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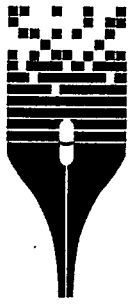

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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

"It confuses me, too. I think it was when I went down there and didn't eat a corn dog..."

- Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, on why he lost Vanderburgh County by 9,000 votes in the 1996 gubernatorial race.

Gingrich coup had a Mannweiler twist

McIntosh learned from Indiana confidence vote

WASHINGTON - Not unlike House Speaker Newt Gingrich's climb to power that began with the disputed 1984 8th CD race, the attempt to force him from power may have been tipped after U.S. Rep. David McIntosh watched a similar attempt in the Indiana General Assembly against Paul Mannweiler.

"I was personally informed by watching what happened in the Indiana legislature," McIntosh said in an exclusive HPR Interview (Pages 4-5). After watching Indiana House Majority Leader Mannweiler survive the insurgency, McIntosh, who participated in the early meetings of the GOP dissidents, "urged my colleagues to not take this to a vote, but go to the speaker and tell him we have some real problems."

McIntosh had a front row seat to the entire coup, including the pivotal July 10 meeting where the move to remove Gingrich took off. The Muncie Republican had been a leadership member who attended weekly strategy meetings but found himself increasingly alarmed about a drift in ideology, strategy and spin.

McIntosh believes that the July 23 caucus where members aired their complaints went a long way toward healing the rifts in the moribund GOP Congress. This week's historic budget agreement may be enough to placate most insurgents, who felt that Republican leaders were caving in to President Clinton.

U.S. Rep. Mark Souder was not one, however. "Beyond a doubt, he needed to go," Souder told the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette's* Sylvia Smith. As Smith reported, the plan was to get word privately to Gingrich through second-tier GOP leadership that the first Republican Speaker in 40 years should resign. "My goals were to have a voluntary 'I'm going to do other things,' a tribute to him, and a clean transition where everybody stays in place but you elected a new Speaker who the conference is united behind."

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PLAY OF THE WEEK: Republican Senate candidate John Price gets the nod because he may have unveiled a first. Price's campaign bumper sticker has his e-mail address on it. HPR has never seen anything like that. But Internet participation jumped ten-fold between 1992 and 1996 in a political context. HPR envisions campaign bumper stickers that go one step further than Price: Nothing but the e-mail address.

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FEC reports that former Gov. Evan Bayh has amassed $2.2 million for the 1998 U.S. Senate race. Republican Peter Rusthoven reported just over

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While McIntosh has been in leadership since he began representing the freshman class in 1995, Souder and U.S. Rep. John Hostettler have long been at odds with Gingrich.

The Speaker snubbed both Souder and Hostettler in January 1996 by cancelling fund raisers in Fort Wayne and Evansville over a budget vote. At that time, Souder said that while it would be an honor to have a House Speaker in Fort Wayne, Gingrich was actually a political liability.

Hostettler actually voted against Gingrich on Jan. 7 for his historic re-election bid. Hostettler, appearing at an Evansville fund raiser with U.S. Rep. Steve Largent after the coup attempt ended, told the Evansville Courier, "It's no secret. I've been a dissident of record since Jan. 7 of this year."

While Souder has been most blunt in his assessment of Gingrich's future, McIntosh has been the most vocal. In a July 27 *Washington Post* article by E.J. Dionne, Jr., McIntosh explained, "We don't have an agenda of our own. We've agreed to let Clinton lead and we'll react and that's led to our coalition falling apart."

Souder, McIntosh and Hostettler were clearly in Dionne's mind when he wrote, "Key players in this drama were members of the Class of 1994, the 'revolutionaries' for whom compromise was a concept born in a corrupt and despoiled Washington."

Dionne added, "Gingrich not only drew energy from the rebels, but set entirely new expectations for what a Speaker should be and what he should do."

But "the combination of the uncompromising freshmen and the highly exposed Gingrich proved a killer for the Republicans once they decided to fight Clinton on the 1995 budget and shut the government down - twice. Gingrich had been so successful in establishing himself as Washington's supreme leader figure that he and his party were blamed for the shutdowns."

The battle of ideology for the GOP isn't about to die down as the party heads toward the crucial 1998 elections. McIntosh is an ardent advocate of finishing the Contract With America. But ex-Quayle chief of staff William Kristol told Dionne that the contract "is kind of thin" and lacks the progressive thesis that drove Theodore Roosevelt's and Ronald Reagan's presidencies.

