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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“We are delighted to have cut George Bush’s lead to a mere 45 points, a much more manageable margin ...”

- Kyle McSlarrow, Quayle 2000 Campaign chairman, reacting to a FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll showing Bush leading Dan Quayle by a 54-9 percent margin.

McDaniel responds to his GOP critics

Chairman takes HPR to the woodshed

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis

Just as the 1999 Indiana General Assembly session was getting under way, Indiana Republican Chairman Mike McDaniel faced a dilemma: How to get the House and Senate Republican leaders on the same page when it came to tax cuts for the upcoming biennial budget.

He asked Senate President Pro Tem Bob Garton and House Minority Leader Paul Mannweiler if they were talking. Garton told him, “Almost every day.” Mannweiler’s answer was, “Hardly ever.”

So a summit was in order. But in convening the two chamber leaders along with Senate Finance Committee Chairman Larry Borst and Ways and Means RM Jeff Espich at the Skyline Club, another problem occurred. None of this quintet was a member. McDaniel spied Anthem’s Rick Cockrum entertaining Democratic leadership in another room, collared him and said, “Guess what, you’re buying us dinner.”

Throughout the ensuing feast, McDaniel said, he talked and cajoled with the four GOP leaders to try to come to an agreement on tax cuts. Without many specifics on what was to be the cornerstone of a united Republican front on taxes, the five finally agreed on a billion-dollar tax cut.

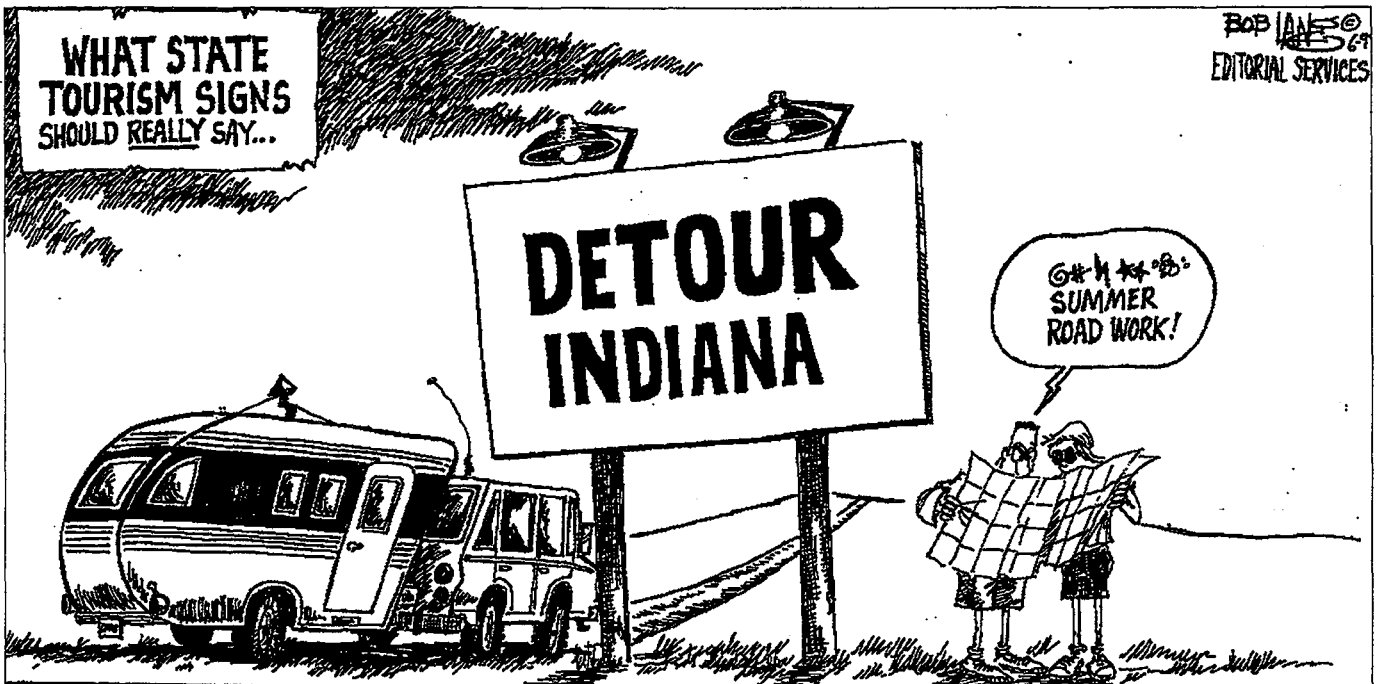
“Let’s shake hands on it,” McDaniel said as the proceedings wound up. The four legislative leaders replied with an embarrassed laugh. One of them told the chairman that a handshake wasn’t necessary.

