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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'The gulf between political folk and regular folks on the streets is bigger than ever...."

- U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, to Jay County Democrats, in the Muncie Star Press

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Vargus spots Gilroy up by 8 pts., but ..

Campaigns seeing dead heat tracking

By BRIAN A. HOWEY *in Indianapolis*

Internal numbers for both the Gilroy and Peterson campaigns have been showing the Indianapolis mayoral race a dead heat.

So much so that the Sue Anne Gilroy campaign was considering possible changes in its media consultants and a retooling of its message after enduring a panicky week. Those advising Bart Peterson have the Democrat sticking with the current strategy, which has been to highlight the "Peterson Plan."

The vibrations of both campaigns were polar opposites. Peterson seemed confident and collected, sorting out details in each poll and pointing to the trendlines. The Gilroy campaign was edgy and vigorously contested both the Star and NUVO poll methodology

On Tuesday night, WISH-TV reported a poll by Dr. Brian Vargus and the Indiana University Public Opinion Laboratory (Oct. 1-4, 621 voters, +/- 4 percent) showing Sue Anne Gilroy leading Bart Peterson 38-31 percent. Libertarian Andrew Horning and Our Party's John Gibson each polled 1 percent. Another 29 percent were undecided.

The poll prompted WISH-TV's Jim Shella to declare on Tuesday night's 6 p.m. broadcast, "This was always Gilroy's race to lose." In 1998, Vargus called the 10th CD Carson-Hofmeister race a tossup on election eve. Carson won by 18 percent.

But Monday night at the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce's first-ever "Hobnob" event, virtually every GOP insider of influence was telling HPR that the race was either

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We're in Our Sixth Year!

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Former Crawford County Sheriff Estel "Pete" Eastridge has pleaded guilty to two felony charges in a voter fraud case. In a plea agreement, Eastridge will receive a suspended two-year sentence and will be supervised by the court for only one year. Eastridge was found guilty of helping elderly residents fill out ballots and then taking the ballots to the courthouse. The county prosecutor began looking into the sheriff after more than 1,300 requests were filed for absentee ballots. In the primary, some 1,030 absentee ballots were cast in an election with only 4,270 votes.

State Auditor Connie Nass assured the state that Indiana is Y2K ready. "We

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Gilroy, *from page 1*

in a statistical dead heat or feeling that way. Some highly influential Republicans tell HPR they fear that it may be too late for the Gilroy campaign to retool its message and present a clearer vision for Indianapolis.

One Republican operative told HPR, "The Gilroy campaign really has to turn on a dime. Right now."

Some Republicans were speculating on whether Democrats had a chance to retake the City-County Council, something almost inconceiveable even at this date.

To date, the polling in this race has been all over the map. The *Indianapolis Star* reported on Sept. 19 Peterson leading Gilroy 40.8 percent to 37.3 percent, with the Gilroy campaign complaining that the poll was weighted too heavily Democratic (29 to 27 percent). *NUVO*/ TeleResearch had Gilroy leading Peterson 41-36 percent in a poll that was acknowledged as weighted too heavily Republican (45-33 percent). Both the *Star* and *NUVO* had the races within the margin of error.

Vargus did not release the WISH poll's party breakdown on its methodology on the TV station's website.

Both the *NUVO* and *Star* polls seemed to be delivering bad news for Gilroy. The *Star* reported that 54.9 percent agreed that one party had controlled City Hall for too long. *NUVO* had the independents breaking for Peterson by a 28-23 percent margin. Of the 18 percent undecided in that poll, 44 percent were described as independent.

NUVO speculated on the "Big Flush" element of the campaign. Noting that while both Mayor Goldsmith and President Clinton enjoyed high approval ratings, Al Gore and Sue Anne Gilroy are struggling. It drew a parallel to 1994 when Republicans raised the specter of a takeover of Congress after 40 years of rule and demoralized Democrats (about 10 percent of them) simply stayed home, refusing to defend the party's rickety generational possession of power.

The "time for a change" element may not be all Gilroy's fault. In 1960, Americans chose a new face in John F. Kennedy over the more experienced Richard Nixon after eight successful years of the Eisenhower administration.

