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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

"I don't shake hands with a man I don't respect...."

- State Rep. Jerry Bales, to GOP primary opponent Jeff Ellington, who approached him after winning the rec unt, t the Bloomington Herald-Times

Helmke won't press; Bayh ain't talkin'

Former governor is elusive on the big issues

INDIANAPOLIS - Where does Evan Bayh stand on Clinton's trip to China? Or global warming? Or fast track? Would he have supported the tobacco bill?

Hoosiers don't know because Evan ain't talkin'. And his opponent, Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke, isn't pressing him on the issues. The last time a gathering of reporters saw Evan Bayh was at 7 p.m. on primary night. He said then that he would likely be in bed before his opponent was determined. The former governor was nowhere to be found the day after the election.

It has been almost a month since HPR tried to sit down with Evan Bayh for an interview to find out where he stands on an array of issues. When we got back with Bayh spokesman Tom Sugar last week, we were told, "Evan's had a hectic fund-raising schedule during the last part of June."

Therein lies the strategy that Paul Helmke has afforded him. Evan Bayh will report more than $4 million when the FEC reports are released on July 15. Helmke will probably report less than $200,000. Bayh's strategy is simple: keep aloof and out of sight (except for his campaign donors), accumulate hundreds of thousands of additional dollars, then bomb the hell out of Helmke after Labor Day with a total airwar based on 30-second soundbites.

Helmke will be hard pressed to compete. His spokesman, Peter Slen, will only say, "We exceeded expectations" with regard to the June 30 FEC report. Slen did report there was a $500 check that just came in from retired Gen. Colin Powell. The problem facing the Helmke campaign is that his failure to press Bayh on the issues has minimalized the race as far as most reporters are concerned.

HPR has learned that U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar urged Helmke to "go out and make some news" after his 1 percentage point primary victory on May 5. Helmke made news by introducing President

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The Indiana Democratic Convention will meet Saturday, July 11, with the slogan "Progress Not Partisanship." The gathering returns to the Indiana Convention Center after meeting in 1996 at the Pepsi Coliseum at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Speakers will include Evan Bayh, Gov. Frank O'Bannon, Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan, AG Jeff Modisett, Speaker John Gregg, Senate Minority Leader Richard Young and the statehouse candidates. The keynote address will be delivered by U.S. Sen. Joe Biden. Schedule for the events will be special interest caucuses at 8 a.m.; district caucuses at 10 a.m.; convention gaveled to order at 2 p.m.

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Clinton a few days after his victory, followed by a garbage rate increase in Fort Wayne, the signing of an anti-smoking ordinance (and override of a companion bill), and ruminations of tobacco-style legislation against handguns. At the Republican convention, Helmke attempted to tie Bayh to Loral and the Chinese missile controversy. But Bayh didn't even respond to that charge - Sugar did.

On Wednesday, Helmke had his first press conference in weeks concerning the Senate race and pressed Evan Bayh on how many debates have been proposed.

Missing is any notion of smoking Bayh out on the controversial issues of the day. Both of Helmke's primary opponents - John Price and Peter Rusthoven - had planned to take Lugar's advice in the weeks immediately following the primary to "make some news." Sugar told HPF that the Bayh campaign would have been most uncomfortable with Price because of his reputation as a bomb thrower.

In contrast, Helmke seemed almost surprised he won and appeared to lack a cohesive post-primary strategy. He spent a day with Lugar in the Evansville area last week and hit a theme used often by all three candidates in the primary: "Indiana cannot afford to cancel Dick Lugar's vote in the Senate. Make no mistake about it, the combination of Evan and Albert and Bill will not fit the tradition of Lugar and Quayle and Coats," Helmke said.

