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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'Boy, when you've watched people you've known for a long time turn on you with that aggressiveness...."

- U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, on how 4th CD Republicans have turned on him, to the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

Manous, Friedman, Tew emerge for D's

Mr. Andrew heads to Washington

By BRIAN A. HOWEY *in Indianapolis*

Sometime late this week, Indiana Democratic Chairman Joe Andrew will be named to the general chairmanship of the national Democratic Party.

That historic appointment - delayed by all the confusion in the wake of President Clinton's impeachment trial - is expected to be made late Friday or early Saturday morning.

It commences a three-way succession race, with the lone vote of approval landing in the lap of Gov. Frank O'Bannon. Democratic party sources say that O'Bannon will appoint Andrew's successor within the next week. The three main contenders, along with their strengths and drawbacks, include:

■ **Peter Manous** is finance chair of the Democratic Central Committee. He emerges as HPR's front-runner in the race that O'Bannon will decide. He is aligned with East Chicago Mayor Robert Pastrick, which is an important distinction to make. Pastrick is facing a Democratic primary challenge from Lake County Democratic Chairman Stephen Stiglich, which essentially has ignited a virtual civil war within that organization. Stiglich succeeded Pastrick as county chairman in 1997. Manous is considered to be one of the Indiana Democratic Party's top fundraisers, which certainly makes him appealing to O'Bannon going into his 2000 re-election. In the Bayh-O'Bannon era of Indiana politics, the downstate office holders have often sought Lake County talent for key state positions as a payback for the big pluralities they roll up in Northwest Indiana. Gov. Bayh gave then-Lake County Prosecutor Jack Crawford the Indiana Lottery and awarded Mike Pannos with the party chair. Since he became governor, O'Bannon has lavished The Region with many visits and a huge amount of badly needed highway construction funding. Now The Region is facing severe crisis in its steel and petroleum industries. A rosy Hoosier economy now might not be that way in 2000 and Manous might give O'Bannon some insurance during any upcoming winter of discontent.

■ **Kip Tew** is the former Marion County Democratic chairman, which is the antithesis of the Lake County organization. The Indianapolis organization has been historically lame, but in 1996 Tew supplied a burst of energy that helped

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Indiana political legend L. Keith Bulen died last week at the age of 1972. HPR is in the process of gathering up political anectdotes about Bulen that could not be printed in the Indianapolis Star. Contributions from readers can be e-mailed to brian.howey@gte.net

The Congressional Accountability Project is calling for an investigation of U.S. Rep. Dan Burton in the wake of Russ Baker's Salon magazine article that was also published in NUVO Newsweekly. CAP is asking the House Committee on Standards of Official Misconduct to determine whether Burton defrauded the federal government by hiring a ghost employee, Claudia Keller. Keller has

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Democrats, *from page 1*

Julia Carson win a congressional seat and aided in O'Bannon's astounding 19,000 vote plurality in Stephen Goldsmith's home county. In essence, Tew was able to draw blood from a political turnip. Tew is energetic, a rousing public speaker that can ignite a crowd (just like Joe Andrew could). And like Andrew, Tew is excellent during fierce debate, which is a good attribute for a state party chair. HPR recalls him mixing it up with vigor against former Goldsmith aide and current *Jerusalem Post* Publisher Tom Rose on WNDY-TV's *Mike Pence Show*. In that intellectual, rapid fire showdown, Tew held his own against the talented Rose. The conventional wisdom drawback against Kip Tew is his boyish good looks that the Indiana-polis media continually brings up to discredit him, last surfacing when Tew considered a run for mayor. That's a crock. Joe Andrew barely looks more mature than Kip Tew does and Republican Chairman Mike McDaniel isn't a likely candidate to be posing in any Versace ads. When it comes to being a state chairman (with apologies to the people of Minnesota), the mind matters far more than the body.