While many Republicans expressed public confidence that a revitalized GOP

HPR Pre-Election Briefing Registration Info

Here is registration information for the four Howey Political Report Pre-Election Briefings:

Oct. 20 - South Bend Mariott, 123 N. St. Joseph St., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., *Sponsors:* Baker & Daniels Law Office, Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County. *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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organization would turn out the vote for Gilroy, Democrats were cheerfully noting that Indiana Chairman Robin Winston had received Gilroy direct mail.

And Sarge Visher, an aide to U.S. Rep. Julia Carson, told HPR that her organization was prepared to do what it took to get Peterson elected. Democratic sources say 15,000 new voters have been registered, including the 850 gathered up by the Carson organization last weekend.

When Peterson had a press conference on Monday touting the endorsements of individual IPD officers, there was no response from the Gilroy campaign on the evening TV news. The contrasting styles and emotions from the campaigns, Peterson's calm refusal to go negative, and candid comments from longtime operatives indicate this election is much closer than the current math. ❖

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have worked nearly four years on this. I am very pleased to announce the state auditor's office is Y2K ready," Nass said. Nass said a "back to the future" test was conducted over the Labor Day weekend when the computer clocks were moved up to Jan. 13, 2000. "I can assure you that no Hoosier taxpayer's refund or no state employee check will be held up," Nass said.

The US Department of Agriculture has declared 67 Indiana counties agricultural disaster areas. "These loans won't solve the farm crisis, but they should help," said Gov. Frank O'Bannon. LG Joe Kernan observed, "We should note that not all Indiana farmers are in dire straits. We had extreme variations in the amount of rainfall within each of our 92 counties this summer."

USX Corp. announced last week that it will bypass the Northwest Indiana Forum and "lead the charge for property tax reform in Indianapolis," the Times reported. "We are the most heavily taxed facility in the country, if not the world," said USX spokesman Steven Sobat. "We are reaching out to the legislature, partly out of desperation. Property tax burdens are stymieing economic development in Lake County."

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The Times of Northwest Indiana reported on the upcoming election and the "role the Lake Station Democratic Precinct Organization will play in it has yet to be determined." The newspaper reported, "Some, like the city's Democratic chairman, said the organization is still vital and will play a major role in the contest. Others, including candidates, think the organization will only support a few candidates." It reported that for the last six months, the organization has been "surrounded in controversy" when city chairman Wendell Hodges was appointed to a vacant city council seat. "There's no conflict of interest," Hodges said. "I took (the seat) rather than cause a big fuss."

Fort Wayne Councilman Don Schmidt was hospitalized in fair condition after an auto accident on Sept. 28.

U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh told Jay County Democrats, "Surely, we can provide for the family farmer in this time of need. My fellow Democrats and I are working on a full relief plan." Bayh, in a tone reminiscent of the character Otter in the movie "Animal House," also said, "We need to not engage in political food fights, but do the business we were elected to do."

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McIntosh looks toward 2000

Republican gubernatorial hopefull wants to link property taxes, education

Between votes in Congress on Tuesday afternoon, HPR Publisher Brian A. Howey conducted this Part One of two conversations with U.S. Rep. David McIntosh about the 2000 gubernatorial race.

HPR: How do you see the primary phase of 2000 taking shape?

McIntosh: It is a key opportunity for us to do two things: 1.) to increase my name recognition, particularly in the north and south; and 2.) an opportunity for us to aggressively recruit a grassroots network. Ultimately I'm focusing my attention on why we need to make a change in the governor's office. Pointing out that by standing still, we're falling behind. How we need new leadership.

HPR: What are the differences between you and John Price?

McIntosh: I am confident that the message we're taking out to Hoosier voters is what they'll want for the future. We've got a very good message: education reform, tax cuts, property tax cuts and talking about economic development for the future. What I think is going to happen as we go out into the primary is you'll see two conservative Republicans talking to not only our base but to the general population about why we need to make a change from the current administration. I'm going to aggressively recruit volunteers from Right to Life, from property rights advocates, from the conservative base and then urge them on to carry me to victory in the fall.

HPR: How do you view the recent news of the property tax reassessments, which has become a full-blown crisis in places like Lake County?