There is little doubt this story isn't over.

Democrats looking better in light of economy, reaction to the scandals

HORSE RACE

TRENDLINE: Hoosier Democrats have to be feeling their oats these days. President Clinton's popularity is near an all-time high. The Senate Campaign Finance hearings headed by Sen. Fred Thompson have thrown out a few juicy morsels (like Chinese espionage involved in Democratic politics) but the public doesn't give a doodle. The Starr investigation seems like a ponderous stretch into a grab bag of straws. And President Clinton (Son of Great Communicator) will be stumping for Congressional candidates next fall saying he delivered a Middle Class tax cut and the budget will be balanced. If something doesn't dramatically change, and with the economy and Wall Street pumping along at an amazing clip, the prospects for Indiana Democrats in the U.S. Senate, 8th and 9th CDs, the Indiana House and a couple of Statehouse offices have a somewhat rosier hue now. Last winter, there seemed to be a disaster lurking around any corner for virtually any Democrat.

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■ **INDIANA SENATE:** Paul Helmke will finally announce his Senate candidacy this week. He should not be summarily dismissed. Helmke has lost only one race (a Republican 4th CD primary in 1980) and can be a shrewd campaigner who will take his record on the road. Peter Rusthoven has rolled up an amazing number of endorsements and has raised $100,000. That should position him comfortably ahead of John Price. It's way too early to tell how Helmke's record as mayor of Fort Wayne will stack up against Rusthoven, who will assume the true conservative's theoretical mantle. Rusthoven might try to make the case that a Senator should have deep fundamental conservative roots, as opposed to Helmke, the administrator. Actually, the more Horse Race noses around this race, the more likely we think it will be extremely entertaining and insightful. Due to a lack of polling data and execution of the game plan, this race is a ***TOSSUP.***

■ **8TH CD DEMOCRATS:** A challenge by Evansville Councilwoman Gail Riecken in light of the current trends could spell significant trouble for U.S. Rep. John Hostettler, who only won re-election by 3,000 votes in 1996. The AFL-CIO has already spent tens of thousands of dollars to soften up Hostettler this year. He has been targeted by breast cancer legislation advocates. Riecken ran 1,000 votes ahead of Mayor Frank McDonald in the 1995 city elections so she is a proven vote-getter. If President Clinton's popularity even moderates a tad, and if Toyota, AK Steel and Alcoa keep hiring out $14-an-hour jobs, that spells good news for Democrats. ***TOSSUP***

■ **9TH CD REPUBLICANS:** This is another curious "will he or won't he" scenario that seem to be vogue this year. We saw it with Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy and Mayor Paul Helmke's dalliance with the U.S. Senate race. Now it's whether Kevin Shaw Kellems will seek the Republican nod here. It once seemed like almost a sure thing. Now Gilroy is telling HPR she wants Kellems to head up her 1998 re-election bid. As far as we can tell, Kellems really is now undecided. What if he doesn't get into the race? That pits the last two challengers to Lee Hamilton - Jean Leising and super anti-abortionist Michael Bailey - in the GOP primary. Leising should win that race, but just ask Charlie Loos about Michael Bailey. Both Leising and Bailey will try to outflank each other to the right, leaving Democrat Baron Hill looking like a moderate. Be assured that this race for an open seat has to be causing some weird scenes inside the goldmine for Mike McDaniel. ***LEANS DEMOCRATIC.***

■ **TREASURER:** Questions for the incumbent: Was Joyce Brinkman's handing out bonuses this week - albeit out of her own pocket - really wise politics just after the Morris Wooden fiascos? Is she hurting herself in Marion County with the log rolling suit?

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$100,000 with $60,000 cash-on-hand. The two other U.S. Senate hopefuls - Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke and Indianapolis attorney John Price - did not have enough money to report at the June 30 deadline.

Nearly 300 Lake and Porter county residents showed up at the Citizen's Commission on Taxes in Merrillville last week to express their desire for an overhaul of the current system. "I believe the current system cannot be administered fairly," said Joseph Harkin of Highland (Robin Biesen, Munster Times). "The only fair way to tax anything equitably is to base it on income." Commission chairman Kurt Zorn told the crowd, "We have been given the task to come up with recommendations for a system of taxation that is simpler and fairer and more competitive for Indiana. Every form of taxation right now is on the table."

Two Cass County Republicans are likely to seek the 1998 Clerk of the Courts nomination: Republican Chairman Jeff Stanton and Dr. Ralph Anderson, an unsuccessful legislative candidate in House District 24.