Helmke's Elections

1980 4th Congressional District	
Dan Coats	18,794
Paul Helmke	8,217
McDonald	7,426
1987 Fort Wayne Mayor	
Paul Helmke	26,194
Winfield Moses Jr.	24,179
1991 Fort Wayne Mayor	
Paul Helmke	21,415
Charlie Belch	14,766
1995 Fort Wayne Mayor	
Paul Helmke	21,918
Thomas Essex (D)	11,042
William Kempf (L)	1,029
1998 U.S. Senate	
Paul Helmke	138,960
John Price	131,327
Peter Rusthoven	124,711

PERHAPS... WE WANDER

By Brian Howey

Carson, Hofmeister comment on Lott's gay remarks

INDIANAPOLIS - First there was Sen. Trent Lott's assessment of whether homosexuality was a sin. "Yes it is," he responded. "In America right now there's an element that wants to make that alternative life style acceptable."

Those remarks set off a firestorm of both criticism and agreement. Rep. Dick Armey said, "The Bible is very clear about this." Sen. Don Nickles added, "I think it's immoral behavior."

. And then there was Sen. Richard Lugar, who told the *New York Times*, "I don't believe the party is likely to grow stronger or our voters more numerous through attacks on minorities whether they be sexual minorities or religious or racial minorities."

So, how does that play in Indianapolis?

Gary Hofmeister, the 10th CD Republican nominee, prefaced his response by acknowledging that he had long been a contributor to Theater on the Square, a downtown venue that often offers occassional gay and lesbian dramas. "I'm not a gay-basher," he said.

In the next breath, Hofmeister notes that leading gay and lesbian coalitions have advocated presenting that lifestyle as an alternative choice for students. "The thought my grandchildren may be subjected to that makes me furious. I wouldn't agree to that in a million years," Hofmeister said. "Maybe that is not what is coming out here in Indiana right now, but changing the laws to changing behavior as opposed to something inborn - and there lies another rub - is opening the door for this kind of thing to happen."

Would Hofmeister oppose, say, city ordinances that would allow benefits to gay couples? "I am not for that. Once again it's the slippery slope. When society does something with their laws - it offers tacit approval. The family does not need to be redefined. A family is a man, woman and children."

Hofmeister added, "I hope you understand. This is not a personal attack; not an attempt to disenfranchise anyone. No one want s to beat them up, kill them, take away their rights. But a family does need to be confined. We want to protect our children."

Hofmeister's 10th CD opponent, U.S. Rep. Julia Carson, had a different take on Lott's comments. "I was saddened by the comments by one of our nation's individuals who holds leadership position. I think that exemplifies a very ugly kind of attitude toward human beings. I wish we could say we moved on and be more sensitive and tolerant of the difference of people."

Carson said the "glaring" part of Lott's comments was when he compared homosexuals to kleptomaniacs.

Carson agreed with Hofmeister on the topic of making the gay lifestyle a part of school curriculum. "I can't say I'd want to see that part of the curriculum," she said. "I'd have to get into the specifics of what Trent Lott said, as far as curriculum, I would have to read it into its full context in order to make a correct response."

O'Bannon will seek full-day kindergarten

Gov. Frank O'Bannon will likely come out for full-day kindergarten. He told reporters on Tuesday that Republican Sen. Borst believes it is fiscally feasible.

Told that Democratic Rep. B. Patrick Bauer wasn't singing the same tune, O'Bannon said, "That's still being discussed with Rep. Bauer." Which begged a further question: Would the governor really like a Democratic House in 1999?

"I'd prefer to have a Democratic House," O'Bannon said. "They would be more responsive to what I'm thinking about."

But the governor said that no matter who controls the House, "Actually you do what you think is best for our state."

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and adjournment at 6:30 p.m.

State Rep. John Ulmer was sworn in as representative from House District 49. He will complete the term of the late Rep. Philip Warner, who died in June.

Ellen Whitt has been named campaign manager for Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy.

Democratic auditor candidate Bob Hill expressed his "outrage" that former deputy auditor Michael Bosworth was paid $10,000 prior to leaving office after pleading guilty to stealing $16,000. "I can't believe that a man who was convicted of stealing more than $16,000 from the taxpayers of this state was given almost another $10,000 from Auditor Wooden," Hill said. "This is just another example of the inept management of the current Republican administration in the auditor's office."

