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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'We'd hate to see David McIntosh out of work ...'"

- First Lady Judy O'Bannon, to talk show host Mike Pence, at a recent Emmis Broadcasting party, on the looming challenge from U.S. Rep. David McIntosh

Grumblings about McDaniel persisting

Anxieties gnaw at GOP constituencies

By BRIAN A. HOWEY *in Indianapolis*

On the eve of David McIntosh's ascension as the Republicans' chosen one for the new millennium, a disparate but influential cross-section of the party's constituency is expressing anxiety and concern about the performance of State Chairman Mike McDaniel.

Virtually every person HPR talked with about McDaniel this past week would speak only on deep background. But they come from across the spectrum: congressional staff, campaign staffs, former Central Committee members, current county chairs, and in the upper levels of the GOP's most powerful constituency - big business and industry. To a person, these powerful people profess high personal reguard for McDaniel. Many of them said he appears to be handcuffed by his Central Committee.

The nature of their complaints are these:

■ **Fundraising:** The party is living "hand to mouth" on its finances. One sources said that during the last cycle, the party only raised $120,000 from its Major Donor Program, and that included a visit by President Bush.

■ **Voter Lists:** They complain the party's "lists" have fallen out of date and those obstacles created unsuccessful congressional and legislative campaigns. A source outside the party maintained that the "lists aren't out of date" but that in 1998 the party spent "only a third of what they should have" in using the lists. The result was the Democrats winning most of the hotly contested House races and forging a 53-47 majority. The lobbyist said that after the Democrats brought in Robin Winston from Kentucky, he immediately

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U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar tells HPR that the NATO victory in Kosovo was a mixed result. Lugar said NATO stumbled into the conflict due to inept diplomacy. But, he said, President Clinton deserves praise for recent events. "If you're president of the United States and good things happen and you claim credit, you deserve credit," said Lugar, a fierce critic of Clinton throughout the crisis

Dan Quayle is set to report only $900,000 raised in the second quarter. Texas Gov. George W. Bush is expected to raise $20 million this year. U.S. News & World Report reports Quayle's initial goal was to raise $33 million and now "dismisses chasing vast sums of

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updated that party's lists, which brought his party the same type of results as the advent of the Republican lists in 1982 that saved the party from disaster. Republicans that year had to run with President Reagan's approval rating in the 30th percentile, and yet won most of the Statehouse ticket and several close Congressional seats. "I don't know who's fault it is," said an influential lobbyist. "If you have a board of directors and you don't get performance, who's fault is that?"

■ **The Job:** McDaniel is excellent when it comes to handling the news media and the logistics of the party's major dinners and events. Said one Republican, "That's about 15 percent of the job. What isn't happening is the fundraising, the lists and the staffing." One frequent complaint is the lack of an executive director, similar to when Devin Anderson had served in that capacity to Al Hubbard.

■ **Track Record:** Being a party chairman is a lot like being a manager of a major league baseball team. No matter how good or nice you are, you still have to win. Since McDaniel took control of the party in 1995, Republicans have lost a U.S. Senate seat, another governor's race and the Indiana House. "At some point you've got to win a big one," said one party pro, who acknowledged that McDaniel had little control over the runaway Goldsmith campaign of 1996 and the three-way primary that preceded it, and faced the almost insurmountable task of derailing Evan Bayh in 1998.

■ **Conventions:** The Indiana party's hosting of the 2000 national GOP meeting of state chairs next summer has also caused what might be characterized as knee-jerk anxiety. Some fear that an event of that magnitude will pull party resources away from winning back the House and governor's offices. They maintain that hosting the Republican National Convention could have been even more of a dead weight on the party and might have contributed to losing all the key House races in 1998.

■ **Lack of Message:** The critics remember Hubbard storming over to the Indiana Senate in 1993 and reading them the riot act on raising taxes. Now they see legislative Republicans wandering ideologically, with House Republicans clashing with Senate colleagues.

■ **The Democrats:** They've been winking at each other since the days when McDaniel began aggressively pursing the Republican National Convention. Joe

Andrew and Gov. O'Bannon went along and supported the effort as they watched the GOP spend man-hours and resources on the ultimately unsuccessful convention bid. McDaniel and the GOP got the bad news just days after the Indiana House debacle. At one Democratic event, a party operative was asked, "How long can McDaniel last?" The reply was, "We hope he stays right where he is."

