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In hosting a fundraiser for

Senate Majority
Caucus Chairman
Senator James W. Merritt, Jr.

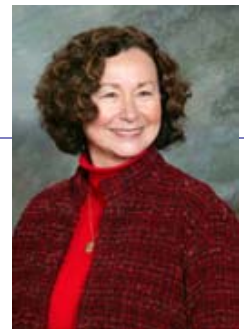
To be held at the
Leppert home
4902 Kilkenny Court
Indianapolis, IN 46254
September 11th

Please RSVP to Mike Leppert
317.634.5963
\$1000 per person

Please make checks payable to:
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5005 N. Illinois St.
Indianapolis, IN 46208

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Spotlight on Senator Vi Simpson

As one of Indiana's most effective and respected leaders, State Senator Vi Simpson has spent a career fighting for causes that matter most to Hoosiers. In her time in the Indiana State Senate, Simpson has worked to make health care more affordable and accessible for all Hoosiers. She's led the fight to restructure the state's economy so businesses and workers can more effectively compete in the global marketplace and she's been a tireless advocate for improving Indiana's public schools and universities. Elected to the Senate in 1984, Simpson is widely regarded as an expert on the state's finances, serving as the Senate Democ-

rat Caucus' representative on the powerful State Budget Committee. She also serves as the ranking minority member of the Senate's Appropriations Committee and is a member of the Health & Provider Services, Economic Development & Technology and Tax & Fiscal Policy standing committees. Among her many legislative accomplishments include authoring legislation that created Indiana's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which has become a national model for delivering cost-effective health services to uninsured children. She is also credited with creating national award winning

legislation dealing with voluntary environmental cleanups. In 2002, Simpson and her colleagues initiated the debate on tax restructuring and property tax reform which led to the passage of historic legislation that revamped the state's entire tax code. Simpson, who served as Monroe County Auditor before joining the Indiana General Assembly, received her law degree from Indiana University School of Law. She has two adult children and resides in Ellettsville with her husband, former state senator Bill McCarty.



Representative Carolene Mays



Carolene R. Mays is Publisher of the nation's fourth oldest-surviving African-American newspaper, *The Indianapolis Recorder*, which celebrated 110 years in 2005. She has worked extensively as a community advocate, communicator, and business leader. Her commitment to service and community led her to run for the Indiana State House of Representatives. Carolene won her last election by 71% majority vote and currently serves as State Representative in District 94 on

the Northwest side of Indianapolis, Indiana. In the Legislature she serves on the Commerce, Economic Development & Small Business; the Roads & Transportation; and the Public Health committees. Holding a BS in Business Management and Marketing, Carolene quickly earned leadership roles in business. At Mays Chemical Company, she was Manager of Customer Service and National Accounts. Carolene is the host of a weekly television news segment, "Community Link", on Central Indiana's CBS affiliate, WISH-TV Channel 8 which highlights news from *The Indianapolis Recorder*; and co-host of the "Recorder On Air Report Television Show" (ROAR) on Central Indiana cable networks and Radio One's WDNI-TV. Her accomplishments

were highlighted in the October 2002 issue, as the cover and feature story of the *Indianapolis Woman Magazine*. She has been honored as an Indiana State University Distinguished Alumni and one of the Women to Watch by the *Indianapolis Business Journal*. As a result of her work, Carolene was recently recognized as 2005 Legislator of the Year by the Indiana Hotel, Lodging and Tourism Association; and also by the Indiana Minority Health Coalition. Additionally on the political front, she was listed by Roll Call, a Washington D.C. publication as a Rising Star in Indiana Politics. Carolene is very involved in community and professional boards. Her current director posts include: Indianapolis 500 Festival Board; Peyton Manning's PeyBack Foundation Board; Shrewsbury & Associates Board; and vice-chairman of the Indiana Sports Corporation Board. Carolene is the founder and

director of the Annual Indianapolis Community Resource Fair held at Lafayette Square Mall. She also serves as the co-chairman of the 2005 NCAA Women's Final Four. On a national level, Carolene serves on the National Newspaper Publishers Board and is the Policy Chairman. Legislatively she is on the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Health Committee and the Business and Economic Development Committee. She is also a State Director for Women in Government. Carolene is a member of Eastern Star Church in Indianapolis, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Society of Professional Journalists; the Indianapolis Chapter of the Links. Her interests and hobbies include event planning, snow skiing and cooking. She is the mother of one daughter.

(Taken from Rep. Carolene Mays' website.)

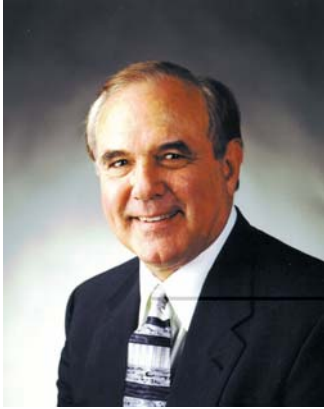
Please watch for upcoming information about a fundraiser for Speaker Brian Bosma on August 22, 2006!

The Corydon Group will be hosting another baseball outing at Victory Field and clients can join the Speaker for food and drinks in one of the stadium's suites.

What's Brewing in the Race for President Pro Tempore of the Senate?

“The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet.”