“No,” McDaniel insisted. “Let’s shake hands.” Reluctantly, the four leaders finally did.

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CNN's Larry King asked Dick Morris who he predicts will be Al Gore's vice presidential nominee on Monday's night show. "My guess is it will be Evan Bayh," Morris said. Before that, he said that if Al Gore had a top choice, it would be "Al Gore." On the GOP side, Morris said the veep will almost certainly be Elizabeth Dole.

Coincidentally, Sen. Bayh was covered by C-SPAN recently giving a speech in New Hampshire.

A nationwide FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll (June 23-24) has Texas Gov. George W. Bush leading Dan Quayle by a 54-9 percent margin. Elizabeth Dole also came in at 9 percent,

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Chairman, *from page 1*

McDaniel told the story following last week's HPR ("Grumblings about McDaniel persisting"; Vol. 5, No. 37) which detailed a laundry list of complaints about his performance.

Whereas then-GOP chairman Al Hubbard made a highly publicized trip to the Indiana Senate in March 1993 to lobby against a tax hike, McDaniel said much of his work has been behind the scenes. "No one has spent more time trying to bring the House and Senate together than I have," he told HPR Publisher Brian Howey on a two-hour trip to the woodshed last Thursday.

It was part of McDaniel's attempt at repudiating his critics. Following the publication of last week's HPR, many Republicans rushed to McDaniel's defense. One Central Committee member described it as a "sucker punch." Others took issue with the notion that McDaniel had been "handcuffed by the Central Committee" and insisted that McDaniel was in command of the party. But several party activists said the report would prompt a needed party soul-searching.

McDaniel would have none of that. "We've been through all of this stuff in

great detail," he flatly said.

McDaniel calmly went down list on a yellow legal pad list to counter the claims of his critics:

■ **Fundraising:** "I have met or exceeded every funding obligation. I have met every budget the Central Committee has voted on. I've met every target; met and exceeded every target for candidate campaigns," McDaniel said. He added, "That's tough when you don't have the governor."

That was a point reiterated by former Chairman Rex Early. "Believe me, it's one thing being state chairman when you have the governor. It's a tough sonofabitch when you don't have the governor when it comes to raising money and getting things done," Early said.

■ **Lists:** McDaniel said he has been working "for months" on a program he calls "Project Target 2000." McDaniel said that upgrading the lists will be "our No. 1 priority." Both parties get State Election Commission lists. But with the new motor voter laws that won't allow purging, he said the lists quickly fall out of date. Over the past months, McDaniel said, Republican staffers have made some 92,000 corrections. "We are going to test it in municipal races this year and have it

ready for next year." He said that former state budget director Ken Kobi is a third-party source that is analyzing the revamping of the lists. "I'm comfortable with where we are," McDaniel said, adding that the party's GeoVoter system that is used by GOPs in 21 states has been installed with the correct overlays that will allow the party to accurately target dozens of blocs of voters.

■ Loss of the House in 1998:

McDaniel said there was no one reason why the GOP lost all but one of the hotly contested House races last year. He said there was the national dynamic, Evan Bayh's coattails, and the fact that "the Democrats had more resources than ever before." He added that most of the districts that fell Democratic were drawn that way by the late strategist Bill Schreiber. "Schreiber correctly predicted that Candy Marendt's House seat would go Democratic by the end of the decade," McDaniel said.

