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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'I think it's a good PR move, personally' ..."

- State Sen. Larry Borst, on Gov. O'Bannon's insistence the legislature pass leftover bills from last spring, to The Associated Press

GOP bench beyond McIntosh is lean

Tucker Quayle pondering move home

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

Stephen Goldsmith. Sue Anne Gilroy. Paul Helmke.

A mere three years ago, these were the "rising stars" of the Indiana Republican Party - the people who would carry the party back to the glory days of winning the governorship and maintaining the other centers of power.

Today, they are a vanquished trio, and while their political careers are not over by any means, their losses for governor, mayor of Indianapolis and the U.S. Senate have thrust the Indiana GOP's hope almost solely into the hands of U.S. Rep. David McIntosh. And he faces the daunting task of knocking off a popular incumbent governor - something that hasn't even come close to happening since governors were allowed to succeed themselves.

What should be even more troubling for Indiana Republicans is that when compared to their Democratic counterparts, the next generation of leaders for the party is extremely lean.

Compare the leadership potential for the Indiana Democrats in the post-O'Bannon era. There could be a three-way battle for the 2004 gubernatorial nomination among Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan, Attorney General Jeff Modisett, and House Speaker John Gregg. Most insiders give Kernan the inside advantage because of his No. 2 position as well as his political and oratory skills. Modisett has been one of the most prominent AGs in recent history. Gregg is a political legend in the making based on the sheer vividness of his personality.

There is the Congressional class that includes Baron

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Sources tell HPR that the Marion County Republican chairmanship dilemma will be resolved within the next two weeks. One scenario has State Sen. Pat Miller replacing John Sweeney. But other sources say Miller has made a commitment to her church for the next year and will not serve as chair.

Gov. Frank O'Bannon, who stated he wanted the legislature to "get in, get out and get done" (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette) not only looks as if he's going to get the four bills he insisted on passing during this week's annual Organization Day, but on Wednesday announced that American United Life will stay in Indianapolis after a compromise was reached allowing

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Hill and Tim Roemer, who have statewide office potential.

Next there are the mayors - Bart Peterson in Indianapolis, Graham Richard in Fort Wayne, and John Fernandez in Bloomington - all with statewide potential at this point. Then there are legislators - Peggy Welch from Bloomington, Russ Stilwell from Booneville, Brian Hasler from Evansville.

Throw in David Johnson, a candidate Washington analysts Charles Cook and Stuart Rothenberg say could have shelf-life after his race with U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, and Jill Long, the deputy U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, who maintains a home in Argos.

Republican cupboard

Should McIntosh upset Gov. O'Bannon in 2000, that would be a replenishing event for the Grand Old Party, because his organization has the potential to spin off policy and a next generation of candidates in a fashion similar to those of Lugar, Dan Coats and Evan Bayh.

A McIntosh defeat would be devastating, although McIntosh's youth and energy might give him the opportunity to come back in 2004 and an open governorship.

The Indiana Republican Congressional delegation has two potential statewide candidates: Mark Souder, who is self-limited to six terms (his final race would be 2004), and is perhaps the most attuned political strategist in the state; and Ed Pease, who served in a distinguished fashion in the Indiana Senate, andt appears to be on a national leadership trajectory in the House.

From the Statehouse, Auditor Connie Nass is considered a possible LG candidate. Marion County Sheriff Jack Cottey could be an emerging political force, although he bloodied himself up in the late stages of the Gilroy campaign with direct mail and radio ads many saw as racially insensitive. John R. Price, running for govenor in the GOP primary, could be seen as a potential LG choice if lightning doesn't strike McIntosh.

The Republican mayoral class is almost non-existent, although Evansville's Russell Lloyd Jr. will merit attention. Helmke would be the odds-on favorite in the 4th CD when Souder decides to step down. He'll need to win a race before he is viable on a statewide stage.

The GOP's legislative class is very

lean. State Rep. Jeff Linder is in an uphill race for the 2nd CD nomination. Mike Ripley ran a credible race for Congress in 1994, losing to Souder, and might be expected to try again. Younger House members like Matt Whetstone of Brownsburg and State Sens. Becky Skillman of Bedford and Sue Scholer of West Lafayette, are potential ticket members.