United Methodist pastor John Gibson has formed a third party - Our Party - and announced he is running for mayor of Indianapolis in 1999. That would likely make it a three-way race. Democrats are coalescing around former Bayh chief of staff Bart Peterson and most observers are expecting Mayor Stephen Goldsmith to seek a third

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1998 Racing Form

Republicans will target

19th - Gasparovic v. Kuzman

34th - Vanleer v. Adams

46th - Lohr v. Tincher

56th - Paust v. Bodiker

80th - Becker v. GiaQuinta

97th - Schultz v. Mahern

Democrats will target

20th - Underly v. Budak

30th - Herrell v. Burkhardt

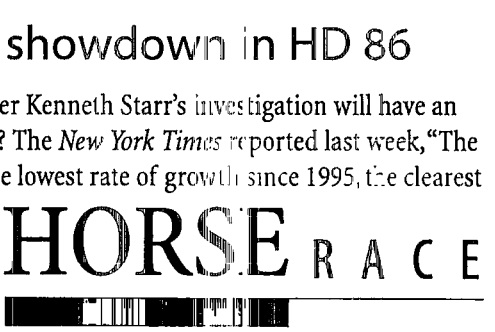
54th - Hamilton v. Saunders

60th - Welch v. Ellington

94th - Bardon v. Marendt

Atterholt, Carwile in caucus showdown in HD 86

OK, let's move beyond the notions of whether Kenneth Starr's investigation will have an impact on the fall elections. How about the economy? The *New York Times* reported last week, "The nation's manufacturers have slowed production to the lowest rate of growth since 1995, the clearest sign so far that the Asian crisis is hurting the American economy." It pegged the manufacturing growth rate at 2 percent, down from 6 percent a year ago. Those are ominous signs for incumbents. Nothing like an economy on the brink of a recession to wake up the Hoosier voters who seem to think that growth and prosperity are here for good.



In our status report, **Toss-Up** means the race is within a statistical margin of error or we're on to something; **Leans** is just outside the margin of error and up to 9 percent; **Likely** is 10 to 15 points; and **Solid** means watch out for a landslide.

Congressional Races

Congressional District 2:

Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh. **Democrat:** New Castle Mayor Sherman Boles. **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 Forecast:** This past week is a classic example of why it is so tough to run for something while you are mayor. Boles found himself with angry New Castle public safety workers over a proposed 5 percent pay hike. New Castle employees are the worst paid among third class Indiana cities and they wanted a 10 percent increase. WRTV had Boles saying he had streets to pave and didn't know how much snow would fall. That snit could last well into August before a budget is passed. **Status:** Solid R.

Congressional District 4:

Republican: U.S. Rep. Mark Souder. **Democrat:** Mark Wehrle. **Geography:** Fort Wayne, Huntington, NE Indiana. **1994 results:** Souder 83,466, Long 65,956. **1996 Results:** Souder 118,344, Houserman (D) 76,152, Bisson (L) 4,743. **1998 Forecast:** Mark Wehrle doesn't have much money, but he came out swinging at Souder this week, criticizing the incumbent for advocating drug testing small business employees. "Mark Souder has never met a citizen he didn't want to test for drugs," Wehrle said in a letter to the Journal Gazette. The Democrat advocates decriminalizing marijuana. "Citizens of the 4th District do not want to waste tax dollars to satisfy one congressman's obsession with the never-ending and ever-expanding war on drugs." Wehrle also criticized Souder for not helping the 4th CD get $12 million in federal highway money. **Status:** Solid R.

Congressional District 9:

Republican: Jean Leising. **Democrat:** Baron Hill. **Geography:** New Albany, Jeffersonville, Madison, Nashville and SE Indiana. **1994 results:** Hamilton 91,459, Leising 84,315. **1996 Results:** Hamilton 128,885, Leising 97,747, Feeney (L) 2,315. **1998 Forecast:** Leising calls in the Armey - Dick Armey - to spike her June 30 FEC numbers that will be crucial to the rest of her campaign. Hill responded by saying, "Armey's radical politics would gut public education. The people of Southern Indiana have come to expect the moderate, common sense of Lee Hamilton, not the extreme rhetoric of Dick Armey and Jean Leising." **Status:** Likely D.