The chairman added that the House Republican Campaign Committee felt that most of the hot races were winnable until the final week. Some of the losses, he said, were beyond his control, particularly Jerry Bales' seat in the Bloomington area.

■ **Staffing:** McDaniel seemed incredulous that his critics wanted him to hire an executive director. He said Laura Williams has been in that position for 13 months. She has, however, kept a much lower profile than past EDs Devin Anderson and John Willey.

■ **Track Record:** Even McDaniel's critics realize that his tenure has coincided with the rise of Evan Bayh. After taking over the party in 1995, "I inherited the most expensive gubernatorial primary in the history of Indiana politics," McDaniel said of the race among Stephen Goldsmith, Rex Early and George Witwer. Virtually no one blames McDaniel for Goldsmith's defeat by O'Bannon. "Goldsmith told us what they were doing," he said, adding that there was "virtually no relationship" between the mayor and the Central Committee. Then

in 1998, he watched Paul Helmke, Peter Rusthoven and John Price fight "over a bone with no meat on it" for the right to face Evan Bayh. "Unfortunately, that race was over the day Dan Coats announced he wasn't running. They were all great people, but we really never had a chance."

■ **Conventions:** This criticism gets McDaniel's dander up more than anything else. "I will never apologize to anybody for trying to bring in the Republican National Convention. That would have been the biggest momentum builder that would have had ripple effects up and down the ticket. That would have far outweighed the drain of resources. There would have been no drain of resources on the campaigns." As for the upcoming 2000 hosting of the state chairs, McDaniel said that would bring the Republican presidential nominee to the state, which probably wouldn't happen without it. "I'll combine that event with the state dinner and we will raise a record amount of money that will help us win the House back."

McDaniel also said that the 165 national committee members will be invited and they will see what they could have had for the convention. That could give Indianapolis a leg up on hosting the 2004 convention.

■ **Epilogue:** From McDaniel's perspective, he has spent the past four years trying to keep the frogs in the wheelbarrow. "Under the circumstances, Mike has done a great job," said Rex Early, who said McDaniel will "readily admit he doesn't have the peer group that I had. They bailed our ass out of debt in 1991. Hubbard was able to raise money because he ran with a good crowd and had his close friend Dan Quayle, who brought in lots of IOUs."

Early called McDaniel "a helluva details man," but added that "you're going to get the heat sometimes. You've got to duck and dodge."

This week was McDaniel's to duck and dodge. ❖

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with Steve Forbes at 4 percent, Orrin Hatch, John McCain and Pat Buchanan at 3 percent, John Kasich and Rudy Giuliani at 2 percent, and Gary Bauer and Bob Smith at 1 percent.

Quayle has announced that his campaign is doubling its Iowa staff and plans to increase his time in the state.

A Battleground Poll conducted by Ed Goeas and Celinda Lake (1,002 likely voters, June 6-8) showed Republicans and Democrats tied 39-39 in the Congressional generic question (Roll Call). A similar Washington Post survey in January had Democrats leading by 10 percent. But a recent Pew Research survey (1,153 adults, June 9-13) had Democrats leading the generic question by a 50-40 percent margin. The Battleground Poll also had Gov. Bush leading Vice President Gore by a 52-37 percent margin in the 2000 presidential race. Said Goeas, "There is little doubt that whichever party wins control of the White House will also win control of the House of Representatives."

The State Board of Tax Commissioners is considering reassessment regulations that could increase property tax bills for the average homeowners by 5 percent. Lake County tax-

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payers could see property tax increases of up to 55 percent said board chairman Tim Brooks (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). "Five percent is pretty low," said Brooks. "We think we've come up with a fairly neutral approach."

Indiana's Dee Dee Benkie was elected national co-chair of the Young Republican National Federation. A delegation of 32 Hoosier YRs attended the convention in Cincinnati, along with GOP Chairman Mike McDaniel.