Al Rachles, Democratic vice chair in the 6th CD, is exploring a run against U.S. Rep. Dan

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McIntosh walks through his role in the coup attempt against Gingrich

HPR INTERVIEW

"We started a process where the Speaker became very aware that he had acute problems. I was personally informed by watching what happened in the Indiana legislature. Paul Mannweiler received an overwhelming support but so did his leadership team. So I urged my colleagues to not take this vote, but go to the Speaker and tell him we have some real problems...."
- Rep. David McIntosh

WASHINGTON - Between floor votes last week, U.S. Rep. David McIntosh talked to HPR about the aborted coup against House Speaker Newt Gingrich and the events that led up to it.

McIntosh has long been a part of the Gingrich "Tuesday afternoon" inner circle that at one point had helped fashion the Contract With America into one of the swiftest moving reform initiatives of the 20th Century. But in the past half year, House Republicans have been bogged down with a lack of clarity on the issues, poor spin, and disastrous results on the disaster relief bill. This was how the unsuccessful coup began.

HPR: What has been going on in Washington?

McIntosh: Ha! Interesting times!

HPR: Tell me how you've gone from giving the report from Muncie at the Tuesday leadership meetings to at least having a standing in the anti-Newt camp.

McIntosh: I'm still very much involved in the leadership group as a representative of my class - the sophomore class. What we saw happening in the last few weeks was essentially a probably more public than it should be airing of dirty laundry as members in the Republican leadership and members of the rank and file became increasingly concerned that our majority had been drifting for the last six months. We came in when I was first elected with the Contract With America to balance the budget and pass tax cuts. We ended up accomplishing a lot of things in those first two years. We didn't get the balanced budget legislation through but we did get welfare and agriculture reform passed. We got some tax relief in targeted areas.

HPR: So where did the downfall begin?

McIntosh: After this last election as we were coming together, the leadership team came together and said, "Look, we won the Congressional elections. We have a majority of Republicans for the first time in 66 years that were re-elected. But the President won the presidency and so he deserves to have a chance to lead. So let's see what he proposes in the State of the Union Address. He may come over to some of our issues - the balanced budget. So let's see where he goes."

HPR: OK.

McIntosh: That meant there was no agenda developed for the Republicans. At the same time, many of us had run for re-election saying, "We're going to continue pushing for a balanced budget and tax cuts, smaller government - items that were in the Contract With America." In other words, restoring moral values, strengthening the family. Those also got put on hold while we waited to see what was happening. The President - and I don't want to go into why - didn't put forth the bold new agenda for his second term. At the same time, the President signaled he wanted to negotiate with Congress over some items: having a balanced budget agreement that addressed Medicare was one of them. Limited tax cuts was another. But the cost for us was that he wanted more spending. So with the balanced budget agreement worked out, frankly, many of us on the conservative side had grave misgivings about it. We're giving up too much. In the name of getting an agreement with the President we're either putting on hold or giving up key principles on shrinking the size of government. But more important, there were a lot of issues across the whole conference where members felt the leadership was no longer true to our principles. A lot of us - I was one of them - spoke out publicly when the Speaker said maybe we could put off tax cuts. But he got the message very quickly and he put tax cuts back in the budget agreement. As those things mounted, increasingly I heard and my colleagues heard from Republicans back home. Bob Dailey, the former Indiana speaker of the House, wrote letters to many members, saying, "I'm not going to contribute money to Republicans when you keep caving in to the President." We heard that message and went to our leadership and said, "We have to get back to our agenda. We've got to change course, or the voters who elected us are going to lose faith and we'll

end up losing in 1998."

HPR: What was the time sequence of this?

McIntosh: The terrible performance on the disaster bill where we had two issues that were meritorious. We should have disaster relief but not with pork barrel spending. And we should have a provision that says the government shouldn't be shut down next fall if the President reneges on the budget deal. And we lost on both because of bad strategy and bad leadership, which is to say the Speaker and his team.

HPR: Wasn't there an incremental approach as to how these issues should be handled at your Tuesday afternoon meetings?