Indiana House Races

House District 46:

Republican: David Lohr. **Democrat:** Rep. Vern Tincher. Geography: Vigo, Greene, Sullivan counties. **1994 Results:** Lohr 8,160, Tincher 8,034. **1996 Results:**

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Tincher 9,858, Lohr 9,759, Minx 531. **1998 Forecast:** U.S. Rep. David McIntosh's Indiana Family and Freedom Committee declares, "The IFFC and the House Republican Campaign Caucus both consider David Lohr's candidacy as one of the top - if not the number one - races in Indiana this year and will actively assist David's campaign." **Status:** Toss-Up.

House District 53: **Republican:** Councilman Robert Cherry. **Democrat:** Sarah Wolf. Geography: Greenfield, Rushville, Hancock and Rush counties. **1994 Results:** Gulling (R) 13,945 unopposed. **1996 Results:** Gulling (R) 20,174 unopposed. **1998 Forecast:** We're putting this race back in the mix. A judge in Hancock County has ordered Cherry to immediately remit higher child support payments to his daughter and wife. Carl Prine of the *Greenfield Daily Reporter* writes that Cherry reduced his child support payments in September 1997 while at the same time loaned his campaign $1,624. This is how Wolf responded: "He easily could have followed the law. If he could not afford to pay the child support, he could have followed proper legal procedures. That's what you do. You follow the law. You do not willingly break it." Cherry said the loan to his campaign was a "coincidence" and added that the two monetary events "have no relationship at all." Another element was that his ex-wife had a stroke and is now permanently disabled. Whatever the moral perspective is, it is a tangled, messy affair to hit a small town daily newspaper. The wrenching turn of events went so far as to feature a letter to the editor from Cherry's two sons. They called Prine's story "misleading and erroneous." The two sons added, "Our father has been and continues to be a role model father. Furthermore, it is unfortunate that Ms. Wolf has attempted to create a campaign issue based upon our family situation." They signed off on the letter: "We are very proud to call him Dad." Both parties either have been or will be in the field tracking this month. It will be interesting to see what the data says on this one. **Primary Status:** Leans R.

House District 60: **Republican:** Jeff Ellington. **Democrat:** Peggy Welch. **Geography:** Bloomington, Bloomfield, Lawrence, Greene and Monroe counties. **1994 results:** Bales 11,825, Anderson 5,210. **1996 Results:** Bales 15,743, Germann (L) 1,931. **1998 Forecast:** Ellington officially is declared the winner in a recount by 26 votes, up from his 18-vote lead in the primary. As Ellington approached Bales after the recount announcement was made, Bales refused to take his hand, saying, "I don't shake hands with a man I don't respect." Bales says he might appeal the ruling, even telling Kurt Van der Dussen of the *Herald-Times* that he might appeal to the entire House. Bales accused Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy and the recount commission of not following the law. Ellington's attorney, Vigo County Republican Chairman James Bopp, continually argued voter intent rather than disenfranchise hundreds of voters because of errors by election officials. Bales said after the hearing, "I'm going to get on with my personal life - no more parades or county fairs. I've been a Monroe County legislator longer than anybody else. I can look back at that with a lot of pride and no regrets. I have no regrets about anything I've ever done." **Status:** *LIKELY R.*

House District 86: **Republican:** Open. **Democrat:** Open. **Geography:** Indianapolis. **1994 results:** Keeler (R) 17,798, Borman (D) 9,239, Godsey (L) 586. **1996 Results:** Keeler 14,906, Shields (D) 5,042. **1998 Forecast:** Jim Atterholt, Congressman Burton's district director, seemed to have a lock on winning the July 21 caucus to replace retiring Rep. John Keeler. But Jane Carwile, a former legislative aide to Sen. Lugar, a banker and member of the Pike Township Finance Committee, is offering feisty resistance. Most observers say Atterholt has most of the 36 Washington Township votes locked up. Carwile is expected to gather in most of the 26 Pike Township votes and has the backing of Pike GOP chair Liz Keele. The real battleground will be the 12 Wayne Township votes. This will be an interesting showdown between the Burton and Lugar factions of the GOP. Carwile is a graduate of the Lugar Series which began eight years ago with the intention of putting more women into public office. Lugar Series director Judy Singleton withdrew from the caucus so that a female candidate would have a chance. Atterholt has the backing of Marion County Sheriff Jack Cottey. Whoever wins the caucus will win this fall. **Status:** *TOSS-UP.*

✍ *Brian A. Howey*

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term. Gibson said in his announcement that Indianapolis is a city "searching for its soul" and promised a grassroots campaign. He said Our Party would also field a slate of council candidates.

