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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

‘There’s no way a guy named ‘Tiny’ from Delaware County is going to convince Democrats from Madison County to vote for him ...’ - Anderson Herald-Bulletin political writer Ken de la Bastide, on Rep. Tiny Adams’ possible run in the 2nd CD, to HPR

Presidential season arrives in Indiana

Money brings ‘em here; won’t be back

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis

By the time the Indiana presidential primary arrives in May 2000, the chances are that everything is going to have been decided for the top of the tickets.

So now - late July 1999 - is essentially presidential season here in Indiana. Texas Gov. George W. Bush comes to the Indiana Roof Ballroom Thursday for a \$1,000-a-plate fundraiser. Five days later, Democrat Bill Bradley will be feted at the home of Indianapolis Councilor Susan Williams. And on July 31, Tipper Gore will be joined by Gov. Frank O’Bannon and powerful Democrats from across the state to get their endorsement of Vice President Gore.

For nine days, Bush, Bradley and Mrs. Gore will be in the Hoosier state with wallets wide open, accepting Hoosier checks and meeting the local press. There’s a good chance none of them will be back until Bush - the presumed Republican nominee - is expected to appear early next summer before the Republican National Chairmen’s convention.

The backdrop to all of this concerns two sons of Indiana - one fading and the other rising. Dan Quayle and Evan Bayh are on crossing courses on the national political stage.

So here we present a perspective on George W. Bush, Bill Bradley, Al Gore, Dan Quayle and Evan Bayh from the unique Hoosier vantage point.

George W. Bush

Virtually everyone here is astounded by Bush’s meteoric rise and the \$36 million he raised by the June 30 FEC

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Eli Lilly & Company announced a \$1 billion expansion project that will bring an estimated 7,500 jobs to Indianapolis over the next 10 years. It is the biggest job expansion project since the 1991 deal that brought more than 6,000 jobs with the \$800 million United Airlines maintenance facility. The jobs were reported to pay \$75,000 and higher for scientists and computer expert positions. The Indianapolis Star reported that Lilly President Sidney Taurel told the Indianapolis Economic Club last winter that biotechnical advances have enhanced drug discovery methods. "Our whole strategic focus at Lilly is to catch this incredible moment and ride it to the top of our industry," Taurel

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reporting deadline. He has sucked the oxygen away from the other 10 or so GOP contenders, including favorite son Quayle. The most significant visit Gov. Bush made to Indiana occurred in August 1997 at the Midwest Republican Leadership Conference. At that point Bush was introduced by his old Yale buddy Al Hubbard to Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith at the Meridian Hills Country Club. It was the beginning of the formation of Bush's domestic advisory team with Hubbard as the assembler. The vanquished Goldsmith was clearly looking for a new career path following his upset loss in the 1996 governor's race and is now a leading Bush adviser on domestic policy.

Gov. Bush's fundraiser this week has to gall Quayle. Such arch GOP rivals as Hubbard, Rex Early (who once called Hubbard "Judas Escargot"), Goldsmith and Indiana Chairman Mike McDaniel form the core of the welcoming committee. The Quaylites were angered by Hubbard when the dinner was announced, pointing out that the former veep had a successful \$1,000-a-plate fundraiser last March. At that point, no one would have

believed how massive a lead Bush would accrue to the point that he enters the Hoosier state on the shoulders of some of the most powerful Republicans who have figured it's wise to get on board early. Echoing Quayle was Charles Krauthammer, who wrote in his column this week, "Never in a generation have the Republicans been more willing to give the benefit of the doubt to a candidate whose ideology remains obscure. Eight is enough. They want the White House."

Dan Quayle

Indiana was supposed to be the Quayle bedrock in the Midwest, his springboard into the Iowa caucuses and then the super Midwest primary in March. But on the eve of GW Bush's triumphant visit, Quayle's campaign shows \$629,000 in debts with only \$129,000 cash on hand as of June 30. Quayle raised \$2 million between January and March 31, but only \$1.3 million from April 1 to June 30.

