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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'I'm a lot less anonymous ..."

- Elkhart Mayor-Elect David Miller, to the Elkhart Truth, on what it was like being elected the city's 33rd mayor.

2000 Governor's race on center stage

O'Bannon prepares for last campaign

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

The chords from John Mellencamp's "Small Town" were still ringing when Gov. Frank O'Bannon took the stage at the Murat Tuesday night - one year from the day he hopes to be re-elected.

He lauded mayors-elect Bart Peterson in Indianapolis and Graham Richard in Fort Wayne, and therein lies a simple theme of O'Bannon's last campaign. "Bart Peterson was the best candidate I've ever seen run for office," O'Bannon said, "for staying on message. So was Graham Richard, for staying on message."

As the crowd of nearly 500 people - still on a high from the '99 mayoral races - hooted with approval, O'Bannon talked of his "decision" coming in January. "I'm very sure we're not packing our bags and moving to Corydon," the governor said. "We love this job. We're seeing some real changes in this state."

And there was his message - one Hoosiers will hear repetatively over the next 51 weeks: a strong surplus, a billion dollars in tax cuts, the largest highway construction program in state history, 500 more cops on the street. "We've got much more to do," O'Bannon said.

Betty Cockrum, the governor's head of administration, approached HPR. "Are we a Republican state?"

Not any more, was the response. "That's not what I wanted to hear," she said. "Don't let us get smug."

U.S. Rep. David McIntosh is not one to let anyone get smug. Nor will he be content to allow O'Bannon to stay on his message. "We'll be very focused on our message,"

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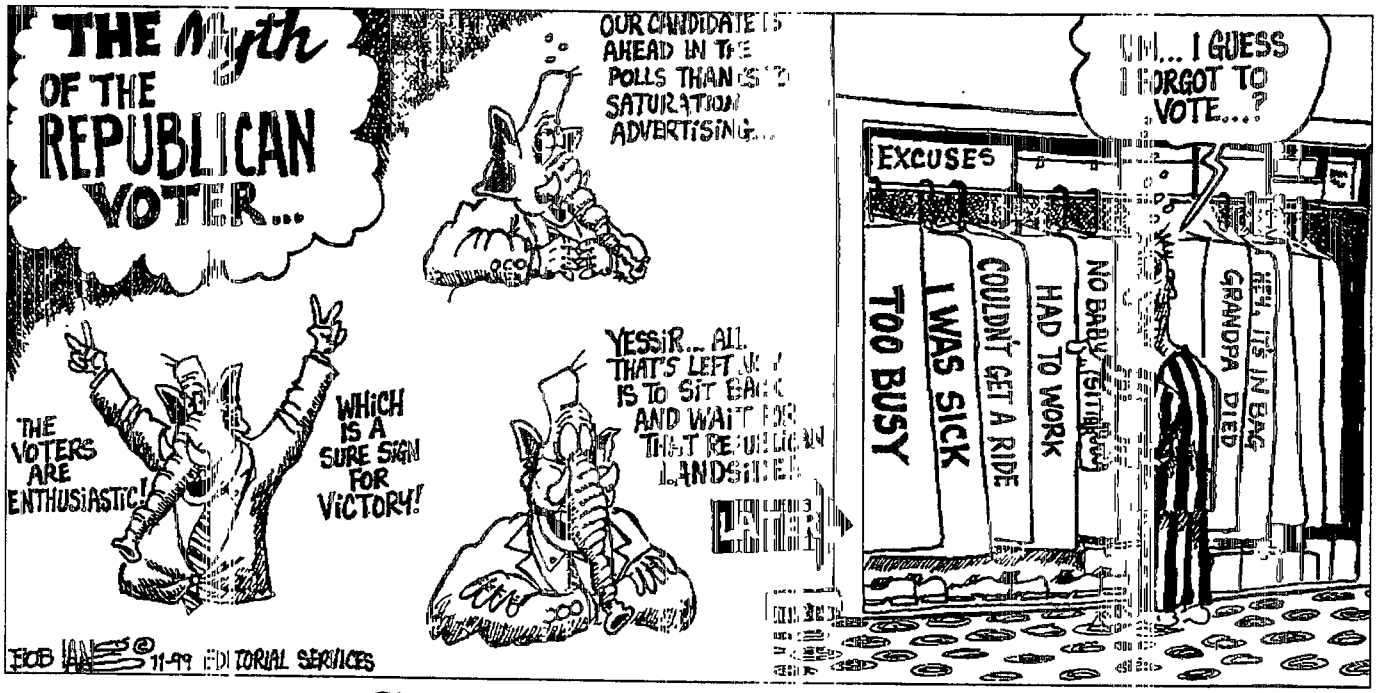

