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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

"It's a gun-toting, Bible-packing, God-fearing, blue-collar, family district...."

- State Rep. Russ Stilwell, describing Indiana's 8th Congressional District, to the Evansville Courier

Carson, Hostettler victories forecast

Polls show incumbents are cruising

HPR FORECAST: Incumbent U.S. Reps. Julia Carson in the 10th CD and John Hostettler in the 8th CD appear to be on their way to re-election in an election cycle that may become the "year of the incumbent" with a little backlash aimed at the Republicans for good measure.

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By BRIAN A. HOWEY *in Indianapolis*

The first-ever Howey Political Report/TeleResearch Poll in Indiana's 10th Congressional District has Rep. Julia Carson leading her Republican opponent Gary Hofmeister by a 55-37 percent margin. Libertarian Fred Peterson polled 2 percent of the vote and 12 percent were undecided. Pollster Jeff Lewis of TeleResearch said the survey of 603 likely voters with a +/- 4 percent error rate was conducted between Oct. 14-18.

"Carson is getting 15 percent of the Republican vote and Hofmeister is getting 2 percent of the Democratic vote," Lewis said. "My guess is the Carson Republican vote is coming from disaffected Blankenbaker voters."

That, along with a Lauer, Lalley Victoria poll conducted for 8th CD Democratic challenger Gail Riecken that showed her trailing Hostettler by a 47-39 percent margin (Oct. 1-4, 350 registered, +/- 5.2 percent) are indicators that 1998 is going to be good for incumbents.

It is also an indicator that the Indiana House could end up in a third deadlock at 50-50 in the past 10 years.

In the HPR/TeleResearch Poll on the question of whether President Clinton should be impeached, 31 percent said yes he should, 61 percent opposed impeachment and 8

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IU pollster Brian Vargus said that Republicans are looking at Rep. Dan Burton's re-election effort closely to detect if there is "any sign of weakness" in Burton (Mary Dieter, Louisville Courier-Journal.) And HPR has learned that '98 Republican Senate candidate Peter Rusthoven is being urged by some influential 6th CD Republicans to consider a primary challenge against Burton in 2000. Said Vargus of Burton, "Despite his formidable war chest, he might find somebody else will be able to put together a war chest in the primary."

Hamilton County independent and Democratic candi-

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percent were undecided.

Hofmeister defeated 1996 nominee Virginia Blankenbaker in a bitter primary campaign. The former state senator was outraged at Hofmeister's portrayal of her on the abortion issue. In 1996, Carson had defeated Blankenbaker by a 56-42 percent margin. Lewis added that Hofmeister is getting 2 percent of the Democratic vote, which "indicates that his strategy of getting pro-life Democratic/Catholic support is not working."

Said HPR Publisher Howey, "This apparent Blankenbaker backlash and the fact that voters in the 10th District overwhelmingly oppose the impeachment of President Clinton appear to have severely weakened Gary Hofmeister's candidacy.

There was a period about six weeks ago when it looked like the Clinton scandals would swamp Democratic candidates, but that is no longer the case and instead we may be seeing a backlash against Republicans."

Democratic consultants and pollsters in Washington were calling it a "tidal wave of repulsion" against the GOP's handling of the impeachment proceedings, particularly the airing of President Clinton's grand jury testimony (Rachel Van Dongen, *Roll Call*). "I was much more gloomy last week than I am this week," said Mark Gersh, who crunches numbers for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. A Time-CNN poll had the generic congressional race tied at 47 between Republicans and Democrat, which was down from the 8 to 11 point spreads on that question favoring Republicans last week.

Any trends favoring incumbents also have the potential of creating a third 50/50 split Indiana House. The hopes of both parties rest in knocking off incumbents - Republicans aiming at Reps. Dick Bodiker in Richmond, Vern Tincher in the Terre Haute area, Ben GiaQuinta in Fort Wayne, Tiny Adams in Muncie, and Ed Mahern in Indianapolis. Democrats are trying to pick off Reps. Tom Saunders, Sue Scholer in Lafayette, Rich McClain in Logansport, and appointed incumbent Karen Burkhardt in Kokomo - who may be the most vulnerable of the group.❖

Budget deal is in eye of the beholder

Parties may fight to a draw on the campaign trail

By Mark Schoeff Jr.
Howey Political Report

WASHINGTON - A gigantic spending bill that is about to become law may not provide a decisive advantage for either party on the campaign trail. Like beauty, the federal budget is in the eye of the beholder.

