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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“The only thing that a black Republican and I have in common is that we both have eight fingers and two thumbs....”

- U.S. Rep. Julia Carson, to Shelby County Democrats, Shelbyville News

Hogsett bows out, 2nd CD field roils

Democrats to meet this weekend

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis

Former Secretary of State Joe Hogsett will not seek the 2nd CD nomination in 2000, throwing the Democratic primary field into turmoil while disappointing party leaders in Indianapolis and Washington.

“It was a very difficult decision because it’s an enormous opportunity,” Hogsett told HPR Tuesday afternoon. “Open seats just don’t simply come around and everyone concedes the 2nd District may be one of the most important and competitive in the country.”

With Republicans maintaining a mere five-seat lead in the U.S. House, Indiana’s adjoining 2nd, 9th and 8th CDs represent a geographical clot of potentially highly competitive races that could draw in considerable national resources.

With Hogsett out, party leaders quickly created a new three-tier list of candidates:

Those Reconsidering: State Sen. Tim Lanane and State Reps. Scott Mellinger and Tiny Adams. Of this group, Mellinger seems the most likely to emerge. He toyed with running, but never firmly said he would run or bowed out. Lanane has already ruled out a race due to family concerns, but attempts could be made to bring him back in. State Democrats are not thrilled about Adams seeking the seat, since his own Muncie House seat could determine control of the Indiana House. Some felt Gov. O’Bannon might even help persuade Adams not to run. Mellinger is a former two-term Madison County sheriff in a safe Democratic seat.

Long-shots: Former Indiana House financial analyst Troy Liggett and Bob Rock Jr., an assistant city attorney in

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We’re in Our Sixth Year!

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Gary Mayor Scott King hosted a meeting of state legislators and Lake County elected officials to discuss the tax crisis created by predicted huge property tax increases. King said he had a plan that could provide 25 percent reductions in the amount of property taxes raised countywide (Times of Northwest Indiana). The newspaper report did not list what the plan was. Said State Rep. Charlie Brown, D-Gary, "I have stated from the onset that this may be the one issue that unites Lake County by virtue of the drastic impact this has on every city and town in Lake County." Residential property tax assessments are predicted to increase an average of 29 percent, but as much as 241 percent in

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Anderson and son of former LG Bob Rock. Both of these candidates are committed to run and have the fire in the belly.

Even Longer Shots: All others, including 2nd CD vice chair Melanie Fox of Greensburg and Anderson controller Lisa Julian currently lack a political base. In this group, watch for Julian to possibly emerge with an Anderson base, particularly if Mellinger doesn't run. Several party officials tell HPR that Julian is "the total package."

Democrats will meet Saturday at New Castle to listen to the remaining cases.

Hogsett, with a 2-year-old son as a key reason, decided family concerns were more important to him - even if it means an end to his career. Said the 42-year-old Democrat, "I have certain considerations and responsibilities that I have to consider today that weren't there before. I have a young family that in previous campaigns I did not enjoy. As good an opportunity this might be, it's not one to do at this point in my life."

Hogsett made the decision realizing

it may end his career. "There just may never be an opportunity to stand for election again. I understand as well as anyone that this may be a decision that effectively forecloses any opportunity in the future. As disappointing as that might be, I can accept it."

Said 2nd CD Chairman Ray Scheele, "I'm a bit disappointed. Joe would have been an excellent candidate. It was a very rare opportunity. He was in a good position and had good polling numbers."

Hogsett said he felt he could repair what he called a "misunderstanding" with organized labor. "I got the sense that all had been resolved or was in the process of being resolved."

Hogsett said that fears over the conventional wisdom of good GOP prospects in 2000 had nothing to do with his decision. "There are some who believe the Republicans have an advantage they traditionally enjoy during presidential years. That race is 13 months away and will be very competitive. I do not see it determinative to the 2nd District. It was not whether George W. (Bush) is going to be the Republican nominee. Relying on election strategies based on that fact are mak-

HPR Pre-Election Briefing Registration Info

Here is registration information for the four Howey Political Report Pre-Election Briefings featuring HPR's Brian Howey and Mark Schoeff Jr., Washington, DC, analysts Stuart Rothenberg and Charles Cook; TeleResearch pollster Jeff Lewis and a local panelist:

Oct. 20 - South Bend Mariott, 123 N. St. Joseph St., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., *Sponsors:* Baker & Daniels Law Office. *Local panelist:* Jack Colwell of the South Bend Tribune. *Reservation deadline:* Oct. 15. *Cost:* \$18.