From the business community, former Lilly CEO Randall Tobias would be credible with key GOP constituencies. Another Lilly executive, Mitch Daniels, would probably be an instant savior for the GOP, but has shown little inclination for holding public office.

And there is Kevin Kellems, the former Lugar aide who is running an uphill battle against Baron Hill in the 9th CD.

As you can see, there are a lot of "ifs" and unknowns about the Indiana Republican Party after McIntosh and Lugar.

"There's no question, the Indiana Republican Party has a very shallow bench, very shallow," said Mike Pence, the radio talk show host who is running for the 2nd CD. Should he win in November 2000, he would be a credible statewide candidate.

Pence likened the state of Indiana Republicans to that of the Democrats in the early 1980s. At that point, the Republicans controlled the legislature, the governorship, most of the Statehouse offices and the two U.S. Senate seats. It dominated Hoosier Democrats to the point of earning the so-called "rock-ribbed Republican" designation.

In 1999, analysts Cook and Rothenberg were questioning whether Indiana could be considered a Republican state (see HPR Interview, page 4).

What if McIntosh....

...loses in 2000?

With Lugar in the twilight of his career, Dan Coats retired, and with names like Goldsmith, Hudnut, Gilroy and Helmke absorbing defeats, what the Indiana Republicans may need are their own version of Evan Bayh - a legacy.

Indiana Democrats can trace their successes of the past 10 years to the emergence of Bayh, his take-over of the state party, and the spin-off of his proteges.

That GOP legacy could be Tucker Quayle, the 25-year-old son of former Vice President Dan Quayle. Sources tell HPR Tucker Quayle is trilingual, a businessman, a missionary who has served in China. "He's as good looking as his old man and as smart as his mom," the source told HPR.

And, apparently, the young Quayle is considering a move back home to Indiana.❖

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the insurance giant to sell stock. The passage of this legislation would allow O'Bannon to recoup some of the losses he suffered during the chaotic end of the legislature's long session last spring. The AUL compromise allowed company President Jerry Semler to announce that 1,500 new jobs were coming to Indianapolis and that a new high rise would be built. WRTV's Norm Cox reported that the building could be built along I-465 and not downtown. O'Bannon and legislative leaders took stinging criticism after legislation that passed both houses fell by the wayside last spring. That included continued tax incentives for research and development, a change in the financial institutions tax for in-state banks to keep them from moving their charters elsewhere, updating the state tax code to conform with federal law, and reauthorization of the state's social services agency. House Democrats tried to suspend Constitutional rules that would have allowed passage of the bills in one day, but House Republicans balked, resulting in an Organization Day session expected to last through the end of the week. Republicans sources tell HPR that they have conceded to O'Bannon's wishes even though they know it will allow him to recover some

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political luster he lost last spring, fearing that they would appear obstructionist if the bills died.

Some House Democrats were uneasy about the passage of the bills because they started in the Republican-held Senate. "Why?" said State Rep. Chet Dobis. "The real reason is political. For some reason they want to make the governor look bad and make it look like these were all Republican-generated ideas" (Times of Northwest Indiana). But Senate President Pro Tem Robert Garton denied politics was involved. "If we were trying to embarrass the governor, we would just stop everything and nothing would get done."

The Times reported, "Some Democrats seem less than enthusiastic about supporting the governor's legislative call to action, but the political reality is they need to support O'Bannon or suffer some far-reaching consequences when the 2000 elections roll around. The Times quoted Dobis, "No one is crying for any of these bills in Lake County or Porter County. This is simply helping the governor."

Outgoing Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith will begin a process over the next several months of relocating his family to

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Cook & Rothenberg Survey Indiana (Part 2)

Washington analysts talk about Dick Lugar, David Johnson, Evan Bayh

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: Looking at the presidential race, there seemed to be more support for Bill Bradley here in Indiana than would have been expected. What are you looking for with regard to Indiana?