At this writing, none of these sources was talking about a coup attempt. In fact, there have been grumblings about McDaniel's status off and on since Goldsmith's 1996 defeat. What has fired up the most recent round of grousing was the end of the Indiana General Assembly, which saw the state's banking, research & development, and insurance industries take major hits. It essentially reopened the wounds of November 1998.

McDaniel has very influential friends and allies. Following the loss of the national convention, former *Indianapolis Star* columnist Pat Traub sent out a laudatory e-mail on McDaniel's herculean effort to persuade Republicans to come to Indianapolis. It was followed by torrents of other e-mails from GOP elite congratulating McDaniel on his efforts. That type of vivid support appeared to have taken the steam out of any "Dump McDaniel" movement. One current party county chairman said there doesn't appear to be any overt shift of support away from McDaniel on the body that matters most, the State Central Committee.

While McDaniel does not face an imminent threat of being forced out, key Republicans are speculating on who might be in the wings to replace McDaniel should he step down, or about the prospect of hiring a party executive director and reshaping the party's internal operations. Some believe the party should go back to the Rex Early/Al Hubbard model of bringing in the self-made millionaire chairman who can excell in raising money.

In less agitated sectors of the party, sources tell HPR that McIntosh's ascension into the governor's race will soothe all wounds. Said one commanding party operative, "The party is on the cusp of being rejuvenated in one single day. We're going to find an awful lot of unity soon." He maintained that McIntosh will reignite Republican fundraising. As the far-and-away frontrunner in the governor's race, McIntosh would not have the veto power over who controls the party. But, the operative said, "He could say to Mike McDaniel and the Central Committee, 'Here are the three things I need' and reasonably expect to get them done."

That same source said that McDaniel has a good track record of responding to the will of the Central Committee and candidate needs. The source said that the party lists are in the process of being updated.

Another strident critic of McDaniel's in a key public affairs constituency appeared resigned to McDaniel's tenure in the light of the gathering presidential race featuring George W. Bush against Al Gore. "It may not matter if George W. does what I think he'll do to Al Gore. A rising tide raises all boats. If the Republicans have a ticket of Bush, Lugar and McIntosh, Frank O'Bannon is toast. Lugar will win by a million, the Republicans will retake the House and people like Baron Hill will lose."

The lobbyist said that Gore's support of the Kyoto environmental agreements could be devastating in Northwest and Southwest Indiana - two traditionally Democratic strongholds.

That's the kind of wishful thinking Indiana Democrats love to hear their Republican brothers and sisters talk about.

As the old axiom goes, Democrats have been watching Republicans snatch defeat out of the jaws of victory since the Evan Bayh era began in 1986.

There's a good chance that Mike McDaniel may have to make an emphatic case for himself and the party's prospects under his leadership at least one more time before the 2000 election cycle. ❖

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money as shallow." USN&WR quotes Quayle's Jonathon Baron as saying, "Dan Quayle is waging an ideological grassroots campaign, not a campaign focused on process items ... like fundraising."

NBC's Tim Russert on "Meet the Press" asked Quayle on Sunday, "Are you a compassionate conservative?" Quayle responded, "I'm conservative, and I believe all conservatives are compassionate. So absolutely, I am compassionate and conservative." Russert: "Where do you disagree with George W. Bush?" Quayle: "If I knew where he stood, I could tell you."

William F. Stuart has been appointed campaign manager of the Indiana House Democratic Caucus. Stuart currently serves as the assistant tof the DNR's Director Larry Macklin. He is also a former aide to U.S. Rep. Frank McCloskey and has held governmental affairs positions with the Indiana Association of Realtors and the Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives.

Marilyn Quayle addressed the Indiana Federation of Republican Women's Biennial State Convention in Indianapolis. She said, "As leaders within our party, we can help replenish the American spirit by restoring

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values of faith, family and freedom." Quayle also said, "As we prepare to enter the 21st Century, our struggles don't involve conflict between the world's great powers. Instead, they are right here at home - in the cities, the homes and the hearts of our people. When we bring back integrity, responsibility, and respect, we will restore America's morality and end these societal struggles."

Rosa Parks appeared in Indianapolis last week, where she was feted by Gov. Frank O'Bannon, Mayor Stephen Goldsmith and U.S. Rep. Julia Carson after receiving the Congressional Gold Medal earlier in the week. "Rosa Parks is the mother of the civil rights movement," Carson said.

Indiana Democrats are making claim to the advent of the new Spanish-language voter registration form in Indiana. "Indiana Democrats are the party that initiated the work on the Spanish-language voter form a year ago," said Lettice Otero, who chairs the Indiana Democratic Hispanic Caucus. Earlier this month HPR reported that Republican Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy had offered the Spanish registration form.