Congress is likely to approve by Oct. 21 a $486.7 billion piece of legislation that rolls together eight appropriations measures to fund the government during the 1999 fiscal year. The omnibus spending bill, weighing 40 pounds and running 4,000 pages, represents the final piece of the budget. Five appropriations bills already have been approved.

Turned into legislative form over the weekend after congressional and White House negotiators reached an agreement late last week, the bill was rushed to the floors of each house. The 11th hour hurly burly created an opportunity to satisfy demands of both parties and give all candidates ample ammunition to defend their stances.

"The election impact in Indiana will be minimal," Rep. Mark Souder said of the budget bill. "It's easy to go home and explain why you voted no. The yes vote also is very saleable."

Souder, a conservative, will vote for the budget even though he is upset that it breaks budget caps established in the 1997 balanced budget agreement. The omnibus bill provides $20 billion in emergency spending out of the budget surplus. Souder believes much of that outlay will find its way into the permanent budgets of many agencies. Emergency items included spending to combat the Year 2000 computer problem, anti-terrorism efforts, hurricane relief, Bosnia peacekeeping, and intelligence.

But Souder will support the omnibus bill because it contains all of the anti-drug measures he has written. He also favors provisions to provide farm relief and ban children's access to pornography on the Internet.

The bill doesn't offer everything conservatives wanted. Rep. David McIntosh has carved one of the highest profiles in Washington on the budget by opposing his party's leadership, saying that they caved in to President Clinton. McIntosh, the leader of the 40-member Conservative Action Team in the House, was the central source in a *Wall Street Journal* column by Paul Gigot on Friday. Like Souder, he decried the fact that the budget broke spending caps. He also accused Republicans of lacking a coherent agenda.

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But one Hoosier candidate close to McIntosh in ideology said that he would reluctantly vote for the bill if he were in Congress. "The bottom line is that I'm not happy with it at all, but at this point, it's the best we can get," said Gary Hofmeister, the 10th CD Republican challenging incumbent Democratic Rep. Julia Carson. Failing to approve the budget would open Republicans to attacks by Clinton that the GOP wants to shut down the government. But Hofmeister lamented that tax cuts designed to end the marriage penalty, deduct health care costs for the unemployed and reduce inheritance taxes were jettisoned during negotiations.

In a race marked by their sharp political differences, Hofmeister and Carson would both vote for the budget bill. Carson backs the bill because of its provisions to spend $1.1 billion on hiring

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dates have filed a complaint with the county sheriff over the theft of numerous yard signs (Martha Weaver, WRTV). County Republicans denied having anything to do with the thefts.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle told ABC's This Week Show that he doesn't agree with the budget compromise. "We don't like the fact that there are not tax cuts. We think that the spending has gone up way too much. If I was there (in Congress), I'd probably be inclined to vote against it." While House Majority Leader Dick Armey defended the deal, telling Fox News Sunday that, "It's a good deal for Republicans, and we kept the bill within the budget caps of last year." RNC Chairman Jim Nicholson said the budget "has fomented frustrations within our ranks."

Indiana mayors are becoming increasingly alarmed at the prospect of tax reform in 1999. David Smith of the Lafayette Journal and Courier reported from the IACT conference last week, "Warning that radical changes to Indiana's tax system could endanger the lives of towns and city residents, Indiana's mayors are urging state officials to move cautiously on tax reform. Scottsburg Mayor Bill Graham told mayors that one possible outcome

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could be a reduction in the 5 percent limit on property tax growth, centered on tying the levy limit to the consumer price index. West Lafayette Mayor Sonya Margerum observed, "Cutting property taxes and then not having a permanent replacement, I think that's a true danger to our citizens because the biggest proportion of our budgets go for police and fire services."

Kurt Zorn, who co-chairs the Governor's Blue Ribbon Tax Commission, told IACT that the planned "list of recommendations" the commission will make "will at least raise the level of discussion. It will at least make it more difficult for people to take the simplest approach, which sometimes they are inclined to do" (Smith, Lafayette Journal and Courier).

Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan told the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce that Indiana's $2 billion budget surplus will likely be spent on education, tax cuts and for the Rainy Day Fund. Kernan said that only $700 million to $900 million will actually be up for debate

Fort Wayne is abuzz about the fundraiser Dick Freeland is throwing for Allen County Sheriff Joe Squadrito on Oct. 25. At $250 a head, it comes at a time when Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke

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new teachers, $2 billion on funding Medicare home health care providers and $1.1 billion for a low-income heating energy assistance program. "People in the 10th District are very concerned about education," said Steve Cook, Carson's spokesman. It is "an important issue that the budget highlights."