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 86 has demanded an apology from Marion County Democratic Chairman Steve Laudig, who charged the FOP with "cronyism, corruption, and incompetence" after its endorsement of Republican mayoral candidate Sue Anne Gilroy. "The Marion County Democratic Party's press release is completely inaccurate, unprofessional and libelous," said FOP President Dave Young. "The FOP endorsement process was fair, open and honest. Sue Anne Gilroy was selected because she is committed to public safety and has the most realistic plan for adding manpower to the department."

"Delaware County Prosecutor Richard Reed evidently has broken his pre-election pledge to have a spe-

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Victory with an asterisk

Congress will be kept busy in the aftermath of NATO and Kosovo

By MARK SCHOEFF JR.

WASHINGTON - After a 78-day bombing campaign, hostility has ceased in Kosovo and NATO troops are moving in to occupy the country. But it is a victory with an asterisk, and the peace could keep Congress as busy as the war did.

The cost of rebuilding Kosovo - and possibly Serbia - may total \$30 billion dollars and NATO troops, including the American contingent, could remain in Kosovo for many years. In Bosnia, the last Balkan region to be riven by warfare, NATO has maintained a presence since 1995. Congress will have a central role in determining the size of the U.S. share of funding for Kosovo reconstruction and peacekeeping.

The war aftermath could generate a series of supplemental appropriations bills for Congress to consider, said Rep. Mark Souder (R - CD4), who opposed the NATO airstrikes. Supplemental funding does not have to be offset with cuts in other parts of the budget. Earlier this year, Congress approved a \$13-billion appropriation that paid for the Kosovo air campaign and bolstered the over all military budget. The request, which Congress increased from the original \$6-billion administration request, came out of the budget surplus.

Both parties want to preserve money in the surplus to undergird Social Security. Taking it out for some other program is sure to foment debate. "This has big budget implications," said Souder. "It is likely to stay controversial."

Sen. Richard Lugar (R) also foresees some choppy congressional waters ahead for policy toward Kosovo. "It offers endless debate," and opportunities for "revisionist history," he said. Each year, some legislators offer measures to trim the size of the U.S. peacekeeping force in Bosnia. Republicans in Congress should

not vent their frustrations with President Clinton over unrelated matters when considering Kosovo. "Whatever criticisms one has of the president, we are not replaying the impeachment issue," Lugar said. "We have to get beyond that because our vital interests are at stake."

Although the bombing campaign ended with Serbian troop withdrawal from Kosovo, NATO could not stop the eviction of 800,000 ethnic Albanians from Kosovo, the killing of thousands more, and the destruction of Albanian property. In addition, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, who has been indicted on war crimes by an international tribunal, remains in power. "In my opinion, it is bunk that this is called a victory," said Souder. Rep. Steve Buyer (R-CD5) was quoted in the Washington Post saying, "Milosevic won on the ground."

Lugar agreed that ethnic Albanians were "cleansed in a hurry. Viciously." Ameliorating their suffering, reintegrating them into their own country and assessing damage on the ground will be difficult challenges in post-war Kosovo.

But there were some positive outcomes of the NATO airstrikes. Smart weapons and precision bombing succeeded beyond expectation for the most part. "There are no aircraft in the world that can do this type of thing other than American aircraft," Lugar said. "The air war was dependent upon the elements America could provide uniquely."

Also on the up side, NATO was able to hold together, even as brand-new member countries took huge risks in supporting a war against neighboring Serbia. Seeking consensus in the alliance, however, precluded a ground war. In fact, by indicating that it would not insert ground troops into the conflict, NATO gave Milosevic an opening to accelerate ethnic

cleansing. The NATO air campaign proceeded without casualties only because of limits to Serbian anti-aircraft equipment, Lugar said. The Serbian withdrawal occurred in part because the Kosovo Liberation Army fought a ground war and rooted Serbian forces out of their bunkers, exposing them to NATO bombs. NATO massing troops for peacekeeping in Macedonia also spurred the Serb pullback.