IVY Tech State College campuses in Gary, Lafayette, Indianapolis and Evansville have been chosen to open

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Votes cloud gun debate

Conservatives succeed in promoting cultural issues

By MARK SCHOEFF JR .

WASHINGTON - Last week the House rejected a bill that would impose restrictions on gun sales, creating an opening for Republicans to focus on cultural issues as the antidote to gun violence.

A measure that would impose background checks at guns shows was soundly defeated, 280-147. The Indiana delegation broke down this way:

Voting "no"-Reps. Pete Visclosky (D-CD 1), David McIntosh (R-CD 2), Tim Roemer (D-CD 3), Mark Souder (R-CD 4), Steve Buyer (R-CD 5), Ed Pease (R-CD 7), John Hostettler (R-CD 8), Baron Hill (D-CD 9) and Julia Carson (D-CD 10). The only person voting "yes" was Rep. Dan Burton (R-CD 6).

As was apparent in Indiana, strange political bedfellows got under the sheets together, but for different reasons. Republicans for the most part said that more gun laws are not the answer to recent school shootings. Most Democrats complained that the National Rifle Association watered down the final bill. The NRA contributed approximately $27,000 to Hoosier House Republicans during the 1998-election cycle, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. The majority of members of both parties voted "no" on the final bill.

The House did pass a juvenile justice bill, 287-139, that would provide $1.5 billion in funding for a host of programs designed to curb youth violence and delinquency. Hill, McIntosh, Roemer, Burton, Buyer and Souder voted in favor. Hostettler, Pease and Visclosky opposed the measure. Carson missed the vote because she was in Indianapolis for ceremonies honoring Rosa Parks for her receiving a Congressional Gold Medal.

The House and Senate will have to reconcile their juvenile justice bills in the coming months. The Senate version contains gun-control provisions, one of which would require mandatory background checks at gun shows. The House measure is bereft of gun control, but House members of the conference committee could agree to adopt the Senate gun language in the final bill that would be voted on by both houses. If it passes both chambers, it would go to the president.

Conservatives touted producing a distinctly different House bill for the conference as an achievement. "We took an issue that was just guns and broadened it," said Souder. "What we showed is that juvenile justice is a complex issue of which guns are a part."

The House juvenile justice bill contains dozens of amendments that put a cultural spin on gun problems. One amendment would permit states to display the Ten Commandments in public places. Another would authorize grants for character education programs. An amendment written by Souder would allow grants to religious organizations. A Roemer amendment would authorize block-grant funding for metal detectors. A McIntosh provision would protect teachers from lawsuits when they take "reasonable action" to maintain discipline in the classroom.

Cultural initiatives such as posting the Ten Commandments are "an important first step in teaching young people right from wrong," said McIntosh spokesman Chris Jones. McIntosh favors instant background checks, increased penalties for gun crimes and youth offenders but not new gun statutes.

"Rather than change the (gun) law, Congressman McIntosh believes we need to change people's hearts," Jones said.

Hostettler echoed the same theme. "There are already 40,000 federal, state and local gun laws on the books. It's unlikely that 40,001 or 40,002 would

have any impact on the moral decay that we see in our youth culture," he said in a statement after the gun vote on Friday. "If it is believed that we should do away with guns, the Constitution will first need to be amended. That would be one more Constitutional amendment that I would not support."

Hostettler voted against the juvenile justice bill because "juvenile crime should not be federalized," he said.

Handgun Control Inc., an organization favoring gun curbs, ran radio ads in the Bloomington market targeting Hostettler. The group vowed to go after Hostettler on the gun issue. "It's not like we're going to forget this and move on," said Nancy Hwa, a spokesperson for HCI. "We hope the voters don't forget either."

Hostettler should be used to pressure from interest groups. He is subject to it in each election, which is usually decided by tight margins. But he has won three times and is entrenching himself.

"The conservatives know he's conservative. The liberals know he's conservative. I doubt one vote will change the opinion on this guy," said Stuart Rothenberg, editor of the *Rothenberg Political Report*. "Unless he has a uniquely qualified strong challenger, his future would depend on whether Democrats create a partisan wave."

Next door to the touch-and-go 8th CD is another precarious piece of Hoosier political turf - the 9th district. The conservative-leaning, rural district is probably not a conducive atmosphere for gun control. A gun shop on Highway 256 not far from I-65 in the district states on its sign: "If you kain't ketch 'em, just shoot 'em."

