Stanley spending like crazy, doing the Bob & Tom Show, maybe up on TV soon. But...

### 34TH INDIANA HOUSE

James Vanleer, R  
 Tiny Adams, D

**TOSSUP**

We goofed last week: it's Vanleer v. Adams, not Errington. A barnburner. Are Muncie Democrats healed enough to come out big for Tiny?

### 45TH INDIANA HOUSE

John Kimmel, R  
 Clyde Kersey, D

**LEANS R**

Vigo County sources tell HPR to chalk this one up for Kimmel.

### 46TH INDIANA HOUSE

David Lohr, R  
 Vern Tincher, D

**Tossup**

Tincher MIA at Bloomington forum. Reliable sources say he's gone underground. Lohr like the Second Coming in Owen County. Upset redux?

**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.

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campaign sequence he calls into question. Caperton's apology pulls the rug out from under the Star/News reporters during the most crucial point of the campaign. Up until that point they had written documented and accurate reports on the campaign and the mayoral administration. And it came on the same day the Star endorsed Goldsmith.



Democrats planned to protest outside the Star/News building Thursday after a front page Star story detailed how three Indiana businesses Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon had investments in received \$884,000 from the Department of Commerce, an agency the Democrat heads. O'Bannon said the grants were awarded on established criteria. But Robert Stern of the Center for Governmental Studies, told the Star's Cam Simpson, "It seems to me it's pretty unusual to have a full-time state employee serving on a for-profit board." Indiana Democrats say the Star is "hammering" O'Bannon to get even for coverage of Goldsmith in the "Behind Closed Doors" column.

WTHR-TV promoted a three-part series on campaign financing and the Goldsmith campaign. Several sources told

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## AFL-CIO's Chuck Deppert sees '96 labor thrust as the biggest ever

# HPR INTERVIEW

**"I mean, people aren't talking about guns, they're not talking about abortion, they are talking about pocket book issues...."**

**- Chuck Deppert  
Indiana AFL-CIO**



INDIANAPOLIS - Organized labor pulled together 20,000 people for a rally in March 1995 to oppose reforms in prevailing wage.

Then it disappeared in city elections later that year as Republicans won mayoralities in Muncie, Kokomo, Marion, Richmond and Lafayette - the UAW Belt.

We talked with the AFL-CIO's Indiana director, Chuck Deppert, about whether "labor's fix for '96" will result in a decisive get-out-the-vote

**HPR:** Do you stand by the AFL-CIO's advertising against U.S. Rep. John Hostettler in the 8th CD? Curt Smith from Hostettler's office called them lies.

**Deppert:** Obviously we disagree that it's false. They are not lies at all. We have been more than willing from our national office to answer any complaints about those ads, and to show the documentation on our positions. We think they're overreacting a bit and maybe a little nervous.

**HPR:** Republicans from Hostettler, to Newt Gingrich, to Bob Dole have criticized the AFL-CIO and Democrats for characterizing Medicare spending as cuts. They say there has only been a decline in the rate of increases in those benefits.

**Deppert:** Well most of the folks who have (Medicare) coverage live on fixed incomes. If all of a sudden next year more of it has to come out of their pockets, obviously that's a cut in the amount of money they are going to have to spend on other things. As for the rationale, there is no doubt what the Republicans were attempting to do - cost seniors more out of their pocket and that's a cut. It's as simple as that.

**HPR:** There have been complaints about these ads in most of the CDs they run in.

**Deppert:** It's been a very organized attempt by the Republican National Committee and Newt Gingrich and those congressional folks to go after the legitimacy of that argument. They just don't have it and didn't at the presidential debate.

**HPR:** Smith said he was expecting \$500,000 to be spent by the AFL-CIO in the 8th CD. Is that on target?

**Deppert:** I can't tell you how much has been spent in there, but it's been considerable. That might be a little bit tight in that district because it doesn't have very expensive media.

**HPR:** Why is the AFL-CIO targeting Hostettler over, say, David McIntosh?

**Deppert:** Probably the first act was to vote for Newt Gingrich. Anything after that was based strictly on his votes whether it be on Medicare, or pension reform, any of the issues we targeted during this campaign. It's been based strictly on his votes, it's not the fact of his political persuasion. Unfortunately he got in lock step with this Newt as a freshman congressman and went after us. He went after us on issues we've fought for all these years, whether it's Medicare or Medicaid, OSHA funding for job protection. Whatever it was, he was always in lock step with Newt.

