Thursday, April 8, 1999 ■ Volume 5, Number 29

THE HOWEY POLITICAL REPORT

The Howey Political Report is published by NewsLink, Inc. Founded in 1994, The Howey Political Report is an independent, non-partisan newsletter analyzing the political process in Indiana.

Brian A. Howey
editor and publisher

The Howey Political Report
PO Box 40265
Indianapolis, IN 46240-0265

Office: 317-254-1533
Fax: 317-254-2405
brian.howey@gte.net

• **www.howeypolitics.com**

Washington office: 202-775-3242

Business Office: 317-254-0535. Pager: 317-320-2722

Daytime number: 317-254-2400, Ext. 273

Subscriptions: $250 annually via fax or first class mail. Call 317-254-1533.

*© 1999, The Howey Political Report. All rights reserved. Photocopying, faxing or reproducing in any form, in whole or in part, is a violation of federal law and is **strictly prohibited** without consent of the publisher.*

"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'You and I both know that he is not up to the top job. Despite his good instincts, he will not be elected, at least no time soon...'"

- Richard M. Nixon, in the book, "Nixon Off the Record," on Dan Quayle, as reported by New York Times writer Melinda Henneberger last Sunday

Lugar: We're losing the war in Kosovo

Senator had sounded the warnings

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY**, *in Indianapolis*

Speaking from Sanibel Island, Fla., on an Easter Sunday in 1999, Sen. Richard Lugar peered out through the TV sets of America and said we were losing a war against Serbia and its dictator, Slobodan Milosevic.

ABC's *This Week* had guns loaded for Lugar. Sam Donaldson: "Senator Lugar, of course use of Apache helicopters increases the dangers to those pilots. Is it worth it?"

Lugar responded, "Well of course it is. The whole problem with our strategy is there's been a very low risk, but we're getting higher and higher probability that we're going to lose the war by pursuing low-risk tactics." And losing the war meant a Kosovo emptied of Albanians and Kosovars "in 10 or 20 days," and being saddled with all the refugees and all the problems, as well as a "sense of defeat of NATO, of our country, and the situation around the world in which people depend on America."

George Will: "Senator Lugar, you say we're in danger of losing this war. Describe for us winning the war."

Said Lugar, "Well, winning right now will mean the president of the United States, in a very marked change in policy, saying we are sending a ground force into the area. It may take time, we're going to do it right, but we are going to have an overwhelming force that will be required to eliminate the military dangers of Serbia. It means literally eliminating the military problems of Milosevic in the area and having sufficient force then to make good on all of our pledges...."

As he did in summing up the Senate Republican's

Continued on page 2

INSIDE FEATURES

Bob Lang cartoon: Bayh's money p. 2
Ticker Tape: 2nd ISP trooper killed p. 2
Perhaps We Wander: A New Party p. 4
Columnists: Alter, Smith, Greene p. 5
Horse Race: Hamilton in 8th CD p.6-8

TICKER TAPE

Former President George Bush, addressing 1,500 Indiana Republicans last week in Indianapolis, refused to overtly criticize President Clinton's strategy in Kosovo. The Indianapolis Star reported, "Bush...said he defined the U.S. mission in the Gulf conflict, and the military achieved it. Unspoken, but implied, was the suggestion that there is no definite mission now as NATO forces are bombing Yugoslavia, and no definite way for the military to end the aggression of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic." Said Bush, "I will leave it at that, because I do not want to get into criticizing those responsible for using force today."

Trooper Cory Elson became

Continued on page 3

Lugar, *from page 1*

impeachment case against President Clinton, Lugar has now emerged as his most influential war critic. He joins Sen. John McCain ("if we're going to get in, then do what it takes to win it") as the country's most hawkish Republicans, creating a vivid contrast to a vacillitating group of 2000 presidential candidates, and President Clinton himself. It was Clinton who publicly ruled out ground troops before the bombs began falling in Belgrade, perhaps emboldening Milosevic to launch Holocaust-caliber atrocities.