Hill voted "no" on the final gun bill but "yes" on an amendment sponsored by Rep. John Dingell (D-MI) that would allow only 24 hours for a background check on purchasers at gun shows. He voted "yes" on juvenile justice.

Hill told the *Washington Times* that he resisted White House pressure to vote in favor of the final gun-control bill. Over the past several weeks, his office received about a thousand calls from people opposing gun curbs and calls from about 100 in favor of restrictions.

"He owns a gun himself. He hunts," said Angela Belden, Hill's press secretary. "He supports the rights of law-abiding citizens to own guns and he wants to keep guns out of the hands of criminals." He wants to find the "middle ground" where those two priorities can be reconciled

Hill may have helped himself claim that ground with his votes. Part of the reason is that the flurry of activity in the House created a misty haze around the gun issue. "It probably mucks up the water enough that (Hill) can say pretty much whatever he wants," Rothenberg said. The issue "may be very clear in the minds of *Washington Post* editorial writers, but the average person is confused by these votes."

Hill cited the whirlwind House gun-vote process as part of the reason he opposed the final bill. In a statement, he said that GOP leaders "recklessly rushed through dozens of amendments. They did not seem interested in putting together a serious school safety proposal that could pass the House with a solid majority."

Handgun Control said it has no plans to go after Hill. "If his opponent is just as bad or worse on gun-control issues, we may not waste the money," said Hwa. "In some districts, it's not worth it, if the choice is between bad and worse."

A couple of members of the Indiana delegation, including Hill, said they supported some parts of the final bill and opposed others. The mishmash will have to be worked out in a future House-Senate conference committee.

For an idea of how that exercise may turn out, watch the opening of the school year this fall. "If there are killings, the pressure on us could be overwhelming because parents have about had it," Souder said. "Even false alarms are unnerving." ❖

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Indiana's new community college system which is a merger of IVY Tech and Vincennes University. The original plan was to launch the program in Marion and Anderson instead of Gary.

SIGCORP and Indiana Energy Company have announced a "merger of equals" that will form Vectren Corp. The merger will serve 489,000 customers in Southern and Central Indiana.

Con Agra has announced it will shut down the Orville Redenbacher plant in Valparaiso, idling 230 workers.

Former surgeon general Jocelyn Elders told a Ball State University audience that women are suffering with the nation's health care system. "Women are most likely to use health care, and they are the ones not receiving it. And if our woman aren't getting it, neither are our children," said Elders (Muncie Star Press). Elders continued, "Nothing determines the health of a nation like the health of its women. We've come a long way, but we still have a long way to go."

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar spoke to the Library of Congress last week and said, "Hopes for enduring peace have given way to the reality that regardless of

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other advancements, we are unlikely to banish disorder from our world anytime soon. Moreover, future conflict could be even deadlier than in the past." Later, Lugar joined former Congressman Lee Hamilton and Sen. Paul Sarbanes for a discussion on global issues.

The Lugar-Nunn Cooperative Threat Reduction Program has been given a seven-year extension by the United States and Russia. Thus far the program has deactivated 4,838 nuclear warheads, 365 ballistic missiles, 343 ballistic missile launchers, 49 bombers, 136 submarine missile launchers and 30 sub launched ballistic missiles. All nuclear weapons have been removed from Ukraine, Kazakstan and Belarus.

Headline speakers for the National Conference of State Legislatures convention in Indianapolis on July 24-28 include HHS Secretary Donna Shalala, former U.S. Sen. Alan Simpson, author Steven R. Covey, and David Wyss, head economist at Standard & Poor's/DRI.

Former Indianapolis Star columnist Dick Cady will speak at the Chairman's Club Breakfast meeting on June 24. It is an event sponsored by the Marion County Democratic Party. Cady's topic will be"Recent Developments In Indiana-

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - Here's what Webster says about "homosexual:" "Of or characterized by sexual desire for those of the same sex as oneself." Shall we remove all dictionaries from schools? (U.S.Rep.Mark) Souder makes much of the fact that he thinks homosexuality is wrong, but "I don't think anybody will find any discrimination in my background on this subject." Where he perceives slights against religion because of a matter-of-fact definition, he is oblivious to the hostility toward gay people he is endorsing by insisting that definitions ought to also include the statement that some people believe homosexuality is wrong. That's like telling kids that a vegetarian doesn't eat meat but adding, "some people think it's evil to eat animal flesh." If government is undermining religion, discriminating against religion or otherwise denigrating religion then I agree with Souder: It ought not happen, and we ought to speak up against it. But his examples are hardly proof. In fact, Souder opens himself up to allegations that all he's doing is trying to sabotage programs intended to prevent hate crimes - or trying to make political points with the most conservative faction of his constituency. In his zeal to protect that which is dearest to him - religious faith - Souder does the very thing he's accusing others of doing: imposing his beliefs on others. ❖