■ **Shaw Friedman:** The former LaPorte County Chairman appears to be the darkhorse in this race. He is articulate and savvy and has steered his county organization to numerous electoral victories. Friedman has a demonstrable ability to work through controversial situations, such as steering maverick former State Rep. Tom Alevizos out of the picture and grooming his successor, Scott Pelath. Friedman can also be controversial himself, angering some elements of the LaPorte organization during the battle to see who landed the Michigan City riverboat casino.

Some have been surprised that current party Executive Director Robin Winston did not seek the chair, which he probably could have had for the asking. Winston is extremely popular in party circles around the state, but is more a tactician than the crowd rouser that Andrew was. Winston is more intent and strategizing and executing O'Bannon's 2000 re-election campaign than working the chicken dinner circuit.

■ **HPR Forecast:** Watch for O'Bannon to select Manous for his fundraising process and Region roots. ❖

O'Bannon gave a deep speech without flash; Republicans responded with laughs, bombast

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

Folks said on the 1996 presidential campaign trail that Sen. Dick Lugar "wasn't exciting." To which Lugar would respond, "This isn't entertainment hour."

Last Tuesday night wasn't "entertainment hour" either during Gov. Frank O'Bannon's State of the State address. If you doled out points on delivery, O'Bannon might have gotten a C. But the content of the speech, written by 1996 campaign mercenary Rachel Gorlin, cast O'Bannon in a gaze the future. As he talked about two 1-year-old children in the gallery, O'Bannon launched his "Building Bright Beginnings" initiative by talking about the Class of 2016.

Later, he made reference to where Indiana society would be at 2066 - the state's 250th birthday. It reminded me of a chapter in Carl Sandberg's epic biography on Abraham Lincoln where the 16th president mused about where American society would be in 1945.

O'Bannon noted that "recent national events have caused some to doubt representative democracy" and added, "Our conviction that opportunity and responsibility go hand-in-hand. And our knowledge that we can overcome even our biggest problems by working together.

"Together," O'Bannon said. "That's a very powerful word, and a powerful concept. As the governor and the legislature, we can shape Indiana's future. Together, we have that power. Tonight, I am calling on you to use it - on behalf of our first generation of the new millennium."

He called for substantial tax cuts, the removal of welfare costs from property tax rolls, a "responsible reserve" of at least $1.1 billion, full-day kindergarten, and (most intriguing) "I ask your support for a strong, fair system to hold schools accountable for their progress toward academic excellence." For a split second O'Bannon paused and the floor was still, until Republican State Rep. Dennis Kruse broke into applause, followed by others.

O'Bannon proposed expanding our "School Report Cards" so that taxpayers know how students are doing in specific subjects. How many parents are involved. To what extent the business community is involved. How many students have to do remedial work. "And here's an important one: How many students start and finish the academic year in the same school?" O'Bannon said.

The governor then said, "And thanks to the news media, we'll all know how schools are measuring up." An evident number of legislators laughed at that, revealing a perceived disconnect between the lawmakers, constituents and the news media. Their laughs came because of the largely superficial reporting, the reliance on shaky conventional wisdom, and the utterly short attention spans of the Statehouse press corps. Legislators know, for example, that they can say that prevailing wage reforms in 1995 will result in billions of dollars of taxpayer savings. It's been more than three years since those reforms passed, and virtually no one has attempted to find out if there are great savings.

Republicans reacted with, perhaps, a little more flash than the governor, but not as intellectually inspired. Senate President Pro Tem Bob Garton said in animated fashion, "There's no reason - NO REASON - a permanent tax cut can't happen in '99." It could be "broader and deeper."

WRTV's Norm Cox asked, "How much broader and deeper?" Garton responded, "Exactly what I said."