McIntosh: Yes, a lot of them were aired. A lot of them in the conference and several on the leadership team felt those concerns were not being listened to. They felt the speaker had his own agenda and was not following through on the agenda we as a conference had put together after the last election. So as these concerns were aired, all of us said, "You can't cave in to the President on the disaster bill. You've got to get out and tell the American people why these things are important. And yet the decision was made - I forget if it was on a Wednesday - it was after the Tuesday meeting - to cave to the President on that bill. Those frustrations kept mounting. And people started saying, "Something has to change." And what triggered it more recently was a signal the Speaker gave in the press that would compromise on the tax cuts with the President. To have a lower amount of tax cuts and be willing to extend some of the tax cuts into welfare payments on income tax credits, on some of the capital gains tax relief. People were saying, "This is not what we came here to do. We've given up before we've even had the negotiations with President Clinton." And the leadership team started feeling that as well and came and said, "Are you thinking of us having the speaker step down?" And a group of us said we were so concerned about him being off message that we were ready to do that. And we asked, "Are you in the leadership ready to ask him to step down?"

HPR: Your office's spin early this month was that tax cuts were more important than leadership changes. At what point did you break from that?

McIntosh: I voiced that all the way through and I voiced it with my colleagues in these meetings and most of them agreed. A lot of them felt their hand was pushed when it became public in a news story which was, they felt, forced action at that time. In fact, there was no coup. Nobody forced action. Nobody went to the floor and moved that there should be a vote of confidence and the Speaker should step down. The result of that was, though, we started a process where the Speaker became very aware that he had acute problems and what I think happened here, I was personally informed by watching what happened in the Indiana Legislature - the request for a vote of confidence. Paul Mannweiler received an overwhelming support but so did the rest of his leadership team. So I urged my colleagues to not take this to a vote, but go to the Speaker and tell him we have some real problems and say, "If we have another 18 months like the last six months of drifting, no agenda, breaking promises to voters, they're going to throw us out. Something has to change: either the Speaker has to step down or there has to be a big change.

HPR: Was July 10 the crucial night?

McIntosh: That night is the night one of the members of leadership - Tom DeLay - came to a group of rank and file members and had a frank discussion. A very frank discussion about options for replacing the Speaker. Tom said, "As a member of leadership I advise you not to do this." We had a long discussion and at the end of it, people asked him, "You understand there is a problem and are you willing to replace the Speaker." He said, "Yes, and we can to that together." Last night, he explained that he immediately realized he had said the wrong thing. As a member of leadership, he had sent a signal that started the coup attempt. He wanted to take the words and stuff them back into his mouth. That lead to the series of events that have been widely discussed. The bottom line is that we came together yesterday and agreed we were going to focus on developing a complete agenda, fighting for the tax cuts, and the Speaker apologized and said he had made mistakes. There was a catharsis from the Republican team that said, "We have a higher obligation."

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Burton. Rachles is an accountant with Crowe Chizek.

South Bend activist T. Brooks Brademas was arrested last week after he "allegedly fled from the scene of a two-vehicle accident" the South Bend Tribune reported. Brademas is the brother of former Congressman John Brademas.

Former legislative candidate Scott Minette had his pharmacy license seized by the State Board of Pharmacy on July 9. The Evansville Courier reported that it came "after an admission by Minnette that he was stealing painkillers from a local Revco Drug Store where he worked. Minnette "was also responsible for selling assets owned jointly" by an Evanville couple during a divorce proceeding. Minette lost a 1996 Republican primary race against State Rep. Vaneta Becker. The Courier reported that Minnette told the paper that "he became addicted to painkillers after the election and that he had since attempted to make restitutions. He also said he was seeking help and had not taken any drugs since March 25 when he told his supervisor of the addiction and alleged theft.

The Evansville Courier's Doug Sword described Indianapolis

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Mayor Stephen Goldsmith this way in a story earlier this week: "After being on the wrong end of one of the country's biggest election upsets last year, there was speculation that Stephen Goldsmith was so disheartened he wouldn't be able to complete his term as Indianapolis mayor. In retrospect, that may well qualify as the silliest political theory of 1996. Far from just serving out the remaining three years of his term, Goldsmith has been what he has always been: an active, perhaps even hyperactive, agent of change."

In the Courier interview, Goldsmith said he will be talking with reporters about a new idea he and Gary Mayor Scott King have hatched: a new mayor's association from the state's larger urban areas. "I think there are a lot of common issues between the large cities of Indiana," Goldsmith said.