Overall, it was a mixed result, Lugar said, noting that NATO stumbled into airstrikes after inept diplomacy. Still, Clinton deserves some praise for a peace-

ful Kosovo filling up with returning Albanians. "If you're president of the United States and good things happen and you claim credit, you deserve credit," Lugar said.

An end to the Kosovo conflict is good news for Democrats in the 2000 election, said Stuart Rothenberg, editor of the Rothenberg Political Report. "The president and vice president may have ducked a bullet," he said. "The possibility of Kosovo as Vietnam seems to me to be reduced. The agreement has helped the Democrats avoid a potential problem." ❖

LG speculation: Witwer, Lubbers, Skillman, Nass

BLUFFTON - Could George Witwer be angling for a spot on the 2000 Republican ticket with David McIntosh?

Witwer told HPR on Tuesday that he was keeping his options open until sitting down with McIntosh after the Muncie Republican announces for governor on July 7.

While key GOP operatives would like to see the field cleared for McIntosh, Witwer said, "We're not getting pressured. First of all David hasn't announced. I think people understand we are in an exploratory mode. We are having a tremendous amount of success. I'm feeling a tremendous amount of warmth and support all across the state. We are trying to advance the agenda and we are getting a lot of support from many loyal Republicans who agreed with the agenda that I have been promoting.

"We've always been focused on paddling our own canoe. We had a set of objectives we wanted to reach by the end of the year. Our plan wasn't to make a final decision until late in the year or early next. Obviously this will change things. We are going to continue on."

Witwer was the surprise lieutenant governor nominee in 1996. During the fall campaign, Witwer generally held his own on the campaign trail. Since then, he has raised \$250,000 for a 2000 gubernatorial

candidacy.

With McIntosh in the race, would Witwer take a second spot on the ticket?

"I couldn't even speculate on what might transpire in a conversation between David and myself. I just want to concentrate on my vision for the state. David and I are very close and I anticipate talking with him. I haven't a clue as to where those conversations might lead."

Greg Zoeller, who has worked on Witwer's exploratory committee, told HPR, "Bayh and O'Bannon came up with a common agenda in 1987 and the state hasn't been the same since. Surely there's a way we could come up with a common agenda. If you want to win the Statehouse, you've got to sit them down in a room and not come out until one runs and one sits out."

While Witwer's name might be the first on any LG list that will be inevitable once McIntosh declares, the fact is that the GOP national ticket will almost certainly have Elizabeth Dole on the ticket as the party tries to solve its gender gap problem. A similar dynamic will present itself to Hoosier Republicans.

In that context, three names will take center stage: State Auditor Connie Nass, and State Sens. Teresa Lubbers of Indianapolis and Becky Skillman of Bedford. ❖

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cial prosecutor investigate a campaign contributor," the Muncie Star Press has reported. About 3 weeks before the Democratic primary election in May 1998, Reed announced he would ask a special prosecutor to review several criminal cases. One of the cases involved Calvin (Buddy) Carroll. A Muncie used-car dealer, tavern owner and Reed supporter, Carroll had been jailed by Muncie police officers after buying stolen big-screen television sets on two occasions in 1997. Reed never filed formal charges against Carroll. After that fact was revealed to reporters by Reed's primary election challenger, Donald Dunnuck, the prosecutor promised to turn the matter over to a special prosecutor to avoid the appearance of impropriety. "Reed apparently didn't keep that promise," the Star Press reported.

Former Indianapolis Star columnist Dick Cady told the Democratic Chairman's Breakfast last week that Central Newspapers made \$81 million profit last year. "You would think they could take \$1 million of that to improve the state of journalism in this city," said Cady, whose speech consisted of two attorneys presenting a case alleging the Star had abrogated its constitutional duties of the 4th Estate.

