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Quote Of The Week:

"He hasn't written me off
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- U.S. R p. Tim Roemer t Jack
Colwell of the *South Bend Tribune* n
President Bill Clinton

Key state Senate race will be a vivid contrast in campaign styles

FORT WAYNE - Republican State Sen. Tom Wyss will have a fat wallet.

His Democratic opponent in the 15th Indiana Senat District - Fort Wayne City Councilwoman Janet Bradbury - will hav worn shoe soles by Nov. 8.

These two popular politicians will take vividly contrasting campaign styles into the top targeted Indiana Senate race this fall, and in a district that was designed with the phrase "toss:up" in mind. Wyss calls it a 50/50 district, while Bradbury says its more like 52/48 Republican. Both agree it was designed to be competitive.

For Wyss, it will be the first time he's even had an opponent since he defeated State Rep. Gloria Goeglein in the 1986 primary. He tapped such high-profile financiers like Dick Freeland of Pizza Hut and Dick Doermer, formerly of NBD to fuel a campaign expected to be in excess of \$200,000. For campaign manager he brought in Mark Shublak who had been with Ann DeVore's 2nd CD campaign. Despite the fiasco there, Wyss says of Shublak, "He's well-organized and does what needs to be done."

"We're looking at a campaign that will spend more than Dan Quayle did in his first congressional bid," Wyss said.

By the end of September, Wyss expects to start a saturation TV and radio campaign in the Fort Wayne market, aimed at one of the poorest districts in the state.

Bradbury, on the other hand, has a \$41,000 campaign budget goal and instead will rely on a cadre of labor volunteers. She has served on the city council for 13 years, but has never spent more than \$10,000 on a campaign. In her 1991 election victory, not only did Bradbury not actively campaign in a six-way race for three at-large seats, but she defeated Republican Dr. John Crawford who spent close to \$100,000 by 128 votes.

During the May primary, Bradbury spent a mere \$5,000 to defeat Santa Brink, who ran a saturation TV campaign with significant help from the Senate Democratic caucus. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

To those who love politics: I've been watching Indiana politics since I was a 12-year-old kid and Bobby Kennedy chugged into town during the 1968 primary on the Wabash Cannonball. I've covered the Indiana General Assembly as either a reporter or editor since 1984. I've written a weekly political column since 1988.

There's so much more to this golden age of Hoosier politics, and 91 more counties outside of I-465 than I can fit into the weekly column. Hence, *The Howey Political Report*. Let's face it, this is an indulgence (and/or a critical piece of intelligence) at a fascinating time when forces seek to reinvent government while others would rather perpetuate the status quo.

- Brian A. Howey, editor

The key was 150 active volunteers from the Northeast Indiana Three Rivers Central Labor Council and plain old name recognition.

"I'm telling people - I'm walking," said Bradbury. "My opponent will be spending. To a lot of politicians, the key is money. The fact that I've never raised much money is a plus. I meet the people, but I don't owe anybody."

Wyss acknowledges the fact that Bradbury has high name recognition that tends to transcend modern campaign techniques. A mid-June poll by Public Opinion Strategies of Alexandria, Va., confirmed Bradbury's high name recognition.

"It revealed that it's going to be a competitive race," Wyss said. "But my numbers were good."

Surprising, Wyss continued, were numbers from African-American precincts "which show I am strong.

"I am fully confident I can win this one," Wyss said. "It's my race to lose."

Wyss promises to augment his high-profile media campaign with door-to-door. Bradbury will work on a comprehensive schedule of walking the district, meeting people, pin-point registration drives and a comprehensive voter turn-out campaign on Election Day.

ISSUES: The backdrop to all of this is the social catastrophe that befell Fort Wayne in 1985 - the emergence of crack cocaine.

It has resulted in the deaths of hundreds of addicts, too many drive-by shootings to count and the rapid deterioration of countless neighborhoods - an element that has touched both candidates personally. Allen County's judicial and social welfare budgets have skyrocketed in reacting to the crisis.

"I went back to the home I was raised in, and it's just a vacant lot," Wyss said wistfully. Bradbury, who owns rental property in central Fort Wayne, has received several notices from the city about drug den activity from her clients.

Both candidates say they will point to their records in office in revealing their effectiveness against the scourge. Bradbury voted for the drug den bill, where the city contacts landlords about drug activities in their rental units, with the end result being evictions, in 1993. She noted, however, that there was not enough surveillance or proof to evict her tenants.