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Fort Wayne Republican mayoral nominee Linda Buskirk has filed a recount petition following her 76-vote loss to Democrat Graham Richard on Nov. 2. The petition will be heard on Nov. 17. It presents four scenarios for incorrectly counted ballots: mistakes in printing and distribution of ballots; programming voting machines; malfunctions in electronic voting machines; and deliberate acts. Meanwhile, Democratic city council candidate Tom Freistroffer, who lost to Rebecca Ravine by 65 votes, declined to seek a recount and Democrats asked the GOP not to proceed on the mayoral race. Allen County GOP Chairman Steve Shine commented, "What they have basically

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Governor, *from page 1*

McIntosh told HPR at noon Wednesday. "Under 12 years of Democratic rule, we've seen kids rank 45th in the nation on SAT scores. Property taxes have doubled and we're going to talk about cutting them. Finally, our message is going to be one of creating the high paying and high tech jobs of the future."

While Hoosier Democrats were in a jubilant mood, their Republican counterparts have been reassessing their organizations, including McIntosh.

"We were disappointed in the results from Indianapolis and Fort Wayne. We worked hard with some very good candidates," McIntosh explained. "In Indianapolis, what's happened is you've seen a big demographic shift. Our strategy will be to look at it as a whole - Marion County and the doughnut - and there you get a strong Republican base we'll turn out.

"But the good thing that we've seen from the city elections is that there was a real message for change. People will look at our message that way."

While there has been a reassessment of both the Marion County and Indiana Republican organizations after the losses in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, and some complaints about the state GOP, McIntosh made it very clear that he was sticking with Indiana Republican Chairman Mike McDaniel. In last week's edition of HPR, sources close to the congressman noted that the state committee's role is to raise money and keep the lists up to date. Numerous GOP sources had complained that the state committee had not kept up on either count

"We are working closely together with Mike McDaniel," the congressman said. "We are working closely with the Lugar people. My hope is that after the primary we'll get Mike on board. Maybe even get him on board before the primary. He's correcting the problems of the past. There isn't a problem with him as far as we're concerned."

McDaniel had told HPR that the state committee is diligently working on the lists. He also noted that it is tougher to raise money without controlling the Indiana governor's office.

So while there is peace settling over the GOP side, the Democratic reaction was one of pleasure and a mood that the organization will be poised for continued dominance.❖

HPR to become a daily internet political wire

Nov. 11, 1999

To: HPR Subscribers
From: Brian A. Howey, Publisher
Re: HPR Daily Wire

We've all come a long way since August 1994 when *The Howey Political Report* was first mailed and faxed to what has been a growing list of subscribers. Information dissemination has come a long way since then, impacting nearly every communicator and information company.

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Beginning Jan. 2, HPR subscribers will be able to go to
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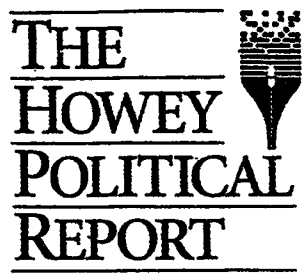

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done is sacrifice Tom Freistroffer in a public relations ploy to make the recount request for the Republicans look inappropriate" (Journal Gazette). Democratic Chairman Brian Stier responded to Shine, "He's saying or doing anything to detract from the devastating losses." Buskirk has encouraged Richard to proceed with a transition team. "I'm willing to help and work with him on a transition, but I think the recount is incredibly important for us as a community to know how it officially turns out." Richard has chosen his business partner, Joe Ruffolo, to head his transition team.

Indianapolis Mayor-Elect Bart Peterson has chosen campaign manager Mike O'Connor to be his deputy mayor and chief of staff.

The second annual Bulen Symposium on American Politics takes place at the University Place Conference Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday Dec. 3 at IUPUI. This year's topic will be "Is a Blizzard of Primaries Burying the Political Parties?"