In another close Hoosier race, CD 8, the candidates are on opposite sides of the budget. Rep. John Hostettler opposes the omnibus spending bill because "he doesn't favor spending money out of the surplus," said spokesman Michael Jahr. He would use the surplus to undergird Social Security and provide tax cuts.

His opponent, Evansville City Councilwoman Gail Riecken, pointed to the budget to characterize Hostettler as being out of touch. In a Tuesday press conference, Riecken praised provisions in the budget that would strengthen education, increase biomedical research, fund the International Monetary Fund, and provide low-income heating energy assistance. "To vote against this budget is to vote against the 8th District," said Heather Fidler, Riecken's press secretary.

For all of the hue and cry about the numerous provisions in the omnibus bill, the issue may not gain traction on the campaign trail, according to an independent pollster. "When all is said and done, it's going to be a good incumbent year and there will be low voter turnout," said John Zogby, president of Zogby International Inc. "It remains to be seen whether there will be any intensity one way or another on bread-and-butter issues."

But fewer than two weeks after an historic House vote to begin an impeachment inquiry, Clinton finds himself fighting over topics that do not center on his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. "It brings back to focus a debate on public policy issues," said Ellen Missenbaum, legislative director at the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, a Washington think tank.

That dynamic befuddles conservatives. Although the GOP gained one to three points in the polls during the budget negotiations, Souder accused Clinton of using a domestic "wag the dog" strategy to divert attention from impeachment. "The president didn't even focus on (the budget) until after the Oct. 1 deadline," Souder said. "He's David Copperfield. He's saying, 'Don't look at my right hand, look at my left one.'"

Where the Republicans lost their momentum, however, was in deciding to release the videotape of President Clinton's grand jury testimony. "I've never seen anything that took the air out of something as quickly as the videotape," Souder said. At the Ossian Parade on Sept. 19, the Saturday before the tape was aired, about one in three people told Souder to impeach the president. At the Sept. 22 Bluffton Street Fair, the day after the tape was played, Souder didn't hear from one constituent about impeachment.

Still, the conservative base appears to be enthusiastic. In events around Indianapolis, Hofmeister said his supporters are ready to "cleanse" themselves of the Clinton scandals by backing the GOP. "There's a real thirst to be quenched by voting," Hofmeister said.

A Washington analyst, however, cautioned that the budget deal may enervate conservative fervor. "I'm not quite as bullish as I was two weeks ago," said Stephen Moore, director of fiscal policy studies at the libertarian Cato Institute in Washington. "This was not a budget agreement, it was a budget surrender. It has clearly depressed fundraising."

Conservatives such as McIntosh have roiled the GOP with their fierce opposition to the budget pact. But Hoosier Republicans praise McIntosh. "He as much as any other member made the bill better by threatening to vote no," said Souder. If McIntosh and others didn't wage the war, "we would really take the chance of losing our base," said Hofmeister. ❖

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Larry Riley, *Muncie Star Press* - More than 75 percent of the $80,000 raised this year by (Sen. Allie) Craycraft, running for re-election to the Indiana Senate, came from organized labor and political action committees. One PAC alone contributed more than $15,000. In (Rep. Tiny) Adams's case, about half of the $110,000 raised this year for his House campaign came from political action committees, other legislative candidates, or the Democratic caucus in the House. Forty percent caem from organized labor. Oh, yes, video gambling business Muncie Coin kicked in, too. Adams's opponent, James Vanleer, got 70 percent of his itemized funding from PACs, but he listed more than $18,000 in unitemized contributions - probably not video gambling and assorted taverns, but who knows where that money came from ❖

Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune* - Q.) Does it look like Clinton's troubles will have an effect on turnout? A.) That's a key question for which pollsters have been trying to find an answer: First, there was indication of disgust over Clinton holding down the Democratic vote. Now, there is some indication of a "backlash" against how the Republican-controlled House is moving toward impeachment, an impeachment that a majority of Americans say they don't want. Q.) With polls showing the president still with a high approval rating, could it be that the 1998 election will actually turnout favorably for him? A.) It could, if Republicans, after all this, gain only a scant few seats in the House and Senate. That would make impeachment far less likely. Never under estimate the ability of Republicans to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory in dealing with Clinton. Never underestimate the ability of Bill Clinton, after victory, to trip over his own feats and fall on his face. ❖