While walking the district, Bradbury said she has notified the city of at least two drug dens in operation.

Wyss points to his role on the Indiana Black Male Commission which is looking into the "genocidal" aspects of black men in today's society and accented the need for "more preventative type programs" instead of just jailing people. Wyss succeeded in passing legislation that offers expedited tax sales of abandoned property.

Expedited tax sales allow cities to take control and resell abandoned properties within two years, as opposed to an average of five years prior to the law. Previously, many abandoned properties became drug dens and by the time communities got the word, the homes were worthless and razed.

Wyss said he is waiting to see what emerges from the National Crime Bill in Congress and how the Legislature will have to respond.

Bradbury vows to make the Adams Center Landfill a hazardous waste facility owned by Chemical Waste Management tucked between New Haven and Fort Wayne, an issue. Democratic opponents of the landfill, including City Councilman Cletus Edmonds, have charged that the landfill promotes "environmental racism." Sen. Wyss seems to think it's good for the community," Bradbury said. "I think it's an absolute negative. We're going to be the toxic waste dump of America."

Bradbury said one way to respond is to raise the cost of dumping material into the landfill. "Indiana has one of the lowest toxic tax rates in the U.S.," she said.

Says Wyss, "She'll make the Adams Center Landfill an issue, but to me, it's a non-issue as far as this race is concerned.

OUTLOOK: Both parties at the county level have staked their credibility on this race - the Republicans under recently elected Chairman Steve Shine for being able to protect the local delegation they dominate, and the Democrats, who have had trouble contesting most legislative races in Allen County. For local Democrats, it's the one race they have a chance to wrest from the GOP and a shot at credibility after allowing four other seats go uncontested. The 15th is vital for state Democrats if they hope to attain a majority in the Senate. Bradbury hopes to debate, although Wyss would not commit.



State budget surplus hasn't prompted calls for tax cuts

What's the most gratifying part about Evan Bayh's big budget surplus. A *Louisville Courier-Journal* editorial explains. "The politicians haven't rushed forward to demand that the excess revenue be returned to Hoosiers in the form of a tax cut. Those who have spoken out so far instead argue, amidst heavy sighs of relief, that the surplus proves there's no justification for any more looting about tax increases in years to come."

Along those lines, Ken de la Bastide of the *Anderson Herald-Bulletin* polled some area legislators. State Sen. William McCarty, D-Anderson, explained, "I would recommend playing it conservative. We should be cautious with the surplus. I would like to see the governor wait until the 1995 session of the General Assembly."

State Rep. Jack Lutz, R-Anderson, said the surplus funds should be put in the state's Rainy Day Fund, observing "Money burns holes in some people's pockets."

But State Rep. Roland Wober, D-Anderson, wants to see pay raises for state employees, particularly for Indiana State Police, as well as distribution to cities and towns for infrastructure.

The Horse Race

US. SENATE	STATUS	COMMENTS
Jontz (D) v. Lugar (R)	Safe R	Jontz and Lugar mix it up over health care this past week. But can Jontz make up any ground when most Americans don't know and many want to see it deferred until 1995?
2ND CD Haggett (D) v. McIntosh (R)	Toss Up	<i>Rothenberg Political Report</i> says McIntosh "has wasted the past few months." Still, he sees an edge to GOP, but with so much uncharted turf ahead, it's a toss up in my book.
4TH CD Long (D) v. Souder (R)	Leaning D	Souder camp claims fundraising at \$106k, up from that measly \$10k on June 30. Two radio ads airing. <i>RPR</i> calls Long "clear favorite" and says Souder will need "a big GOP wave."
5TH CD Beatty (D) v. Buyer (R)	Leaning R	Says Rothenberg, "Democratic strategists like JD Beatty, but give Buyer the clear edge in this Republican district." Nothing has occurred recently to change that perception.
7th CD Harmless (D) v. Myers (R)	Toss Up	Mid-June Public Opinion Strategies showed Myers on top 59-25 percent, with only 7 percent GOP voters for Harmless. But Harmless hasn't put his \$300k war chest on the air yet.
8TH CD McCloskey (D) v. Hostettler (R)	Leaning D	Until Hostettler can turn his soft-spoken charm into money in the bank, McCloskey gets the edge. Marilyn Quayle, Dan Coats, Steve Goldsmith to help, but will it be in time?
9TH CD Hamilton (D) v. Leising (R)	Safe D	Hamilton has huge fundraising lead on the likeable Leising. She ought to be able to define the baseline GOP vote and build on that for the time when Lee retires or heads to Foggy Bottom.
15th SENATE DISTRICT Bradbury (D) v. Wyss (R)	Leaning R	As you've read, two completely different campaign styles will clash and Bradbury doesn't need a lot of doe. What's better in cracktown? A knock on the door or a message on TV?