James Carville and Mary Matalin appeared at the Sinai Forum in Michigan City last week, drawing more than 500 people. "There are many husbands and wives out there who

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argue their different religions and in-laws. I'd much rather have a wife who loves my mother and hates my politics," Carville said (Times of Northwest Indiana). Matalin grew up in Calumet City and has a father living in Crown Point and a brother living in St. John. Matalin said the 2000 presidential election will be a special one. "It falls during a symbolic year when we are preparing for our next century. We want to examine what the 1900s brought us and what we should want for the century 2000." As for the potential winner, Carville said, "The person who is able to speak with simplicity, relevance and repetition is the one who wins. I urge you to listen carefully for those three things. People are busy and it's not too often when they are willing to turn to politics. When they do, the candidate using those three things as a campaign technique will reach the most voters."

Indiana House Parliamentarian John Taylor suffered a heart attack in Florida. Speaker John Gregg said that Taylor is expected to recover.

Jeffersonville Mayor Tom Galligan faces a Jan. 7 Indiana Tax Court hearing on the Department of Revenue's attempt to collect $16,409 in back taxes (Louisville Courier-Journal).

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Cook & Rothenberg Survey Indiana (Part 1)

Washington analysts comment on Congressional races; McIntosh

WASHINGTON - As part of the HPR Pre-Election '99 Briefing series conducted in South Bend, Fort Wayne Indianapolis and Evansville last month, HPR's Mark Schoeff Jr., sat down with Washington analysts Charles Cook and Stuart Rothenberg to survey the Indiana and American political landscape.

HPR: What do you think the chances are for the Democrats to take control of the U.S. House?

Cook: It's going to go down to the wire. It will be well into election night before we know who's going to control the U.S. House. Eight or nine months ago I would have guessed that Democrats would take over the House. Three or four months ago I would have said they probably wouldn't. The difference is, early on this year we had the dark cloud of impeachment hanging over the Republican Party and hurting them badly. Now the impeachment cloud has dissipated and the last several months I think Democrats have had momentum going their way. But it's a very, very close call.

Rothenberg: I certainly would agree that the best answer and the easiest answer is that it's a tossup. I think that does convey the reality that there are a relatively few number of seats that are in play, but that the margin is so narrow right now that a handful of Democratic pickups does change things. Two things we ought to focus on. One is open seats and the Democrats have an advantage there. If they retake the House it will be on the basis of these open seats. And second of all, what's going on in Capitol Hill now and the next year. Again, the Democrats have an advantage there on Social Security, education and those sorts of issues. This election will ultimately be decided in the final few weeks, but watch Republicans use incumbent advantages to hold on to the House. It's too close to call.

HPR: We expect at least three Indiana seats - Districts 2, 8 and 9 - to be competitive this year. How prominent are these three seats on a national radar?

Cook: Every seat is important when it's this close. Having said that, let me take the 2nd District first. I think it's likely not to be as competitive as we thought. It's a pretty strongly Republican district and if Joe Hogsett had run, there are districts that are inclined to go one way but there's one magic entity that the other party could get in. Joe Hogsett was the great chance for the Democrats. Now that he's not running, the Republicans would have to nominate a fairly flawed candidate to lose this seat.

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Rothenberg: I noticed the DCCC is sending out memos that has Indiana 2 as one of the competitive races. I think with Hogsett it certainly deserves to be there. Without Hogsett, I'm not sure. I think most of the attention is to Indiana 8 - the Hostettler seat. It's always on the most vulnerable list. There's always a question of whether Hostettler is a great fit and whether he'll raise enough money. The interesting thing that Washington is paying attention to is the likely Democratic primary there. There is concern among Democrats that here is one of those opportunities, but if the Democrats spend a lot of time beating one another up in the primary, then John Hostettler squeezes by again. That race is getting that kind of attention, less so the 9th.

Cook: In the Baron Hill seat, Kevin Kellems is a good candidate. The question is: Is he going to get the money? This is going to be a year where we're going to have an unprecedented amount of money

but the vast majority of it is going to be shoehorned into a very small number of races. So does Kevin make the cut for Republicans for their big spending? If he does make the short list, then he has a decent shot. I think he's right on the cusp on whether he will be on the short list nationwide.