R.K. Shull, *Indianapolis News* - Q.) Why is Kenneth Starr called "independent counsel? A.) Because "Torquemada" and "grand inquisitor" are copyright names of the Spanish inquisition. Q.) Starr said he may have more accusations, if he can find them. Is there no end? A.) The way some congressional Republicans are starting to back away from the impeachment hunt could be an indication they've come to believe the polls that say two-thirds of the people are fed up with Starr. Q.) What's that got to do with Republicans? A.) If voters are really as disgusted as they say they are, they may conclude the quick way to end the investigation of Clinton's sex life is to eliminate the Republican majority in the House of Representatives on Nov. 3. ❖

Mary Beth Schneider, *Indianapolis Star* - I have seen the future and it scares me. Cyber candidates running cyber campaigns. You can see them in carefully crafted television commercials. You can call up their flashy web page. You can listen to their punchy voice-mail message. But you seldom actually talk to the candidates. And don't expect them to talk to you. Two incumbent congressmen - U.S. Rep. Dan Burton and U.S. Rep. John Hostettler - have refused to answer. Burton handily wins re-election in the heavilty Republican 6th Congressional District every two years. His excuse for not participating? He doesn't like the coverage he got when he admitted to having an adulterous affair and a child out of wedlock. Hostettler, on the other hand, is in a tight ract in the 8th Congressional District, famout for tight races. His excuse? He doesn't have one. His campaign said he's tried to participate. Somehow, though, he's failed to return a single call to the reporter covering his race.❖

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is clawing for any kind of financial support he can in his uphill race against Evan Bayh. The fact that Squadrito is raising money to run for mayor - a position Helmke has indicated he does not want to vacate should he lose to Bayh - means that Freeland appears to be fueling an epic political showdown in the Summit City. Helmke was also at the center of controversy when he ordered an end to police narcotic checkpoints in For Wayne until their constitutionality can be confirmed. Squadrito advocates the roadblocks, as does Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith.

Fort Wayne Republican Councilman Marty Bender sided with four city council Democrats to defeat the GOP's redistricting plan, touching off speculation that Bender will have a primary opponent in 1999 (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette).

Dr. Karl Lamb has written a book - Reasonable Disagreement - about Rhodes Scholar classmates Richard Lugar and Paul Sarbanes. While both are the same age and were elected to the Senate on the same day, Lugar and Sarbanes voted opposite of each other almost more times than any other combination in the Senate. Lamb, a U.S. Naval Academy sci-

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TOSS-UPS (5)

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

A status quo election is beginning to take shape

Horse Race senses a status quo election and momentum shifting to incumbents. Which means no more than a 2-to-1 split between the three competitive Congressional seats and a real good chance for another 50/50 split Indiana House.

HORSE RACE

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:** HPR/ReleResearch Poll shows Democrat Evan Bayh is leading Republican Paul Helmke by a 58-27 percent margin for the U.S. Senate seat in the 10th CD, with Libertarian Rebecca Sink-Burris polling 3 percent and 12 percent undecided.. **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:** The ol' Horse trotted up to Elkhart this weekend and saw just how bad the Holtz campaign really is. He is using a Clinton impeachment theme TV ad with "Betrayal" as its key word while the polls clearly show that Americans have no appetite for it. A shot of the candidate at a backyard barbecue had him partially obscured by another person. It ends with Holtz and another man sloppily tossing a football back and forth, which is bad technique in Notre Dame country. Roemer will return for a fifth term. **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:** Lauer, Lalley, Victoria poll shows Hostettler up 47-39 percent. It has Hostettler's pos/neg rating at 52/41; Riecken's at 35/17. Riecken consultant Chris Sautter sees the glass half full, saying that the Democrat is "within striking distance" with Hostettler below 50 percent. Bob Dole to campaign in Evansville on Tuesday for the incumbent. Riecken defends her record on the environment, saying she is not radical (Julian, *Evansville Courier*). National Public Radio's Jo Ann Silberner reports that Riecken's thematic stand of this campaign - health care - has not caught fire with the public and used data from Harvard pollster Robert Blenden to support her assertions. Alan Julian of the *Evansville Courier* assesses the 8th CD this way: "It's a district where no congressman can rest easy, and elections can be decided by as few as four votes. In the past 32 years, Republicans have controlled the congressional seat for 16 years, and Democrats have controlled it for 16 years." He adds, "And yet, voters sometimes make wild and mysterious swings from one end of the political spectrum to the other." He quotes State Rep. Russ Stilwell saying, "It's a gun-toting, Bible-packing, God-fearing, blue-collar, family district." Former candidate Richard Mourdock said, "It seems like the voters are driven by extremes." The *Indianapolis Star's* Leonard Fleming. reports, "This race has become an outright war - where partisan labels are slung like mud and both candidates call the other a liar for mispresenting their records." We're keeping this in the toss-up zone this week because the trends seem to be