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Gov. Frank O'Bannon expressed his "dismay" at the Senate's vote on the Bipartisan Steel Recovery Act which was rejected by a 57-42 percent vote last week. "A flood of imported steel drove some of our steel mills to cut back or close down last year," O'Bannon said. "In the very week that the U.S. Senate turned its back on the steel industry, we now learn that imports are rapidly climbing again."

U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar outlined the importance of the upcoming World Trade Organization negotiations to American agriculture. Lugar urged the Clinton administration to make fast track trade negotiating authority a priority. The WTO will meet in five months in Seattle and will attract 140 nations. "This is a crucial issue for American agriculture since nearly one-third of our production is now exported," Lugar said at a Senate hearing last week. "To be effective in Seattle - for other countries to take seriously our negotiations in a multi-lateral way - the President must have fast track negotiating authority. The thought that these agreements could be amended by each member of the Senate indefinitely is daunting and may make it impossible for other countries to take seriously many of the arguments that you make."

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Paul Dodson, *South Bend Tribune* -

These past few months on the business beat have brought back bad memories of those dark days in the early 1980s when Michiana lost so many of its precious manufacturing jobs. Back in the early 1980s, I worked on such sad stories as the massive losses of jobs at Bendix, Wheelabrator, and Clark Equipment. In recent days I have worked on articles involving nearly 1,900 manufacturing jobs. This includes 1,100 jobs at the Aircraft Landing Systems unit of Allied Signal Inc. and nearly 500 jobs at the South Bend stamping division of Tecumseh Metal Products Corp. Earlier this year I worked on articles pertaining to the elimination of 300 jobs at the South Bend military truck plant of AM General Corp. These three plants account for nearly 1,900 jobs, 8.3 percent of the 22,600 manufacturing jobs that existed in St. Joseph County this spring. ❖

Larry Riley, *Muncie Star Press* -

The nation's second-largest operator of private prisons is looking near Muncie for a site. Despite decreases in overall crime rates, mandatory minimum sentences, more drug convictions, and three-strikes-and-you're-out laws add up to the need for more prisons. We have about 1.8 million people behind bars in this country - about as many as the rest of the world put together. Since the same taxpayers who demand more protection don't want taxes raised, and since business is more efficient than government, privatization has gripped the penal system. Couple this with the relocation of factory jobs to Mexico, and the general demise of U.S. heavy industry, and a city that lost three major employers in the past couple of years might want to get on the bandwagon. Commissioner Ed Conatser wants Wackenhut Corrections Corp. to consider the former ABB plant

on Cowan Road for a prison. Too bad we didn't think of Wackenhut a few years ago when we mis-built a new jail. ❖

Derrick DePledge, *Fort Wayne*

News-Sentinel - Here's a curve: Dan Quayle, whose conservative politics are inspired by President Ronald Reagan, opens his new book with a quote from none other than liberal FDR. "The presidency is not merely an administrative office," Roosevelt said. "It is pre-eminently a place of moral leadership. All our great presidents were leaders of thought at times when certain historic ideas in the life of the nation had to be clarified." In "*Worth Fighting For*," Quayle's third book, the former vice president and Indiana senator from Huntington makes interesting arguments for a 30-percent tax cut and a stronger national defense. But his real passion is in reversing the cultural trends he says started in the 1960s. "We continue to pay a price for the excesses of the crowd that preached free drugs, free love, free lunch, and freedom from responsibility," Quayle writes. He said these excesses overshadowed the "noble effort" of the civil rights movement and infected politics and the media in a way that has "tilted the country's culture in a direction that is counter to middle-class values." "The elite news media, the Hollywood crowd, the tenured faculty of elite institutions of higher education, the federal judiciary, and the radical feminist movement together make up this new class," Quayle writes. "Their numbers are small, but their collective influence is staggering." His answer? Quayle singles out, by name, such conservatives as William Bennett, Pat Robertson, Tony Snow and Michael Medved as media avengers. In essence, he would counter liberal bias with conservative bias. ❖

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INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

Indianapolis Mayoral: Republican: Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy.