South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke has come out in favor of a study committee's recommendation that the city oppose any attempts by the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Indians to locate a land-based casino in St. Joseph County. "I don't want a casino to be the centerpiece of what we're known for," said Luecke. "I don't think they're good as a keystone image for this community" (Terrence Bland, South Bend Tribune). "I would take a public position in opposition to the casino."

Kevin Shaw Kellems has formed a new Indianapolis-based communications and public relations consulting firm with Melissa Dollaghan. It will be called Kellems Dollaghan Communications with offices in both Washington and Indianapolis. Dollaghan is a former spokeswoman and speechwriter for U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton and has worked in communications for several congressmen. Kellems is a former aide to Sen. Richard Lugar and set up Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy's 1998 re-elec-

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tion campaign.

Greg Champion, brother of Marion County Democratic prosecutor candidate Joe Champion, has left the county clerk's office to join his campaign.

U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton told the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette that the "drumbeat of criticism on the president on China has had its impact. The House is in a very anti-China mood." Hamilton added that "you could see the residue of the old Cold War here" (Sylvia Smith, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette).

Former Vice President Dan Quayle told Katie Couric on NBC's Today Show, "I'll tell you what, I'll let all the perfect spellers support Al Gore, and those of you who have trouble spelling should support me."

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar called the enactment of the Agricultural Research, Extension and Education Reform Act a historic moment in American agriculture. It will "help America's farmers and ranchers meet the challenges of a rapidly expanding world. With global population expected to double during the next 50 years and food demand expected to triple during that same period, great

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Results from contested Indiana primaries

U.S. Senate

Bayh (D)	324,923
Helmke (R)	138,960
Price (R)	131,327
Rusthoven (R)	124,711

1st CD

Visclosky (D)	45,845
Huerter (D)	7,027
Petyo (R)	9,197
Leyva (R)	3,743

3rd CD

Roemer (D)	22,974
Holtz (R)	22,078
Conley (R)	6,111

4th CD

Souder (R)	42,593
Wehrle (D)	7,177
Hope (D)	4,023
Roach (D)	3,371

5th CD

Buyer (R)	50,526
Steele (D)	11,148
Livengood (D)	7,128
Salisbury (D)	5,987

6th CD

Burton (R)	56,793
Holland (D)	10,922
Kern (D)	5,472
Trammell (D)	3,736
Nagarajan (D)	2,966

7th CD

Pease (R)	52,108
Hess (R)	10,808
Hillenburg (D)	17,132

8th CD

Hostettler (R)	31,353
Riecken (D)	28,973
Taylor (D)	10,624

9th CD

Hill (D)	43,970
McClure (D)	10,776
Holt (D)	7,707
Leising (R)	22,818
Bailey (R)	8,513
Fisher (R)	1,430
Copley (R)	1,187

10th CD

Carson (D)	20,284
Fischman (D)	2,984
Hofmeister (R)	10,283
Blanknbkr (R)	8,636
Scott (R)	3,350
Reynolds (R)	382