McIntosh: I've been up to Lake County 11 or 12 times. Every time I go up there I meet somebody who talks to me about their real concerns about this reassessment. They are afraid they are going to lose their house. At the same time, the manual seems to be the worst of all worlds up there. It really socks it to homeowners with a 30-percent across-the-board on average tax increase; and it also threatens the economic livelihood of The Region because of the industry property taxes; all the heavy equipment because of the industrial jobs will be taxed, all the increases on inventory will make it hard on Lake County and the South Shore region to compete, to bring in jobs from Illinois and Michigan. When I was up there we visited one of these huge gas stations and truck after truck was stopping in Indiana to refuel because we had low gas taxes, and then they were driving across the border with Illinois to drop off goods or pick up goods in their warehouses because they don't have an inventory tax. The reassessment manual that the governor has come up with is like a dagger right at the heart of business in Lake County as well as the homeowner because it increases and makes worse the disparity of taxes.

HPR INTERVIEW

HPR: Do you see the governor's decision to rescind the Indiana Toll Road fee at the Gary West exit at USX a reaction to a big problem?

McIntosh: I've heard a lot of people suggest that may be the case. That they needed to do something to make it appear there was some good news. What I've learned out here in Washington, and Clinton does this a lot, is where they throw peanuts and then they sock it to you with a massive tax increase. You've got to keep your eye on the ball and what really matters. This reassessment manual and the property tax problem that it is creating for Lake County and a lot of other areas in the state is the issue. The solution is we should have had leadership say we need a

deep, permanent cut in property taxes, so that as we change the investment, nobody ends up getting penalized with an increase because we've actually taken off education operating expenses or welfare expenses and had a deep tax cut there. One of the things I'm looking at is how to make it permanent and real so that we can go to voters and say, "I promise you this: If you elect me governor we will get a real, permanent and deep property tax cut." I will remind people that with the Contract With America is exactly how I entered into elected office. I made a concrete promise and then delivered on it.

HPR: What did you learn from Doc Bowen on this subject? Did he frame it to a point where that's your destination?

McIntosh: He did. I told him I thought this was going to be a year much like his election where property taxes were a key issue. He had a couple of very important points that he told me to keep in mind. One is to make sure there were permanent breaks on increases so that you can't see the taxes come back up. He pointed out that 25 years ago he had very deep property tax cuts and now we're back in a problem. It doubled in the last 10 years because there aren't effective restraints on the increase of spending. Second, he pointed out the key to this governor's election is going to be talking to, frankly, a lot of Republicans who felt pretty comfortable in 1996 voting for Gov. O'Bannon. Talk to them about key Republican principles like tax cuts, so they'll come back home and vote the Republican ticket. Both of those were excellent advice and I told him that as I developed more details I would be in touch.

HPR: What are the parameters you've established on property taxes and when will we see the McIntosh Plan?

McIntosh: We're still studying the budget. It will probably be some point next year after the session as we're getting ready to get into the election cycle. We'll have a very concrete proposal. But I'll tell you going in I don't want to increase other taxes. I don't think that's a good idea. I want a real, fiscally responsible plan that shows how we can have savings on expenses and use the structural surplus to offset the lost revenue. And then I think it needs to be viable at the local government level. If we're going to reduce property taxes, say by removing the operating expenses for schools, we'll have that be funded out of dedicated revenue out of the general fund and then show people how it can be done. I would like to see a tax cut on the magnitude of a third to 50 percent reduction. The other factor that is intriguing about that is where it ties into education reform. What I've noticed at the local school level is something that Ruthie describes as 'jumpin' over dimes to go after nickles.' Where people are spinning their wheels trying to figure out how the funding formula works; trying to figure out grant money and filling out paperwork for that. We need to find a way of streamlining that funding so it goes to the local level and empowers local schools to make the changes we need to improve local education. And then we need to find a way to get the bulk of those funds into the hands of teachers in the classrooms, and free up parents to become involved to participate in the decisions as well. That will be in exchange for showing dramatic improvements in the SATs and the ISTEPs. The education issue will be the second most important one and will link up with the property tax issue as well.

HPR: Gov. O'Bannon has said that his hands were basically tied by the Tax Court and the Supreme Court. How do you respond to that?

McIntosh: Well, essentially the failure was knowing that will happen and not come out with fundamental tax restructuring at the same time. The opportunity was in the last legislature. The commission had reported. It provided options for doing that and nothing happened. There were little changes around the edges but the plain and fact is that people's property taxes doubled in the last 10 years. And now the reassessment manual will make that burden even worse. ❖

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Recently annexed Crown Point residents now tell the city they want to be "de-annexed" (Times of Northwest Indiana). The residents are upset over lack of sewer and water service. Mayor James Metros said the city will keep its word and allow a disannexation.

