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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

"She hasn't run against us...."

- Gary Hofmeister campaign manager Mike Young, on the challenges of defeating U.S. Rep. Julia Carson's vaunted ground war in the 10th CD. Carson is 19-0 in elections.

Hoosier Democrats mull impeachment

Impact on elections still not clear

By BRIAN A. HOWEY *in Indianapolis*
and MARK SCHOEFF JR. *in Washington*

After months of intrigue, the release of thousands of pages of documents and the airing of videotaped grand jury testimony, the House of Representatives this week will make a fundamental and historic decision: Should Congress begin the process that could lead to the impeachment of President Clinton?

This question is fraught with peril for members of Congress and candidates running for office.

The outcome of three competitive races in Indiana, the 8th, 9th and 10th CDs, could be influenced heavily by scandal fallout. Polls indicate the American public has seen and heard enough about the President's affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. But now the context is becoming more serious.

"It is a vote to begin the impeachment process," CNN political analyst William Schneider said in an interview with HPR. "(That is) a traumatic exercise with a high degree of seriousness. It's nothing you do lightly."

Nowhere was the contrast more vivid than in the 10th CD in Indianapolis. Republican Gary Hofmeister supports the impeachment inquiry, saying President Clinton has engaged in a systematic pattern of "obstruction and obfuscation." Hofmeister added that the House needs to move on impeachment. "We have no idea what is going to happen. We have to do the right thing and let the chips fall as they may," he said.

U.S. Rep. Julia Carson said that people in Indianapolis

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U.S. Rep. Dan Burton is charging that the Democratic National Committee and state parties are hiding additional illegal campaign contributions. The White House responded with interesting language, saying Burton's allegations are "illegitimate."

How are Hoosier communities faring with their investments on Wall Street? The Gary Post-Tribune reports that state rules prohibit risky investing and most of the cities and counties in The Region are doing well. Crown Point expects to make $777,000 in interest for 1998. Valparaiso is expecting about $476,000. Gary will bring back about

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are "tired of it" and said that while President Clinton "violated the Commandments in a vile way, he could set a standard of atonement."

On Monday, the House Judiciary Committee voted along party lines, 21-16, to approve a Republican measure that would allow the House to proceed with an impeachment investigation. Under the Republican plan, there would be no deadline to end the inquiry nor would the investigation be limited in scope. The full House is expected to vote as early as Thursday.

Two Hoosier members of the committee disputed the conventional wisdom that the proceedings have degenerated into partisanship. "I really do think that the difference in the committee was not about an inquiry, but rather how the committee should proceed," said Rep. Edward Pease.

Rep. Steve Buyer, another committee member, emphasized that the Democratic alternative did not advocate an immediate end to the process. "All members voted for some form of inquiry of impeachment," Buyer said. "This is historically significant because it has happened only three times in our history. If we're smart and fair, we will have a product that Americans will view as credible."

Hoosier Democrats are playing it close to the vest. The offices of Reps. Lee Hamilton (9th CD), Tim Roemer (3rd), Pete Visclosky (1st) and Julia Carson (10th) said that none of the members had made a decision on the vote.

A question of turnout

Politically, the key question is how the evolving scandal will affect voter turnout.

Carson and Rep. John Hostettler (9th CD) "both have a committed base. Regardless of national factors, they're going to get that base to the polls," said Amy Walter, House editor of the *Cook Political Report*. "They have supporters who would walk over broken glass."

Another factor in Hostettler's and Carson's favor is that polls show voters approving of the direction the country is going and the job Congress and individual members are doing. "Beating an incum-

bent is still going to be tough this year," said Walter.

Carson was part of the minority in the House who voted against releasing the Starr Report. Her opponent will not necessarily shine a spotlight on the impeachment inquiry vote. "It's her votes against the district that are most important," said State Rep. Mike Young, campaign manager for Hofmeister.