Cook: One thing we're watching is Indiana changing. It wasn't that long ago that this was a rock-ribbed state. With the idea that you could have back-to-back Democratic governors for three and possibly four terms would have been absolutely unheard of. Is the state becoming less Republican? Probably so. Is it a swing state? Probably not. But I think it's going to be a little bit more in play than in the past. When it comes to Bradley, he's had a lot of momentum everywhere for the past couple, two, three, four months. My sense is that momentum is starting to shift. We've seen two back-to-back performances with Gore and Bradley going against each other and Gore beat Bradley at both events. And then you've got the AFL-CIO endorsement (for Gore) which for a Democratic nomination is a big deal. Finally, Bradley has very little support among minorities. And in the Democratic Party, that's a big deal.

Rothenberg: I think Bradley's appeal has been quirky. It's been particularly strong on the two coasts, not particularly noticeable in the Midwest, certainly if you compare Bradley in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, New Hampshire and California with Iowa and I would guess Indiana, he's not as strong. But look, he's an interesting kind of figure. He is sincere, he can talk as an outsider. I think that you have to think that ultimately, if Bill Bradley or Al Gore, whoever wins the Democratic nomination in the early states and the March 7 states, if the Republicans don't win Indiana it's going to be an awfully bad year for them in 2000. So I don't think there's much the Democrats can do in Indiana. Now the neighboring states are absolutely critical for Republican hopes of regaining the White House - Ohio, Illinois and Michigan.

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Cook: Back on Bradley, when you listen to his message ... I mean, he went before 3,000 Democratic activists in Des Moines recently and he gave a general election message aimed at independents and reformers. Now when you've got 3,000 party activists in one big hall, that's not the message you go to. Normally, you have a checklist. There's a checklist of issues you need to touch before a Democratic Party audience. What's the checklist you touch before an Iowa audience? And out of 20 items, he probably hit only three or four, tops. Finally, there's not a lot of passion when he's out there talking. He's more professorial, more relaxed, but very intellectual. It touches some Democratic voters, but not the mainstream.

Rothenberg: I want to agree completely. I don't want to argue with you. There is a little footnote here, a caveat: Evan Bayh is not exactly a Tom Harken Democrat. Evan Bayh is a little more measured speaker. Now, I think you've got a little difference when you've got a sitting vice president of the United States who has automatic appeal and affinity among the Democratic activists, but Bradley will get some interest because of

his celebrity status.

Cook: I think the momentum is shifting to Gore.

HPR: Can anyone catch Bush on the Republican side?

Cook: If Bush stumbles, and my assumption is that he is going to stumble at some point along the way, if someone is going to take advantage of it, it's probably going to be McCain. My guess is that Bush does stumble, McCain catches on a little bit, but probably not enough. McCain is the guy I'd watch, although Steve Forbes has begun to consolidate the conservative side with Quayle's departure, with Buchanan's departure, with Bauer getting into some trouble, I think Forbes is solidifying himself on the conservative side.

HPR: What are your throughts on the Richard Lugar-David Johnson Senate race?

Rothenberg: I interviewed David a number of months ago. He is attractive, articulate, thoughtful - two Rhodes Scholars, how often does that happen? He's got some Washington experience, he's got a high-powered Indiana law firm, he's an associate of the governor, friend of Evan Bayh. Having said that, Sen. Lugar's numbers are terrific. I saw one poll that Democrats were shopping around that emphasized that after a series of push questions about Lugar's position on a whole bunch of issues, the race was about even. It's like climbing Mt. Everest. It's going to be very tough.

Cook: It reminds me of the 1998 Senate race - Helmke-Bayh. Good guy, good candidate, wrong race. In another situation, Johnson looks pretty good. He's got a promising future. This is just the wrong race. It's just not there. But he's getting good early marks.

HPR: Do you see anything coming up here either nationally or in Indiana that could really jolt the system?

Cook: We're just watching Evan Bayh for down the road. Whether it's 2000 or whether its further on down the road. Clearly, Evan Bayh is a real comer in the Democratic Party and someone with a huge future. You never want to say this guy is going to make it on a ticket, because we used to say that about Chuck Robb, for example. But I would be surprised if Evan Bayh didn't end up in one slot or another on a ticket in the next two elections.