Oct. 21 - Greater Fort Wayne Area Chamber of Commerce, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Sponsor:* Baker & Daniels Law Office. *Local panelists:* John Okeson and Bob Lang. *Reservation deadline:* Oct. 15 *Cost:* \$18.

Oct. 27 - Columbia Club, Indianapolis - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Sponsors:* Baker & Daniels, NUVO Newsweekly, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. *Local panelist:* Ronald Gifford. *Reservation deadline:* Oct. 22. *Cost:* \$18.

Oct. 28 - Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Sponsors:* Baker & Daniels, Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company, American General Finance, MECC. *Local panelist:* Miriam Dant. *Reservation deadline:* Oct. 22. *Cost:* \$18.

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East Chicago. Said State Rep. Chester Dobis, "We need to sort through all of the suggestions to determine what is really doable." Also at the meeting were State Sen. Earline Rogers, Calumet Township Trustee Dozier Allen, and Lake County Democratic Chairman Stephen Stiglich. Earlier, King met with East Chicago Mayor Robert Pastrick, Hammond Mayor Duane Dedelow and Whiting Mayor Robert Bercik to discuss the crisis.

Gov. Frank O'Bannon announced that Indiana Toll Road ramps in Gary will no longer require tolls. "We can thank Gary Mayor Scott King and State Rep. Charlie Brown for this good idea. They suggested this change as an economic shot in the arm for the city. It will benefit the Indiana Toll Road, reducing costs by making better use of existing personnel."

Here's another Julia Carson quote from her speech in Shelbyville on behalf of Democratic mayoral candidate Frank Zerr: "People call me a liberal. I'm not a liberal. I just make a lot of sense" (John Clark, Shelbyville Ne ws). Zerr is running against Republican Councilman James E. Garrett Jr., who, if elected, would be the first African-American mayor of a small Indiana city.

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ing a mistake.

Hogsett also predicted the Gore-Bradley race will become "very competitive" but said he would "handicap it for Gore now."

Said Hogsett, "I've been involved in campaigns where the early polls said I had no chance, but I won. And I've been in races where the polls said I was so far ahead all the way and I lost. So the early

polls are no indicator."

Hogsett said he did not intend to endorse a candidate.

His comments were in reference to his 1990 upset of Bill Hudnut for secretary of state, and his 1994 loss to David McIntosh in the Republican tidal wave.

Scheele said he would be talking with DCCC representatives this week to "compare notes." ❖

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WSJV-TV, the Fox affiliate in Elkhart, turned over an unedited, unaired tape to a judge but is fighting attempts by Elkhart County Prosecutor Michael Cosentino to gain possession. WSJV ran a report on Aug. 18 of a mentally handicapped man who admitted he had fondled young boys. The report was based on the tape. Judge Benjamin Pfaff will hold a hearing on the matter (South Bend Tribune).

The Lake County Fraternal Order of Police has ordered its members to stay away from Oak Knoll Golf Course in Crown Point, a facility managed by County Councilman Larry Blanchard. Blanchard has been the prime opponent of a sheriff department pay increase (Times of Northwest Indiana). FOP members were warned in a letter from President Robert Joseph, "Do not get caught on the course." Meanwhile, council financial adviser Dante Rondelli released a five-year study of Lake County's levy and found that criminal justice "ate all but roughly 4 percent of \$14 million in levy increases since 1995." Said Rondelli, "That leaves \$611,000 to run the rest of government, the auditor's office, the election board and the rest of government. You add insurance into the mix and you have a deficit of \$2 million. We are in a

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Kellems connects in Washington

GOP challenger in 9th CD hopes to establish fundraising foundation

By MARK SCHOEFF Jr.
The Howey Political Report

WASHINGTON - In his first trip to Washington as a candidate for Congress, Kevin Kellems didn't shake the money tree.

He planted seeds for what he hopes are future forests.

After spending eight years in Washington, most of them working as U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar's press secretary, Kellems came to the capital last week to introduce himself formally as a candidate in Indiana's CD9.

One of the most important "meet and greets" for Kellems occurred near the end of a Sept. 23 reception at Tortilla Coast, a Capitol Hill hangout. Kellems' wife, Margret, found Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, in another part of the restaurant and brought him back to meet her husband. That encounter could give the Kellems campaign a boost down the road. Ney is a member of the National Republican Congressional Committee Executive Board and deputy Republican whip.