**HPR:** The Hostettler campaign says they have close to a 10-point lead over Jonathon Weinzapfel. What do you say?

**Deppert:** No, we find it much closer than that. It's within the margin of error and we think it's a tossup category and if our folks do the job down there and turn out people, that election could go either way in the last days of this campaign.

**HPR:** Ever since prevailing wage became an issue at the Indiana General Assembly, there has been a lot of speculation as to labor's impact in this election. What kind of an impact will organized labor have in Indiana this year?

**Deppert:** Obviously we've made this an issue in key Congressional Districts where there is a candidate like Hostettler, who should never have been elected in the 8th CD to begin with. You're right, the Indiana Republican Party under the leadership of Mannweiler went after many working people's issues and it has generated the most involvement I have ever seen. The rally - those 20,000 to 25,000 people out on short notice to the Indiana General Assembly - it's

gotten more of our leadership involved in explaining to our membership how their vote can make a difference. We've put out twice as much mail, we've had much more sophisticated phone systems out there who have identified people who did not vote in 1994. We are keying in on them to try and tell them how important it is to vote. We really have to thank the Chamber of Commerce nationally and here in Indiana in heightening their awareness as to what can happen to them. It's there. Whether or not it wins in every one of these legislative districts has yet to be seen. I can tell you things have been more excited at these town meetings we've had around the state and folks are pumped up about this election. There is increased activity all around the state.

**HPR:** We saw a 10 to 15 percent drop-off in voting in 1994 in races involving Ben GiaQuinta up in Fort Wayne and Vern Tincher over by Terre Haute. I had anticipated that some of that support would come back, but polling and both reliable Republican and Democratic sources tell me that a number of races in these Democratic districts are tossups. How can you explain tossups in Kokomo, Terre Haute and Boonville?

**Deppert:** It depends on whose poll you're looking at as to where you find the tossups. We're finding a lot of races that were much closer than we expected and other races where we're not doing quite as well as we expected to do. The whole key is going to be turnout. I think we're prepared for that turnout. There are some close races out there, but we don't always win every one you think you're going to win. There are some we think we are in pretty good shape and there are going to be some surprises out there if turnout is as big as our indications show.

**HPR:** Are you predicting Russ Stilwell, Vern Tincher and GiaQuinta will win on Election Day?

**Deppert:** I think they'll come through on Election Day because of the grassroots effort and those seats. We're going to have three times as many people out in the Indianapolis area as we've ever had. I suspect that's true all over the state. We're about ready to go to a huge rally in Evansville tomorrow (Wednesday) that I think will be one of the biggest ones they've ever had.

People are spending more money and getting more involved than any time in my history.

**HPR:** You've mentioned phone banks. What other types of activities is labor been involved in in these legislative races?

**Deppert:** A lot of direct mail. In districts where we might not have mailed in years before, because of increased awareness as to what can happen when folks stay at home, we've been keying in a lot more direct mail not to just talk about who we endorsed, but to talk about the issues that have come up in both the legislature and Congress over the past several years.

**HPR:** I haven't seen prevailing wage come up too much in these races. Is that an issue that is just too complex for the common voter?

**Deppert:** Obviously it's an issue that our folks pretty well understand if they're involved in the construction industry. They are feeling it in their pocketbook. We haven't had to do as much on that. We've used the prevailing wage issue, along with the child labor law challenge, the teacher's fair share thing.

**HPR:** How big is your pool of labor activists?

**Deppert:** We've got in every CD - the 8th, the 10th, 7th, 2nd - we have a lot of people released to work full time with our membership. We have a lot of folks who have come in from international unions - a couple of weeks in some cases, three or four in others - working full time to try to increase the turnout and get our material out at plant gates and in the mail. Our effort is far bigger than anything I've ever seen.