TRENDLINE: Congressional wisdom says that July and August are money-tree harvest times. If you're getting out the ladder in September, you're playing the game dangerously.

DeLaney defends Bayh contributions

Indiana's Democratic party is "flourishing," according to a rebuttal Chairwoman Ann DeLaney penned in the Aug. 7 edition of *The Journal-Gazette*.

DeLaney was responding to a J-G editorial critical of Bayh's relationship with the Democratic Party. "In Evan Bayh's time as governor, Indiana Democrats have elected a secretary of state, an attorney general, a clerk of the supreme and appellate courts, and won control of the Indiana House of Representatives," DeLaney said. "Evan Bayh and a vigorous Indiana Democratic Party had much to do with every victory."

She continued, "Your bare assertion that the Democratic majority in the House is due entirely to the elimination of multimember districts is almost breathtaking in its ignorance of the importance of candidate recruitment, candidate assistance and fundraising, all strong points of the Indiana Democratic Party. Evan Bayh has been a particularly tireless fundraiser for state House and Senate candidates throughout his tenure."

DeLaney told the *HPR* on Monday that the Democratic Party with Bayh as its most effective fund-raising generator put "about" \$400,000 into the Statehouse campaigns of Stan Jones and Pam Carter in 1992, as well as another \$200,000 to \$300,000 in Legislative races. Thus far this year, Bayh has done "three or four" candidate fund-raisers, plus the House and Senate caucus, "and I've requests for three Senate races and three House races sitting on my desk right now." Since Bayh has been in office, DeLaney said, "there is no way to put a dollar amount on how much he has actually raised."

Columnists on Indiana

Jim McKinney, *Shelbyville News* - Writing about 2nd CD Republican David McIntosh's hiring of Chris Wilson, who managed Bill Frazier's mud-speckled primary campaign: "There's a long and probably brutal campaign ahead. Final decisions should be made on issues. One of those issues should, however, be integrity, and Chris Wilson has given us two sharply different views." McKinney adds, "The McIntosh staffers no doubt knew there would be some flak, but it's better to get it out in the open and behind them in early July, rather than November. Still, is it any wonder that there is so much disillusionment with a political process that tells us what a scoundrel one candidate is in May, and then goes to work for him in June?"

Don Benn, *LaPorte Herald-Argus* - Political publicists are champing at the bit to create a Hoosier collision between former Vice President Dan Quayle and Sen. Richard Lugar for the Republican presidential nomination, come 1996. "Foreign affairs as a topic usually isn't big in presidential campaigns," Benn writes, "but President Clinton's pummeled from all sides for alleged waffling on foreign policy. And with international trade on the rise, foreign policy could gain a hold in presidential debates."

Chuck Malloy, *New Albany Tribune* - The term limits debate argues that incumbents have too much of an advantage in elections and that the system has led to too much abuse of power in Congress. "But for every Dan Rostenkowski, there are scores of Lee Hamiltons and Richard Lugars in Congress who rise to positions of influence because of their reputations as hard workers, integrity and ability to be quick studies on issues. Hoosiers should be offended by outsiders telling them that, under no circumstances can they vote for Lugar and Hamilton."

Christopher LaMothe, *Indianapolis Star* - The president and CEO of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce notes that the sprawling bureaucracies of the federal government, Indiana and Indianapolis are in the list of top 10 employers in Indianapolis. He says the federal and state bureaucracies "are making an outrageous bid to build another public bureaucracy" with health care and explains, "Don't buy the premise that there is a health care crisis in this country. We have problems to be sure, but this is not a crisis." LaMothe defines the problems as inefficiency, access, affordability and portability. His solutions include creating markets, purchasing pools for small business and individuals, a standard benefits package and market reforms that would allow consumers to purchase and keep insurance policies.