A week after Clinton personally called Lugar to express condolences over the death of the senator's mother, Lugar was scolding the President on national television and exhorting him to do his job. "The diplomacy won't start until our president stops saying no ground troops. We really have to get over that. I would hope that if the Congress returns we try to convince the president to do his job. To be Commander in Chief, to win the war. He cannot afford to lose this war, nor can we in the United States."

Donaldson asked Lugar, "Do you think this is another Vietnam possibility and if not, why not?

Said Lugar, "I don't believe there's that possibility because we are operating with NATO. NATO is determined to have a stable Europe."

Apparently Americans were beginning to buy into that. *Newsweek's* poll (April 1-2) found 54 percent of Americans supporting ground troops

Lugar, like Churchill

Lugar, described by *USA Today* as an "influential internationalist and foreign policy expert," has been sounding warnings about Milosevic and the Serbs for years - not unlike Winston Churchill's lone wolf warnings about Adolph Hitler and the Third Reich between 1935-40. On Dec. 22, 1998, Lugar and seven other senators were writing Clinton about the need to "take steps to help facilitate a transition to a democratic government committed to the rule of law. Such a transition in the very near future is not only essential to the Serbian people but is a necessary prerequisite to a stable peace in the Balkans."

At that time, Lugar said, "the props of his regime" were uncertain with the dismissal of the army chief of staff and opposition from the Serbian Orthodox

Church. "In the current atmosphere, the Serbian democratic forces need a clear signal that the United States favors the replacement of the Milosevic regime...."

In a Nov. 30, 1998 *Washington Post* op-ed article, Lugar wrote, "Relying on and cooperating with Milosevic has limited our ability to support democratic change in Yugoslavia. Our democratic values have been shelved for the sake of this faulty collaboration.

"Clearly, no lasting solution to the Balkan crisis is possible without fundamental change in Serbia and in the leadership of Yugoslavia. It should be a U.S. policy priority to help bring about these changes." Lugar said that negotiations with Milosevic allowed him to "gain leverage at home and tolerance abroad to muzzle his democratic opposition and, if necessary, to plan the next Balkan crisis. Unchecked, this will perpetuate crises in the Balkans, will make this region a continuous security priority, and prove costly to NATO credibility and U.S. interests in Europe."

By the end of the second week of NATO bombing, there were close to 500,000 refugees, near-complete domination of Kosovo, an emboldened Milosevic, an outraged Serbian populace, the opening efforts of Serbian-inspired destabilization of Montenegro and Macedonia, a military running out of cruise missiles, three American prisoners, and an embarrassed NATO. The *Washington Post* on Monday reported that weeks before the air strikes "U.S. military chiefs expressed deep reservations about the Clinton administration's approach and warned that bombing alone wouldn't achieve its political aims."

Albright responds to Lugar

Secretary of State Madeline Albright responded directly to Lugar's assertions that the war could be lost, saying on NBC's *Meet the Press*, "That is not true. We are in the middle of a very serious air campaign against Milosevic. We are, I believe, very much on target with what we're trying to do to make sure that Milosevic does not have the military power to control the Kosovo region in a tight grip."

But U.S. News & World report was reporting that Clinton was "stressed" about using more troops and urged his advisers that, "The best thing to do right now is not read the newspapers."

Indiana reaction

Local reaction to the air strikes was generally supportive. The *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* reported its city's 500 Macedonian families "largely support the NATO air strikes."

"If they don't do something to Milosevic, he'll move to Macedonia and Montenegro, and they won't stop him," said George Lebamoff, vice president of the *Macedonian Tribune*. "He should've been stopped last year."