Democrat: Bart Peterson. **Our Party:** Rev. John Gibson. **Libertarian:** Andrew Horning. **1995**

Results: Goldsmith (R) 64,209, Jimison (D) 39,539, Dillon (L) 7,175. **1999 Forecast:**

Gilroy's mother, Katie Starnes, died in Crawfordsville. Calling will be Thursday at Hunt & Sons Funeral Home from 4 to 8 p.m. Prior to that, Gilroy had a good week, picking up the Firefighter's endorsement. "That means manpower on the ground," said the campaign's Cam Carter of the 1,700-member union. He called the endorsement a counter to what he says is Peterson's "money to burn" campaign. While Peterson is running a heavy rotation of TV ads at a cost of around \$30,000 a week, Gilroy's campaign says it will be keeping its powder dry for the fall campaign. Peterson needs summer TV to keep his name ID up. *Indianapolis Star*

begins covering the city debt story describing

Gilroy's understanding of the issue as "sunny

claims" in a page 1 story on Tuesday. Gilroy

makes this strange claim: "We will continue to make sure that this city does not go into debt so that we have to mortgage our future." A box right next to that quote details \$908 million in outstanding bonds. Left out of that box is an estimated \$500 million in unfunded police and fire pensions. The *Star* says, "Gilroy said she had more to learn about municipal finances, but pointed out that the city has receive a triple-A bond rating." The big question for Gilroy is when is she going to get up to speed on city finance? Peterson continued to reiterate claims he made to NUVO earlier this month: "What we have is a number of what I call time bombs, big chunks of money that are due to various stages all the way down the road." The *Star* quotes Mayor Goldsmith as saying, "This is as politically distorted as it could be." Gilroy campaign is hosting a big fundraiser this week featuring names such as Don Marsh, Mitch Daniels, Jim Kittles, and Randall Tobias that could net at least \$250,000. The campaign is using the event to underscore Gilroy's "big business" support to counter Peterson's claim to making inroads there. **General Status:** *Tossup.*

Horse Race

INDIANA 2000 RACES

Governor: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, George Witwer, John Price.

Democrat: Gov. Frank O'Bannon. **1996 results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** McIntosh announcement is tentative for July 7. His Muncie Job Fair is on July 6 and is expected to attract several thousand job seekers. Look for McIntosh to incorporate that event into his announcement. The Republican establishment is seeking ways to get George Witwer and John Price to drop out of the race. Price is totally committed. He kicks off a 23-city tour on Wednesday promoting his "Hoosier Hope Scholars" program that guarantees college tuition to every B-student. It is modeled on Georgia's program and would cost around \$71 million a year, less than full-day kindergarten. "I got the idea from someone at the ISTA," Price said. "It will be a cornerstone of my campaign." Price is also looking at a female on the ticket. His short list includes Sens. Lubbers, Skillman and Connie Lawson. O'Bannon will keep an aggressive public profile, visiting Indiana State Police posts in Indianapolis, South Bend to launch the "Shoulder Responsibility" law that requires motorists to move over when police are stopped on the roadside. That is also designed to take the sting out of the State Police Alliance's complaints during the pay raise flap. On Thursday, the governor will speak to Marion County school security chiefs about the authorization of state training dollars for school safety in the wake of massacres across the nation. Indiana Democrats are distributing bumper stickers that read: "Thanks a Billion/Gov. O'Bannon." **General Status:** *Leans O'Bannon.*

Congressional District 2: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, Jim Huston, Mike Pence, Supt. Suellen Reed, State Rep.

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U.S. Reps. David McIntosh and John Hostettler at the Conservative Action Team have called for a \$142 million tax cut over the next five years. "In an era of multi-billion surpluses, it is ridiculous that American taxpayers face the largest tax burdens since World War II," said Hostettler. On Monday, President Clinton announced an anticipated \$99 billion surplus. The CAT proposal calls for eliminating the marriage penalty tax, abolishing the death tax, and eliminating the personal alternative minimum tax.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert is threatening to shorten or cancel the August Congressional recess if the House fails to complete all 13 spending bills in the next month (Roll Call). "We can't have this process drag out and drag out," Hastert said. "That's the point of this."