**HPR:** Are union members trying to enlist family and friends to vote Democratic?

**Deppert:** Yes, we're doing it in any fashion we can. That's why these town meetings are happening. We're asking these folks to bring the entire family so that they understand what is at stake in this election. We do an unofficial thing around here. In '94, we got a huge amount of hate mail - people returning mailings to us saying they didn't agree with our position. That's way down this year, so we think we're on the right track. I think the issues themselves lend to our folks getting involved. I mean people aren't talking about guns, they're not talking about

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HPR that the piece by reporter Roger Harvey included a "Goldsmith meltdown" during an interview. But the series has not run. Acting News Director Angie Kutarski s told HPR that the series was scratched due to NBC's airing of the baseball playoff. "It is in progress to air anytime," Kutarski said. "We have received even more information and we've been checking that out." As for the "meltdown" rumor, she would only say, "Not to my knowledge."

The most crucial exchange during the three gubernatorial debates came Friday night over the abortion issue, when Democrat Frank O'Bannon came out in support of partial birth abortion. HPR sources say that has set off an internal debate in the Goldsmith campaign over whether to use that issue against the Democrat, especially since Catholic bishops in Indiana have been ardently opposed to PBAs, have sent fliers out to their parishes saying just that, and that voting block could be crucial. That issue could allow George Witwer to rally the Republican base for turnout and attract independents. But when O'Bannon turned to Goldsmith and asked him where he stood on abortion, that was what both Republican and Democratic

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sources call "a shot across the bow" for Goldsmith on that issue. "The mayor had kept the focus on late term abortion," said O'Bannon campaign manager Tom New. "Frank was talking in general terms." New added of the Goldsmith campaign, "They do need to think twice before they go down that road."

The Dole campaign is pulling the plug in Illinois. With President Clinton leading 52-30 in a weekend Chicago Tribune poll, that newspaper quoted Dole campaign sources as saying it was hopeless. That means that neither Dole nor Clinton will spend any advertising dollars in Illinois, which in turn could have some impact in Northwest Indiana, which is keyed into the Chicago media market. Meanwhile, the Dole campaign is spending about \$100,000 in the Indianapolis media market and secure Indiana.

GOP Vice Presidential nominee Jack Kemp will be in Indianapolis on Saturday to speak with Goldsmith at the Indiana State Republican dinner.

Talking about polling disparity: A recent Wirthlin poll had 7th CD Republican Ed Pease up by 28 points, 58-30 percent.

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# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

**David Mannweiler**, *Indianapolis News* -

You may have heard some Indianapolis Police Department officers have landed in hot water for drinking beer at the mayor's suite at Victory Field on Aug. 27 and then supposedly acting quite boorish Downtown. You may have heard they drank 168 brewskies. Seven cases in all. It sounds like a lot, but we need some perspective here. There were 19 law enforcement officers in the suite that night. Now if everybody shared equally in the beer cache, they each had 8.8 beers, or less than one an inning, but they left early. If the beer cost \$30 a case, they each threw \$11.05 into the pot (pun intended). If the beer was \$35 a case, they threw \$12.89 each into the kitty. It won't win them poster boy status with Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, but it's not an especially expensive night on the town either.

**Morton Marcus**, *Indianapolis Business*

*Journal* - When I arrived in Orlando last Saturday night, I did not forget my reluctance to be in a center of reckless recreational spending. But I went to Disney World because Snow White invited me. I last saw her on the steps of the Indiana capitol leading seven welfare dwarfs into a hearing. Now she wanted to see me, and a Hoosier gentleman could not refuse a princess. We sipped lemonade and exchanged pleasantries as Minnie and Goofy entertained the crowd. "It must be very demanding to be a princess in Disney World," I said. "Yes," she replied with a gleaming, perfect smile, "but I do a bit of statistical analysis to keep from getting depressed." "Really?" I was surprised. "I've been trying to find a way of determining how big big government is," she said. "I've been working with earnings data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. If government is getting big and getting bigger, it should be gobbling up a major chunk of total earnings by now. In Indiana in 1980, state and local employees accounted for 9.3 percent of total earnings, ranking your state 43rd. By 1995, Indiana fell to 45th with 10.3 percent, still well below the national level."