U.S. Reps. Mark Souder and David McIntosh backed the troops, but questioned the policy. McIntosh opposed deployment. Souder told the *Journal Gazette*, "I have no doubt that it is heart-rending. I also have no doubt that I could go to at least 20 other places in the world, probably 50, and say this is terrible. The question is, can you be everywhere?"

U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh urged the country to "approach this action one step at a time, and see if this limiting bombing action embarked upon by NATO will bring Milosevic to his senses. If not, we will have to reconsider what is the next best course of action."

Former Congressman Lee Hamilton told the *Bloomington Herald-Times*, "This is a very tough one for me. I think in the short term we have to try to stabilize the situation, and it may take force. In the longer term, I'm convinced we are overcommitted in the Balkans beyond our interests."

Said Dan Quayle, "When it comes to ground troops, and ground support, I say that you really need Europeans there. It's a European problem. We didn't have to be in this position." ❖

TICKER TAPE

the second to die in the line of duty in 1999 when he was gunned down in a hail of 36 bullets from an AK-47 in Decatur last Saturday. He was the 40th Indiana State Police trooper to die in the line of duty since 1933. His roommate at police academy, Trooper Richard Gaston, was killed on March 4 when his squad car was struck by a tractor-trailer on the Indiana Toll Road near South Bend. That death prompted momentum for the passage of legislation that calls for drivers to move a lane away from stopped squad cars with lights flashing. How Elson's murder will impact gun control legislation either in Indiana or nationally remains to be seen.

Gov. Frank O'Bannon announced that State Sen. Jim Merritt and State Rep. Mark Kruzan had come to a compromise on their separate bills on public access to government records and meetings. "Indiana citizens deserve full compliance, at all levels of government, with our access laws," Gov. O'Bannon said. The compromises would make permanent the office of public access counselor, an office O'Bannon created last summer. It makes it easier for a citizen to make the other side pay his attorney fees in disputes over record and meeting access. "This should encourage people to

continued on page 4

TICKER TAPE

use the services of the public access counselor," Kruzan said.

Gov. O'Bannon has selected Lori F. Kaplan to head the troubled Indiana Department of Environmental Management. She had been deputy director of the DNR's Bureau of Water and Resource Regulation.

Gov. O'Bannon and the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus are demanding that Indiana's riverboat casinos follow the 10 percent rule for minority and female owned companies. The Times reported that minority and woman-owned companies lost more than $80 million in revenue during 1996 and 1997 because casino owners failed to follow Indiana's minimum buying requirements. "Racial minorities gave these riverboats the opportunity to earn tens of millions of dollars," said State Rep. Charlie Brown of Gary. "The casinos should be meeting these goals, not inching toward them" (Kevin Corcoran, Munster Times). State Rep. Earline Rogers said the state should penalize casinos not in compliance by Jan. 1, 2000.

U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer visited a Wakarusa hog farm to listen to farmer Tom Fox, who has taken $90,000 in hog salelosses in the past four months. "We will have to continue monitoring the

continued on page 5

PERHAPS... WE WANDER

By Brian Howey

Make way for the new Christian Democrats

MUNCIE - Noted author and Cornell Prof. Ted Lowi believes that within the next political generation a Christian Democratic Party is going to emerge from the restless vestiges of the Reagan Democrats and a fractured GOP.

Lowi was the featured speaker at the Indiana Political Science Association meeting at Ball State University last month. He sees the modern political era beginning in 1980 when the Moral Majority/Republican right accumulated an unprecedent array of power trappings: a national financial base, think tanks and prominent talent all consolidating into a recognized wing of a national party that propelled Ronald Reagan to the White House. What prompted these gains were the globalization of the economy (bringing about oil crises in 1973 and 1979-80 and the Iran hostage dilemma) and the mobilization of morality.

What we're witnessing now is the potential for the Republican Party to fracture under the weight of these unnatural alliances. Lowi says it was a "disaster waiting to happen" and that disaster turned out to be President Bill Clinton.