Indiana Republicans haven't completely turned their backs on Quayle. He's raised 10 percent of his kitty from Hoosier donors. But many had nagging doubts that he could overcome his image. Then came the Bush dynasty, poised to surpass the

Kennedys as the epic political clan of the 20th Century - potential father and son presidents, governor brothers, and kids that stay out of trouble. Quayle talks eloquently about family values, but Hoosiers see in Bush living proof of success with style. Quayle's star is finally fading from the national stage on a run that lasted a lot longer than anyone thought possible in the bleak days of November 1992.

Al Gore

There was a notion afoot that Gore was in trouble just a few weeks ago. He didn't invent the Internet. He and Tipper didn't inspire "Love Story." Gore did cite one former Hoosier - Michael Jackson - when he meant to talk about the Chicago Bulls' Michael Jordan. Oops. Bill Bradley was raising \$13 million and Gore appeared to flounder. With his ardent support of the Kyoto accords, people like U.S. Rep. David McIntosh were warning that the agreement could cost tens of thousands of steel and coal mining jobs in Northwest and Southwest Indiana.

Now when Tipper Gore comes to Indianapolis on July 31, she will have the backing of Gov. Frank O'Bannon for her husband. That has the fingerprints of DNC Chair Joe Andrew all over it. So the question of whether Indiana is a Gore state or a Bradley state has been temporarily answered. It's a Gore state, air scrubbers be damned. They can explain Kyoto later. Powerful Hoosiers such as Frank O'Bannon know their history well. It's virtually impossible to derail the presidential nomination to a sitting vice president. The only one who would have done it was Robert F. Kennedy, and he died trying.

Bill Bradley

If ever there was an ex-senator who would appear to be appealing to Hoosiers, it is Bill Bradley. He's an ex-NBA basketball star in a state that loves its hoops. He's a common-sense moderate who isn't pushing kooky environmental causes and doesn't even try to do the "Macarena."

Hoosiers who meet Bradley like his non-sense approach and his ability to champion common-sense causes. The only hope for those Democrats who see Gore as their version of Bob Dole in '96 is to hope that Bradley can ding up Gore enough in Iowa and New Hampshire and push the end game closer and closer to Indiana's ridiculous May primary. In essence, a tall, tall, tall order.

Evan Bayh

The bitter irony for Democrats is that with the tragic death of John F. Kennedy Jr., the bright, young, fresh-faced future for the party in a post-Clinton/Gore era now belongs almost solely to Sen. Evan Bayh. Indiana Republican and Democratic circles are abuzz with the rumors that Bayh is on the "short, short list" to be Gore's vice presidential nominee. He will play well in the crucial Midwest. Bayh's political timing was most canny. At the height of the Dick Morris-inspired veep talk, Bayh stepped forward with his first big bill - the Fatherhood Protection Act of 1999 - with Senate Budget Chairman Pete Dominici as a co-sponsor. And there was Bayh pushing a bipartisan compromise on the Patient Bill of Rights. He was pushing another "bipartisan effort" to protect state tobacco settlements with Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and George Voinovich.

"He's taken some heat in the caucus because some are there looking at politics, but Evan Bayh promised Indiana voters he was working to get things done," said Tom Sugar, his chief of staff.

Bayh may be taking a little heat in the staid Democratic caucus, but he's beginning to get the good kind of heat that warms up that soft pancake makeup.

As HPR was quoted in the July 7 edition of *The Hill*, "It seems he's on a faster trajectory than John F. Kennedy. He's truly a once-in-a-generation type of politician."

Democrats seem to know who they will likely pass the torch to. ❖

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said.

The Lilly announcement was one more example of the lessening of the sting from this year's Indiana General Assembly session. The legislature's failure to extend research and development taxes was said to have Lilly searching other states for placement of their R&D facilities. The legislature's failure to change insurance laws is supposed to have forced American United Life to move its headquarters to other states. But the Indianapolis Star reported last spring that AUL could possibly establish its charter out of state without moving many, if any, employees. These developments will certainly lead some legislators to confirm who was bluffing.