**Mary Dieter**, *Louisville Courier-Journal* - In

Friday's forum, (Libertarian Steve) Dillon seemed more to get in the way, prohibiting any meaningful exchange between the men who'll probably be splitting 98 percent of the vote. His middle-rostrum position (chosen by lot) symbolized the role he played - as the obstacle that kept the major candidates from even acknowledging each other. It is not that the viewer looked for a caustic exchange. But one longs to hear Goldsmith ask O'Bannon to explain those votes on tax increases that Goldsmith so vociferously criticized in TV ads. And one longs to hear Goldsmith specify what state services he would privatize if he became governor. Instead, we were served up pablum from questioners who seemed sincere in their desire to learn how they'd be affected under each of these men's administration but who were unable to phrase questions that would elicit more than the standard regurgitation that these candidates have uttered a thousand times before. After the debate, a subdued Goldsmith, suppressing the dry wit evidenced after the first forum, said Friday night's "lacked acrimony and sniping, and that was helpful." A restrained O'Bannon, lacking the feistiness he exhibited after the first debate, said this one "worked out well (and featured) a broad amount of issues." But here's a guess at what they were really thinking: They were just as bored as the rest of us.

**Dave Kitchell**, *Logansport Pharos-Tribune* -

A sure sign that things are really close is that both (Goldsmith and O'Bannon) in the last week have suddenly committed to build a portion of the Hoosier Heartland highway that has had little state support from either party for years. If the O'Bannon-Goldsmith race has accomplished anything for the Logansport area, it has enabled local voters to hold the next governor's feet to the fire of a campaign promise. When you start promising to build highways, it's a sign that the fight is on for undecided voters and for voter turnout.

## This election is downright quirky; sift through this array of data!

INDIANAPOLIS - This election is shaping up to be one of the quirkiest in memory. Here is a collection of raw political data for your perusal.

■ Indiana University pollster Brian Vargus, who did not sample labor as a demographic group in 1994, is finding this year that voters are talking issues related to labor. These include downsizing and out-sourcing. "People are talking about pocketbook issues," Vargus said.

■ A demographic group that is "bouncing around like a ping pong ball" is moderate female voters, Vargus said. They haven't warmed up to Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, they don't like Bob Dole, but they don't tend to trust President Clinton. Some may just stay home.

■ Indiana's organized labor is poised to make a big impact for Democrats on Nov. 5. The key, then, is what kind of turnout can Indiana Republicans produce. If their base falls off even a few percentage points, that could be enough to swing a few Indiana legislative seats from Republicans to Democrats.

■ Inside sources in both gubernatorial campaigns report these internal assessments: The Goldsmith campaign has been called "skittish" and "uptight." In the O'Bannon camp, there are "testosterone problems" related to the get-out-the-vote effort. Apparently one female staffer stormed out for a weekend over a difference of opinion.

■ Numerous sources say the Indiana Democratic House caucus waited too long to begin its direct mail campaign, giving the Republicans a two to three week lead. Thus, a number of races that appeared to be safely or leaning in the Democratic column inched into the statistical margin or error or entered the tossup zone.

■ House Minority Leader John Gregg, calling HPR from Batesville, said tracking in the 74th House District between Russ Stilwell and Sally Rideout Lambert as of Sunday night "has Stilwell leading over the margin of error." Gregg said the undecideds stand at 10 percent. The reason that race tightened up, Gregg said,

"was that Russ wasn't pointing out Sally's voting record because that is an area where prevailing wage is a major issue." Gregg said that Vern Tincher has a 10-point lead over David Lohr. Gregg said the Kimmel-Kersey race in Terre Haute, Padfield-Herrell in Kokomo, Mahern-Heffley and Day-Womacks in

## 1996 WATCH

Indianapolis, Vanleer-Adams and Munson-Errington in Muncie, and the Becker-GiaQuinta rematch in Fort Wayne are all within the margin of error. Gregg said Monday tracking had Barb Engle leading Mike Ripley by 10 points.

■ Experts on the Indiana House: HPR's Howey is calling it 50/50. AFL-CIO's Chuck Deppert is calling it 52-48 Democratic. *Terre Haute Tribune-Star's* Dick Robinson tells HPR that "I can't find more than five seats for the Democrats" (which would put it at 50/50). Brian Vargus says he "hits a wall" when coming up with more than a net gain of five for the Democrats. State Rep. Pat Bauer is putting the Democrats up at 53. Kerry Spradlin of the Indiana Banker's Association won't speculate on numbers, but said, "I think Republicans will pick up seats in the House, but I wouldn't put any money on anything." IMA's Pat Kiely predicts GOP will maintain a majority, but calls the situation fluid. "My guess is the Republicans will either gain one or lose two or three." Former Speaker Kermit Burrous predicts the party that wins the governor's race will control the House 52-48.