Rothenberg: Everyone who watches him and who's familiar with him sees him as a comer. As for the broader question, there will probably be a surprise, but since it's a surprise, I don't know what the heck it's going to be.

Cook: Then it wouldn't be a surprise.

Rothenberg: Will it be a foreign policy crisis, Pakistan and India, I don't know if it's going to be something on the stock market or with the economy, but in this business, you expect surprises.

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Cook: There's a pretty good chance that in 2002 Sen. Helms is not going to run for re-election and when that happens, pretty clearly Sen. Lugar will take over the Senate Foreign Relations Committee - or retake the chairmanship. That could really change things. When you look at foreign policy right now on Capitol Hill, it would be a night and day shift if Lugar retook the chairmanship. So I think that's one thing we're watching for. ❖

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Washington so that he'll be in a position to serve in a possible George W. Bush administration. While the election is being waged, Goldsmith will work at least one day each week in the D.C. office of Sagamore Associates, an arm of the Indiana law firm Baker & Daniels. Sagamore, a lobbying firm with clients ranging from the cities of South Bend and Marion to Indiana, Indiana State and Purdue universities, will take advantage of Goldsmith's stature. Goldsmith's success at reducing government spending by introducing competition in the delivery of city services should be attractive to potential new clients like water treatment facilities, sanitation departments and airports. "We're thrilled to have Steve here because he's extremely well known on Capitol Hill," said David Gogol, Sagamore president. "He has a national reputation among cities and public institutions for his skill and innovation."

Nationally renowned political commentators Walter Shapiro from USA Today, and Ken Bode, dean of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University will headline the 2nd annual Bulen Symposium at IUPUI on Friday Dec. 3 with the topic, "Is a Blizzard of Primaries Burying the Political Parties?" Others scheduled to appear are for-

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mer Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, DNC Chairman Joe Andrew, RNC Chairman Jim Nicholson, Jonathon Karl of CNN, Jim Barnes of the National Journal, Indiana Chairs Robin Winston and Mike McDaniel, HPR's Brian Howey and Jack Colwell of the South Bend Tribune, Curtis Gans of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, William Mayer of Northwestern University, Barbara Norrander of the University of Arizona, Andrew Busch of the University of Denver, and Marjorie Hershey of Indiana University. "I think this year's event is particularly significant because we'll be discussing issues affecting the primary process before the storm hits," said Bill Blomquist, chair of the IUPUI political science department. Tickets are $95 and can be ordered at 317-274-7387.

Indiana Senate Democrats are pushing a plan that would extend the state's property tax reassessment which began on July 1, 1999, to March 1, 2004. It was scheduled to be completed by March 1, 2001. Legislators from both parties in both chambers feared that a chaotic reassessment would have a potentially huge fallout, particularly in Lake County. "We in the assessing community can't stand by and allow legislators to play pol-

Cash for McIntosh, O'Bannon

Gubernatorial candidates carve Washington fundraising niches

By MARK SCHOEFF Jr.
The Howey Political Report

WASHINGTON - Just as a strong college alumni network can open the door to a better job, a good political alumni club can boost a candidate's chance to move to a higher office.

Republican Rep. David McIntosh recently tapped former coworkers in the Reagan and Bush administrations to raise money for his nascent gubernatorial campaign. Most of the approximately 60 people who paid $1000 each to attend his Oct. 27 Washington fundraiser knew McIntosh from their days in the last two GOP White Houses. The event was hosted by Reagan heavyweights: former Reagan chief of staff Ken Duberstein, former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, former Attorney General Ed Meese, former Reagan communications director Lyn Nofziger and former Bush chief of staff John Sununu.

The gathering of the Reagan pantheon sent a message about McIntosh, said Duberstein, who now runs his own strategic consulting firm in Washington. "I consider him not only a personal friend but also someone who shares our strong and abiding commitment to the Ronald Reagan philosophy," Duberstein said of McIntosh.