Mike Royko, *Chicago Tribune* - This columnist was

pained by all the 25th anniversary moon talk. He quotes flight controller Eugene Kranz commenting on calls for cuts in the space program: "It is like Columbus discovering America and then deciding never to come back." Royko writes, "But what futurists ignored was that when we got to the moon - at enormous expense - it turned out to be exactly what we expected. It was barren and bleak and dusty and had an awful climate. Well, how many people want to visit a place like that? When I get the urge to go somewhere that is barren and bleak and has an awful climate, I hop in my car and drive to Indiana."

Bob Hammel, *The Herald-Times* - "When the nation's railroads were about to be struck in 1950, Harry Truman nationalized them. Did the same thing in '52 with the steel industry," Hammel writes. "Gee, wouldn't that be an interesting way to keep baseball going if the \$1.1 million-a-year-on-the-average minions of the game really did walk out as they threaten, after play on Aug. 11? Nationalize 'em, Mr. Clinton. Those owners - they do still have an anti-trust exemption, don't they? They do still make municipalities and states finance their playpens with tax money, don't they? Nationalize 'em and award those franchises to the municipalities and states. Make that part-time truly national, Mr. Clinton. Nationalize 'em."

Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune* - "Tim Roemer has bittersweet feelings about the president," Colwell writes of the second term 3rd CD Democrat. He quotes Roemer, who has voted against Clinton on NAFTA and the budget bill, as saying, "I don't believe because someone is president that you have to agree with him, or because the president is a Democrat you have to agree with him." Roemer told Colwell that Clinton has gotten into trouble because he has forgotten the "New Democrat" campaign theme. "Ho (Clinton) hasn't written me off because we disagreed in the past and I haven't written him off."

Harrison Ullman, *Nuvo* - "God so loved the world that he gave us the Market," Ullman writes of that perfect Hoosier hybrid - Gov. Bayhsmith and Mayor Bayhsmith. "We have Mayor Bayhsmith to tell us that the Market is now demanding lower property taxes from Indianapolis Public Schools. The Market has no interest in the graduates of the schools, only their costs...." And of Gov. Bayhsmith? "We have Gov. Bayhsmith to tell us that poor women make babies so they can get at the state's welfare benefits. If we cut off their welfare benefits when they get themselves pregnant, then we close the Market for welfare bastards and the welfare sluts will start making something more useful, like cheap labor for Hoosier business."

Congress Watch

Tornado warnings make touchdowns on incumbents' campaign trails

If Brian Vargus, Gallup, Harris or any other pollster were to ask, they would probably find that, perhaps, 90 to 95 percent of Hoosiers registered to vote are against tornadoes.

If a Michael K. Tornado or a Richard G. Twister were ever to run for office here, he'd almost certainly face defeat even if he was an Oxford scholar.

Being "anti-tornado" has been a trend in Indiana Congressional politics this summer. In three different House races, the incumbents have all been rushing to embrace Nexrad, or the lack thereof. Nexrad, as almost every registered voter knows, is the state-of-the-art weather radar that can snoop out tornadoes out of storm cells within a 65 or so mile radius. The problem is that in two tornado prone areas of the state, experts say the Nexrad based in Indianapolis loses its effectiveness.

The Steuben-LaGrange-Noble county areas just north of Fort Wayne will not only fall in the cracks between Nexrad sites in Grand Rapids, Indy, Chicago and Cleveland, but will lose its less sophisticated radar sites in South Bend and Fort Wayne. More than 100,000 signatures seeking a Nexrad site for Fort Wayne have been collected in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio.

U.S. Rep. Jill Long, who has avoided campaign mode for most of the summer, announced Aug. 3 "potential good news" on placing a Nexrad site in Fort Wayne. She announced that National Weather Service Director Elbert "Joe" Friday "agreed to an independent evaluation on a community-by-community basis rather than a mere evaluation of the Nexrad technology" at a conference in Huntsville, Ala.

A study by the Evansville Chamber of Commerce in March revealed seven areas in the U.S. that fall into seams of the Nexrad system, including Evansville and the area just north of Fort Wayne.

While Long was pleased with Friday's softening of the NWS position on evaluating unprotected areas, U.S. Rep. Frank McCloskey accused the NWS of acting in "bad faith" with regard adequately serving the Evansville area. "During the past six or seven years, substantial evidence has been presented to suggest that the NWS at least revisits its Nexrad configuration plans," said McCloskey. "Notwithstanding this effort, the NWS remains resolutely committed to its initial plan."