The coming RU-486 availability in the United States has the New York Times Magazine predicting that it will "leave the abortion war without a battleground and perhaps with a peace treaty in sight." RU-486, or mifepristone, is expected to replace the traditional abortion clinic since the drug can be taken in ordinary hospital settings. "The office she is visiting today is in a sprawling hospital complex," wrote Margaret Talbot. "This method is the best means we've had yet for defusing the abortion conflict," said Suzanne

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Poppema, a Seattle doctor involved in clinical trials of mifepristone. The article said a survey of family practitioners conducted by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation had 45 percent of doctors and 54 percent of nurse practitioners and physician assistants responding that they would be "very" or "somewhat" likely to prescribe RU-486; Only 3 percent of the physicians and 2 percent of the practioners and assistants had performed surgical abortions. A Society for Adolescent Medicine study found 42 percent of the physicians would prescribe legal medical abortions, compared to only 2 percent offering surgical options. A New York Times/CBS poll in 1998 revealed 61 percent favor legal abotion in the first trimester, compared to 15 percent for the second trimester and 7 percent in the third.

Teletron Inc., which started in 1992 with four employees, will add 1,000 jobs at its Bloomington plant by 2005 (Bloomington Herald-Times).

U.S. Rep. Mark Souder voted against the \$4,600 pay increase to \$141,000 for congressmen, even though he told the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette he supported it in concept. "I'm not complaining we're underpaid, but I am saying I don't think we deserve pay cuts."

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Chairman Robin Winston

Democratic chief surveys the 1999 and 2000 political landscape

Indiana Democratic Chairman Robin Winston has been in office since February, so it seemed like a good time to get his views:

HPR: Where do the Democrats stand at this point in the three big open mayoral seats in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne and Evansville?

Winston: Bart Peterson is running a good campaign. Voters are going to have to choose between a candidate with extensive business experience and someone who has had management experience running state government and someone who has put together a good campaign. Bart has been on television since June. He's getting out in the neighborhood. They're walking, they're canvassing, they're phone-banking. They are doing a lot of the essential things you have to do. In Evansville I'm real excited about Rick Borries. He has the intensity of a very strong candidate. Next week he picks up the endorsement of Gail Riecken, which is a very big plus for his campaign. He has been able to rejuvenate the Vanderburgh Democratic Party. In Fort Wayne, Graham (Richard) has raised a solid amount of money and they are about ready to engage in debates. I've heard there is a potential third party candidate and that concerns us a little bit. It depends on who that candidate takes votes from. Another city we're concerned about is New Albany. We want to make sure we get Doug England re-elected there. That's a very, very important city for us. And on the outside rail, keep your eye on Tom Philpot in Hammond, who came very close in '95. He won his primary by 2-to-1 and could be very strong this fall.

HPR: Let's project this to 2000. How many targeted CDs do you expect?

Winston: First off we're going to target our four incumbents. But keep your eye on CD 2, CD 8. That will be interesting. It looks like we're going to have a

primary in CD 8 between two very strong candidates. In CD 2 we're still in a recruiting mode. Steny Hoyer, who heads up recruitment for the DCCC, will be here on the 24th to begin meeting with candidates and talking about who's in and who's out. CD2 will probably move on to the national state because it was held for 20 years by a Democrat and it's an open seat. The governor ran very well there in '96 and it's in the Indianapolis media market.

HPR: Assess Gov. O'Bannon's political status.

Winston: He's in pretty good shape. But in this business you can't ever take anything for granted. Financially he's in good shape. Pat Terrell comes on board Sept. 1 to be political director of the state party and to help us pull together some of the organizational things.

HPR: The Republicans see GW Bush, Lugar and now McIntosh as the first three cards of a royal flush. How do you see that scenario playing out?