An Indiana Prevention Resource Center annual survey of tobacco and alcohol use by Indiana school children reveals that about 28,500 fewer Hoosier kids are smoking, compared to figures from a similar 1996 survey (Steve Hinnfield, Bloomington Herald-Times). The survey also revealed that marijuana, cocaine, prescription drugs and inhalant use also decreased. "Virtually everything was moving in the direction we're

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looking for," said William Bailey, director of the Indiana University based research center. Bailey credited the FDA's mandate for strict ID checks on purchases of alcohol in 1997 and ambitious efforts in Indiana to support school-based and community programs for middle school aged children during after-school hours.

Angelo Bertelli, who won the Heisman Trophy in 1943 while at Notre Dame, died Saturday at his home of brain cancer. He was 78. ❖

Jeff Linder. **Democrat:** Joe Hogsett, New Castle Mayor Sherman Boles, State Rep. Scott Mellinger, State Rep. Tiny Adams, State Sen. Tim Lanane, Troy Liggett, J.D. Lux. **Geography:** Muncie, Anderson, Richmond, Shelbyville, Columbus and East Central Indiana. **1994 results:** McIntosh 93,592, Hogsett 78,241. **1996 Results:** McIntosh 122,288, Carmichael (D) 83,478, Zimmerman (L) 4,662. **1998 Results:** McIntosh (R) 99,584, Boles (D) 62,426, Federle (L) 2,236. **2000 Forecast:** Democrats powwow in New Castle last Sunday. Says Ray Sheele of Hogsett, "He has some interest in the race" but would make no commitment. (*Muncie Star Press*). New names taking part in the meeting were first term State Sen. Tim Lanane, who's wife managed Hogsett's 1994 race against McIntosh, Rep. Tiny Adams, Troy Liggett, who is chief of staff of the Indiana House Ways and Means Committee, and Shelbyville attorney J.D. Lux. "We just want to get to know people who are potentially interested ... in what could be the most competitive House race in the nation," Scheele said. Boles explained, "I think a Democrat can raise money in an open seat. Joe Hogsett raised over \$800,000 when he ran." Our read on this is that Hogsett can get the nomination if he wants it. But he can't afford another loss and may see Gore as a liability. But then again, if Evan Bayh is on the ticket.... If Joe opts out, watch for either Lanane or Mellinger to emerge as a front-runner because they come from the district's population center. On the Republican side, McIntosh tells the *Indianapolis Star* he won't make an endorsement, which is something Pence will want before he gets in. McIntosh wants to tap Huston as his gubernatorial campaign manager. Watch for this race to take shape within the month after McIntosh declares for governor. **Status:** *Leans R.*

Congressional District 4: Republican: U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, Mike Loomis. **Democrat:** Brian Stier, Betty Tonsing. **Geography:** Fort Wayne, Huntington, NE Indiana. **1994 results:** Souder 83,466, Long 65,956. **1996 Results:** Souder 118,344, Houseman (D) 76,152, Bisson (L) 4,743. **1998 Results:** Souder 93,671, Wehrle 54,286. **2000 Forecast:** Things are heating up on the Democratic side. Fort Wayne Women's Bureau executive Betty Tonsing has announced she's running, but has raised only \$5,000. That's prompting Allen County Democratic Chairman Brian Stier to consider running. Tonsing was in Washington last week meeting with EMILY's List, the DCCC and the Women's Campaign Fund (Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). As for Souder, here is Smith's assessment: "Souder hasn't been tainted by any scandal. There's been some grumping about two of his votes in the last year. (He wasn't conservative enough for conservatives on impeachment, and he was too conservative fiscally for pragmatists when it came to the highway bill.) But overall his voting record seems compatible with northeast Indiana." **Status:** *Likely Souder.*



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