Young outlined a series of votes, including partial birth abortion, school choice, criminal jail terms and tax cuts, that put Carson on the opposite side of district voters.

Carson spokesman Steve Cook said she is in step with the district on issues. "The American people and people in the district want to protect Social Security. The Republican tax cut takes away 10 percent of the budget surplus," he said.

Riecken sticks to issues

Gail Riecken, the Democratic challenger in the 8th CD, likely will take a similar tack and try to keep the discussion on the issues rather than attacking Hostettler's vote on the impeachment inquiry. "Right now, our priorities are the people's priorities - Social Security, Medicare, HMO reform and education," said Heather Fidler, Riecken campaign spokeswoman.

The Riecken campaign did criticize Hostettler for showing a lack of restraint and judiciousness regarding the scandal when he might have to vote on impeachment. Hostettler's office did not respond to a request for a comment.

The vote on the impeachment inquiry probably won't be a watermark of the campaign year, said Norm Ornstein, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. "The direct impact of the scandal is minimal," he said. "I'm skeptical whether the (impeachment inquiry) vote itself will change anything."

The problem for Democrats is that every moment they spend explaining their position on the Clinton scandal is one less minute they have to promote their issues, said Ornstein.

Many Democrats who vote in favor of an impeachment inquiry may not face the wrath of party leaders, said Alan Locke, director of political seminars and conferences at *Campaign & Elections* magazine. "It's going to be hard to assail someone on a conscience vote when you may need them down the road" on other legislation, he said.

Hoosiers sick of it

In legislative races, both Indiana Republicans and Democrats seem to be reporting the same thing: people are sick and tired of Monica Lewinsky and Kenneth Starr. "Monica is just a blur in the national media," said Jeb Bardon, the Democrat challenging Rep. Candy Marendt (HD97).

Marendt explained, "Everyone is disgusted with it. The issues I keep hearing them talk about are education, education, education."

How voters respond to the scandal will help seal the president's fate. "The election is a referendum on the severity of Congress' action toward the president," said Locke. If Democrats are blown away in November, Clinton could suffer the consequences. "It would give (congressional Democrats) the fortitude to go against him," Locke said.

For now, Clinton is surviving, which portends well for Democrats in the fall. In late August, Hoosier Democrats were preparing for the worst with a brave face. Compared to that environment, today they are worried about a base drop-off of 2 to 3 percent, as opposed to 9 to 10 percent that occurred in 1994. But three developments could turn the tide, CNN's Schneider said: a shocking new revelation about the president; a sharp downturn in the polls; or a big GOP election victory, defined as 10-15 House seats and five Senate seats.❖

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$2 million. Porter County has accrued about $1.8 million this year and Lake County will probably top its 1997 figures of $7.56 million. Charles Pride of the Indiana State Board of Accounts observed, "They write the laws the way they do to make sure the investments that governmental units make are safe." Said Michael Claytor of Municipal Consultants/Crowe Chizek, "There's going to be less interest earnings throughout the rest of the year than they might have seen. They might lose some interest, but they're not going to lose any principal."

Chain of Life pro-life public demonstrations took place in a number of Indiana communities last Sunday, including Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Munster and Highland. Many of the protesters held up signs that read, "Abortion Kills Children." The Gary Post-Tribune reported the protests in Munster this way: "There were no gray areas in their expressed thoughts. Women around the world who had abortions were 'murderers,' they said." About 100 people attended the Munster rally.

U.S. Rep. Julia Carson drove by the protesters gathering on Meridian Street in Indianapolis. Carson is expecting Republican Gary Hofmeister to use the partial

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birth abortion issue as a major campaign theme in the final weeks of the 10th CD race.

Marion County Sheriff Jack Cottey mailed out 30,000 video cassettes to supporters in a race he is already a cinch to win. The videos, produced by Kellems-Dollaghan, follows Cottey's life from the Marines to the sheriff's office. Also coming is a TV ad blitz with much the same imagery. It raises the question: what is Cottey aiming for in the next four years?