Mayor Metros denied that he tried to influence a union election in which Crown Point city employees voted overwhelmingly to organize (Times of Northwest Indiana). The employees voted 20-9 to unionize. Metros released a written statement saying he looked forward to working with AFSCME Local 62. He said that while he is "pro-union," he wished workers had chosen a local union, rather than one based in Indianapolis. "It was always my desire that our employees' money stay within Lake County," Metros said.

Retired congressman Lee Hamilton told the Bloomington Herald-Times that he really knew he was retired when "the bells rang for a vote and I didn't have to go. It's kind of a Pavlovian response. You hear the bells and you just instinctively head for the floor." As for heading Indiana University's fledgling Center on Congress, Hamilton said, "I'm having a good time. I've been very pleased with the transition.

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You walk away from Congress with some regrets and there are many aspects of it I miss. But I made the right decision. It was time for me to go." The Center on Cong-ress now has a website: http://congress.indiana.edu

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar is seeking to chronicle the history of Indiana high school basketball for the Library of Congress Local Legacies project. "With the help of dedicated Hoosier basketball players, coaches and fans, this project will document the sport's historic impact in high school gymnasiums across the state." The senator is seeking 500-word essays on basketball that can be sent to: Hoosier Basketball Legacy, Office of Sen. Richard Lugar, 306 Hart Building, Washington, DC 20510. Said Lugar, "Indiana basketball - no other tradition binds together so many Hoosiers across the state."

Lake County officials are hoping that the Indiana Court of Appeals will give the City of Gary permission to use 260 impounded voting machines in the Nov. 2 election. The machines have been impounded based on a contest filed by State Rep. Vernon Smith, who lost the Gary mayoral primary to incumbent Scott King. If permission is not received, the Gary city election may be conducted on paper bal-

Indiana Racing Fun

INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

Evansville Mayoral: Republican: County Councilman Russell Lloyd Jr.. **Democrat:** Rick Borries. **1995 Results:** McDonald (D) 19,162, Frary (R) 9,565. **1999 Forecast:** During first debate, Borries accused Lloyd of "scary negative comments" and tactics that "belong on the 'X-Files.' Lloyd called Borries a big spender, saying, "He can't say no when it comes to spending your money." Lloyd complained about the proliferation of billboards and then asked Borries if he had paid for his current campaign billboards. "Oh there you go again, Russ," Borries responded. Borries noted Lloyd and the Vanderburgh County Council passed 4-percent pay raises for themselves. Lloyd responded that he had always worked in the private sector while Borries has always been paid by taxpayers. Borries said he would fund a $10 million bond issue for the Mesker Zoo with revenues generated by the facility. Lloyd said another zoo master plan might have to be generated. After the debate, Borries told the *Courier & Press*, "If he talks about negatives, I'll talk about positives." Lloyd said, "Rick wants to run way from his record and I'm not going to let him do that." Speaking before the Diversity Network, both candidates committed to improving neighborhoods. Lloyd noted that the EPD is only 3 percent black and the EFD is only 5 percent. "That doesn't reflect the makeup of the community," Lloyd said. Both candidates were asked if they would hire homosexuals. "Qualifications are the critical point," said Borries. Lloyd said sexual preference "has nothing to do with a person's ability to do the job." Sixteen Democrats, including mayors from Princeton, Oakland City, and Boonville, and State Reps. Jonathon Weinzapfel, Brian Hasler and Dennis Avery endorse Borries. **General Status:** *Tossup*.