HPR: What about Baron Hill? Will he make the cut for the Democrats' short list?

Rothenberg: That race is on our radar screen. We recognize that it's a Republican leaning district. We thought there was a chance the Republican was going to pick up that seat, not that we thought that Jean Leising was a top tier candidate. But Baron Hill is a smart and articulate candidate who is now an incumbent. While I think the Repubicans have a good candidate, is it on the top tier? Probably not.

Cook: This is not in the top five of Republican chances to knock off a Democratic incumbent. But it's somewhere in the next 10.

Rothenberg: But it's the kind of district where we'll keep watching because of the quality of the candidate.

HPR: Both sides are raising record numbers of soft money. How will that likely manifest itself in Indiana?

Cook: One thing that is happening is there will be huge gaps between the haves and the have-nots because now that the parties have gone into these issue advocacy advertising, independent expenditures and where there is some question as to whether the limits even apply, given that, I think what's going to happen is, in the old days, the committees would prioritize. OK, this is our top race, No. 3, No. 2, all the way down the list. They would max out No. 1, max out No. 2 and on down the list until they run out of money. What happens when there is no max? More money goes to the top races and there will be less left over for the down level races. That's why these candidates are competing with other candidates in their own party to make the short list. Right now my guess is that none of these three races is going to be on the 10 to 15 closest in the country. But several are going to be on that next tier back. So they will be right on the cusp of funding - the big funding.

Rothenberg: I think the Hostettler seat could attract some big money, assuming - and this is a big question - the Democrats get a nominee who can get over internal differences. The big question is whether there will be a strong candidate who could benefit from a wave environment.

HPR: David McIntosh is running for governor. What can you tell us about his reputation in general? What kind of strengths and weaknesses might be bring to a gubernatorial campaign?

Cook: On the asset side, he's very hard working, very competent, very sort of a single-minded, hard-charging type. On the liability side, he was one of the shock troops for the revolution which came in in 1994 and has since by and large fizzled out. It's kind of pejorative. If you were to look at the Republican Party and say which part is most popular, you'd say the gubernatorial Republican Party, with the House Republican Party the least popular. He was right in the thick of things. In terms of individual skills, he rates very high. But being part of the House Republicans and the Gingrich revolution, part of the impeachment thing, not necessarily an asset.

Rothenberg: He's a policy guy, he's an issue guy. He thinks in terms of visions and ideology. I think he's ambitious, politically. He's shown some impatience and that's why he's really giving up on Washington. He's frustrated. He had greater hopes for the Republican majority. There is something to be said in the plus or minus on that. But he's certainly very single-minded about putting together both an agenda as well as a political operation. Before David McIntosh got to Congress we had heard he was a smart guy and a very focused guy. I think we've seen that in Washington. ❖

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The taxes stem from an audit of Irish Park, a business Galligan owned and operated until he became mayor in 1996. Galligan was re-elected to a second term on Nov. 2. Galligan's sale of Irish Park is also a subject of a suit filed against him by his children, who claim part ownership and say the mayor didn't have the authority to sell the park.

A school tax referendum sought by the Monroe County Community School Corporation was rejected by voters. The Bloomington Herald-Times reported that 54 school property tax referendums have been sought since 1976, with 30 failing. Between 1988 and 1994, 11 in a row failed. In 1998, Dewey Township in LaPorte County - the second smallest school district in the state - won a 53 percent tax increase by a 3 to 1 margin. The last major school referendum to pass occurred in 1987 when the Evansville-Vanderburg School Corp. sought a $3.9 million tax increase to address a budget deficit.

A burning ban has been reinstituted in Morgan, Brown and Owen counties after an unseasonably dry October. Representatives from the State Fire Marshal's Office, the National Weather Service and agriculture officials were reassessing a

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statewide open fire ban.

Former Muncie Mayor Jim Carey was elected to the City Council in last week's election.

Shots were fired at an ABC cameraman inside Purdue University's Ross-Ade Stadium a few hours before the Purdue-Wisconsin game last Saturday. Police said the cameraman's ex-wife fired the shots. No one was injured and Terry M. Tamez was arrested on a preliminary charge of attempted murder. The shots from a .39 caliber revolver were fired in the north end zone.