going in the Democrat's favor, but she's got a lot of ground to make up. **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:** *Indianapolis Star* reports Hill had $277,000 to $205,000 cash-on-hand edge as of Oct. 1. *Chicago Tribune's* Michael Tackett reports that both parties have targeted the open 9th CD "because the district could well join so many in the South that have shifted party allegiance or it could be a place where the Democrats can construct a firewall against further erosion." The *Tribune* reports that the Lewinsky scandal is at play in the 9th, quoting Hill saying, "I don't know how broad and deep it runs." Tackett quotes Hill as saying to his wife after the President's Aug. 17 TV address, "I don't know, we are all in some kind of purgatory." *Indianapolis Star's* John O'Neil reports, "At one time, it was thought that this seat could be key to Democratic hopes of retaking the House. Now, few Democrats talk of regaining the majority. But they do talk about holding their ground, so the 9th remains crucial." He notes one sign in Galena greeting the Democrat on a campaign stop read, "Welcome Byron Hill." *Indiana Legislative Insight's* Ed Fiegenbaum tells the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, "It's still Baron Hill's race to lose" and that Leising is still having problems "toning down her image." With an apparent backlash against Republicans in the making, and Lee Hamilton scheduled for six campaign stops for Hill in the final days of the campaign, this race remains too close to call. But we get the sense from Hill's comments that he knows he's behind. **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:** HPR/TeleResearch Poll (Oct. 14-18, 603 likely, +/- 4) has Carson leading Hofmeister among likely voters 55-37 percent. That compares to an NRCC poll by the Tarrance Group (Goldsmith's 1996 pollster), taken on Sept. 8-9, 300 likely, +/-5.8 percent that showed Hofmeister leading Carson "among those who have already decided" by a 27-24 percent margin. Pollster Jeff Lewis is calling it the "Blankenbaker Backlash" with 15 percent of Republicans supporting Carson. HPR/TeleResearch sample had 43 percent Democrats; 29 percent Republicans; 28 percent independents which is an accurate reflection of the district. We'd been hearing speculation and rumors about Blankenbaker supporters jumping the GOP ship. Blankenbaker was furious with Hofmeister over the way he portrayed her on the abortion issue. Dan Quayle to campaign for Hofmeister on Oct. 24, Jesse Jackson stumped for Carson last week. *Washington Post's* Tom Edsall characterized the Carson-Hofmeister race as a "clash of values, pitting hard-nosed American individualism against compassionate egalitarianism." Edsall said the 10th CD race is "typical" of the way campaigns make voters choose "between conflicting sets of values." He writes that the Hofmeister campaign "is premised on the assumption" that for the Republican to win in this Democratic district, "white, working class voters must be given stark choices on values-based issues." Carson's TV ads featuring former Rep. Andy Jacobs urging voters to to support "my friend Julia Carson" will have a strong influence. Jacobs said Carson will "protect the Social Security nest egg." Hofmeister has been running primary "faith family freedom" ads featuring his grandchildren. Hofmeister camp must face dilemma of whether to go negative against Carson - something that has never worked before and could hurt his jewelry business. **Status:** *LEANS D.*

INDIANA LEGISLATIVE RACES

House District 26: Republican: Rep. Sue Scholer. **Democrat:** Jeff Clapper. **Geography:** Lafayette, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County. **1994 Results:** Scholer 7,434 (unopposed). **1996 Results:** Scholer 8,633, Clapper (D) 5,714. **1998 Forecast:** Democrats are really pressing Scholer. Clapper has out-raised Scholer $46,555 to $40,234 for the year and has almost an identical amount of cash on handas of Oct. 1, with Scholer leading $22,843 to $22,343. Democrats, envisioning Evan Bayh coattails, keep talking of an unexpected pick-off. This could be it. **Status:** *Leans R.*

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ence professor - observed a "striking, almost eerie" commonality in the two senators backgrounds on the course of becoming political polar opposites "but always in a reasonable way."