HORSE RACE

Fort Wayne Mayoral: Republican: Linda Buskirk. **Democrat:** Graham Richard. **1995 Results:** Helmke 21,909, Essex (D) 11,033, Kempf (L) 1,029. **1999 Forecast:** WPTA-TV Poll (1,061 random, Sept. 28-Oct. 1) shows this race tightening up with Buskirk leading Richard 35-28. That contrasts with a *Journal Gazette* poll published last week that had Buskirk leading 41-25 percent. Allen County Sheriff Jim Herman, Prosecutor Bob Gevers and Coroner Phillip O'Shaughnessy endorse Buskirk. "I can provide the citizens of Fort Wayne a great team approach," said Buskirk (*Journal Gazette*). Richard proposed law enforcement distributing gun safety locks in the community. He said his administration would work with community groups to provide gun safety classes for adults and youths. Richard also proposed a code of ethics for the city. "I think it's time we join other cities around the nation and the state of Indiana," Richard said of a lack of a code. Said Buskirk, "Heck, who would be against ethics?" The *News-Sentinel* reported that Richard continues to link Buskirk with Mayor Paul Helmke, even calling it the "Buskirk administration." The Republican responded about distancing herself from Helmke, "I can't. I know my popularity has to do with the trust people have in the Helmke administration." Buskirk and Richard agreed on most questions on a gay-lesbian survey. But they differed on whether they would increase the number of gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-gender people on the FWPD, with Buskirk saying no and Richard yes (*News-Sentinel*). Independent Sherri Emerson announced her candidacy as a write-in candidate..**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:** WISH-TV Poll by IU's Brian Vargus shows Gilroy leading Peterson 38-31 (+/- 4 percent). Gilroy said she's "running her campaign as if she's behind," said WISH-TV's Jim Shella. Said Vargus, "There is no defining issue." Peterson responded, "I feel very comfortable with where we are, and again I don't think it's critical who's ahead or behind right at the moment." Gordon Durnil put out this e-mail Tuesday night, "Remember the primer on political polling we sent along last

month. Our purpose was to cushion the influence of media polling. Well, once more we caution you to not get too excited about public opinion surveys promoted by news media outlets." Peterson and Gilroy appeared at Pat Rooney's education debate on WFYI-TV and again at the Indianapolis Press Club. No blood was drawn at either appearance. Horning and Gibson picketed the Press Club after their exclusion and will do so again Thursday night at the WRTV-WIBC debate at the Emmis Building on Monument Circle. The *Star*-WTHR debate is set for Oct. 11 at Butler University. Horning's helicopter crashed in downtown Indianapolis last Saturday while filming a TV ad. Everyone aboard escaped injury. Gilroy announced raising $350,000 in September. *Star* reporter Doug Sword told HPR that past Gilroy contributors are now starting to pop up on Peterson's financial reports. **General Status:** *Tossup.*

Kokomo Mayoral: Republican: Mayor Jim Trobaugh. **Democrat:** Councilman Mike Kennedy. **1995 Results**: Trobaugh 5,108, Lushin 4,713. **1999 Forecast:** LG Joe Kernan stumped for Kennedy at a neigborhood cleanup site. Kennedy announced that the state Democrats will pay for his advertising for the final month of the campaign. **Status:** *Leans Trobaugh.*

Michigan City Mayoral: Republican: Ron Kniola. **Democrat:** Mayor Sheila Brillson. **1999 Forecast:** Former City Councilman Kniola has run a lackluster campaign and the Republican Party here is disorganized. Brillson might have been an early attractive target as she stepped on a lot of toes in her first term that included losing the Miss Indiana Pageant. But she did run out the many massage parlors and had hundreds of thousands of riverboat casino dollars to rebuild infrastructure and create Millenneum Park downtown. Brillson then won a narrow primary battle against a former mayor. Sen. Evan Bayh endorsed Brillson last week. Two debates are scheduled on Oct. 14 and 26. Unless some new element emerges from those showdowns, we think Brillson will return for a second term. **General Status:** *LIKELY BRILLSON.*

Muncie Mayoral: Republican: Mayor Dan Canan. **Democrat:** Ralph Smith Jr. **1995 Results:** Canan (R) 9,718, Carey (D) 6,521. **1999 Forecast:** Canan and Smith agreed on the issue of whether Duke Energy should build a $200 million power generating plant in Muncie. Both "were not quick to support" the plant (*Muncie Star Press*). Said Smith, "It's a sensitive issue, and without doing an in-depth study, any assessment would be premature.". **General status:** *SOLID CANAN.*