After a couple more questions, the room fell silent. Entertainment hour was over. ❖

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been paid full-time for her work on Burton's campaign committee and is now on the Congressional payroll. Baker reported in his story that no one in Burton's office could describe Keller's duties. According to Baker's story, Burton paid Keller's rent since 1991 and also an annual salary of $40,000 as well as expenses and bonuses. That would make Keller one of the highest paid campaign officials in the state Burton spokesman John Williams told the Washington Post that Keller worked in Burton's district office and handled constituent work. CAP is also alleging that Burton defrauded his own campaign committee and converted campaign funds to personal use by hiring ghost employees.

Northwest Indiana steelworkers have denounced President Clinton's plan to help the domestic steel industry which is being threatened by the dumping of export steel. "It's absolutely insane. It's ridiculous," said Paul Gipson, president of Steelworkers Local 6787 in Chesterton. U.S. Steel President Paul Wilhelm complained that instead of taking strong steps to prevent further foreign steel dumping, Clinton proposed a seven-point plan of solutions for injuries already incurred. The administration

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is offering $300 million in tax relief. "In order to get this you have to suffer first," said Wilhelm. "What we're trying to do is stop the suffering." Bethlehem Steel President Curtis Barnette said Clinton's plan is "not yet sufficiently comprehensive, timely or effective. U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky called the Clinton plan "wholly inadequate."

U.S. Rep. Mark Souder has switched committees - heading for the House Resources Committee, which oversees national parks and federal land use, from the Small Business Subcommittee on Empowerment (Derrick DePledge, Fort Wayne News-Sentinel). Said Souder of the empowerment subcommittee, "I think we did substance, but what I think it needs is a mixture of substance and glamour. I realized that to do what I wanted to do would take much more time than I had."

Alumni of the University of Notre Dame are overwhelmingly opposed to the Fightin' Irish joining the Big Ten (or, as we call it, the Enormous Eleven). Said St. Joseph Valley Alumni Club president Jeff McGowan of Granger, "Notre Dame stands for being a national Catholic University. I would be afraid some of that would be somewhat swallowed up if they join the Big Ten" (Margaret Fosmoe,

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Buyer poised to prosecute President

Congressman says witnesses crucial to impeachment case v. Clinton

By MARK SCHOEFF Jr.
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WASHINGTON - Rep. Steve Buyer believes he and his colleagues on the House impeachment prosecution team have had to walk through fire to get to the Senate trial.

"This has been an uphill battle for us," said Buyer.

Buyer is one of 13 House "managers" who will argue the case against President Clinton in the Senate impeachment trial, which begins Thursday afternoon. The House passed two articles of impeachment against President Clinton nearly along party lines in December. The articles allege that Clinton committed perjury before a grand jury and obstructed justice to keep secret his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Even though the president's tenure in office is at risk, it's the prosecutors who feel under siege, Buyer said. He said the team has persevered against strong forces arrayed against it: the White House "spin machine"; White House lawyers; arcane Senate rules; and public opinion.

"We keep proceeding because we're armed with the truth," Buyer said. "The facts of the case keep prevailing over the denials, evasions and diversions."

Buyer and the other House prosecutors are all members of the House Judiciary Committee, which sent four articles of impeachment to the House floor in December. Each of the managers is a lawyer. Buyer served three years in the Army as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He also was a deputy to Indiana's attorney general and practiced family law in Monticello. Buyer's role in the trial will focus on impeachment law. He is one of the managers assigned to answer questions regarding whether Clinton's alleged behavior qualifies as an impeachable offense.

In a brief filed Monday in the Senate, the White House denied the impeachment charges and asserted that even if they were true, they would not rise to the level of an impeachable offense. A two-thirds majority vote in the Senate would convict the president and remove him from office. For now, the focus is on the trial.

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Buyer expressed irritation at Senate rules governing the proceeding. The Senate agreed to give the House managers and the White House lawyers each 24 hours, spread out over several days, to present their respective cases. Senators will have 16 hours to ask questions through Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who will be presiding. Then the Senate will debate whether to dismiss the case. If it does not dismiss, the Senate will vote on whether to call witnesses, who could include Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan and Betty Currie. A majority vote would carry each motion.