McIntosh served as a domestic policy adviser and in the Justice Department during the Reagan administration. He was head of the Council on Competitiveness under former Vice President Quayle during the Bush years. McIntosh is competing against John Price for the GOP gubernatorial nomination.

As denizens of the nation's capital, many of the people at the McIntosh fundraiser don't deal directly with governors. Duberstein said they're supporting McIntosh's bid to defeat incumbent Democratic Gov. Frank O'Bannon because they want to see McIntosh carry out a Reaganesque agenda of lower taxes, "smaller but more efficient government," and regulatory reform. "It certainly worked for America and it can work for Indiana," said Duberstein.

"There are a lot of conservatives in Indiana, Washington and across the country who have known Dave for more than 10 years and watched him develop in Congress," said a McIntosh official. "They support his ideas."

Although he goes to work every day in downtown Indianapolis, O'Bannon has his own strong Washington connections that might give momentum to his reelection effort. O'Bannon is head of the Democratic Governors Association (DGA). Last year, he was vice chairman of the organization. O'Bannon has raised a record amount of money for DGA and has played an important role in key gubernatorial elections around the country, including California.

"Gov. O'Bannon was certainly helpful to Gov. (Gray) Davis in his race in California," said Tom New, O'Bannon's imminent campaign manager and former chief of staff. "Gov. Davis can be helpful to us." Davis has garnered a national reputation as a prolific fundraiser.

In contrast to federal campaign contributions, donations to an Indiana gubernatorial race are not capped. The DGA can provide any level of logistical, financial and strategic support to O'Bannon.

The governor has a strong personal friendship and professional relationship with the incoming DGA chairman, Gov. Paul Patton of Kentucky.

Closer to home, O'Bannon's erstwhile Statehouse partner, former Gov. Evan Bayh, is now a senator with his own formidable fundraising network, which likely will become an O'Bannon resource.

"Bayh and O'Bannon have been a team for a long time," said New.

New said that the bulk of O'Bannon's campaign funds will come from Indiana. In his re-election bid, O'Bannon has more funding opportunities in Washington and beyond. "It has more to do with contacts he has made across the country as a result of DGA," said New.

O'Bannon also has used the governor's association to increase Democratic clout on issues like hiring teachers and reducing class size. He helped the DGA make an impact within the National Governors Association, where Democrats are significantly outnumbered by Republicans. "He's been an activist and effective chairman," said John Hochstetter, DGA spokesman. "He's done an absolutely wonderful job."

McIntosh will portray his Washington experience as an advantage. "What I want to do in running for governor and serving as governor is to take the Reagan philosophy home to Indiana and show it can work in a practical way," he said. He highlighted reducing property taxes and cutting red tape in education as examples of the policies he would advocate.

Capitol Hill Republicans are fighting to maintain control of the House, where the GOP holds a five-seat majority. But that doesn't mean that some staffers aren't keeping an eye on the state houses. "The way good Republican ideas are executed when we have a Democratic president is through the governors," said Ziad Ojakli, chief of staff for the Senate Republican Conference Secretary.

Ojakli, former chief of staff for Rep. Mark Souder (R-CD 4), heads a communications effort that attempts to send the GOP message outside the Beltway. He often relies on Republican governors like John Engler of Michigan, Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania, Wisconsin's Tommy Thompson and Oklahoma's Frank Keating. Ojakli puts McIntosh in that company. Electing GOP governors is becoming "of even greater importance as we devolve power and move more resources to the state level. We want the right people to be there."

While he continues to serve in Congress, McIntosh is pursuing issues that may also resonate on the campaign trail in Indiana. He is one of the leading advocates of eliminating the marriage penalty tax. It was included in a tax package that President Clinton vetoed earlier this year. Now McIntosh is working with Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and Bayh in the Senate to bring the measure back as a free-standing bill next year.

Even though he stepped down as the head of the Conservative Action Team (CATs) when he made his gubernatorial run official, McIntosh heads a special CATs task force that has lobbied Hastert and appropriations committees to protect Social Security funding. "The biggest impact has been that we held the line and didn't go back to spending the Social Security surplus" in the federal budget that likely will be approved this week, McIntosh said. "That has been the top project coming out of my office."