"The Republican Party is over because Bill Clinton became a Republican," Lowi said. "The beauty of politics is that it destroys orthodoxy."

Those words conjured images of a truly indignant Al Hubbard - the Indiana Republican chairman who presided over the 1994 Revolution - ranting over the idea of Evan Bayh and Bill Clinton "stealing our ideas." Both had "stolen" welfare reform and NAFTA, balanced budgets and no new taxes.

As crime rates and welfare rolls have fallen, free trade with Mexico and Canada propelling an unprecedented economic properity, a balanced budget, and 100,000 new cops patrolling the streets, the Republicans have had to move right socially. They have attempted to become the party of personal morality.

That emboldened Hoosier personalities such as State Rep. Woody Burton and Advance America's Eric Miller to promise a "cultural war" waged against adopting gay couples, libraries renting R-rated videos, and the Kinsey Institute. It pushed the Republican right to impeach President Clinton not only for his sexual misconduct and lying to grand juries, but also for having the audacity to "steal" Republican ideas even as poll after poll revealed a public unwilling to go along.

States rights have devolved from racist tenets to become a sharing of power as the federal government has deregulated. Mainstream Republicans were able to embrace Democrats (i.e., Evan Bayh raising big bucks in Hamilton County), and the end result is a strong environment for conservatism, but a weakened Republican Party as well.

As O. Henry might ask: What of the future? Lowi contends that eventually the working class will bear the greatest price of globalization. It is that same working class that also finds strength in its mobilized moral tendencies and religious faith.

The answer, therefore, is a working class Christian Party, perhaps best personified by Pat Buchanan stoking up his "pitchfork brigades" during the New Hampshire Republican primary in 1996.

Or in Indiana, the role might best be filled by David McIntosh, the Dr. Dereg and compassionate conservative who is palatable to all wings of his party. If he shows up at the Statehouse with a pitchfork, we'll know where he's headed.❖

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Bob Greene, *Chicago Tribune* - Saying that he is "appalled" by what has been reported here about the case of the 6-year-old Plymouth boy who was tortured by his father and step-mother, the governor of Indiana has stepped in to take personal responsibility for the state's role in the child's future well-being. Gov. Frank O'Bannon made it clear: Any future decisions on the part of the State of Indiana about where the boy should live, and about what kind of help he should be given in his healing, will be reviewed by him. And he is ordering a top-level re-evaluation of where the child has been sent to live, and what kind of care and assistance he is being given. As we have reported, the boy has been removed from a loving foster home, where he was being carefully helped with his healing, and sent to live with his biological mother - the former girlfriend of Joseph Grad, the man who repeatedly chained the boy in a broom closet and tortured him. "I am appalled at the terrible abuse described in your columns," Gov. O'Bannon said. ❖

Larry Riley, *Muncie Star Press* - An out-of-city publication wanted me to write about video gaming machines now that the owner of a bunch of them is under federal indictment. The machines are standard equipment, of course, in Muncie taverns. And in bowling alleys, bingo halls, eateries, golf courses, fraternal lodges, even in stand-alone casinos called video amusement places. One should fully expect to see them any day now in the Ball State student center, local church recreation halls, YMCA lounge, and the Boys & Girls Club on Madison Street. "You can buy one for $5,000," said the person I talked to, "and pay for it in 10 days." Do the math. At $500 a day, just one machine in a place that might be closed twice a week, that's $130,000 a year. One must wonder just who society is hurting by allowing the phenomenal growth of this shady industry. The problem with it is obvious. "It breeds corruption." Why is that? "Too much cash." Those are the words of the Delaware County prosecutor, and he's right, though for years he has tolerated the expansion of the machine empire. ❖

Jonathon Alter, *Newsweek* - In Kurt Vonnegut's novel, *Slaugherhouse Five*, the character Billy Pilgrim comes "unstuck in time." As the world grapples with Serbia, we're all pilgrims now, voyaging in the mists of memory. ❖

Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - Indiana wrote the book on term limits - and on how to get around them. The state constitution limits the number of terms a politician may hold most county offices to two four-year terms in any 12-year period. But since the rule applies to auditor, recorder, treasurer, Circuit Court clerk, surveyor, sheriff and coroner, there's a time-honored way around it: seat swapping. Now certain senior members of Congress are wondering whether musical chairs a la Indiana might be just the ticket for the fix they're in. Here's the background: When the Republicans took over control of the House in 1994, they imposed a lot of rules they said would clear uip the way the House was run under 40 years of Democratic rule. One of those was a limit on the number of terms a committee chair could serve. If Republicans retain control of the House after the 2000 elections, several committee chairmen will be looking down the barrel at the effect of those six-year term limits. Some would like to kill the rule. Their second-best option is the Indiana Solution. Bad ideas. Unless the GOP wants to go through another bruising image fisasco, they'd better just live with the effects of their 1994 moralizing. ❖

TICKER TAPE

situation and come up with short-term fixes," Roemer said (Wayne Falda, South Bend Tribune). Said Fox, who is losing $12 to $13 per animal, "We are going to stay in. We are going to ride this thing through."

Roemer joined O'Bannon at Nuner School in South Bend to promote the governor's full-day kindergarten legislative initiative. "It's an easy choice economically and spiritually," Roemer said (Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune). Roemer is a sponsor of Ed Flex in Congress.

Gov. O'Bannon and U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh were hailing the graduation of 400 college students, the first class of 21st Century Scholars. The students were in the 8th grade back in 1990-91 when the Bayh-O'Bannon administration launched the program that gave students who maintained a C average, committed no crimes and avoided drugs and alcohol free tuition and fees at any college or university in Indiana. "Back when you were in the 8th grade and I was governor we embarked on a mission to prove that paying attention to your studies and staying out of trouble would pay off for you," Bayh told about 100 students at the Statehouse rotunda.

continued on page 6

TICKER TAPE

The Gary Post-Tribune reports that changes to the state property tax system that were supposed to make appeals faster and more professional have instead created more confusion and backlogs. The newspaper reported that Lake County has 300 outstanding appeals dating back to 1995, and Porter County has 31, totaling more than $94 million in taxable real estate. "Everyone around the state is having trouble finding level 2 (assessors)," complained Porter County Assessor Shirley LaFever. Said Bill Waltz, general counsel for the Board of Tax Commissioners, "We're basically telling counties to do the best they can."

The Munster Times editorialized in support of a called summit of Lake County's taxing units that it is "necessary to find solutions to tax problems that are growing ever more urgent." It noted that Ed Charbonneau of the U.S. Steel Gary Works is saying property taxes are forcing his company to build elsewhere. "We built two coating facilities in Ohio just over the Indiana state line. We are not building any new facilities in Gary. We still have 8,000 high-paying jobs here, but we are dying painfully, slowly in Gary." And Tom Keilman speaking for BP Amoco said of the company's Whiting facility, "We are the highest-taxed refin-

Indiana Racing Form

INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

With a little less than a month before the primaries, here is a general assessment of each of the top primary mayoral showdowns:

Evansville Mayoral: Republican: County Commissioner Russell Lloyd Jr., David Woll. **Democrat:** Rick Borries, City Councilwoman Gail Riecken, County Councilman Phil Hoy, Lawrence Hall. **1995 Results:** McDonald (D) 19,162, Frary (R) 9,565. **1999 Forecast:** This is shaping up to be a fall showdown between Democrat Gail Riecken and Republican legacy Russell Lloyd Jr. We just don't see either one being upset in the primary. **Status:** *Toss Up.*