Indiana farmers are smarting over low farm commodity prices, according to Purdue University agriculture economist Mike Boelhji (Kokomo Tribune). "It's not the best news," he said. Howard County extension agent Bob McCormick said that because of low farm prices, consumers will see the effects locally "through farmer's spending habits."

U.S. Rep. David McIntosh will square off twice with his opponent, New Castle Mayor Sherman Boles. The first debate will take place at the Muncie City Hall Oct. 21. The second will be a night later in New Castle. McIntosh has begun advertising in the Indianapolis TV market, citing his legislation to secure Social Security. Most observers give Boles little if any chance to defeat McIntosh. The significance

Indy braces for the big visit

Republican site selection committee heads into the city

INDIANAPOLIS - The people on committee who have the best jobs in America were streaming into the Circle City at this writing. The decision they make could be the biggest political decision this state has seen this century.

The Republican National Committee's 2000 Convention Site Selection Committee will spend three days in Indianapolis, visiting the RCA Dome, the attached Indiana Convention Center and 112 area hotels (plus the current parking lot being prepped for a new convention hotel across the street from the dome). The last time the selection committee was in town, members were treated to NBA playoffs, the Indianapolis 500, laps around the track, gifts and fancy meals.

This visit is focused more on detail. The committee will concentrate on the dome facilities, including the potential for media production, plush holding areas for dignitaries, and facilities for the news media. GOP Chairman Mike McDaniel said he believes Indy has the best convention facilities in the nation, a sharp contrast to the 25-foot-high ceiling at the convention site in San Diego in 1996.

Indianapolis is one of four cities - San Antonio, New York and Philadephia are the others - in contention for the convention that would inject $150 million in revenue to the region along with an invaluable amount of publicity.

Conventions took a bit of a hit in 1996 because news leaders like ABC's Ted Koppel declared them devoid of news. When *Nightline* pulled out of Chicago (prior to the Dick Morris story about him cavorting with a prostitute while talking with President Clinton), there was speculation that the era of the big convention was dead. Instead of the gavel-to-gavel coverage of the old days, the networks were covering the convention for about two hours in prime time. When Gov. Evan Bayh gave his keynote address to the Democrats, it came within a whisker of getting knocked off East Coast coverage due to a late start.

There are huge differences now. In 1996, both nominations were sewed up by early March and Clinton was a huge favorite from the beginning. In 2000, there may be unpredictable primaries in both major parties, particularly if House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt challenges Vice President Gore in the Democratic primaries. The Republicans will have as many as 10 candidates actively seeking the nomination.

The times may be vastly different. The economy was purring along in '96, the world seemed stable, and trusted political observers questioned the audacity of someone like Sen. Richard Lugar even talking about foreign policy. Two years later, the world economy is in turmoil, the U.S. is weighing ground intervention in Kosovo, and the American economy may be faced with a recession.

Why would they choose Indianapolis? The best answer is to accentuate the Dan Quayle 2000 strategy for the Republicans, replacing the old Southern Strategy. "We have the South," Quayle said. "Now we have to win the Midwest and California."

Republicans will have a harder time transmitting their aspirations of Midwestern virtues and values at any of the other convention sites. San Antonio gives the GOP a leg up on Hispanics, but if Gov. George Bush wins the nomination, Texas will already be in the bag. New York is a media center that has cut into crime. Philly has the Liberty Bell.