"He's very, very impressive. He's catching on like wildfire," said Ney of Kellems. Ney then paved the way for Kellems to meet Reps. John Sweeney and Thomas Reynolds, both of New York. If he avoids a primary, connections Kellems made on this foray could lead to an NRCC fundraising event in Washington and other help from members of Congress.

What likely will happen, "Is that the NRCC finds him to be a legitimate, good candidate and begins to work with him," said Ney. "That leads to people talking to the lobbying community (other) movers and shakers and leads to people supporting him."

The race is expected to be one of the most heavily contested in the nation, as Republicans try to maintain their five-seat margin in the U.S. House of

Representatives. U.S. Rep. Baron Hill won the right to replace retiring Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton in 1998, garnering 51 percent of the vote to beat Republican Jean Leising.

Although the *Washington Post* named Hill one of the 10 most vulnerable House incumbents, he commands a huge financial advantage. Hill had \$201,371 cash on hand as of June 30. Kellems had \$19,297.

Hill doesn't lack for support in Washington. The New Democrat Network, the political arm of the New Democrat Coalition, has targeted CD9 and hopes to raise \$15,000 to \$20,000 for Hill before the end of the year. The group's goal is to raise \$250,000 for 11 House and Senate candidates in the 2000 cycle.

"We love Baron Hill," said Simon Rosenberg, executive director of the organization. "Our group is composed of moderate, centrist Democrats, very much in the style of (Hill's) district. We're going to help shine a spotlight on him both here in town and nationally."

While in Washington, Kellems held a fundraiser on Sept. 25 at the private residence of a Virginia couple that drew about 65 people, hosted by Grover Norquist, a national tax reform advocate, Mitch Daniels, an Indiana political heavyweight, and Frank Donatelli, a former Reagan White House political director. Tickets cost \$500 per individual or couple and \$1,000 per political action committee. Kellems also held a reception for about 35 people at the National Association of Broadcasters and was introduced at a fundraiser for former Virginia Gov. George Allen, who is running for the Senate 2000.

On the issues side, Kellems thinks he can make headway on taxes. He told

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audiences in Washington that constituents in the district resent Hill's vote against the \$792 billion GOP tax cut, which included estate tax reform, an issue important to farmers and small businesses. That vote "resonated from the fields, to the kitchen counter, to the board room," Kellems said.

But Kellems may have a tough time of beating Hill on fiscal conservatism. Hill was instrumental in crafting a conservative Democrat tax plan that focused on reducing the debt and cutting taxes by about \$250 billion. Estate tax relief was included in the plan, which, along with other Democratic alternatives, failed. Hill, a former financial analyst, had enjoyed success in promoting the idea of paying down the debt. The *New York Times* highlighted Hill's ability to strike a chord with constituents on the issue.

The New Democrat Coalition, a group of 63 members of Congress, cofounded by U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer, has welcomed Hill because of his fiscal positions. Hill has "a good business background and understands how the economy works. He's brought a lot to the table," said Rosenberg.

Although tax cuts and budget aus-

terity play well in the conservative leaning CD9, Kellems believes he will overtake Hill because the demographics and voting history of the district in Senate and presidential races favor the GOP. He said a positive reception in Washington will help.

"It has been easier to get on the radar screen than I expected," he said. "Political professionals and members of Congress both think that this is the best chance for Republicans pick up a seat."

Hill's congressional colleagues, however, have given the freshman some momentum by assigning him to the House Agriculture and Veteran's committees. Hill has assiduously courted those two constituencies in numerous events in the districts. During the August recess, Hill walked across the district, often stopping in towns for meetings with farmers.

Erik Smith, communications director for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, expressed confidence in Hill. "He is doing the legislative work for constituents and doing the political work raising money."



Quayle bows out of 2000 presidential race

Alben Barkley. Dan Quayle.

They have something in common - more than being former vice presidents. Both have now sought the presidential nomination after their veep days, only to be denied - the only two this century.

Barkley's consolation was to have a play written about him by the late Hoosier Democratic operative William Schreiber.

Quayle withdrew from the presidential race on Monday, saying, "There is a time to stay and a time to fold. There is a time to know when to leave the stage."

Quayle said on Monday night, "I'm going to work to unite this party. I will support the Republican nominee."

Appearing on WIBC's *Greg Garrison Show* Monday night with HPR Publisher Brian Howey, Peter Rusthoven

observed, "Dan Quayle, in terms of everything being in control, handled himself perfectly in this campaign. It was the Dan Quayle that we knew. And the rap against him wasn't, 'Boy, he can't handle it.' But it was more 'It's a shame he can't break through.'"