Winston: We've got to be very aware that we can't dig ourselves in too deep of a hole. All of this is very speculative on their part and somewhat on ours. George Bush is not the nominee. People are assuming Al Gore would be. Those are still in play. David Johnson announced he raised \$100,000 in 23 days, which is phenomenal. Governor O'Bannon is going fairly well. Look at last Friday's newspaper. World War II size headlines proclaiming Lilly expansion and 7,500 new jobs. You open up the business page and see FedEx expansion. Below that Telecom in Bloomington expanding. Everywhere you turn to everyone is saying the economy is robust and strong. So what we've got to

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do - particularly people holding elective office - is to make sure the people of Indiana know what Frank O'Bannon has done and articulate what he's going to do in the future.

HPR: Where do Gore and Bradley stand in this state?

Winston: On the 31st of July Tipper Gore is coming here to get the formal endorsement of the governor for her husband's bid. I would say the state leans Gore, but the national dynamics will still come in play and we'll see how that goes.

HPR: How will Gore's support of the Kyoto accords play in Northwest and Southwest Indiana?

Winston: Gore has to articulate why he took those positions. We trust that his campaign that will do that. Keep in mind that it's not just the accords that should concern working men and women. It's also what you do in elective office and Al Gore has had a very good record.

HPR: You didn't even want this job. How has the transition gone from Joe Andrew to you?

Winston: I didn't seek it, that's for sure. Joe Andrew did a tremendous job. He's an extraordinary leader who's had a lot of electoral successes. Einstein once said, 'The reason I can see so far is because I've stood on the shoulders of giants.' We're going to keep moving it forward. We'll be able to give local campaigns the data they need to win their elections.

HPR: Where do the two parties stand in the technology war?

Winston: I don't know what they're doing. It's like two submarines in the night out there. We have no idea what they're doing. All I know is it's not just the technology. You can have the CD-ROMs and all the data, but if you don't put a premium on the grassroots activities, it doesn't do you any good. That's what we're stressing with our party activists. If you don't use the information, it's like having the best camping equipment but deciding never to pitch the tent. We're stressing it's time to get your Nikes on

and get out there to meet the real voters.

HPR: How is the 2000 Indiana House campaign going?

Winston: We've hired Bill Stuart to do their campaigns. The House learned a lot in '98. They learned with adequate resources they can be successful.

HPR: How long do you envision being chair?

Winston: We have no - I'm serious about this - we have no room, no patience, and no desire for turf battles. How long do I want to do it? I just want to make sure we get this governor re-elected and at that point we'll see what's ahead of us.

HPR: How important will e-mail be in the 2000 campaign? We saw Republican Christopher Toth use it to upset Mike Barnes in St. Joseph County.

Winston: You'll see more and more Internet activities. It's really amazing. In '96 when you asked someone what they wanted to do in the campaign and they hadn't been involved before, they wanted to do desktop publishing. In '98, they wanted to do Internet research. In '99 they want to do web pages. In 2000, they'll want to do e-mail campaigns. So, we've seen a slow tendency to become reliant on communication by computer. We've got three people working on that right now.

HPR: Developing lists?

Winston: E-mail addresses. I know what the guy did in the Barnes race because we were offered that in the past. I used it. You can blast fax everyone with that network provider for a certain fee. We would encourage candidates to use it if it becomes available. It's inexpensive. But I've seen the evolution. People told me they had Pagemaker in '96, in '98 they were telling me they just went up on Yahoo and could find quotes of people they were running against. In '99 they are all over trying to develop web pages. In 2000 it will be more and more e-mail. But you still have to remember a lot of our base doesn't have electronic commerce. You have to knock on their door and get into their face. ❖

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The Indiana Black Legislative Caucus will meet on Aug. 13-14 at the Quality Inn East in Indianapolis to develop its legislative strategies. "There are too many times that people feel the government operates with little regard for their welfare and without seeking their input," said State Rep. Charlie Brown, D-Gary. "This conference offers a way to be in contact with your state legislators, and telling them how they can help solve problems in our communities." For more information contact Turae Dabney at 317-232-9646.