Some 1,200 people showed up to, as the Evansville Courier described it, "witness, to protest and to taunt three dozen American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and about 50 Klan supporters" at the Warrick County courthouse in Boonville. There were no arrests. Steel cattle fencing corralled Klansmen, news media and onlookers into separate enclosures. A line of parked dump trucks kept Klan sympathesizers separated from an area designated for "non-supporters."

How does Dan Quayle's political PAC rate compare with other 2000 presidential contenders? He has $567,201, Al Gore has $2.126 million, Gary Bauer with $1.2 million, Rep. John Kasich with $453,000, Speaker Newt Gingrich at $297,000, Bill Bradley with $253,000, and Sen. John Ashcroft with $204,000. All other contenders were under $100,000.

Quayle said to Clive, Iowa, Christian Coalition, "We're going to be going through some times times after the election with the impeachment. It's important to focus

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on what brings us together." ABC's Sam Donaldson told APME last week that he believes President Clinton will eventually resign.

Former Clinton spokesman Mike McCurry told the AP that his former boss is a "richly qualified leader" who was "exasperatingly stupid" in his private life.

HPR Publisher Brian Howey joins the WIBC election night team in Indianapolis along with Eric Berman, former Congressman Andy Jacobs and Clerk of Courts John Okeson. WIBC-AM 1070 begins its Election Night coverage at 6 p.m. HPR subscribers can reach Howey on Election Night by calling 317-796-0883 or paging at 317-320-2722. ❖

House District 30: Republican: Rep. Karen Burkhardt. **Democrat:** Ron Herrell. **Geography:** Kokomo, Howard County.1994 Results: Padfield (R) 8,589, Howard 7,363. **1996 Results:** Padfield 10,775, Herrell 9,660. **1998 Forecast:** Herrell out-raised Burkhardt $95,765 to $75,506since April 11. But Burkhardt had a $41,524 to $8,483 cash-on-hand lead. *Kokomo Tribune's* Scott Smith reports that both parties consider the seat "attainable." We see Burhardt - untested in an election - as potentially the weakest incumbent. **Status:** *Toss-Up.*

House District 34: Republican: James Vanleer. **Democrat:** Rep. Tiny Adams. **Geography:** Muncie, Delaware County. **1994 Results:** Vanleer 8,491, Elliott 7,522. **1996 Results:** Adams 9,630, Vanleer 9,241. **1998 Forecast:** Vanleer is trying to pin job losses in Muncie to Adams. "You look at my opponent and, in two years, are we better off with all the businesses that have left Muncie, or are we worse off?" Vanleer asked. Adams responded that people should look to Republicans for NAFTA and "what NAFTA has done." **Status:** *Leans D.*

House District 46: Republican: David Lohr. **Democrat:** Rep. Vern Tincher. **Geography:** Vigo, Greene, Brown, Monroe, Sullivan counties. **1994 Results:** Lohr 8,160, Tincher 8,034. **1996 Results:** Tincher 9,858, Lohr 9,759, Minx 531. **1998 Forecast:** Neither side has gone negativeyet in this volatile race, but *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* quotes IU Pollster Brian Vargus, "Usually you don't go negative until you think you're going to lose. Then when one goes negative, so does the other. This calm may not last." Vargus added that both Lohr and Tincher have been waiting for a last-minute blitz. Watch for prison activists to attempt to link Lohr to white supremicists alleged to be running the Putnamville State Correctional facility during a hearing in Indianapolis on Thursday. **Status:** *Toss-Up.*

House District 56: Republican: Ken Paust. **Democrat:** Rep. Richard Bodiker. **Geography:** Richmond, Wayne County. **1994 Results:** Bodiker 7,142, Hamm 7,087. **1996 Results:** Bodiker 10,772, Hamm 8,159. **1998 Forecast:** *Richmond Palladium-Item* passes on Bodiker for the first time and endorses Paust, siding with GOP on looming tax reform. Republicans say Paust was within the margin of error prior to endorsement. **Status:** *Toss-Up.*

House District 94: Republican: Rep. Candy Marendt. **Democrat:** Jeb Bardon. **Libertarian:** Michael A. Neal. **Geography:** NW Indianapolis. **1994 Results:** Morris 7,838, Reasoner 5,537. **1996 Results:** Marendt 10,396, Hinman 9,586, Neal 422. **1998 Forecast:** GOP tracking has Marendt up by 12 points. Bardon has an $87,000 to $43,000 money lead. Marendt has conducted two mail drops, something Bardon hasn't done yet. **Status:** *Toss-Up.*

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