Joe Follick, *Thomson Indiana*- Who needs a wacky conspiracy theory when The Man is sticking it to you and me in broad daylight? The latest knife in the back? State and federal efforts to protect the government and businesses from possible Y2K problems. Earlier this year the Indiana legislature passed a law (retroactive, even) that grants immunity to the state of Indiana, all other political entities and any of their employees from lawsuits that may arise from a failure to prevent Y2K problems. So if Mary Lou the town clerk forgot to get her computer ready for 1/1/2000 and your tax records are up in smoke, you're plumb out of luck. Last week, the U.S. Senate passed a bill that would shield companies from Y2K lawsuits. Here's the Washington Post on the matter: "A coalition of powerful business and high-tech groups have lobbied for [the law] contending that they need legislative protection to avert a financial catastrophe early next year." What bunk. I hate frivolous lawsuits the way Tom hates Jerry. But legal action is sometimes the only recourse the common man has when he's been wronged. Now the people's representatives are dissing us and throwing in with Big Business. Again. ❖

Harrison Ullmann, *NUVO Newsweekly* - A Democratic mayor will make Indianapolis important to the rest of Indiana's Democrats in the same ways that the Republican mayors have been keeping Indianapolis important for the rest of Indiana's Republicans. The Democrats in the General Assembly will begin feeling a need to help the mayor of Indianapolis get what he wants. As for the state's Republicans, they will happily dump the Indianapolis priorities they've been reluctantly supporting on behalf of the city's Republicans. The state's Republicans will begin filling their state tickets with Republicans who aren't from Indianapolis. Republican legislators in metro Indy's suburban counties will begin taking power from the elderly Republicans Unigov still sends to the General Assembly. So, if there's a Democratic mayor in Indianapolis, then Indiana will likely become as Democratic as it's been Republican with Republican mayors in Unigov. But that's something for another millennium. ❖

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INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

Fort Wayne Mayoral: Republican: Linda Buskirk. **Democrat:** Graham Richard. **1995 Results:** Helmke 21,909, Essex (D) 11,033, Kempf (L) 1,029. **1999 Forecast:** "Republicans for Richard" organization is formed by developer Don Steininger and Michael Mirro, both of whom live outside Fort Wayne. "The idea is really, for Graham, a non-partisan effort," said Mirro (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Buskirk claims she received a lot of Democratic support in her primary upset of Joe Sqaudrito. Allen County GOP Chairman Steve Shine told the newspaper, "I would suggest that this is more a gauge of Graham's friends and business partners than it is any organized list of Republican supporters." Richard has an estimated $150,000 money lead on Buskirk (*Journal Gazette*). **General Status:** *Leans Buskirk.*

Horse Race

Indianapolis Mayoral: Republican: Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy. **Democrat:** Bart Peterson. **Our Party:** Rev. John Gibson. **Libertarian:** Andrew Horning. **1995 Results:** Goldsmith (R) 64,209, Jimison (D) 39,539, Dillon (L) 7,175. **1999 Forecast:** Peterson running another week of uncontested TVads. Says Peterson's Mike O'Connor: "You know why we're running so much TV? Because we can." Gilroy responds with radio ad campaign. Informed sources tell HPR that the State Board of Accounts audits will come down hard on the city for improper fund transfers. Same sources say a report will be filed with Attorney General Jeff Modisett's office. SBA was in the process of preparing exit interviews with the Goldsmith administration. Should any of these developments pan out, Gilroy may have already made the strategic blunder of the campaign. With a Democratic camcorder rolling, Gilroy told the Indianapolis Jaycees in April that it was the "best run city in America." Her embrace of Goldsmith continued when in a crime speech on the Near North Side on June 16, Gilroy said Goldsmith "like any great mayor" has "increased public safety by spending $40 million." Peterson said it would take 20 years to pay off the accumulated debt load, compared to seven years when Goldsmith got in. Peterson called future balloon payments "time bombs" and said that while the city's debt situation "is not catastrophic, in reality it severely impairs the ability to do anything new." Both candidates talk about crime and adding police. Gilroy wants to add 60 IPD and sheriff police. Peterson is calling for 200 and said he can find the money elsewhere in the budget. He wondered why the city is paying $500,000 to relocate Hooters from Union Station. He told *NUVO* he has "five plans" drawn up to pay for the new police and will choose one by this fall. DNC Chairman Joe Andrewappeared with Peterson and declared it to be a nationally targeted race. Gilroy spokesman Cam Carter decried the flow of money from "Washington and Beijing." **General Status:** *Tossup.*