The Libertarian Party of Indiana is seeking candidates for city races this fall. "Many unopposed local elections are held each year, taking the vote out of the hands of the people and placing your city's future in the hands of a political power broker," said Sara Cotham, executive director of LPI. She urged people to "join the solution and run for office this fall on the Libertarian ticket."

A study by the National Resources Defense Council on 1998 beach conditions cited Indiana and Illinois for a decent record for providing public safety measures for swimmers. Between March and October 1998 about 2.6 billion gallons of untreated sewage spilled

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from Indiana into Lake Michigan - most coming from Gary, East Chicago, Hammond and Valparaiso (Gary Post-Tribune). It closed Hoosier beaches 24 times. So far this year there have been two beach closings on Indiana's Lake Michigan coast. "The last couple of years we had high rankings for monitoring and at least trying to do something," said IDEM's Kathy Luther.

State Reps. Bob Alderman, Bob Kuzman and Eddie Mahern have leased a race horse and are running Fulmar Jet at Hoosier Park at Anderson (Lesley Stedman, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). Fulmar Jet won its first race last week and most of a \$4,000 purse. "We're just trying to understand the sport a little better and raise some money for good causes," said Alderman. "We felt we needed to learn some of the difficulties the owners go through." Alderman said the profits will be split between 4-H and Boys and Girls Clubs.

South Bend Tribune photographer Joe Raymond faces three charges of felony battery on a police officer and resisting law enforcement. The charges stem from a July 9 incident in which South Bend Police prohibited Raymond from taking photos of the family of a slain officer. Raymond was

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Brian Howey, NUVVO Newsweekly - It's been almost a full 50 years of fascination with the Kennedy clan. The coverage of JFK Jr.'s missing plane this Saturday brought back memories of one of my own collisions with the Kennedy mystique. I was on the floor of the 1996 Democratic National Convention at the United Center in Chicago. It was the night of then-Gov. Evan Bayh's keynote address and the place was packed. So jammed, in fact, that in the midst of all the delegates and celebrities were Illinois state fire marshals, who were roving the floor threatening to shut the thing down because fire codes were being violated. With equal fascination I watched the various members of the Kennedy clan meander about the floor and into the stands. Everywhere they went adoring crowds and the vampire press gathered. On an aisle near the Indiana delegation one of the Kennedy clots formed. I think it was Joe. But it could have been Patrick. Suddenly, an usher appeared, quite agitated. "What the hell's going on up there? Get moving!" he yelled. I turned to him and said, "There's a Kennedy up there." And he said, "Oh. OK. I understand." He simply walked away. ❖

Sylvia Smith, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette - Sen. Evan Bayh, who has no legislative experience on his resume, is tiptoeing cautiously into Senate life. He has joined in the floor debate on scant occasions and has introduced only one bill. But with the one bill he has introduced, the junior senator from Indiana demonstrated he's no neophyte when it comes to the essentials of living long and prospering in the Senate. Bayh's bill to prop up fatherhood is hardly fraught with controversy, but there's no reason for it to be on the fast track. Except for the high-pow-

ered backing Bayh lined up. Bayh persuaded Republican Sen. Pete Domenici, chairman of the Budget Committee, to be his No. 1 sponsor on the fatherhood legislation. At a press conference announcing the bill, Domenici - who served in the Senate with the first Sen. Bayh and clearly has a fondness for Bayh *pere* - all but said he'd make sure there was money for the programs. It is extremely unusual for a senior - and powerful - Republican to use some of his own political clout to bolster a freshman Democrat. Whether Domenici decided to help Bayh because of leftover warm fellow-feeling about Birch Bayh or for some other reason is hardly the point. The point is, Bayh was able to tap into it - and that shows political smarts. ❖