New Albany Mayoral: Republican: City Clerk Regina Overton. **Democrat:** Mayor Doug England. **1995 Results:** England 6,845, Real (R) 5,886. **1999 Forecast:** Mayor England's fate may rest with the release of an Indiana State Police corruption investigation report due any day. *Courier-Journal* reports the prosecutor is seeking additional information and expects to report soon. There has been other unsettling news for the incumbent. The City Council refused to sign a statement rejecting a $16.5 million settlement with the EPA in a dispute stemming from pollution from the city sewer system. In June 1997, the EPA fined New Albany that amount on penalities based on England's promise in 1992 to fix numerous sewage problems by 1995 (*Louisville Courier-Journal*). England argues that the city has completed most of the repairs and has made other improvements, so the penalties shouldn't stand. So while the city's counsel has advised rejecting the EPA settlement, the city council has refused to go along. *New Albany Tribune* staff writer Amany Ali wrote that Floyd County Democratic Chairman Warren Nash "with the exception of two minor issues ... all but endorses Overton's platform." GOP tracking shows Overton within the margin of error. **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:** GOP sources are saying Witwer is looking for a way to exit the race and save face. Some have suggested appointing him to the Republican National Committee. McIntosh and Price appeared before the Indiana Right to Life convention in Bedford. McIntosh brought his daughter, who had a tea party. McIntosh endorsed Texas Gov.

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lots (Gary Post-Tribune).

Indiana gaming regulators say that the "recent penetration of the Indiana casino market by national gambling firms has significantly reduced the opportunities for organized crime to infiltrate casino operations" (Times of Northwest Indiana). Said Indiana Gaming Commissioner Robert Swan, "I am by and large pretty impressed with the conduct of gaming companies."

Lake County officials conceded that thousands of properties there are receiving improper homestead and mortgage tax breaks. The Times of Northwest Indiana reported that improper tax breaks may run as much as $1.7 million a year. The newspaper reported that hundreds of loose-leaf binders are kept "in the cramped quarters of the Lake County auditor's office." When homes are sold, the old exemptions "commonly remain in the records unless they are replaced by new applications."

William Neale, treasurer of the Quayle 2000 committee, told the Mike Pence Show last Sunday that when then-Sen. Quayle was chosen as the vice presidential nominee in New Orleans in 1988, the Bush campaign staff approached him and others

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in the small Quayle entourage desperately seeking information about the Hoosier Republican. "They had half a sheet of paper worth of information on Dan Quayle. That was all they had. It was an incredible situation."

HPR Publisher Brian A. Howey will moderate the Shelbyville mayoral debate on Oct. 14. Howey will also address 9th CD Democrats at Jawacadah Farms near Batesville on Oct. 23.

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George W. Bush now that the Quayle campaign has exited the stage. "Gov. Bush is running a campaign that seeks to include all Americans, not divide some, with a conservative agenda of improved education, tax relief for working families, and high-paying, high-tech jobs. It's clear to me the governor has the right ideas, the right convictions and the right character to be our next president." Gov. O'Bannon addressed a national education summit in New York. The governor announced 100 new jobs for a Hitachi Data Systems plant in Plainfield. The governor also unveiled a handbook for improving race relations in Indiana. **General Status:** *Leans O'Bannon.*

Congressional District 2: Republican: Mike Pence, State Rep. Jeff Linder, Andrew Phipps, Brad Steele, Fred Wenger, Bill Fraizer, Luke Messner, David Gethers. **Democrat:** Melanie Fox, Lisa Julian, Bob Rock Jr., Troy Liggett. **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:** Hogsett showed up at the Democratic confab in New Castle to explain his decision. NRCC reacted to Hogsett's decision by saying, "Any chance for Democrats to pick up the Indiana open seat has plummeted as soon as Joe Hogsett dropped out of the race." DCCC is eyeing State Rep. Scott Mellinger, whose numbers in its poll last summer were second best to Hogsett's (16/3 pos/neg; 32 percent name ID). DCCC and Gov. O'Bannon have been playing phone tag on the 2nd CD matter. Also attending the New Castle event were former Phil Sharp aide Ron Guyre, Lisa Julian, Mel Fox, and Troy Liggett. Bob Rock Jr. was a no-show but sent a representative. Sources told HPR that Guyre now appears to be moving forward with a campaign. Fox is also showing support in the agricultural community and is talking with a Washington consultant. Liggett told HPR, "I keep working to consolidate support in the 2nd. It's going better than I ever expected." Liggett added about the Republican race, "I still think Frazier is their dark horse ... and the Republican to beat in their primary." Key Republican sources in the 2nd CD are saying that Pence is working to consolidate his support and is "moving at a quicker pace" now. Pence is expected to meet with NRCC officials in Washington within the next several days. **Primary Status:** *LIKELY PENCE (R); TOSSUP (D).*

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