So it's the Midwest and California Strategy, with Indy sitting within 800 miles of two-thirds of the U.S. population and a penchant for handling big sporting events and the new home for the Internet2 hub. ❖

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Douglas W. Kmiec, *Chicago Tribune* - Alexis de Tocqueville wrote of our early republic: "When the American people let themselves get intoxicated by their passions or carried away by their ideas, the lawyers apply an almost invisible brake which slows them down ... Lawyers, forming the only enlightened class not distrusted by the people, are naturally called upon to fill most public functions." The frenzy over the president has intoxicated our passions. And a century and a half later, Tocqueville's characterization of the lawyering profession seems more tongue in cheek than apt. Yet for the last 23 years, the dean of the Notre Dame Law School, David Thomas Link, has been the living embodiment of Tocqueville's high praise. His recently announced retirement as the longest-serving law dean in the nation comes at the very time when other lawyers - for good or ill - must honestly, and with partisanship, render an account for what constitutes a "high crime or misdemeanor." The suspect in the dock, of course, is none other than a fellow lawyer. The House Judiciary Committee's preliminary inquiry is a grave responsibility, and one fraught with peril. Yet legions of Notre Dame law graduates would readily confer the task on Dean Link. ❖

Max Jones, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* - You may have heard about pompous blowhard William Bennett, a former secretary of education and promoter of Republican causes. He has written a book decrying the "death of outrage," chastising the American people for a decline in moral standards. Excuse me for questioning this pious man with a superiority complex, but politicians themselves are in this boat because they themselves climbed into it. If there is a "death of outrage" as Bennett claims, it is because the political system has been soiled by special-interest money and negative advertising. It is because people, whether they support Bill Clinton's politics, have seen the man and his family trashed for years by a relentless, well-financed smear campaign. Just as Clinton is being dragged through the mud, fallout from this climate is claiming the reputation of others. It is a vicious cycle with no winners. Yet they want to blame the media or even worse, the American people, because they refused to be manipulated.❖

Gary Gerard, *Warsaw Times-Union* - The more I watch the drama unfold in Washington, the more it starts to look like a comedy. A comedy of errors. Everybody is spewing contradictions. Everybody is partially in the wrong. All the politicians are playing it for their political gain. If it wasn't so tragic, it would be funny. Think of all the trouble I could have avoided when I was a kid if I could have used my head like the president. Like when my mom caught me with cookie crumbs on my shirt before supper and said, "Gary Alan Gerard! Did you eat a cookie before supper?" I could have said, 'Well, that depends on your definition of the word 'eat.'" ❖

Mike Dooley, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* - Evan Bayh, the former Hoosier governor who's running for a U.S. Senate seat this year, has a TV spot currently running that says he supports elimination of the "marriage penalty," a provision in the tax code that makes married couples pay more in federal income tax than single folks. That's a commendable position, but not one that's exclusively Bayh's. Eliminating that provision is also part of the GOP's tax-reform package that recently passed the House and is on its way to the Senate. Well in advance of Bayh, by the way.❖

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of the McIntosh buy in Indianapolis is that it reaches almost 50 percent of the state's population and will bump up his name ID in that region, a valuable asset should he decide to run for governor in 2000.

Former Gov. Bob Orr was featured in an Evansville Courier story by Mike Chambers, who wrote, "Historians will cite sweeping education reforms as Orr's legacy. But planes, trains and automobiles have helped define Bob Orr." Former LG John Mutz is quoted: "Bob, in spite of his Hoosier roots, is a citizen of the world. He has a very good liberal education and that gave him an appreciation of the international world." The 81-year-old Orr isn't planning to retire, but his schedule is thinnning. Said his executive secretary Mary Kay Davis of retirement, "He hates that word. He intends to die with his boots on, and I believe him." Orr made 17 trips abroad during his eight years as governor. When Orr took office in 1980 there were 18 Japanese companies operating in Indiana. By the end of his term in 1988, there were 175.