Buyer groused about the "contours" of the Senate proceeding. "At this point, it's hard to even call it a trial," he said. In a major detour from a normal trial, it will begin without anyone knowing whether witnesses will be called. If the Senate allows witnesses, senators in the first row may want to step back when Buyer has the floor.

With palpable enthusiasm and confidence, Buyer sketched out how the House managers "will blow (the White House) defense out of the water." Buyer said the White House defense is based on Monica Lewinsky's statement denying that anyone had asked her to lie and asserting

that no one had promised her a job in return for her cooperation in covering up her tryst with Clinton.

That argument "will be detonated and dissolved within minutes," if Lewinsky takes the stand, Buyer said. The House prosecutors would try to demonstrate that Clinton and Lewinsky had agreed on a "cover story" and that she knowingly signed off on a false affidavit in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

And then, "Boom. In essence, your cover story is the lie," said Buyer.

Calling witnesses is crucial to the House case. "The White House is frightened of the facts and the human dimension," Buyer said.

If the House Judiciary Committee had known that the Senate might not allow witnesses and would restrict prosecutors to the public record, it would have conducted its part of the impeachment process differently, said Buyer.

"Maybe we would have called live witnesses and brought more evidence out and made it part of the public record," Buyer said.

Buyer has been one of the leading advocates of utilizing additional secret FBI documents alleging more misconduct by Clinton that accompany Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's report. Buyer has said that the evidence is part of the impeachment record even though it's not part of the public record. Rep. Mark Souder reviewed this evidence before voting in favor of the obstruction of justice article of impeachment.

"In any other trial, it comes in as material and relevant evidence," Buyer said. Before the Senate, the House managers will "have to argue and ask" that it be included. The Senate could vote not to admit the evidence.

Buyer and his colleagues have to walk a fine line advocating their case. "House managers have to represent their Republican colleagues, which means they have to be as aggressive as they can be without causing the Senate to say, 'Turn this thing off,'" said Christopher J. Deering, professor of political science at George Washington University. But, if they fail to bring witnesses to the floor, "it will be seen as less than a full trial from the Republican perspective."

For Buyer, the trial will provide an important moment in the spotlight after an uneven performance in the House portion of the impeachment drama. Buyer wrote an 80-page brief laying out a detailed case against Clinton that he circulated to almost two dozen House colleagues. He took the lead in a Judiciary Committee hearing that focused on military rules regarding illicit affairs. His riposte to White House lawyers who called impeachment supporters "zealots" was quoted widely.

But a discursive statement made by Buyer at one House hearing drew mordant criticism from a *Washington Post* writer and at least one bad review in the Indiana press. Buyer's remarks were a "tour de force of sheer imbecility," wrote the Post's TV critic, Tom Shales, in November.

> 'This is our opportunity and we get one shot. It's simple: We follow the facts, apply the law, and the president impeaches himself...."

But Buyer brushes it off. "If the largest error in my life (centers on) syntax, I'm not going to worry about it," he said.

Buyer is focused and determined. "This is our opportunity and we get one shot," he said. "It's simple: Follow the facts, apply the law, and the president impeaches himself."

The strategy may be straightforward, but the trial may get complicated. "It's going to take a while," said Deering. "There certainly will be more partisan wrangling." ❖

Schoeff is HPR's Washington correspondent.

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South Bend Tribune). Said Charles Lennon, executive director of the Alumni Association, "We'd rather be one of one than one of 12. Not because we are better than any other institution, but because we are different." The Notre Dame Faculty Senate voted 25-4 in favor of joining the Big Ten, citing ND's ability to join the Committee on Institutional Cooperation that includes the Big Ten and the University of Chicago.