INDIANA 2000 RACES

Governor: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, George Witwer, John Price. **Democrat:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon. **1996 results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke announced he won't run and endorsed McIntosh. His candidacy announcement will probably come after the congressman's July 6 Job Fair at Ball State. McIntosh said on Monday, "I don't anticipate anything at this point that would have us doing an about-face." McIntosh voted against the watered down gun bill in the House. He voted for mandatory sentences for young people committing crimes with guns. "This legislation will not do away with juvenile violence overnight, but it takes an important step toward promoting morality," McIntosh said. McIntosh testified before House Ways and Means on his ending the marriage penalty tax. McIntosh held a hearing in South Bend about the BFGoodrich/Coltec merger. "What on earth were they thinking?" McIntosh was quoted in the *South Bend Tribune* after listening to workers say the new corporation would

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polis Journalism."

A LaPorte County peach farmer has spent $37,000 on a cannon that he says will send shock waves through thunderstorms and prevent hail from falling. His farm has sustained hail damage several times in recent years.

Federal Judge Allen Sharp has approved class-action certification against LaPorte County over jail overcrowding. "This does not come as a surprise," said county attorney Shaw Friedman. "In fact, it may be more of a help to LaPorte County to have to defend just one jail conditions case involving a variety of inmates, as opposed to the series of individual new suits" (Michigan City News-Dispatch). The jail was built for a capacity of 135 inmates but held 225 inmates on Feb. 23, the day of the filing. "The day we can put this off any longer has passed," Friedman said.

The Louisville Courier-Journal reported that Indiana "should have a better sense of the impact that the phenomenal growth in gaming has had on it." It said that Gov. Frank O'Bannon's 12-member Indiana Gambling Impact Study Commission will present its comprehensive report in December. "Governor O'Bannon really took a proactive stand and

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said, 'Let's look at the facts," said John L. Krauss, the commission's administrative director. Said Rev. John D. Wolf of the Indiana Coalition Against Legalized Gambling, "Our goal is to obtain legislation for a statewide referendum to put gambling back in the cage. We want to get the state out of the gambling business."

Radio and TV talk show host Mike Pence found himself face-to-face with Gov. and Mrs. O'Bannon at an Emmis Broadcasting reception last week. O'Bannon asked Pence if he was going to run for the 2nd CD seat being vacated by David

be a monopoly. Witwer called Govs. O'Bannon and Bayh "caretakers" (*Journal Gazette*). Cited Indiana Chamber study that said "tax relief" will amount to $38 per person and $900 per year for businesses. **General Status:** *Leans O'Bannon.*

Congressional District 8: Republican: U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:** John Hamilton, State Sen. Lindel Hume, Dr. Paul Perry. **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:** Evansville surgeon Dr. Paul Perry enters the race. Hume is still thinking about it and has attended several candidate forums. Perry serves on the board of directors for Surgicare Outpatient Surgery Center, a joint venture with St. Mary's Medical Center. Perry lives in nearby Warrick County and is the father of five children. He is a member of Right to Life. Aaron Heisler is running the campaign and can be reached at 812-895-0785. The campaign's fax number is 812-895-0898. Horse Race hears that Hamilton is having a hard time selling himself to the DCCC and other Washington interests due to his IDEM background. State Rep. Dave Crooks told Knox County Democrats that there is no way the party can defeat John Hostettler unless the candidate is anti-abortion and pro-gun. **General Status:** *Toss-Up.*

Horse Race

Congressional District 9: Republican: Kevin Shaw Kellems, Michael Bailey. **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:** Kellems wed Margaret Louise Nedelkoff, with a reception at his new in-laws' Grandview estate in Floyd's Knobs overlooking the Ohio River and downtown Louisville. This is politically significant because of the Nedelkoff family's long-time Democratic affiliation. *Roll Call* reported that House Democratic [illegible]s' most vulnerable freshman with a third committee [illegible] part of that effort, Hill has been assigned to the [illegible] available tracking data on this race, but it has every [illegible] **General Status:** *Leans D.*

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