Hoosiers have good reason to worry about tornado preparedness. Comparing to the lumbering tornadoes that have a tendency to move slowly across the Great Plains, here, the storms tend to develop, move and diminish quickly. Also, three of the worst tornado outbreaks in history - the 1913 Tri-State Tornado, the 1965 Palm Sunday Tornadoes, and the 1974 Super Outbreak when the NWS recorded as many as 17 tornadoes on the

ground simultaneously - have occurred in Indiana.

While Long and McCloskey battled for advance warning, U.S. Rep. John Myers in the 7th CD was taking shots at the Federal Emergency Management Agency for rejecting Tippecanoe County's disaster aid request following an April 27 tornado in Lafayette that killed three, injured 60, destroyed 70 homes and damaged hundreds of others. Myers complained that a March ice storm in the District of Columbia received a disaster aid designation, while Lafayette didn't. He asked for an accounting on FEMA's criteria for disaster aid decisions.

A challenger's rite: the franked mail bitch

The leaves turn colorful in the fall, it snows, the snow melts away, April showers, May flowers, and Congressional challengers bitch about the franked mailing privileges of their incumbent opponents.

It's a rite of every Congressional campaign season and it's occurred twice during recent weeks. Republican John Hostettler in the 8th CD and Democrat J.D. Beatty in the 5th CD have used it against U.S. Reps. Frank McCloskey and Steve Buyer in recent days.

Beatty accused Buyer of mailing out a district-wide four-page newsletter that "borders on being a campaign brochure" (Parrot, Kokomo Tribune). Added Beatty, "I guess it didn't take long for Steve Buyer to become part of the problem in Washington."

Buyer press aide Pat Hinton responded that his boss was keeping a pledge to release one mailing per Congressional term. Buyer used the same tactic against then-U.S. Rep. Jim Jontz in September 1992 with some success.

In the 8th, Hostettler's camp complained that McCloskey was using his mailing to "take credit for improvements at an airport that isn't even in his district," said campaign manager Rob Krieg. McCloskey spokesman Chris Sautter responded by saying, "If that's the best issue they can come up with, they're in big trouble."

Harmless comes out in support of crime bill; raps Myers

Michael Harmless came out in favor of the crime bill Tuesday, saying it will mean 2,200 new police officers for Indiana and up to \$80 for new prisons and boot camps.

Harmless, who is running against 7th CD U.S. Rep. John Myers, explained, "The crime bill provides a balanced approach to combating crime here in Indiana."

He criticized Myers for suggesting he was leaning against the bill. "This isn't the bill that will stop crime in Lafayette or rural America," Myers said last week.

Harmless called on Myers to vote for the bill.

Perhaps...we wander

A look at Indiana by Brian Howey

For John Hostettler he's not running for the money

BLOOMINGTON - There was only one chair in Jeff Canada's All-State insurance office when this entourage appeared: 8th CD candidate John Hostettler, campaign manager Rob Krieg, and a reporter.

It was a bit awkward and Canada tried to break the ice. "How did lunch go?" he asked.

"Good," Hostettler replied, fresh from a buffet at Leslie's Italian Villa. "We're working on the college campus."

"The Republicans are working hard at IU," Canada agreed. "A lot of businessmen are going to be rudely surprised if this health care reform gets through."

There was a pregnant pause as Rush Limbaugh cut through the air on the radio behind Canada's desk.

"You're out needing some money," Canada finally said.

"We're not here looking for money — we're here killing time before the radio show," said Hostettler.

"You came to listen to Rush Limbaugh," Canada said as he wrote out a \$350 check to the Hostettler for Congress campaign.

The meeting on this sultry July 29 between Hostettler and Canada should have been a natural. Hostettler is the boyishly handsome dark horse neophyte who won the 8th CD nomination on May 3 by powering through a six-man primary with a core of evangelical Christian support. Canada heads up the Christian Coalition in Bloomington, a movement that has been fueled here over the issue of whether a gay/lesbian center should be set up on campus with state money.