A straw poll will be taken at the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association convention in French Lick in late August on the likely 2000 presidential race between Vice President Al Gore and U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt. When HPR asked former AG Pam Carter recently on the set of the Mike Pence Show whether Indiana

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COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Ronald Brownstein, *Los Angeles Times* - On one side of Capitol Hill, Republicans are recovering from the aborted conservative coup against House Speaker Newt Gingrich. On the other side, House Democratic leader Richard A. Gephardt is systematically cutting himself loose from President Clinton. That's no coincidence. This turmoil shares the same fuel - the enormous unease that the enforced cohabitation in Washington is generating among true believers in both parties. In each of these sandbox revolutions, more than ideology is involved. Gephardt's serial dissents from the administration on the budget, welfare, China, free trade and reforming Medicare derive partly from the Missourian's need to create contrasts with Vice President Al Gore for 2000. Meanwhile, Gingrich's ethical problems, his low public approval rating and his tendency to shoot from the lip all encouraged plotting against him. But on each side the unrest has at its core an ideological grudge. The edges of both parties are simultaneously rebelling against Clinton's success at narrowing the public choices to a slim space around the center. Gephardt and his allies on the Democratic left think that Clinton is conceding too much to Republicans. The conservatives think that Gingrich - and for that matter, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott - are conceding too much to Clinton. "The problem stems from a decision to not engage the president on any fundamental issues," said Rep. David M. McIntosh, a leading House dissident.

Phil Wieland, *Munster Times* - Why did the Indiana legislature bother passing the state's Open Door Law if obeying it is pretty much optional, especially in Northwest Indiana where lawyers seem to specialize in fabricating flimsy excuses for holding secret meetings? For seven months the Lake County Commissioners Chapter of the Secret Squirrel Society has played before a house apparently packed only with county attorney John Dull. After deciphering all of Dull's convoluted legal logic for convening the series of secret sessions, it's clear the reason is simple: They are lazy. It's time for the legsislature to show some real cajones and put some teeth in the law. Make officials personally liable for the legal fees and subject to punitive damages and jail time. If that sounds too severe for abusing the public trust, how about automatic and permanent expulsion from office? And take away their Secret Squirrel Society decoder rings.

Mary Beth Schneider, *Indianapolis Star* - Helmke isn't dissuaded. "I've got to show the true-blue Republicans that I don't have horns," he says. As mayor, he says, he's been pursuing the kind of government Republicans want, "exactly what the Reagan revolution should be." But when I asked other Republicans about a Helmke candidacy, they were stumped. No one could see him winning. Helmke dismisses such insider talk as premature. His challenge, he knows, is to turn those doubters into believers.

Mike Smith, *Associated Press* - A public employee union called it "hurried and scantily detailed decision." The head of an advocacy group for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled called it a "thoughtful response" given the circumstances. A state senator said it was "the direct result of eight years of neglect" by former Gov. Evan Bayh and his administration and a decision made with no community input. It has many family members wondering where their loved ones will go, how they will be cared for, and whether that care will be better or worse. The administration of Gov. Frank O'Bannon said it was a necessary move given past problems at the center and a serious threat to future Medicare funding. Overall, the O'Bannon administration's announcement last week that it will close the New Castle State Developmental Center was another chapter in continuing controversy. And it won't be the last chapter.

PERHAPS... WE WANDER

By Brian Howey

McIntosh's job fair another great example of an astute politician

MUNCIE - There should be little doubt how the 2nd CD - held for two decades by Democratic U.S. Rep. Phil Sharp - is now a strong a Republican district.

U.S. Rep. David McIntosh has proved brilliant in not only understanding the issues facing the district, but playing them in an ideological context that has brought a continuous flood of good reviews.

When he went to Congress in 1995, he was known as "Dr. Dereg" intent on terrorizing environmentalists by dumping Pandora's Box into the wetlands of America and turning private industries on to the poor and weak with deregulation legislation. McIntosh responded that year by getting the FDA to approve a drug in low supply that helped save an Anderson boy's life.

He chided OSHA regulations that prohibited road crews from wearing shorts in extremely hot weather.

McIntosh has consistently applied the notion of good, common sense to issues that tend to hit Americans in the context of their everyday workplaces and homes.

Last week, McIntosh worked to perfection another classic common sense notion: a jobs fair in his Congressional district. He knew that many of the aging auto-related and garment industries in the northern part of his district in Muncie, New Castle, Portland and Anderson were losing 1,400 jobs, while many industries in the southern part of the district - Shelbyville, Columbus and Greensburg - were starving for good employees.

Madison, Jay, Wayne, Henry and Delaware counties all have unemployment rates between 3.5 and 4 percent; the state average is 3.2 percent. Bartholomew, Decatur and Rush counties have jobless rates of less than 3 percent.