Mishawaka voters elected the first Republican-majority city council since 1963. Council President Steve Emmons, a Democrat, was among the casualties. "It's a wake up call," said city Democratic Chairman Joe Zappia. "Maybe it's good that it happens. Sometimes we get lax."

South Bend Mayor Steve Luecke called his 68 percent victory a "positive report card" for the city (South Bend Tribune). Said Luecke, "I was truly upset at the way Mr. Bradley portrayed the city."

Thomson Indiana's Joe Follick reported that of $608,250 in fines against nursing homes by the Indiana State Department of Health between January

Indiana Racing Form

INDIANA 2000 RACES

U.S. Senate: Republican: U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar. **Democrat:** David L. Johnson. **1988 results:** Lugar (R) 1,430,525, Wickes (D) 668,778. **1994 results:** Lugar (R) 1,039,625, Jontz (D) 470.799, Bourland (L) 17,343, Barton (A) 15,801. **2000 Forecast:** *Congressional Quarterly* names Lugar one of the 50 most accomplished Members of Congress. *Cook Political Report* observes, "With $1 million in the bank, formidable poll numbers, and a strong record, Lugar will have little trouble next year." Lugar has taken a leading role against McCain-Feingold. In a Washington Times op-ed piece he co-authored with Sens. Bill Frist and Gordon Smith, Lugar wrote, "We agree that the current campaign finance system is in need of reform. Unfortunately, McCain-Feingold is a bad bill that would make our campaign finance system worse than it is now." Lugar said the "fallacy" is that "closing off one avenue of political money will cause that money to disappear from the process. But this assumption is contradicted by a quarter century of experience with campaign finance law." **Status:** *Safe Lugar.*

HORSE RACE

Congressional District 1: Republican: Open. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky. **Geography:** Northern Lake, Porter County. 1994 results: Visclosky 68,612, Larson 52,920. 1996 Results: Visclosky 132,430, Petyo(R) 56,205, Crass (L) 3,122 1998 Results: Visclosky (D) 92,634, Petyo (R) 33,503. **2000 Forecast:** This is the Democrats' safest CD in Indiana. Visclosky has done an excellent job in working Capitol Hill on behalf of Indiana's embattled steel industry. **Status:** *SOLID D*

Congressional District 2: Republican: Mike Pence, State Rep. Jeff Linder, Andrew Phipps, Brad Steele, Fred Wenger, Bill Frazer, Luke Messner, David Gethers. **Democrat:** Melina Fox, Leisa Julian, Ron Guyre, 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:** Pence files an exploratory committee. Linder hires George Rasley as a fundraiser and says he will be announcing key endorsements next week. Democratic side still unsettled with no clear frontrunner emerging.. **Primary Status:** *LEANS PENCE (R); TOSSUP (D).*

Congressional District 3: Republican: Chris Chocola. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer. **Geography:** South Bend, Mishawaka, Elkhart, Northern Indiana **1994 results:** Roemer 72,497, Burkett 58,787. **1996 Results:** Roemer 114,381, Zakas (R) 80,748, Taylor (L) 2,331. **1998 Results:** Roemer 84,625, Holtz 61,041. **2000 Forecast:** Chris Chocola, 37, is board chairman of CTB Corp., a Milford-based farm feeding equipment company with a big international export profile. He is the grandson of Howard Bremback, who set up the Goshen-based Fourth Freedom Forum. Chocola hasn't officially announced, but 3rd CD Republican leaders expect him to be the only realistic challenger. He says he is more conservative than Roemer and expects to be able to raise ample money. Currently Roemer stands well in the district as he seeks his 10th term. But he would be most vulnerable in a presidential year. Any kind of wave developing around George W. Bush and augmented by Lugar's Senate run and a real challenge by David McIntosh for governor could be enough to sweep Chocola in. This is a national barometer race. If it is in play next September and October, that could mean a GOP wave is taking place. Otherwise, Roemer is in pretty good shape. **Status:** *LIKELY D.*

Congressional District 4: Republican: U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, Mike Loomis. **Democrat:** Betty Tonsing. **Geography:** Fort Wayne, Huntington, NE Indiana. **1994 results:** Souder 83,466, Long 65,956. **1996 Results:** Souder 118,344, Houseman (D) 76,152, Bisson (L) 4,743. **1998 Results:** Souder 93,671, Wehrle 54,286. **2000 Forecast:** Fort Wayne Women's Bureau executive Betty Tonsing has announced she's running, but her early fundraising has not been impressive and no one on the Democratic side is talking about picking up this seat.