~ Theodore M. Hesburgh



The Primary Election, held May 2, 2006 has created a major shake-up in the Indiana State Senate. President Pro Tempore, Senator Bob Garton of Columbus, was defeated after thirty-six years in the Senate and twenty-six as President Pro Tempore. Senator Garton is the longest-standing caucus leader in the country having been pro tem since 1980. In 1999, Senator Garton received the William M. Bulger Excellence in State Legislative Leadership Award. This award is the highest award a Legislator can receive. It is conferred on state legislative leaders who have worked to pre-

serve and build public trust in the institution of the state legislature and whose careers embody the highest principles of leadership - integrity, compassion, vision and courage. (Information taken from www.in.gov/s41.) Senator Garton has been a very influential and compassionate leader and his departure is a great loss to Indiana. We wish him luck in his future endeavors.

With the top leadership position in the Senate open, there has been a lot of speculation over who will win the caucus' vote. While there is no clear front runner, many people have shown interest in becoming the next Republican leader of the Senate.

Senator Mike Delph is a freshman senator from Carmel, Indiana (District 29). Elected in 2005, he is employed as Senior Director of Government Affairs for Comcast. He served on the Economic Development & Technology, the Governmental Affairs & Interstate Cooperation, the Homeland Security, Utilities & Public Policy, and the Insurance & Financial Institutions committees.

Senator Luke Kenley represents District 20 and resides in Noblesville, Indiana where he is President of Cambridge Investment. He is the Chairman of the Tax and Fiscal Policy committee and served on the Appropriations and the Education and Career Development committees.

Senator David Long, the Majority Floor Leader of the Senate, is a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Elected in 1996, he is also General Counsel for Pizza Hut of Fort Wayne. In addition to his caucus leadership position, he is Chairman of the Corrections, Criminal, & Civil Matters and Joint Rules committees. He also served on the Ethics, Rules & Legislative Procedure, and the Insurance & Financial Institutions committees.

Senator Brent Steele represents District 44 in Bedford, Indiana. Senator Steele was elected to replace Lt. Governor Becky Skillman in 2004. Prior to joining the Senate, he was a member of the House of Representatives from 1995-2002. In Bedford, he is an Attorney with Steele and Steele, LLC. During the 2006 session, he served on the Elections and Civic Affairs, the Corrections, Criminal and Civil Matters, the Judiciary and the Insurance and Financial Institutions committees.

Senator Tom Weatherwax of Logansport, Indiana (District 18) was elected to the Senate in 1988. From 1984-1988, he was a member of the House of Representatives. Senator Weatherwax is the Sales/Marketing Manager for The Andersons, Inc. In addition to being Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, he served on the Agriculture & Small Business, Commerce & Consumer Affairs, and Finance committees during the last legislative session.



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Headquartered in Las Vegas, Boyd Gaming Corporation (NYSE: BYD) is a leading diversified owner and operator of 19 gaming entertainment properties located in Nevada, New Jersey, Mississippi, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana and Florida.

Boyd Gaming's legacy is intrinsically tied to Samuel A. Boyd, one of its founders. This dynamic entrepreneur arrived in Las Vegas with \$80 in his pocket on Labor Day 1941 and, with his son, founded a gaming dynasty. Today, under the leadership of his son, Bill Boyd, Boyd Gaming has become one of the premier casino gaming companies in the industry. The company excels in operations and financial management. *Forbes* magazine named Boyd Gaming "America's Best Managed Company" in the hotel, restaurant and leisure category. Boyd Gaming was also ranked fifth among *Fortune* magazine's "America's Most

Admired Companies" in the hotels, casinos and resorts sector and ranked sixth in the *Wall Street Journal's* annual Shareholder Scoreboard among the best performing companies for five-year returns.

Boyd Gaming today is a very different company than it was just a few years ago. From the opening of the \$1.1 billion Borgata in Atlantic City in July 2003, to its \$1.3 billion merger with Coast Casinos in July 2004, to the recently completed expansion and renovation of the Blue Chip Casino and Hotel in Michigan City, Indiana, Boyd Gaming is a much a stronger company than at any other time in its history.

The Blue Chip Casino and Hotel in Michigan City, Indiana, is an integral part of the company's past success and its bright future. Blue Chip's \$170 million expansion and renovation began in April 2004 and was completed in January 2006.

Four hundred local tradesmen worked over the course of those 19 months to build a new riverboat casino and parking structure while also expanding and enhancing the pavilion's restaurant offerings. The hull of the new Blue Chip is the largest of any U.S. Coast Guard-certified riverboat casino in the country. The new Blue Chip also features 65,000 square feet of casino space, all on one level, and boasts a state-of-the-art air quality system that has an air exchange rate of 15 times per hour.

On Boyd Gaming's horizon is the redevelopment of 63 acres the company owns on the Las Vegas Strip. Echelon Place, a \$4 billion world-class destination expected to open in early 2010, will feature four distinct hotel brands offering 5,300 rooms, two premier entertainment venues, 140,000 square feet of casino space, nearly one million square feet of meeting

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and exhibition space, and 25 restaurants and bars.

Boyd Gaming also recently acquired Dania Jai Alai and approximately 50 acres of related land in South Florida in 2006. The facility currently offers off-track wagering and live jai alai action; a master plan is being developed to add casino gaming, dining and other entertainment by 2008. The Company also has plans underway for a north Las Vegas locals property.

With experienced leaders at the helm and an unyielding focus on our core business philosophies and strategic plan, Boyd Gaming continues to maximize value for our shareholders, our employees and our communities.