Fort Wayne Mayoral: Republican: Allen County Sheriff Joe Squadrito, Linda Buskirk. **Democrat:** Graham Richard, Agnes Hopkins, David Roach. **1995 Results:** Helmke 21,909, Essex (D) 11,033, Kempf (L) 1,029. **1999 Forecast:** Squadrito is the man to beat here. He unveiled his TV ads - several weeks after Buskirk went on the air - with the former sheriff saying, "We're a city on the move. We'll even fix the potholes." The fact Squadrito waited so long to hit the airwaves tells us that his poll numbers have looked good and that he is working to consolidate that lead. **Status:** *Leans Squadrito.*

HORSE RACE

East Chicago Mayoral: Republican: None. **Democrat:** Mayor Robert Pastrick, Lake County Democratic Chairman Stephen Stiglich. **1999 Forecast:** We're looking for Pastrick to prevail over arch-rival Stiglich. The question is how much ammo is Stig going to shoot off as he goes down? If he goes up on Chicago TV, this is a million-dollar primary. **Status:** *LEANS PASTRICK.*

Gary Mayoral: Republican: None. **Democrat:** Mayor Scott King, State Rep. Vernon Smith, Calumet Township Assessor Booker Blumenberg Jr. **1995 Results:** King (D) 23,588, Williams (I) 5,482, Boswell (R) 1,108, McCraney (I) 96. **1999 Forecast:** King looks like a safe bet for re-election at this point. Considering that he's already endured chronic strife with this council, a City Hall drug scandal, blown police drug busts, and a pervasive litter problem, it's hard to see what else could dislodge him from a second term. **Status:** *Leans King.*

Indianapolis Mayoral: Republican: Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy, Robert Parker. **Democrat:** Bart Peterson, Jocelyn Tandy-Adande. **Our Party:** Rev. John Gibson. **Libertarian:** Andrew Horning. **1995 Results:** Goldsmith (R) 64,209, Jimison (D) 39,539, Dillon (L) 7,175. **1999 Forecast:** Gilroy's campaign has been a continuing curiosity. Her campaign is promoting her April 14 Jaycees speech at the Indianapolis Athletic Club, even running an ad for it in *NUVO*. Gilroy's TV ad message is basically this: We've had 30 years of Republican mayors, so vote for another one. Campaign sees Goldsmith's high poll marks as good enough reason to embrace his legacy, to the point that they have yet to articulate their own. Meanwhile Gilroy is doing her best to ignore the State Board of Accounts audit of the Goldsmith administration's books. The Gilroy campaign has been extremely tough to deal with from a press standpoint: phone calls are not returned; interview requests are difficult to arrange or simply blown off. There is no independent analysis on whether Parker has made inroads. Indianapolis Star reports that its readers want coverage on routine issues. In contrast to Gilroy, Peterson is pumping out his positions. On March 30, the Democrat unveiled his neighborhood economic development strategies. He also called on Goldsmith to release cellular phone records to WTHR-TV investigative reporters. "I urge Ms. Gilroy to join in my call to City of Indianapolis to release the cellular phone bill records and for her to personally call Mayor Golsmith to make this request." Until we see polling data to the contrary, Gilroy looks like she will win the primary. But if Parker gets more than 40 percent of the vote, the perception of her candidacy could be seriously damaged with Republicans. **Status:** *Toss-Up.*

South Bend Mayoral: Republican: Steve Bradley, Melvin Townsend. **Democrat:**

Mayor Steve Leucke, Portage Township Assessor John Vorde, Kevin C. Horton, Zbigniew "Ziggy" Borowski. **1995 Results:** Kernan (D) 14,309, Waite (R) 3,106. **1999 Forecast:** We still believe Leucke is in a good position to defend his incumbency. Horton goes on the attack on Michigan Street strip bars like The Torch, saying they provide a "sorry image" for the city. Horton told the *South Bend Tribune*, "This is in no way a morality play on my part. I neither condemn nor condone the patrons or the employees of establishments like this one. I would not question the operation of these businesses outside the city limits." Leucke responded by endorsing the idea of improving commercial corridors like Michigan Street. **Status:** *Safe Leucke.*