Commentator Mike Pence said he believes Dan and Marilyn Quayle simply realized Texas Gov. George W. Bush was on course to raise \$100 million. Even if he had won New Hampshire, he wouldn't have had the money to wage battle in the dozen states immediately following that primary. Quayle had just mailed out an invitation for an Indianapolis fundraiser for Oct. 8. The last *Time*-CNN Poll had Quayle in second with 9 percent, but Bush had 53 percent. ❖

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deficit mode. Who has the money? They have the money." Said Council Vice President Will Smith, D-Gary, "We need the state and federal government to relieve the overburdened cost of criminal justice."

State Rep. Robert Alderman told the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette he might write legislation requiring all high school students to take a class on the Constitution. "People don't know enough about their rights," Alderman said.

AG Jeff Modisett was named one of five deputy chief executive officers for the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles in 2000. Modisett will be general counsel for the convention and oversee legal and security matters.

Reaction to Dan Quayle's announcement that he was pulling out of the presidential race was mixed. "It's too bad that money is the primary factor instead of qualifications," said Joe Hake at Nick's Kitchen in Huntington (News-Sentinel). The Fort Wayne Journal Gazette quoted former Sen. Dan Coats as saying, "I think the reality just hit home that this wasn't t be. Even if he won New Hampshire, where do you go from there. You don't have the funds ... and you're up against a candidate who

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can outspend you 100-to-1 if he wants to." Indiana Republican Chairman Mike McDaniel told the Journal Gazette, "The ability to raise money is a barometer of how people feel about him." Quayle is expected to show \$4 million raised, but almost half a million dollars of debt at the Oct. 15 FEC report.

The Indiana Election Commission has ruled that Libertarian candidates in Muncie are entitled to some voter registration information (Muncie Star Press). Co-counsels Brad King and Kristi Robertson ruled last week that any political party with more than one candidate on the ballot is entitled to registration information. That would include voter applications received in the final 60 days prior to an election. Libertarian candidates Robert Trapp and John Dobelbower were denied copies of voter registration lists by Republican and Democratic voter registration deputies. Republican Chair George Eastman and Democratic Chair Dennis Tyler said they had no complaints about the "limited circulation" of voter information. They said they did not want to see the lists used for non-election reasons.

The Central Indiana Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children will stage a walk-a-thon from Shelbyville to Indianapolis on Oct. 10 to

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Evansville Mayoral: Republican: County Councilman Russell Lloyd Jr. Democrat: Rick Borries. **1995 Results:** McDonald (D) 19,162, Frary (R) 9,565. **1999 Forecast:** Courier & Press lead by Susan Taylor summed up this race in this fashion: "While everyone waits for the brain sandwiches and elephant ears at West Side Nut Club's annual Fall Festival, the rhetoric in the Evansville mayoral races 'warmed up' last week." Now that's a great lead. Borries TV had has him holding a "cuddly, cute and controversial lemur monkey." The monkey was "politically incorrect" because the American Zoo and Aquarium Association pulled the Mesker Zoo's accreditation in 1998 due to questionable lemur breeding and storage. Lloyd has backed off the zoo issue, even with Bunny the Elephant still in town and still in the political picture. Lloyd is running a TV ad which has the "stiff and introverted" Lloyd in a "more relaxed atmosphere surrounded by family." Lloyd says in the ad: "My mother instilled in me faith and understanding. My father taught me respect is earned, hard work is rewarded." Borries, meanwhile, is attempting to make a distinction between the assassinated

Mayor Lloyd - the only Republican mayor to win back-to-back terms in the 20th Century, and his

opponent, calling him "Russ Lloyd JUNIOR" at joint appearances. Meanwhile, hundreds of people showed up at a free day at the zoo last Saturday to bid Bunny farewell and a safe trip to the elephant sanctuary in Tennessee. The zoo announced it will give the public 24 hours notice before Bunny leaves the city. Horse Race's take on this one a month out? If we had to bet money, we see Lloyd as having some momentum and a definite sympathy factor as well as an advantage in a "time for a change" element. **General Status: Tossup.**

