

## **Thursday, April 22, 2004**

Two Republicans — U.S. Rep. Mark Souder and second-time challenger William Larsen — are running for the nomination of their party this year. There's much we admire in Larsen's dogged focus on what he describes as the looming insolvency of Social Security, but Souder remains a better choice for most Republicans.

Democrats have three choices for a Third District candidate: Maria Parra, Steve Hope and Mark Summers.

Parra is by far the best choice. Although this is Parra's first run for elected office, local Democrats ought to be encouraged by the emergence of this newcomer. She is intelligent, personable and articulate.

— *By Bob Caylor*