Also during the appropriations process this fall, McIntosh claimed credit for helping Lake County hospitals receive full reimbursements for the costs of treating Medicare patients. In a bill approved last week, about $12 billion in Medicare funding cut by the 1997 balanced budget agreement will be restored to hospitals, nursing homes and other health care facilities.

But as McIntosh continues to serve on Capitol Hill, he must continue to vote, creating a target for his opponent. O'Bannon ran against Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith in 1996. Like all office holders, Goldsmith had a history. But as a government executive, his background wasn't sketched in the black-and-white of congressional votes.

"It's a different dynamic," said New. "If the congressman is the Republican nominee, then he has a record he has to defend." ❖

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itics with reassessment," said Judy Sharp, president of the County Assessor's Association. "This is the biggest issue our state is facing right now, and we need more time, more training, and more tools to complete our jobs with the utmost accuracy."

Evansville Police have busted its 43rd methamphetamine lab in what the Courier & Press describes as located "in a peaceful residential street two blocks south of Washington Middle School." Police said if the lab had exploded, it could have taken out several nearby homes.

The State Budget Committee "gave grudging approval" to the first sites of the Indiana Community College system" (Bloomingon Herald-Times). The program will start in the fall of 2000 at Gary, Indianapolis, Evansville and Lafayette and in Muncie, Anderson and Marion in 2001.

The Fort Wayne Journal Gazette released its poll in the last we k of the mayoral race there showing Republican Linda Buskirk with a double digit lead. HPR/TeleResearch had Buskirk leading by 1 point and analyzed the race trending toward Democrat Graham Richard, who eventually won by 76 votes. Last week, JG pollster Tom

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Pellegrene wrote a guest column. Excerpts include: "In our October poll, for example, we interviewed 836 registered voters .... We cited a margin of error of plus-or-minus 3.4 percent. That means that in theory, 19 of 20 similar surveys we did at the same time would have found answers within 3.4 percent of the correct answers. There's no way of knowing what survey is the 20th survey." Pellegrene continued, "Our methods are sound. But the voters are the ones who make the final decision." And he added, "Read or listen to media polling for the 'how' and the 'why,' not just the 'who.' If there isn't anything more to the story than 'the score,' stop reading and tune out." ❖

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INDIANA 2000 RACES

Congressional District 2: Republican: Mike Pence, State Rep. Jeff Linder, Andrew Phipps, Brad Steele, Fred Wenger, Bill Fraizer, 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:** Phipps declared with an eight-city bus caravan carrying 300 supporters. Former House Speaker J. Roberts Dailey introduced Phipps along the way. He cited issues of protecting Social Security and family farms, and ensuring "free trade is fair trade." Linder says he has raised $100,000. State Rep. Bruce Munson, a Linder supporter, told the *Muncie Star Press* that Pence will be tough competition. But Linder disagreed, saying, "I have never lost a race and Pence has never won one." Pence has won two primaries. Pence's fundraising machinery kicks in with December events in Muncie (hosted by Van Smith), in Richmond (Wayne Vinson and Bill Dennis, son of former Congressman David Dennis), and Columbus (Dick Johnson). That represents the heart of the McIntosh fundraising machine. *On the Democratic side*, Rock, Liggett, Fox and Guyre met with the DCCC. Julian is weighing a decision and should decide by Dec. 1. Her husband is looking for work after the mayor of Marion lost. If Julian drops out, that opens the way for Fox to pick up EMILY'S List support and that could propel her to frontrunner status. Fox, the 2nd CD vice chair and a Clinton ag appointee, would have gender, agriculture and key party contacts weighing in her favor. Rep. Steny Hoyer insists 2nd CD is a top national priority. **Primary Status:** *LEANS PENCE (R); TOSSUP (D).*

Congressional District 4: Republican: U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, Mike Loomis. **Democrat:** Mike Foster. **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 dropped out of the Democratic race citing health problems. That leaves FedExcourier Foster as the sole Democrat. **Status:** *SOLID SOUDER.*

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