Fort Wayne Mayoral: Republican: Linda Buskirk. Democrat: Graham Richard. **1995 Results:** Helmke 21,909, Essex (D) 11,033, Kempf (L) 1,029. **1999 Forecast:** Journal Gazette poll (Sept. 19-21, 283 registered, +/- 5.3) has Buskirk leading 41-25 percent. "I know it's going to get tighter before it's done," Buskirk told the newspaper. Richard said the poll relied too heavily on northeast side residents and did not limit respondents to "likely" voters. Buskirk led among Republicans 68-22 percent; Richard among Democrats 51-16 percent. On the issue of gender, 83 percent said it was irrelevant and 12 percent said Buskirk's gender makes them more likely to vote for her. The same poll said attracting and keeping jobs was the top issue. Richard's TV ad campaign focuses on public safety issues, noting a 36-officer shortfall in FWPD. Mayor Helmke responded to a recent full-page newspaper ad by local churches urging local officials to make crime a top priority. Said Helmke, "Some may not agree with what I and others have done, but elected officials provided leadership" (*News-Sentinel*). Biggest surprise in the JG poll? Annexation was listed as the least important issue. This, coming after years of controversy surrounding northside and Abene Township annexations. Said Buskirk, "I think a lot of people feel the same way I do about annexation. They know it is a good thing, but they are very concerned about government providing the services to the city ... as it has grown." We see Buskirk in good shape heading into the final month of the campaign, and thus this election is...

General Status: LIKELY BUSKIRK.

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:** Candidate Gilroy seems poised and composed. But the campaign apparatus underneath her is sopping wet with perspiration in the armpits in a business where the key phrase is "never let 'em see you sweat." Pass the Right Guard. Sources tell Horse Race that Gilroy CM Mark Massa attempted to get the *Indianapolis Star* to pull its polling story on Oct. 19 because of its R&D makeup. Then there was HR's own dealings with Cameron Carter, who in a profanity-laden tirade against a NUVO/TeleResearch Poll "push" question on Oct. 18, still wasn't satisfied that

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the poll was pulled and changed, with the offending office hopping question deleted. The end result from the restarted poll was a 5 percent within-the-margin of error lead for Gilroy and decent TV coverage on Fox59, WTHR and WRTV as well as NUVO. Most interesting reaction occurred on *Indiana Week in Review* where even GOP Chair Mike McDaniel wouldn't bring it up, even when it was good news for his own candidate. Apparently Jim Shella's rule on the set is to say nothing about TeleResearch polls. Now Carter is refusing to release Gilroy's public schedule for publication in NUVO. *Indianapolis Star* reporter Mary Beth Schneider described Carter's reaction to the Scott Newman/Gilroy fundraiser allegations as "howling." The Newman fundraiser, which Democratic attorneys say skirts election fundraising reporting rules, puts Gilroy in a potentially dangerous situation since she heads the Indiana Election Commission. Meanwhile, WTHR speculated Monday on which candidate might go negative first. Gilroy's campaign has been complaining about the looming negative campaign for several months. Carter released a Sept. 23 memo that began like this: "This week's edition of NUVO described the Gilroy campaign as being 'taut with paranoia.' At the risk of perpetuating this myth, I want to inform you about a poll that was in the field this week." Carter went on to complain about a Democratic "push poll" that had "negative attacks" on Gilroy, including city employees attending Gilroy rallies during working hours, accepting "large and possibly illegal" contributions from city contractors, and campaigning while neglecting Secretary of State duties. The poll also asks who is responsible for the city's "sewer crisis." Said Carter, "The conclusion is obvious: Bart Peterson is out in the field testing and launching negative attacks on Sue Anne Gilroy." Carter concluded: "Bart Peterson has postured and obfuscated on the issue of a clean campaign, calling Gilroy's pledge a 'silly political gimmick' and he has even refused to sign his own clean campaign pldge from last May, which included a clause to not conduct any push polls." The Horse Race reaction to all this? This should have been a good week for Gilroy. The Goldsmith SBA audits came back with no bombshells. She had a 5-point lead in one poll the campaign believes comes from hostile territory. Campaigns in stride pay little attention to polls and what an opponent might do in the future. They calmly stay on message and react to controversies in a businesslike manner. The Gilroy campaign has approached this trenchwork in almost hysterical fashion. The campaign is not only taut with paranoia, its rope is starting to snap and unravel. **General Status:** *Tossup*.

Muncie Mayoral: **Republican:** Mayor Dan Canan. **Democrat:** Ralph Smith Jr.