14th Senate

Meeks (R)	7,479
McNabb (R)	3,664

17th Senate

Wheeler (R)	8,579
Hilger (R)	3,961

23rd Senate

Harrison (R)	11,195
Comer (R)	8,334
Shelby (D)	2,608

39th Senate

Waterman (R)	6,638
Hasler (D)	7,898
Hopper (D)	5,370

1st House

Lawson (D)	3,102
Katic (D)	1,852
Ceperich (D)	261
Tiltges (R)	554

9th House

Pelath (D)	3,114
Metheny (D)	1,734
Allamong (R)	1,194
Tucker (R)	884

10th House

Cheney (D)	2,669
Moseley (D)	2,382
Cannon (R)	1,703
Jury (R)	646

20th House

Budak (R)	3,063
Underly (D)	1,772
Kavanagh (D)	1,649

22nd House

Ruppel (R)	3,926
Tiede (R)	1,624
Haupert (R)	1,032

32nd House

Turner (R)	3,943
Schmidt (D)	1,846
Hook (D)	1,277

36th House

Lutz (R)	4,460
Brogdon (D)	2,061
Schrenker (D)	1,794
Breese (D)	867

39th House

Torr (R)	7,126
Irsay (R)	4,016

49th House

Ullmer (R)	3,509
Teall (R)	1,242
Morgan (D)	484

50th House

Dillon (R)	2,364
Maxwell (R)	1,174
Darley (R)	1,228
Putt (R)	767
Blandford (R)	631
Coleman (R)	365
N. Yingst (R)	212
Scribner (D)	1,843

53rd House

Cherry (R)	5,843
Higgins (R)	2,854
Wolf (D)	1,469

56th House

Bodiker (D)	1,663
Paust (R)	3,715
Dickson (R)	2,481

57th House

Linder (R)	5,887
Dundas (R)	572

60th House

Ellington (R)	4,005
Bales (R)	3,987

73rd House

Oxley (D)	5,307
Birk (D)	4,986
Fallon (D)	803
Goodness (R)	1,921

94th House

Marendt (R)	2,453
Bardon (D)	1,086
Hence (D)	686
Steinkamp (D)	568

96th House

Porter (D)	3,135
Dooley (D)	735
Gaff-Clark (R)	1,286

Notes: The Indiana Election Division officially certified these May 5 primary results on June 12 with the exception of the 60th House District. *Italics* denotes the incumbent.

Riecken projects continued strong fund-raising

By Mark Schoeff Jr.
Howey Political Report

WASHINGTON -- Like the summer weather, the 8th CD congressional campaign is heating up.

Democratic challenger Gail Riecken, visiting Washington last week to focus on money, media and strategy, is projecting that she will continue her strong fund-raising effort. At a luncheon with Indiana reporters at the National Press Club, she estimated that she will have raised about $400,000 and have about $300,000 cash on hand when she files her campaign finance report on June 30. The report will not be made public until mid-July.

Incumbent Republican John Hostettler's campaign is estimating that it will have about $275,000 in cash on hand at the filing deadline. Hostettler officials said his campaign is $100,000 ahead of where it was in 1996 at this time. They also contend that Riecken's campaign debt, which was reported to be $22,281 at the last filing, closes the gap.

In the July 4 Great Catfish Debate in Shoals debate, Riecken portrayed Hostettler as being "out of touch" with his constituents and prone to making "unilateral decisions" without consulting them. Hostettler concentrated on trying to make the case that Riecken is too liberal for the district and advocates bigger government.

The incumbent is traditionally vulnerable in this volatile district. Hostettler edged Rep. Frank McCloskey in 1994 to obtain the seat. He hung on to win in 1996 by about 3,000 votes.

Before the Shoals mano-a-mano, Riecken added to her coffers while in Washington. A fund-raiser at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) brought in about $25,000 in pledges, according to her campaign. The promises from the June 25 event, which drew 60 people, will not materialize into real money before the finance report filing deadline.

Although she continued to build her war chest, Riecken's trip to the nation's capital was about more than money. She also concentrated on making connections with the town's movers and shakers. House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt (D-Mo.) and Democratic National Chairman Roy Romer, the governor of Colorado, attended the Riecken fund-raiser.

Riecken is heartened by the attention she's receiving on Capitol Hill and hopes to put it to good use - if she wins. "Half of the leadership game is knowing other leaders." Democrats will be in charge in the House if they can erase the 11-seat GOP majority in this fall's election.

The challenger is receiving strong support from the national Democratic Party. "The DCCC is putting on a full-court press on her behalf," said Thomas Edsall, a political reporter for The *Washington Post* who has written several stories highlighting the 8th CD as a critical seat for the Democrats in their quest to win the House. "I think they like her fund-raising strength."