Terre Haute Mayoral: Republican: Open. **Democrat:** Mayor James Jenkins, Vigo County Auditor Judy Anderson, George Reedy, Frank Monk. **1999 Forecast:** This race is drawing the attention of Indiana Democrats. Vigo County Democratic Chairman Bob Etling is backing Judy Anderson against the first-term mayor. Jenkins has launched his radio and television campaign. Columnist Max Jones of the *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* downplays Anderson's top billing on the ballot as an advantage. "To hear the 'experts' tell it, holding the top ballot position in an election will bring a candidate 5 percent more votes than if it appears farther down on the list." He noted that Jenkins won his first race for sheriff against Bill Ducker, and then defeated Mayor Chalos. "If Jenkins loses to Judy Anderson," Jones wrote, "let's give the voters credit for making an informed choice, not just for punching the first name they saw. **Status:** *Leans Jenkins.*

INDIANA 2000 RACES

Governor: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke, George Witwer, John Price. **Democrat:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon. **1996 results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** Former President Bush continued to fan the flames of a McIntosh candidacy for governor. McIntosh introduced his former boss at the GOP's spring dinner at the Indiana Convention Center last week. Bush responded by saying, "I have high hopes that one of the few jobs we do not hold in Indiana will be reclaimed in 2000 and I hope David gives serious consideration to being a part of the action." Many of the gathered Republicans were wearing "Run David" stickers. McIntosh began drawing fire from Democrats for his efforts to raise campaign money for the 13 U.S. House impeachment managers, including U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer in Indiana's 5th CD. "David McIntosh continues to tilt at impeachment windmills," said 2nd CD Democratic Chair Ray Scheele of Muncie. "The Mac Attack continues. David McIntosh doesn't realize that when it's over, it's over. Moreoever, most of the people he's helping are from out of state." McIntosh is calling President Clinton's 2000 plans to target the House managers, "Vengeance Campaign 2000." **Status:** *Leans Democratic.*

Congressional District 2: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, Mike Pence, Supt. Suellen Reed. **Democrat:** Joe Hogsett, New Castle Mayor Sherman Boles, Marc Carmichael, State Rep. Scott Mellinger. **Geography:** Muncie, Anderson, Richmond, Shelbyville, Columbus and East Central Indiana. **1994 results:** McIntosh 93,592, Hogsett 78,241. **1996 Results:** McIntosh 122,288, Carmichael (D) 83,478, Zimmerman (L) 4,662. **1998 Results:** McIntosh (R) 99,584, Boles (D) 62,426, Federle (L) 2,236. **2000 Forecast:** Horse Race still thinks McIntosh is going to run for governor. We're hearing a new name in the Democratic mix: freshman State Rep. Scott Mellinger. He's the former two-term Madison County sheriff who comes from the CD's most populous county. **Status:** *Leans R.*

Congressional District 8: Republican: U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:** John Hamilton. **Libertarian:** Paul Hager. **Geography:** Evansville, Bloomington, Vincennes and SW Indiana. **1994 results:** Hostettler (R) 93,529, McCloskey (D) 84,857. **1996 Results:** Hostettler (R) 109,582, Weinzapfel (D) 106,134, Hager (L) 3,799. **1998 Results:** Hostettler (R) 92,227, Riecken (D) 81,381, Hager (L) 3,395. **2000 Forecast:** John Hamilton has resigned as head of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and is preparing a run in the

continued on page 8

TICKER TAPE

ery in the world."

Lake County Auditor Peter Benjamin issued this blunt warning: "Govenment spending cannot continue to outpace growth. It is critical that government and industry sit down together to discuss these issues. Lake County is in deep fiscal trouble. There is not time to waste."

Michael Dukakis, the 1988 Democratic presidential nominee, told students at IU Northwest, "Have a good but conventional sex life. If you're into kinky stuff, have a good time, but forget about politics" (Gary Post-Tribune).