1995 Results: Canan (R) 9,718, Carey (D) 6,521. **1999 Forecast:** Smith calls for the removal of Police Chief Joe Winkle and says he would not limit a search for a new chief to MPD ranks. Winkle's tenure has been marked by several cases of police misconduct and an admission that he used illegal drugs as a young officer (*Muncie Star Press*). Canan has stood by Winkle and challenged Smith to name his chief prior to the election. *Star Press* quoted Charles Burch, executive director of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, as saying Indiana is "pretty conservative" when appointing new chiefs. Usually they come from department ranks. Ball State Prof. James Hendricks noted, "Almost all the chiefs come from inside the department" in Indiana cities. "You don't see it that much in other states, where they do national searches for polcie chiefs all the time." **Status:** *Likely Canan*.

New Albany Mayoral: **Republican:** City Clerk Regina Overton. **Democrat:** Mayor Doug England. **1995 Results:** England 6,845, Real (R) 5,886. **1999 Forecast:** England's campaign braces for an Indiana State Police investigation report on corruption allegations. That report could make or break England. **General Status:** *Tossup*.

South Bend Mayoral: **Republican:** Steve Bradley. **Democrat:** Mayor Steve Luecke. **1995 Results:** Kernan (D) 14,309, Waite (R) 3,106. **1999 Forecast:** City Council votes unanimously to withdraw the College Football Hall of Fame's \$1.6 million budget from its \$119 million city budget. Commented Bradley, "It looks like we've had our desired result" (*South Bend Tribune*). One month away and Luecke looks to be in good shape. **General status:** *Solid Luecke*.

Valparaiso Mayoral: **Republican:** Councilman Jon Costas. **Democrat:** Mayor David Butterfield. **1995 Results:** Butterfield (D) 3,923, Hefron (R) 2,768. **1999 Forecast:** Costas ran 20 miles across the city last Saturday, stopping to campaign in 20 locations. "The

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raise \$10,000 for memorials to slain Hoosiers the group wants to place in the Statehouse rotunda, beside memorials to police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. The memorials would include individually framed photos with brass name plates of loved ones lost to violence. "It's another way to let people know that this kind of things has to stop," said Vickie Boling of Survivors of Traumatic Loss (Shelbyville News).

Heather Anne Harder of Crown Point declared her candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. "Nine years ago today I knew in my heart of hearts that I could no longer pretend things were OK (Gary Post-Tribune). "I have become stronger and righteously indignant. If I don't win, change 2000 to 2004, you'll see me again." Harder is a former teacher and bookstore owner in Crown Point. She says she has the ability to communicate with the dead.

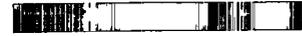
When Kevin Kellems traveled to Washington last week, he said capital politicians were as interested in hearing his report from the field as they were dispensing advice to him. The tidbit that poked up the most ears was an assessment of Al Gore's viability in CD9, where Kellems is campaigning for

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Congress. "I have yet to hear a single favorable comment about Al Gore," Kellems said. "He has a much more credible challenge from Bill Bradley than people anticipate."



run shows my emphasis on neighborhoods," said Costas (*Times of Northwest Indiana*). **General Status:** *Leans Butterfield.*

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:** Thomson Indiana's Joe Follick profiles Gov. O'Bannon: "As this unprecedented familial legacy enters a new century, Gov. O'Bannon is readying for what may be the last Indiana campaign by an O'Bannon for a long time." The governor said, "I think the biggest surprise for me has been the many requests and demands on your time. We probably get 400 to 500 requests a month ...and we can only do about 125, 150 a month." On taxes, O'Bannon said, "Every taxpayer has received a tax cut (since 1996). The tax relief for small businesses and farmers has been the greatest it's ever been." He called the failure of full-day kindergarten to be his greatest disappointment. O'Bannon said things have changed since he entered the Statehouse in 1971, taking his father's Senate seat. "It was a different attitude toward government," O'Bannon said. "Special interest groups are so intense now, and it wasn't like that." McIntosh called President Clinton's veto of a \$792 billion budget bill containing his reduction in the marriage tax penalty "a disappointment." Said McIntosh, "We are going to keep fighting. Bill Clinton has sided with bigger government and against the interests of working families." Former GOP chair Al Hubbard has begun sending out "Memos to Hoosier Leaders" on behalf of McIntosh - a similar tactic he used on behalf of Stephen Goldsmith in 1996. Muncie Star Press columnist Larry Riley writes, "I've never seen an effort like that initiated by our current congressman and gubernatorial wannabe David McIntosh in the midst of city campaigns all over the state. Just weeks ago, he barnstormed five cities and raised \$1 million at a soiree in Indianapolis. Unless he's sharing the booty - and heaven knows his money machine could afford it - I don't know why Republican candidates for city and town councils and mayors' spots aren't furious at his timing." **General Status:** *Leans O'Bannon.*

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