House Speaker John Gregg has announced he will enforce the House's rules against proxy voting, much to the cnagrin of House members. Observed Leslie Stedman of the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, "There is little chance visitors to the Statehouse have any trouble distinguishing between the uproarious and haphazard House and the somber, stately Senate" despite the end to proxy voting. Julia Vaughn of Common Cause said Gregg's ruling will uphold the "sanctity of the process" (Bloomington Herald-Times).

Gregg has also banned smoking in the Statehouse halls, one of the last public places in Indiana where one could legally light up in a public building. As legislators and lobbyists whined, Gregg told the Bloomington Herald-Times, "People were unhappy before, and people

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are unhappy now."

Allen County Democrats have finally erased a $39,000 debt "And we intend to stay debt free," said Chairman Brian Stier, who burned a bank note in front of party members last week. Stier has upped the party's fund-raising from $28,000 in 1994 to $93,000 last year.

Long-time Fort Wayne City Councilman Cletus Edmonds is facing a Democratic primary challenge from Glynn Hines, a business development officer in investments at NBD.

The Gary Post-Tribune has called the $357 million Children's Health Insurance Program bill "historic" in its attempts to cover an estimated 91,000 Hoosier kids. State Sen. Vi Simpson is pushing Gov. O'Bannon's bill that would focus more on community level health resources. "I think we need to plan and design this program more from the bottom up than having it dictated to us by Indianapolis," she said. Said State Rep. Charlie Brown, who heads the House Public Health Committee, "Our medical community and schools have to get behind it."

For the second consecutive year, the City of Gary was named the nation's most dangerous city by Morgan Quitno Press, a publishing

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INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

Evansville Mayoral: Republican: County Commissioner Russell Lloyd Jr.. **Democrat:** Rick Borries, City Councilwoman Gail Riecken, County Councilman Phil Hoy. **1995 Results:** McDonald 19,162, Frary 9,565. **1999 Forecast:** Gail Riecken, the 1998 8th CD nominee, is giving serious consideration for a mayoral run. If she enters, that thrusts an entirely different dynamic into the Democratic primary. As an at-large councilwoman, she has run city-wide before, out-polling retiring Mayor Frank McDonald in 1995. What's going through Riecken's mind are two thoughts: her '98 race against Congressman John Hostettler was physically and mentally exhausting. She didn't close that race well. Second is whether she'd like to take another shot at Congress in 2000. Last year she suggested to reporters that she would only challenge Hostettler once. If Riecken gets in, she would probably be the front-runner given her vastly increased name ID. If she doesn't, look for Borries to be in the driver's seat. State Rep. Brian Hasler has decided not to run, saying it would be virtually impossible to conduct a mayoral campaign while the legislature is in session. Lloyd appears to be the concensus candidate for the Republicans. **Status:** *Toss Up.*

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Fort Wayne Mayoral: Republican: Allen County Sheriff Joe Squadrito, Linda Buskirk. **Democrat:** Graham Richard. **1995 Results:** Helmke 21,909, Essex (D) 11,033, Kempf (L) 1,029. **1999 Forecast:** Our sources tell us that Councilors Rebecca Ravine, John Crawford and Don Schmidt won't run. That makes for a two-way Republican primary race between Squadrito and Buskirk. If that occurs, Squadrito would have a huge advantage, not only in money but also with ballot familiarity as a popular two-term sheriff. Both Republican and Democrat sources are telling HPR that Graham Richard, a former state senator, will be fully funded and is poised to run the most competitive race for the Democrats since the epic Paul Helmke/Win Moses showdown in 1987. Allen County Democrats now have a full-time staff person, Deb Morrone, staffing its headquarters. **Status:** *Leans Squadrito.*