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar along with Sens. Trent Lott, Strom Thurmond, John Warner and Chuck Hagel sent a letter to President Clinton concerning the

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30TH - BURKHARDT V. HERRELL

46TH - LOHR V. TINCHER

56TH - PAUST V. BODIKER

94TH - MARENDT V. BARDON

97TH - SCHULTZ V. MAHERN

LEANS R (5)

24TH - MCCLAIN V. FINCHER

26TH - SCHOLER V. CLAPPER

53RD - CHERRY V. WOLF V. MILLER

54TH - HAMILTON V. SAUNDERS

60TH - ELLINGTON V. WELCH

LEANS D (3)

19TH - KUZMAN V. GASPAROVIC

34TH - VANLEER V. ADAMS

80TH - BECKER V. GIA QUINTA

Indiana Racing Form

We see Democratic voter drop-off at 2 to 4 percent

HORSE RACE

So, is there going to be a little Republican tidal wave? Or a backlash against the GOP for its antics on the House Judiciary Committee and its placement of pornographic Clinton/Lewinsky material on the Internet?

We're getting mixed signals. Nationally, Clinton's job approval raiting remains at about 66 percent. Indiana voters have said to the tune of 73 percent that issues count more than character. Yet, the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel reports that local bookstores couldn't keep the Starr Report in stock - even though it was published in local newspapers and is available on the Internet. And GOP congressional campaigns all believe their base is fired up and detect some disaffected Democrats quietly voicing their disapproval. CNN reports that up to 30 to 40 congressional Democrats will defect and vote to send the impeachment inquiry to the full House.

Our guess is that Democratic turnout will drop off in Indiana by 2 to 4 percent from 1990 numbers. That compares to a loss of 8 to 10 percent in the 1994 disaster.

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, say, 9 percent; **Likely** is about 10 to 15 points and a good gut feeling, and **Solid** means watch out for a landslide.

INDIANA CONGRESSIONAL RACES

U.S. Senate: Republican: Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke. **Democrat:** Evan Bayh. **Libertarian:** Rebecca Sink-Burris. **1992 Results:** Coats 1,267,972, Hogsett 900,148. **1998 Forecast:** Star/News WTHR poll has Bayh leading Helmke and Sink-Burris, 56-31-2. Televised debates statewide, in Indianapolis and with Jack Colwell on WNIT-TV in South Bend-Elkhart were uneventful. The South Bend Tribune seemed to sum up it up in its lead: "While Paul Helmke and Evan Bayh agree on issues ranging from President Clinton's relations with a White House intern to free trade, they do disagree on what should be done with the federal government's budget surplus." One thing is quite clear to us. Evan Bayh is really a Republican, or perhaps a Republicrat. He has, in an unprecedented way, positioned himself as a "bipartisan" candidate. If there wasn't a "D" behind his name, Indiana Republicans would love Evan. Well, get used to him. **Status:** *Solid D.*

Congressional District 3: Republican: Dan Holtz. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer. **Geography:** South Bend, Mishawaka, Elkhart, LaPorte, St. Joseph and Elkhart counties. **1994 results:** Roemer 72,497, Burkett 58,787. **1996 Results:** Roemer 114,381, Zakas (R) 80,748, Taylor (L) 2,331. **1998 Forecast:** We believe that Roemer may be out of trouble without a huge vote against Clinton. He is probably in a position to withstand a loss of under 5 percent of the Democratic base, although that would make this a close election. NRCC will be investing in this race. Indiana Farm Bureau endorses Holtz, which has always backed Roemer before. Holtz has just been too quiet to be in a position to seriously challenge Roemer. **Status:** *Likely D.*

Congressional District 8: Republican: U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:** Evansville Councilwoman Gail Riecken. **Libertarian:** Paul Hager. **Geography:** Evansville, Bloomington, Vincennes and SW Indiana. **1994 results:** Hostettler 93,529, McCloskey 84,857. **1996 Results:** Hostettler 109,582, Weinzapfel (D) 106,134, Hager (L) 3,799. **1998 Forecast:** The air war has begun. Riecken is running radio and TV heavily in the Evansville and