The unease of this encounter spoke volumes on the state of the Hostettler campaign. A June poll by Linda DiVall on behalf of U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar showed Hostettler trailing McCloskey by only 6 percentage points, but Hostettler weighed in on the June 30 FEC reports with only \$46,810 raised and only \$3,002 cash on hand, compared with \$110,487 cash on hand for U.S. Rep. Frank McCloskey.

The anemic fund-raising raised troubled eyebrows among the GOP hierarchy, who will tell you that fund-raising has to be candidate-driven. Turning it over to a finance committee won't cut it.

John Hostettler is not a natural fund-raiser, as he proved in Canada's office. The campaign brought in personable insurance agent Otto Ray of Bloomington to begin shaking the Monroe County money trees. Ray and county coordinator Chris Crabtree, who owns a local janitorial service, had spent the lunch hour trying to set up meetings with fund-raisers.

Ray was just getting up to speed, having been recruited the previous Monday. He was armed with a U.S.

News & World Report column by Michael Barone titled "The Democratic House" and using it to pry away bucks. "The fund-raising just hasn't happened," Ray observed, "and John's got to do a better job. People don't know who John is."

As perilous as the money problem has been, there are reasons for GOP optimism in the Hostettler campaign. McCloskey seems to be perennially vulnerable, having won his last two races with 53 percent and 55 percent of the vote against Richard Mourdock after being seated by the House following a contested 34-vote win in 1984. Bill Clinton carried the 8th District over George Bush 42-40 percent in 1992, but Bush won it in '88 with 57 percent, and recent polling shows Clinton with a 30-percent approval rating.

Hostettler is portraying McCloskey as further left than Clinton (the incumbent got a 98-percent rating from the ADA and 100 percent from the ACLU in 1992), while Democrats are trying to cast Hostettler as just right of Attila the Hun.

Democratic Chairwoman Ann DeLaney points to a controversy in March when Hostettler made unrecorded remarks about "who killed Jesus Christ" at an Evansville Kiwanis Club. DeLaney branded them "anti-Semitic."

Hostettler calls that label "non-sensical" and met with (Rat) Arthur Abrams to apologize. Abrams accepted, but called the remarks "terribly careless."

Hostettler also found himself defending remarks when he questioned the need for the I-69 extension through his district of hills, knobs, river bottoms and winding roads. He now fully supports that project. "This is the type of project the federal government should be involved with," he said.

Hostettler's mission is to recapture the independent and conservative Democrats who voted for Ronald Reagan. His message displays typical conservative pronouncements, calmly and thoughtfully spoken.

The Republican is new to the game. He hails from sparsely populated Posey County, where the Rose-Hulman graduate worked as an engineer for Southern Indiana Gas & Electric. He never before ran for office. Hostettler toes the conservative line while, at least on this day, avoiding what Yale Prof. Stephen Carter calls "God talk." Hostettler wants to see capital gains taxes lowered, individual exemptions increased. The Clinton health care plan is "socialized medicine" and the Republican is sharply critical of McCloskey's support for a single payer plan.

The Republican suggests that health care reform should be shelved this year. "Let's have an election," Hostettler said, "and let it be on health care reform. If they get it in, it will have to be those cold-hearted people who come in next January to repeal it."

Welfare reform, says Hostettler, is not a federal issue.

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"It's something states and local governments know but how to deal with."

The candidate was characterized as "glib" and weary of the press prior. On this day, though, he was anything but, allowing total access to his day's activities. His sincerity and polite manner debunks the notion of glibness.

When the candidate arrived at the restaurant just off the square in downtown Bloomington, he found a group of 18 volunteers.

"This reminds me of a meeting in Vanderburgh County when I met with the Old Guard," Hostettler explained. "We basically talked about the next six months of the campaign and they told me that the candidate is 10 percent of the whole picture, while volunteers like you make up the other 90 percent."

"I'm referred to as the 10-percent solution," Hostettler said with a laugh.

The problem is, Hostettler is going to have to be more like the 75-percent solution to fill the campaign coffers. While the 8th CD is conservative with a strong evangelical current, it is also a 13-county rural sprawl, with tortuous winding roads served by four television media markets.

The traditional fund-raising season is almost over. The Hostettler campaign is racing not only time, but checks and an uncanny opponent who always seems to have enough skin on his teeth.

The Humor Mill

Wendellisms:

"It's a good weekend when you don't run into Jim Jontz while attending a summer festival in a remote Indiana town."