South Bend Mayoral: Republican: Steve Bradley. **Democrat:** Mayor Steve Leucke, Kevin Horton. **1995 Results:** Kernan (D) 14,309, Waite (R) 3,106. **1999 Forecast:** Former City Controller Kevin C. Horton is going to challenge Mayor Leucke in the primary, calling for a need of an "aggressive" mayoral role missing for the past two years. Horton served as controller for five years under Mayor Joe Kernan and resigned the day before the lieutenant governor elect did. Horton lost in a race before precinct committeemembers to succeed Kernan in 1997. Leucke told the *South Bend Tribune* he has raised $50,000, to which Horton responded that he would put in $50,000 of his own money. "We will run a very aggressive campaign," he said. **Status:** *LEANS LUECKE.*

INDIANA GOVERNOR 2000

Governor: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke, George Witwer. **Democrat:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon. **1996 Results:** O'Bannon (D) 1,107,342, Goldsmith (R) 997,505, Dillon (L) 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** Gov. O'Bannon is where he wants to be now. A stellar '99 legislative session where he shows tactical leadership and accomplishes a good part of his agenda would probably scare McIntosh, his most formidable challenger, away from the race. Robin Winston is committed to running O'Bannon's re-election. The official line out of McIntosh's office is that he'll make some decisions early this summer.. If McIntosh doesn't run, that would leave Helmke and Witwer as the top contenders at this point. Both would need to demonstrate early the ability to raise money and execute a statewide game plan - something neither has been able to do at this point. Another person who might consider a run is 1998 Senate candidate John R. Price.

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COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Gary Gerard, *Warsaw Times-Union* - The impeachment process is starting to get interesting. And, as it unravels, it keeps changing. After the House passed articles of impeachment – which lots of people said would never happen in the first place – there was talk of how there would never be a trial. All the CNN and network TV talking heads and their paid experts were telling us that there would be some sort of deal for censure and the Senate would simply forego all this trial nonsense. Then they told us, well, there will be a couple days for each side to present its case. After that there would be a vote. If two-thirds of the senators didn't vote to have a trial, then they'd would move to vote on censure. Then they told us, well, there might be a trial after all, but it won't be much of a trial. It will only take a week or so and there won't be any witnesses. Next they said, well, it looks like there will be a trial after all and maybe a couple witnesses might be called, but not Monica Lewinsky. Now they say this could be a full-blown trial with a bunch of witnesses including Monica Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan and Betty Currie and it probably will take at least a month or so. All of this in the not-too-distant past was labeled as a near impossibility by the experts. And these guys are experts? Their predictions are worse than the weatherman's. ❖

Max Jones, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* Ever since last weekend's winter storm dropped snow and ice on the Wabash Valley, I've read and heard that its prowess is being compared to the Blizzard of '78. Give me a break. The fact this storm is being mentioned in the same breath as the '78 storm tells me the past 21 Valley winters have been so incredibly mild that folks have forgotten what a typical winter is all about. About the only accurate comparison anyone can rightfully make between the winter of '78 and the early stages of the winter of '99 is that there was an early January snow storm that set the stage for the Big One. ❖

Bill Gleason, South Bend Tribune - It's just so sweet of them. It's enough to make you break down and weep tears of gratitude, isn't it? Well, isn't it? The league that doesn't care about 99 percent of you has opened its $2 billion arms to welcome you back. Golly, whiz, the National Basketball Association wants to be reunited with you. And isn't it grand of those owners and players? Hypocrites! Hypocrites! Hypocrits!❖

Bonnie Blackburn, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - If the Republicans want to have a realistic chance of throwing off their image as sex-obsessed, rich, old white men, they'd do well to nominate Elizabeth Dole for president in 2000. Already, "Draft Liddy" movements have sprung up in conservative stronghold states like North Carolina and Florida. Her name is included in virtually every poll on possible presidential candidates. And she does well, consistently ranking just behind "I'm telling you for the last time, I'm really not running for president" retired Gen. Colin Powell, and "I'm not my daddy" George W. Bush Jr. She even outdraws conservative fave and local boy Dan Quayle. She is one of the nation's most admired women, thanks to her star turn as the GOP's first lady nominee in 1996. Though her husband, Bob, got trounced at the polls, he probably did better than he might have because of his wife's popularity. And Elizabeth Dole was as well or even more qualified than her husband for the office. ❖

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and research firm in Lawrence, Kansas.