Particularly now that *Congressional Quarterly* has named Souder as one of the 50 most outstanding Members of Congress (joining U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar). Souder has quietly become a real force not only on Capitol Hill, but potentially back in Indiana after he finishes his sixth term (a limit he set for himself). We believe that Souder has the credentials and knowledge to come back to Indiana as a potential gubernatorial candidate. He is a top flight political strategist. As for Mike Loomis, the man is wasting his time, particularly after the Allen County prosecutor's office has been rocked by several embarrassing and bungled cases. **Status:** *SOLID SOUDER.*

Congressional District 5: Republican: U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer. **Democrat:** Joe Pearson. **Geography**: Kokomo, Marion, Peru, Monticello, Lowell, Northern Indiana. 1994 results: Buyer 108,575, Beatty 43,619, Alfred (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:** Buyer emerges from the Clinton impeachment trial as a House manager stronger than ever. Democatic fundraising efforts to defeat the House managers doesn't appear to include Buyer. Democratic Chairman Robin Winston confirms that Steele will not seek a rematch and Joe Pearson is disinclined to run. So Democrats are still searching for credible candidate. Agronimist Joe Pearson is considering. **Status:** *SOLID R.*

Congressional District 6: Republican: U.S. Rep. Dan Burton. **Democrat:** Darin Patrick Greisey. **Geography:** Greenfield, Franklin, Tipton, Indianapolis collar counties. **1994 results:** Burton 136,876, Bruner 40,815. **1996 Results:** Burton 189,461, Dillard-Tramell (D) 58,362, Peterson (L) 5,295. **1998 Results:** Burton (R) 135,169, Kern 31,472 (D), Hauptmann (L) 21,015. **2000 Forecast:** Greisey enters the race. He lost to State Rep. Jim Atterholt in 1998 by a 13,084-6,942 margin. Danny looks safe. The big questions here is whether this will be Burton's last race. He has had a rollicking year as he has chased scandals and batted off media attention on his personal life. Many expect redistricting in 2000 to change what is considered the third most Republican district in America. That obviously could have an impact on Burton's decision to run after 2000. **Status:** *SOLID R.*

Congressional District 7: Republican: U.S. Rep.Ed Pease. **Democrat**: Open. **Geography:** Terre Haute, Lafayette and Western Indiana. **1994 results:** Myers 104,359, Harmless 55,941. **1996 Results:** Pease 130,010, Hellmann (D) 72,705, Bourland (L) 7,125. **1998 Results:** Pease (R) 109,553, Hillenburg (D) 44,749. **2000 Forecast:** Pease is a rising star in what has been a high-caliber and extremely interesting Hoosier Congressional delegation. The sky is the limit for Pease in the House and Democrats are not talking about seriously challenging him in 2000. **Status:** *SOLID R.*

Congressional District 8: Republican: U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:** John Hamilton, Dr. Paul Perry. **Geography**: Evansville, Bloomington, Vincennes and SW Indiana. **1994 results:** Hostettler (R) 93,529, McCloskey (D) 84,857. **1996 Results:** Hostettler (R) 109,582, Weinzapfel (D) 106,134, Hager (L) 3,799. **1998 Results:** Hostettler (R) 92,227, Riecken (D) 81,381, Hager (L) 3,395. **2000 Forecast:** We fully expect the Bloody 8th to be bloody, bloody, bloody good political fun in both the primary and general elections. The first round in the Democratic primary features Hamilton - the candidate the Democratic establishment appears to be backing - against a well-organized Evansville doctor, Paul Perry, who has been able to raise money. The early edge goes to Hamilton, but our best sources tell us that Perry can make this a real race. The Hamilton forces point out that Perry has voted in the 1996 and '98 Republican primary. Other sources say that Perry has given money to a professional PAC which in turn contributed to Hostettler. As for the general, Hostettler has an excellent political organization, although his Washington staff can be a little ham-handed. For instance, HPR was told that out of 10 interview requests, we'd be 9th on the list, which is a pretty inane thing to say since the first copies of HPR on any given week go to the *Hotline* and the *White House Bulletin*. Remarkable if unwitting candor aside, the political side of Hostettler's operation is much more savvy and will be tough to beat, particularly if any kind of wave develops around Bush and Lugar at the top of the ticket. Having said that, Hostettler always runs in tight races. On the issue front, Hostettler won a four-year battle to have Doppler radar installed in Southwest Indiana by 2002, which is a development made for a great TV commericial. He has

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1998 and March 1999, only $227,600 have been paid due to reduced settlements, dismissed fines and ongoing legal battles. Follick reported that of the 107 fines issued, only 32 have been paid in full.