Kevin Leininger, Fort Wayne News-Sentinel - Briana Scurry says she cheated. Not only did she cheat - and here's the point - she's proud of it, and seems to think you should be, too. Before blocking Liu Ying's shot, Scurry moved a few steps - just enough to give her the winning edge. "It's only cheating if you get caught," Scurry said. Gee, where have we hear *that* before? While there may be calamities completely unrelated to the Clinton presidency, this is not one of them. If the "everybody-does-it" defense is good enough to keep a law-breaking president in office, surely it's good enough to justify the bending of a rule here or there in pursuit of riches, fame and the feminist agenda. ❖

Charles Krauthammer, Chicago Tribune - The Republican "wing-nuts" - my friend Evan Thomas' affectionate term for hard-line right-wingers - are peeling off. Sen. Bob Smith has just left the Republican Party. ❖

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INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

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 refused Gilroy's challenge on monthly financial reporting. Said CM Mike O'Connor,

"Bart has complied completely with the letter of the law. Anyone who asks us can get a complete data base for the reporting periods." What Gilroy is trying to do is keep Republican

donors from contributing to the Peterson campaign. The Democrat is hearing from some GOP

donors that they fear being "outed." Both campaigns are now engaged in a TV ad battle. On the

city audit front, the State Board of Accounts said the Goldsmith administration has delayed exit

interviews on the first two completed audits by a

month. SBA is supposed to meet with the city controller on July 21 after it requested additional documents. That's a dangerous scenario for Gilroy. If there's damaging news from the

audits, it would have been far better to get it out in July or August, instead of September or

October when Gilroy's "best run city in America" quote could be devastating. Finally, several

observers questioned the WTHR-TV poll we reported two weeks ago, saying that the odds of

only 4 percent of the people being undecided are extremely small. **General Status: Tossup.**

South Bend Mayoral: Republican: Steve Bradley. **Democrat:** Mayor Steve

Leucke. **1995 Results:** Kernan (D) 14,309, Waite (R) 3,106. **1999 Forecast:** It's unclear how

several strange events might impact this race. The South Bend police chief resigned after a

DUI. Now a *Tribune* photographer is facing felony charges after a run-in with police. If nothing

else, these unrelated events have created some real tension in the political/media/police

dynamic. Leucke has promised a "full investigation" into the Raymond case. "We believe in

the First Amendment to the Constitution as well," Leucke said in responding to a *Tribune* editorial

that supported Raymond and his First Amendment rights as a news gatherer. "We, likewise,

want to maintain a good relationship with the press, even though we may not agree with everything

that is written," Leucke said. Bradley has been critical of Leucke's handling of the

police chief situation, saying he should have appointed a new chief by now. "It's time for the

mayor to act like a mayor and show some leadership," Bradley said, calling SBPD "rudder-

less." Bradley is also emphasizing the loss of 1,000 jobs at AMGeneral and South Bend

Stamping and proposed a business incentive development plan. While we believe Leucke will

win this race, he needs to be ever so cognizant that police controversies can really get out of

hand, as mayors like Goldsmith and Lugar will attest. **General status: Solid Leucke.**

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standing on a public sidewalk. He allegedly struck two officers with a car door as he was heading back to the newspaper and they had ordered him to stop. The Tribune is paying Raymond's legal fees. Joe Dits, president of the South Bend chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, charged the police with violating Raymond's constitutional rights. Dits said journalists "must call a few officers on the carpet for a blatant form of censorship" and said that the SBPD "trampled upon Tribune photographer Joe Raymond's First Amendment rights." Dits is also a Tribune photographer. Raymond's jury trial is scheduled for Oct. 27.