What occurred at the Muncie National Guard Armory was more than 120 companies from the 2nd CD who set up booths. They were met by "thousands" who "flooded a sweltering National Guard Armory for a chance at a good or better job" (Dave Penticuff, *Munce Star Press)*. The *Star Press* put the count at 4,200 people. The *Anderson Herald-Bulletin* put the figure at 3,000.

In addition to the company booths, people could get help with their resumes and do a mock job interview to practice skills before heading to the other side of the armory to hand out the resume and do actual interviews.

The laudatory press clippings McIntosh received indicate just how politically and socially astute he is. "By doing something to meet the needs of these workers and communities, McIntosh has taken an aggressive and important initiative," editorialized the *Star Press*. "We thank him for it, and hope that it can be repeated in the future...."

The *Star Press's* news coverage included a three-photo package along with Penticuff's story.

Jim McKinney of the *Shelbyville News* observed, "The congressman's job fair concept is indeed imaginative and resourceful."

The *Rushville Republican* and the *Portland News-Gazette* both had front page coverage of the fair. "Following through on his work to assist the working class in securing their financial futures, Congressman David McIntosh on Monday will host a job fair designed to help the unemployed find work within the Second District," was the lead on B.L. Cain's Rushville Republican story.

The *Richmond Palladium-Item's* lead story went like this: "Area residents heading to a fair in Muncie, Ind., on Monday won't find cotton candy or carnival rides. What they will find is help with a resume and possibly even a job."

I think you get the picture. It was the kind of press coverage that many politicians salivate over.

McIntosh not only has the good ideas, he works 'em to perfection.

TICKER TAPE

was a Gore or Gephardt state, Carter said she didn't know. Gov. O'Bannon appointed Boonville attorney S. Anthony Long to the State Election Commission. Long replaces Jeffery Mallamad. Others on the election commission are Democrat Owen "Butch" Morgan of South Bend and Republicans Dudley Cruea of Covington and Joseph Perkins of Indianapolis.

House Republican Leader Paul Mannweiler has appointed Mary Lynn Ricks director of communications. Ricks was formerly deputy secretary of state to Sue Anne Gilroy.

Gov. O'Bannon hit the road in Richmond, New Castle, Muncie and Kokomo saying he kept his campaign promise to add 500 police officers statewide. "By deploying more police officers, we send a message - a message that we as a society will not tolerate surrendering our streets to outlaws, drugs and violence," O'Bannon said.

Mayor Goldsmith's administration is in the process of adopting Operation Broken Window, a New York City anti-crime campaign that cracks down on minor crimes with the intent of also bringing down violent crime such as homicide. NYC's murder rate has dropped 45 percent in recent years.

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Indianapolis is on a record homicide pace this year. Ironically, the issue of whether NYC or Indianapolis was a safer city was a major campaign debate between Goldsmith and Rex Early in the 1996 gubernatorial primary.

Gary City Councilman Chuck Hughes got Kmart to provide the city with 800 free trigger locks (Lauri Harvey, Munster Times). "If both parents are at work, school is out now and the kids are in the house and they are going to explore and find that gun," Hughes said.

Quayle, Kemp, Gingrich to speak in Indianapolis

Here is the schedule of speakers and events at the 1997 Midwest Republican Leadership Conference in Indianapolis in Aug. 22-24.

The events will take place at the Westin Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. For information on tickets and press credentials, contact John Willey at 317-635-7561.

Friday, Aug. 22

Luncheon, noon to 1:30, Speaker Newt Gingrich and Republican National Chairman Jim Nicholson.

Listening to America, 1:45 to 3:15 p.m., a special report and response from Bill McInturff.

Midwestern Governors, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Hoosier Hospitality BBQ, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, 5 p.m., with former Vice President Dan Quayle.

Saturday Aug. 23

Breakfast, 8-9:30 a.m., LaMar Alexander and Alan Keyes, hosted by Mayor Stephen Goldsmith.

Seminar: Strengthening America Through Public-Private Partnerships, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Luncheon: 12:15 to 1:45 p.m., U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson.

Issue Track and Campaign Track, 2-3:15 p.m., Communicating with America; Gender politics; The Republican Congressional Agenda; and The Power Program.

Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Sunday Aug. 24

Breakfast, 8:30 to 9:30, U.S. Rep. J.C. Watts.

Issue Track and Campaign Track, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., Republican Innovations in Education Reform; Computer Campaigns; The Environment; Voter ID, Registration and Turnout; and Fund Raising.

Luncheon: Former vice presidential nominee Jack Kemp.

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