While Fort Wayne's population has increased 53 percent since 1951 - from 133,000 to 202,000 - voter participation in mayoral races has grown a mere 5 percent (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). In 1951, Republican Harry Baals defeated Democrat Paul Burns 20,804-20,542. That compares with Graham Richard's 21,607 to 21,531 victory over Republican Linda Buskirk last week.

U2 lead singer Bono met with U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar for 30 minutes to discuss debt relief for poor nations. Lugar and Bono discussed the impact author C.S. Lewis had on both their lives, particularly the book "Mere Christianity." While HPR was chatting with Lugar chief-of-staff Marty Morris, the veteran political operative noted a crowd of people gathered in an outside corridor. "They told me that someone from U2 was coming to visit the senator,"Morris said. "I thought they were talking about Francis Gary Powers."

Because of a state computer glitch, "countless divorced

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fathers" are receiving form letters from county prosecutors accusing them of being behind in child support payments (Times of Northwest Indiana).

Sonny Peterson, who gained notoriety as a gambling kingpin with ties to boxing promoter Don King and an East Chicago political manipulator, died at age 83.

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also been out front on the I-69 extension. **Status:** *TOSSUP.*

Congressional District 9: Republican: Kevin Shaw Kellems **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. **Geography:** New Albany Jeffersonville, Madison, Nashville and SE Indiana. **1994 results:** Hamilton 91,459 (D), Leising (R) 84,315. **1996 Results:** Hamilton (D) 128,885, Leising (R) 97,747, Feeney (L) 2,315. **1998 Results:** Hill (D) 92,477, Leising (R) 87,278, Feeney (L) 2,397. **2000 Forecast:** Hill has had an excellent freshman term, but he can expect a bruising challenge from Kevin Kellems due to the fact that Hill won in 1998 by only 5,176 against a chronically poor campaign by Jean Leising. Kellems notes that a shift of only 2,589 votes would have turned the district Republican. In 1994 and 1988, Lugar carried every county in the 9th CD. He also notes, "Al Gore is nearly as unpopular in the 9th CD as Dick Lugar is popular." The money also appears to be flowing after an Oct. 26 Washington reception hosted by House Speaker Dennis Hastert and GOP leadership Dick Armey, Tom DeLay and J.C. Watts. This will be a top race to watch. With the 2nd, 8th and 9th contiguous to each other, issue advocacy groups will be able to use the Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Louisville and Evansville TV markets to hit multiple districts in play. **Status:** *LEANS D.*

Congressional District 10: Republican: Tony Samuel, Marvin Scott. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Julia Carson. **Geography:** Indianapolis. **1994 results:** Jacobs (D) 58,573, Scott 50,998. **1996 Results:** Carson (D) 90,869, Blankenbaker (R) 69,248, St. Angelo (L) 3,505. **1998 Results:** Carson 69,673, Hofmeister (R) 46,392, Peterson (L) 3,009. **2000 Forecast:** Samuel is aggressively working, having visited his 1,000th home on what he calls "the most ambitious neighborhood door-to-door campaign ever seen in Marion County." His campaign theme is "Bridging the Gap Between People and Politics." Carson is in relatively good shape, particularly after playing a key role in Bart Peterson's shattering of the GOP stranglehold on Unigov. But there are storm clouds gathering within the family. One grandson has received much publicity after being charged with 37 criminal counts in an attack on Hispanics and gays. Two other relatives were in the spotlight for getting jobs in the Indiana Excise Police Department after the Gene Honeycutt strip club scandal broke. Neither should hurt Carson much politically, but if other problems crop up, could pose a problem. **Status:** *LIKELY D.*

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