Bloomington TV markets focusing on leadership, health care and Social Security. Hostettler and Riecken square off in the lone fall debate on WNIN-TV in Evansville. The biggest news was that Riecken said she would support a censure of President Clinton. Hostettler would only say that he believes there is substantial evidence to bring an impeachment vote by the end of the year (Kevin Kinnaird, Evansville Courier). When Riecken accused Hostettler of supporting tax loopholes for the rich, the Republican responded by bringing up the marina tax dispute involving Riecken's husband, Ron. The challenger said that no back taxes were owed. Riecken receives the endorsement of the Indiana State Fraternal Order of Police. Hostettler is pushing his vote to "invest $1.4 trillion for Social Security, saying, "For 40 years the Social Security Trust Fund was raided to pay for social spending, welfare programs and to disguise the true size of the national debt. Today that era came to an end." Libertarian Hager has a website up at : www.kiva.net/~hager98 . **Status:** *Toss-Up.*

Congressional District 9: Republican: Jean Leising. **Democrat:** Baron Hill. **Libertarian:** Diane L. Feeney. **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:** Hill is running TV in Evansville and Louisville markets. Speaker Newt Gingrich stumped for Leising in Seymour, with the Republican getting good media coverage in Indianapolis, Louisville and Evansville media markets. Sources say PAC money is beginning to spill into Leising's campaign as this open seat has become a top target for the RNCC. Leising not up on TV at this writing. Debate in Bloomington had Leising coming out against free textbooks, even though that is a state, not federal issue. Hill doing door-to-door in New Albany and Scott County this coming week. Former Texas Gov. Ann Richard comes to the district on Oct. 12, former Sen. Birch Bayh on Oct. 15 and Secretary of Education Richard Riley on Oct. 16. Leader of the Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicaid will conduct a press conference with Hill soon. This is a weird race. No one has disputed the Newhouse poll showing Leising up by almost 10 points. Many believe race will be tight. Whether Hill will actually outspend Leising remains to be seen, but in order to win he will probably need to. His ace in the hole is Lee Hamilton touring the district in the last week. **Status:** *Toss-Up.*

Congressional District 10: Republican: Gary Hofmeister. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Julia Carson. **Libertarian:** Fred C. Peterson. **Geography:** Indianapolis. **1994 results:** Jacobs (D) 58,573, Scott 50,998. **1996 Results:** Carson 90,869, Blankenbaker 69,248, St. Angelo (L) 3,505. **1998 Forecast:** Hofmeister releases NRCC poll by the Tarrance Group (Goldsmith's 1996 pollster), taken on Sept. 8-9, 300 likely, +/-5.8 percent. It shows that "of those who have decided to vote, Hofmeister leads Carson 27-24.8 percent. Carson's re-elect number was 44 percent. Mike Young's line: "Julia is in serious trouble." Confidence has reached an exuberant, anticipatory level at Hofmeister HQ. Carson's take on all polls? "I don't put any stocks into polls." Carson's Park Avenue home was also a beehive last weekend, with aggressive voter registration drives and yard sign distribution under way. *New York Times'* Richard L. Berke covers race from the Clinton sex scandal perspective. Hofmeister is calling for the impeachment inquiry to march on, saying, "Principle is above everything"; Carson said the President can set a new standard for atonement. *Washington Post's* Tom Edsall also in town covering the race. Hofmeister will try to defeat Carson on three main issues: partial birth abortion, choice in schools, and crime. He is aiming resources at an estimated 12,000 Catholic voters. Carson responds to partial birth abortion controversy this way: "I believe, across the board, that government can't interfere with medical services." Asked if he thought the campaign would get dirty, Mike Young responds: "We can't rule it out. We think we can still vote her out because of such a laundry list of votes against the district." Another big issue is legislation Hofmeister says Carson voted against: disallowing federal judges from shortening felony sentences." Carson camp is complaining that Hofmeister is using push calls on that issue in racially sensitive neighborhoods, something Hofmeister denies. Those calls are going to all neighborhoods. Horse Race asked Young how he could overcome Carson's juggernaut ground war (Carson is