The Tribune reports that while Gov. Frank O'Bannon "got maximum mileage from signing a bill requiring motorists to steer wide of police cars stopped along freeway shoulders, " another bill "to revoke the commercial driver's license of truck drivers who test positive for drugs after a fatal crash died." Said State Rep. Alderman, who wrote the bill, "If a guy fails a drug test, he shouldn't be out there. This is one strike and you're out. If a truck moving at that speed hits a bus or a van, you're going to kill more people than you can with a gun." But Kenny Cragen, president of the Indiana

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:** Witwer is still exploring. He sent out 5,000 pledge cards and

has 300 returned with money and 500 pledges, which puts the campaign on a course for raising

\$1 million by year's end. There are Witwer operatives in two-thirds of the counties. Said

Greg Zoeller, "We're finding out that he can run for governor. Then the next question is

whether he should run for governor." The real fireworks in this race came from Auditor of

State Connie Nass, who accused Gov. O'Bannon of allowing state agencies to revert \$88 million

in previously appropriated funds. At the usually diplomatic budget forecast press conferences,

Nass demanded that O'Bannon "spend the money or give it back." The Indianapolis

Star photo of Nass glaring at O'Bannon had to delight GOP partisans and improve the auditor's

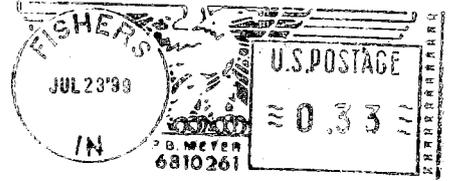
stock when it comes to LG talk. For his part, Gov. O'Bannon accused Supt. Suelken Reed

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of failing to spend \$21 million in Tuition Support Appropriation money. GOP Chairman Mike McDaniels attacked: "O'Bannon requested the transfer on July 1, the day after the books were closed. It would have been illegal for Dr. Reed to agree to such a transfer at the time, and O'Bannon's letter was clearly a contrived effort to use Dr. Reed as a scapegoat." So an unusual pattern has emerged - the elected Statehouse office holders sniping at each other. That signals an extremely intense campaign. Democratic partisans are also gearing up, faxing out copies of newspaper articles on McIntosh's run-in with cops at a Washington airport several years ago. This one looks like it's going to be a donnybrook. **General Status: Leans O'Bannon.**

Congressional District 2: Republican: Jim Huston, Mike Pence, State Rep. Jeff Linder, Andrew Phipps, Brad Steele, State Rep. Jack Lutz, Fred Wenger. **Democrat:** Joe Hogsett, State Rep. Scott Mellinger, State Rep. Tiny Adams, State Sen. Tim Lanane, Troy Liggett, J.D. Lux. **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:** On the Democratic side, Mellinger is signaling that he won't run. Lanane is said to be leaning against it. Adams is still pondering. Madison County Commissioner Otis Cox would like the Democrats to draft him. A union brochure has been printed and circulated with Hogsett's photo and a circle with the strike symbol through it. On the Republican side, David Gethers of Centreville is weighing a run. Former House Speaker J. Roberts Dailey has signed on to the Phipps campaign. Anderson media sources say Lutz is likely to get in and will decide by Labor Day. Sources say Linder is probably in. Pence will make a decision at the end of the year. **Status: Leans R.**

Congressional District 5: Republican: U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer. **Democrat:** Open. **Geography:** Kokomo, Marion, Peru, Monticello, Lowell, Northern Indiana. **1994 results:** Buyer 108,575, Beatty 43,619, Altred (L) 3,328. **1996 Results:** Buyer 133,604, Clark (D) 67,125. Lehman (L) 5,255. **1998 Results:** Buyer (R) 101,567, Steele 58,504 (D), Waters (L) 2,317. **2000 Forecast:** Democratic Chairman Robin Winston explains that Steele will not seek a rematch and Joe Pearson is disinclined to run. So Democrats are still searching for credible candidate. **Status: Solid R.**

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Motor Truck Association, said that federal regulations adopted by Indiana already call for a life suspension when a driver tests positive for drugs.

Hoosiers reacted to the death of John F. Kennedy Jr. Said former DNC Treasurer Scott Pastick of East Chicago, "The Kennedy family was more dedicated to public service and I can't say I can think of anything more unfortunate for that family than what is happening right now" (Times of Northwest Indiana).

Democratic Chair Robin Winston is expecting AG Jeff Modisett to seek re-election in 2000. ♦