Two Clinton administration cabinet secretaries - AG Janet Reno and Transportation's Rodney E. Slater - were in Indianapolis on Wednesday. Slater was to meet with Gov. O'Bannon to discuss the I-69 extension. Reno was expected to address concerns on the high Indianapolis homicide rate.

U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, one of the 13 House impeachment managers, ended up in a Sgt. Pepper-style collage on the cover of Sunday's New York Times Book Review section.

Fort Wayne police are reporting that gunshots are being fired at the department's Creighton Street headquar-

continued on page 8

TICKER TAPE

ters at least four times during the last three weeks (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette).

HPR PRINTING ERROR: Due to a printing problem with the April 1 edition of HPR, the four-page middle insert was placed upside down. We want to apologize to our readers and assure you that steps have been taken to ensure that it doesn't happen again. - Brian Howey

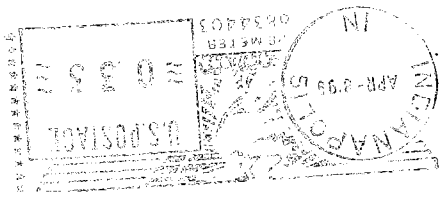
❖

HORSE RACE

Bloody 8th. Hamilton headed up IDEM since June 1997. Horse Race can't think of a worse springboard to enter elective politics than the beleaguered IDEM, which is under chronic criticism from environmentalists who don't believe it regulates enough, to industry which is angered by long delays in the permit process. There has also been high staff turnover and low morale in the agency. Concerns in environmental circles could be critical since those groups have often supported the Democratic nominee against Hostettler. Under Hamilton, IDEM was chronically understaffed during the Bayh-O'Bannon years despite legislative budget appropriations designed to increase its manpower. DCCC had approached House Speaker John Gregg and Bloomington Mayor John Fernandez about running and both apparently have said no. **Status:** *Toss-Up.*

Congressional District 9: Republican: Kevin Shaw Kellems. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. **Libertarian:** Open. **Geography:** New Albany Jeffersonville, Madison, Nashville and SE Indiana. **1994 results:** Hamilton 91,459 (D), Leising (R) 84,315. **1996 Results:** Hamilton (D) 128,885, Leising (R) 97,747, Feeney (L) 2,315. **1998 Results:** Hill (D) 92,477, Leising (R) 87,278, Feeney (L) 2,397. **2000 Forecast:** Leising and husband Frank Thompson were telling folks at the state Republican dinner that she is considering a run for lieutenant governor or the Indiana House in 2000. A recent trip to Washington found virtually no support in the Republican establishment for a fourth Leising run. Last year's open seat snatched away by an 11th hour Hill burst can be attributed to the Leising campaign's chronic instability. Kellems is now poised to pick up the mantle, having recently returned to the family farm near Madison. Horse Race still believes Kellems missed a golden opportunity to pick up the open seat in 1998. He sees 2000 as a better year to run with Texas Gov. George Bush and Lugar likely to head the ticket, and foreign affairs - his top area of expertise - on the front burner. Abortion fanatic Michael Bailey can also be expected to enter the Republican primary, as well as an as-yet unnamed businessman. But Kellems is clearly in the driver's seat here and considering Hill's sophomore status, the narrow six-vote Republican lead in the House and the Ohio Valley's recent penchant for volatility, this will likely be a target race by both parties. Hill has established a good reputation in Washington, is a capable fund raiser, and was well organized in 1998. He will be tough to pick off. **Status:** *LEANS D.*

BRIAN A. HOWEY ❖

THE HOWEY POLITICAL REPORT
PO Box 40265
Indianapolis, IN
46240-0265

**********36*****
JACK E. HOWEY
NEWSLINK, INC.
2314 CALAVERAS WAY
INDIANAPOLIS IN 46240-4714