CONGRESS WATCH

Olivia Morgan, DCCC spokeswoman, said that the 8th CD "is one of our best chances to knock off an incumbent Republican. You can bet it's a top priority. Gail Riecken is one of our strongest candidates. She's getting attention for the right reasons. She's running a good campaign and talking about substance."

Riecken is drawing the national media spotlight. While in Washington, she met with Edsall and a *Business Week* reporter. She is becoming a favorite of Washington reporters seeking a perspective on issues from the campaign trail.

The Hostettler camp criticized Riecken's foray to Washington. "She seems to enjoy the circle of people there and will listen to them more than the people of the Eighth District," said Jeff Knight, Hostettler's campaign chairman and brother-in-law.

It is that theme - paying attention to constituents - that Riecken is developing as the centerpiece of her campaign. She assiduously stayed on message during her lunch with D.C.-

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advances in agriculture production must be realized," Lugar said. The legislation included $600 million for cutting edge research.

Lugar told Evansville leaders last week that the I-69 extension from Bloomington to Evansville is "now a state and local issue." That is due to a $212 million increase in the state's federal highway pie.

Steve Ford of the Evansville Courier writes, "Reactions running the gamut from outrage to acceptance have greeted recent reminders that a time-delayed portion of the gun-control Brady Law will require purchasers of rifles and shotguns to pass an instant background check beginning Dec. 1." Ford quoted Evansville Gun Club owner Ed Voliva saying, "It's simply one more example of the slow but sure erosion of our personal freedoms. What are they going to do next? Pull us over and see if we're wearing our seat belts? Oh, that's right, they can do that, too."

Indiana University basketball Coach Bob Knight told a reporter who asked when he would retire, "When I just decide I don't want to do it anymore" (Sharna Marcus, South Bend Tribune). Asked what he would do if he retired, Knight said, "I would probably play golf

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this afternoon. What I would do would just do essentially the same things I do now without coaching basketball. Once I retire I don't think I could find anything I would enjoy more than coaching basketball."

The Evansville Courier editorialized that President Clinton's trip to China "was a remarkable success, almost as remarkable as the White House claims. He confounded his critics and laid the groundwork for real progress in U.S.-China relations."

U.S. Rep. David McIntosh said that Indiana will lose 97,000

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based Indiana reporters. She accused Hostettler of being "out of touch" and making "unilateral decisions," which she defined as arriving at a decision without consulting constituents.

Hostettler's camp dismissed Riecken's attack. He has held town hall meeting in every 8th CD county since the beginning of the year and conducts office hours in Bloomington and Evansville. "John Hostettler has spent more time in the 13 counties in this district than he has in Washington," said Knight.

Among the "out of touch" examples Riecken cited:

■ Hostettler's opposition to including southwest Indiana in the American Heritage River project. The initiative is designed to help communities obtain federal funding for river protection and improvement. Michael Jahr, Hostettler's spokesman, said that more than two-thirds of the counties in the 8th CD have opted out of American Heritage initiative. Hostettler also fears that the program is not getting appropriate oversight from Congress. "President Clinton created this program by royal [illegible] House [illegible] that provides funding for crop insurance and agriculture research. "I don't know what farmer he's consulted," Riecken said.

Hostettler voted for the initial House version of the bill but turned against the measure when $800 million was added for food stamps to legal immigrants during the House-Senate conference committee. "Gail Riecken has a hard time making the case that farmers in the Eighth District support a bill that takes money from other areas of agriculture and directs hundreds of millions of dollars toward food stamps for non-citizens," Jahr said. He emphasized that Hostettler, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, has always supported agriculture research and crop insurance.

■ Hostettler's attempts to reduce funding for and eliminate the Economic Development Agency. Riecken said that the incumbent has undermined Bloomington Mayor John Fernandez's effort to help his city recover from the shuttering of the Thomson Electronics television production plant. Fernandez has applied for EDA funding. "(Hostettler) made his decision without talking to the mayor," said Riecken. Jahr countered by saying that Hostettler "worked very closely with Mayor Fernandez after Thomson closed."

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