U.S. Rep. Julia Carson praised Indianapolis for its response to a Ku Klux Klan rally last Saturday. "This Ku Klux Klan rally is having the opposite of its intended effect. Instead of dividing our community, it is bringing together people of different races, ethnic backgrounds and faiths in a show of unity." In response to the KKK rally, such organizations as the Indiana-polis Zoo and the Children's Museum had free events and attracted thousands of people. Only a few dozen people attended the KKK rally. Indianapolis and the State of Indiana was once ruled by the KKK in the 1920s before the governor of Indiana and the mayor of Indianapolis were indicted and convicted on corruption charges, and former Grand Dragon D.C. Stephenson was convicted on a homicide charge.

Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke said in his last State of the City Address, "Bottom line is we're in great shape as a community" (David De Camp, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). Helmke renewed his desire for a consolidation of Fort Wayne and Allen County governments. "We work together on a whole lot of issues, but no one is in charge," Helmke said. County Commissioner

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Ed Rousseau said, "As far as I'm concerned, you'd have to change the whole state constitution as sort of a Band-Aid idea for it."

State Rep. Russ Stilwell is charging that the ISTEP graduation exam is unfair and should be ended. "When they complete their course of study, we say, 'Sorry, you are not going to graduate.' It's undue pressure for a kind to undergo." Supt. of Public Instruction Suellen Reed told the Associated Press, "A lot of people have seen change come and go, have seen a lot of talk about what is going to happen, and then the General Assembly passes something else. I think this is something we absolutely need to stick with." ❖

Quayle says he can raise $25 million for 2000

Dan Quayle is saying that without a doubt, he's a $25 million new millinneum man.

The Former Vice President from Indiana has committed himself to raising $25 million for his 2000 presidential race. "He is not daunted by the task," said spokesman Cam Carter (Associated Press). "Quayle has a national fund-raising base and he has hundreds of thousands of supporters, active donors around the country" Quayle is expected to file FEC papers for an exploratory committee in February. Quayle is expected to announce his candidacy in Huntington, Indiana, probably sometime in March or April.

Meanwhile, most of Washington's talking heads are in the camp that Quayle doesn't have a ghost of a chance to win the Republican nomination in 2000. Mike McCurry, George Stephanopoulous and HPR beg to differ.

There are several things to keep in mind when it comes to Quayle:

■ **The Politics of Personal Destruc-tion:** Quayle has already been vetted. The current front-runner, Texas Gov. George W. Bush has not. When Bush was questioned by *Los Angeles Times* writer Ron Brownstein about his marijuana and cocaine use during his youthful excess days, Bush hemmed and hawed. What raised eyebrows was not the governor's squirrelly answers, but the fact that Brownstein asked the questions. As one observer put it, "George W. has a glass jaw." HPR isn't so sure Bush will even run, given the fact that his daughters will be heading to college soon.

■ **Liddy Dole:** If President Clinton's impeachment trial dissolves into partisan bickering among the Old Men of the Senate, Liddy Dole will find a wave to ride. In fact, it's already forming. The question is, how long will it last?

■ **Steve Forbes:** He's been vetted and has worked hard in GOP circles, where in '96 he was an outsider.

■ **Media Spin on Quayle:** They try to ignore him, they say he's stupid, but it's old news, except for Leno and Letterman. Quayle can respond that without his family values initiative, the '92 ticket would have had even less than a message than it did. ❖

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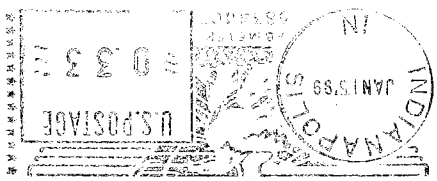
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