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genocide in Kosovo. "Since the Serbian military offensive began in Kosovo more than seven months ago, senior Administration officials have repeatedly stated that Serbian actions would not be tolerated," Lugar wrote. "Since these statements, many of us indicated we would support military action to halt Serbian ethnic cleansing. However, it is now more difficult for us to have confidence that military action will accomplish the stated goals. U.S. credibility has suffered great damage because U.S. threats have not been carried out." The senators told Clinton that they now could not support military operations "unless and until you commit to request a significant increase in the defense budget to address the shortfalls in military readiness, personnel and modernization." The senators also stated that any ground troops placed in Kosovo "should be European, not American."

There is quite a debate about how big the burgeoning Hispanic population in the Michiana area is growing. The South Bend Tribune reported that the U.S. Census Bureau found 7,321 Hispanics living in St. Joseph County. But the nonprofit agency La Casa de Amistad reported the population at 11,000 and community activist Michael Bueno placed it at 15,000. LaCasa

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reporting serving three times as many people as it did two years ago, St. Stephen's Parish in South Bend has increased is Spanish masses from one to two, and the Greater Elkhart Area Chamber of Commerce said its help to yearning Hispanic businessmen and women has increased seven times faster than any other ethnic or racial group. LaCasa of Goshen reports that up to 35 percent of its clients are Hispanic.

Gov. Frank O'Bannon was visiting schools in Indianapolis and LaPorte that have full-day kindergarten. O'Bannon is expected to push the issue of full-day kindergarten in the 1999 legislative session. ❖

19-0 in elections), and he responded, "She hasn't run against us." **Status:** Toss-Up.

INDIANA STATEHOUSE RACES

Secretary of State: Republican: Sue Anne Gilroy. **Democrat:** Cheryl Little. **1994 Results:** Gilroy (R) 902,100, Jeffers D) 542,539, Dillon (L) 32,483, Knight (A) 13,948. **1998 Forecast:** Key question is whether Gilroy can sweep the rest of the Statehouse ticket into office like her old boss, Dick Lugar, did in 1994. We figure there will probably be some coordinated advertising along the lines of the "Lugar Team" in 1994.. **Status:** *Solid Republican.*

HORSE RACE

Senate District 1: R Primary: Sen. Sandy Dempsey. **D Primary:** Hammond Councilman Frank Mrvan. **Geography:** Lake County. **HPR General Forecast:** Dempsey v. Mrvan. **1994 results:** Mrvan 13,114, Dempsey 13,060. **1998 Forecast:** Souces in both parties are telling HPR that Dempsey is favored to defeat Mrvan. **Status:** *TOSS-UP.*

House District 53: Republican: Councilman Robert Cherry. **Democrat:** Sarah Wolf. **Libertarian:** Phil Miller. **Geography:** Greenfield, Rushville, Hancock and Rush counties.1994 Results: Gulling (R) 13,945 unopposed. 1996 Results: Gulling (R) 20,174 unopposed. **1998 Forecast:** Here's a fascinating rumor we'll be tracking down: Libertarian Phil Miller is polling in the 10 percent range in this race. Part of the reason may be some Republicans in the 6th CD looking for another choice other than Dan Burton and Democrats searching for an alternative to Bob Kern. If Miller polls into that range, it could alter this race significantly. **Status:** *Leans R.*

House District 97: Republican: Ray Schultz. **Democrat:** Rep. Ed Mahern. **Geography:** Southern Indianapolis. **1994 Results:** Heffley 4,782, Cantwell 4,037. **1996 Results:** Mahern 6,368, Heffley 5,372. **1998 Forecast:** Ed Mahern's take on his race against Ray Schultz: "It will probably come down to less than 1,000 votes. If it's worse than 1994, I've got a problem. If it's in between, I'll be in great shape. But it's been tough to gauge." He described voters as "not too enthusiastic." **Status:** *Toss-Up.*

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