"Democrat Jim Jontz rides his bike in hamlets that are too small for Dick Lugar's limousine to fit between the town limit signs." - **Wendell Trogdon**, *Indianapolis News*

Late Show with David Letterman

SIoux CITY, Iowa - Top 10 complaints George Bush has about Dan Quayle's recently published book:

- 10.) Frequent misuse of the word "weenie."
- 9.) Thought Forrest Gump was a more accurate portrayal of Quayle's life.
- 8.) In the book Quayle claims he was president and George Bush was his yappy little pet Chihuahua.
- 7.) Calls Letterman a jerk when in fact he's a dork.
- 6.) Wasn't appropriate to include nude photos of Tonya Harding and Jeff Gillooly.
- 5.) Keeps referring to Barbara as "Jolly Old St. Nick."
- 4.) Wrote what a pleasure it was to serve President Dana Carvey.
- 3.) Criticized Bush for choosing an idiot for vice president.
- 2.) That completely fabricated anecdote in which Bush sees Quayle in the locker room and says, 'Danny Boy, you're one sexy bastard.'
- 1.) Couldn't find Waldo.

Meanderings and musings

On Aug. 3, Ted Koppel on ABC's "Nightline" introduced U.S. Sen. **Bob Dole** as "the front runner" for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination.

Former Vice President **Dan Quayle** has accepted an invitation to address the San Francisco Commonwealth Club on Sept. 8 (Schwantes, Indianapolis News). That's the same group that heard Quayle give his now famous **Murphy Brown**/family values speech in 1992. Quayle spokeswoman **Anne Hathaway** said the working title for Quayle's address is "The Poverty of Values - Part II."

Funny how the **Grateful Dead** joined U.S. Sens. **Patrick Leahy** and **Strom Thurmond** in the Senate Dining Room, and the **Rolling Stones** could have toured the White House. This comes at the same time Congress and the nation have to grapple with such things as welfare reform, the crime bill. Those are two issues that have been exacerbated by illegal narcotic use these two rock bands glorified in past decades.

John Koenig has moved from Secretary of State **Joe Hogsett's** State house office to his campaign where he will be press secretary.

Democrats have been poking fun at Republican candidate **Mark Souder** for saying he represents the values of rustic Grabbill when he actually lives in affluent

Aboite Township southwest of Fort Wayne. Now the Souder campaign has opened a second office near the Lutheran Hospital complex in...Aboite Township. Says campaign manager **Mark Wickersham**, "We just outgrew the Grabbill office."

On hand for the French Lick Democratic Open on Aug. 26 at French Lick Springs Country Club will be: Gov. **Evan Bayh**, Lt. Gov. **Frank O'Bannon**, Speaker **Michael K. Phillips**, and **Susan Bayh**.

Fourteen Allen County Democrats may lose their spot on the ballot. On Aug. 1, it was pointed out that county chair **Don Brogan** did not get sanction from county precinct officials to slate candidates after the primary. Democrats quickly convened on Aug. 3 to correct the mistake, prompting Democratic election board member **Michael Downs** to predict the Democrats would qualify. A hearing at 9 a.m. Aug. 22 has been scheduled to sort the matter out.

Fulton County Republican Chairman **Dick Keh** has resigned and a successor will be chosen on Aug. 11.

Marilyn Quayle will host a fundraiser for **John Hostettler** in Evansville on Sept. 22. Other big guns who might help out in the 8th? **Dan Coats** and, possibly, **Steve Goldsmith**.



Helmke under fire for travel

FORT WAYNE - Mayor Paul Helmke's travel schedule came under fire from his old nemesis, the Indiana Policy Review Foundation. An Outstater report by Craig Ladwig titled "Last of the Go-Go Mayors" says Helmke has been out of the city 27 percent of the time, including 27 trips to Indianapolis, 11 trips to Washington,

where he was last Friday lobbying with Attorney Gen. Janet Reno for the crime bill. Other trips include visits to Japan and the former Soviet Union.

"It is ombudsmanship, not handball politics, that's his thing," Ladwig writes. "He wants to be Dick Lugar and build bridges over troubled waters. The issues of the day, however, demand that he be Fiorello LaGuardia and unclog the sewers."

Helmke told the *Journal-Gazette*, "We don't live in a vacuum. Other cities have problems with crime...Every city you go to, you learn another way to do things."

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