■ *South Bend Tribune's* Jack Colwell, on the latest Mason-Dixon poll that gives Goldsmith a 44-43 point lead. "Goldsmith seems to have stemmed O'Bannon's momentum. Up through the September poll, O'Bannon had been gaining. This is the first one where O'Bannon didn't. And Dole seems to be running stronger here. That could help Republicans in the legislature."

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Then Democrat State Sen. Bob Hellmann released a poll last week showing that Pease was leading only by 2 points.

This may be a first: Republican Rep. Jerry Bales and Democrat Rep. Mark Kruzan are running a joint ad in the Bloomington Herald-Times. Both are only opposed by Libertarians.

The Goldsmith campaign begins its statewide bus trip this weekend. The O'Bannon campaign will do bus trips in Southern Indiana this weekend, and Northern Indiana on Nov. 2-3. Gov. Evan Bayh is expected to join U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton for part of the southern tour, and will also participate in part of the northern swing.

The Indiana Election Commission announced Wednesday that 3,482,370 people are registered to vote in Indiana, breaking the previous record by 300,000. It said that 950,000 Hoosiers have taken advantage of the state's motor voter program, which promises to be a wild card in the upcoming Nov. 5 election. Marion and Vanderburgh counties each completed approximately five times as many new and updated voter registrations in September and the first week of October than their average number of registrations per

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month over the past two years, the IEC reported. The previous record was 3,049,590 in 1984 and 74.4 percent of those actually voted.

IU pollster Brian Vargus is predicting voter turnout on Nov. 5 will be 5 percent less than the 73.8 percent that turned out in 1992. Vargus tells Dave Kitchell of the Logansport Pharos-Tribune that the key to the election may occur in the 4th and 10th CDs. Goldsmith fared poorly in the Fort Wayne area, losing Allen County to Rex Early in the primary. In the 10th, if Julia Carson pulls out a lot of black support, that will help O'Bannon cut into what should be a substantial plurality for Goldsmith.

Jean Leising's 9th CD campaign for Congress faxed out a copy of Roll Call's story on Lippo Group donations to members of Congress. It revealed that U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton received \$2,000 in campaign donations from individuals associated with the Lippo Group from 1988 to 1996. It shows that Jane and John Huang each donated \$1,000 to Hamilton back in 1993. The Lippo Group is at center stage over a brewing scandal in which Indonesian campaign money was steered into Democratic campaigns.

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abortion, they are talking about pocketbook issues.

**HPR:** How many town labor rallies have you had and what have been the turnouts?

**Deppert:** We've got the 10th one coming up in Evansville. We had one in Richmond where we thought we'd get three or four hundred out and we got nearly a thousand. In Anderson probably had close to 700 to 800 there. We have them after work and some people have kids in sports and all that. We had one in a driving rainstorm in Lake County last week and we still had 4,000 people out there.

**HPR:** What is the AFL-CIO relations with the O'Bannon campaign for governor?

**Deppert:** We have no one on the O'Bannon campaign from this office at all. We're where we're supposed to be - out at the plant gates. We have to call up there every once in awhile to find out what's going on.

**HPR:** What impact will labor have on the governor's race?

**Deppert:** Part of the activities we've been involved in is the coordinated campaign effort.

We're working on all those candidates we endorse, whether it be for congress or governor or legislative in the House. We tried to convince the party that we ought to do this with a coordinated effort and I think we've done a pretty good job. You can't have each candidate going around and doing their own phone banks and direct mail. That's crazy. People have to work together and I think they're doing that much better at our insistence.

**HPR:** How big of a margin will the Democrats have in the Indiana House?

**Deppert:** Should be up by two.

**HPR:** And the 8th CD?

**Deppert:** I think we're going to squeak that one by. By probably one or two points.

**HPR:** And in the 10th CD?

**Deppert:** Julia Carson will turn them out and beat her by five.

**HPR:** And the governor's race?

**Deppert:** It's moving in our direction and I think we'll win by four points or something like that. I think O'Bannon will have the coattails. But Clinton is not going to be a hindrance and that's what we don't need in Indiana.



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