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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'Our affiliates are doing more in the organizing area. It is very encouraging ..."

- Indiana AFL-CIO President Ken Zeller, on increased union membership in the state, to the Indianapolis Star/News

Andrew hopes Dems surf impeach wave

Making the best of auspicious start

By MARK SCHOEFF Jr.
The Howey Political Report

WASHINGTON - Taking charge of a party while its standard-bearer is in jeopardy of being removed from the White House in only the second impeachment trial in history may not sound like an auspicious start.

Don't tell Joe Andrew. The cherubic new chairman of the Democratic National Committee said Republican advocacy of President Clinton's removal from office is already increasing Democratic campaign coffers.

"In the last month, the Democratic National Committee has raised more than twice as much from small donors as it had budgeted and almost three times as much as it has ever raised from small donors in an off year," said Andrew, who was named DNC chairman in late January and will assume the post officially in March.

Andrew, 38, previously served as chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party, gaining national attention for his party's electoral gains in 1996 and 1998 in a traditionally Republican state. He is originally from Poe, just outside of Fort Wayne.

Money is the fuel that powers the political engine. And so far in 1999, the Democrats are revving their motor, Andrew said. The party raised $2 million in January, twice what it anticipated.

"The only way people can express their frustration not just with what Republicans are doing in the Capitol building, but more importantly what they are not doing by losing the opportunity every day they're spending on impeachment to

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U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer found himself in the thick of the House managers end game on the Senate Impeachment trial of President Clinton. It was Buyer who announced that the managers were giving up their remaining time in a maneuver that would give them the final word following the White House's closing remarks. In Buyer's closing remarks, he said, "You cannot vindicate the rule of law by stating high crimes and misdemeanors have occurred but leave the president in office subject to future prosecution after his term has expired." Buyer also said, "So long as he is president, the only mechanism available to hold him accountable for his high crimes and misdemeanors is the power of impeachment and removal."

U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh came out in support of an open debate in the final stages of the impeachment trial. He told the Indianapolis Star/News, "War and peace are debated in public. I think this decision should be granted the same amount of openness. U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar also supported open deliberations, with aide Andy Fisher stating that the final debate would be to "establish and clarify the historical record and allow senators to explain their vote."

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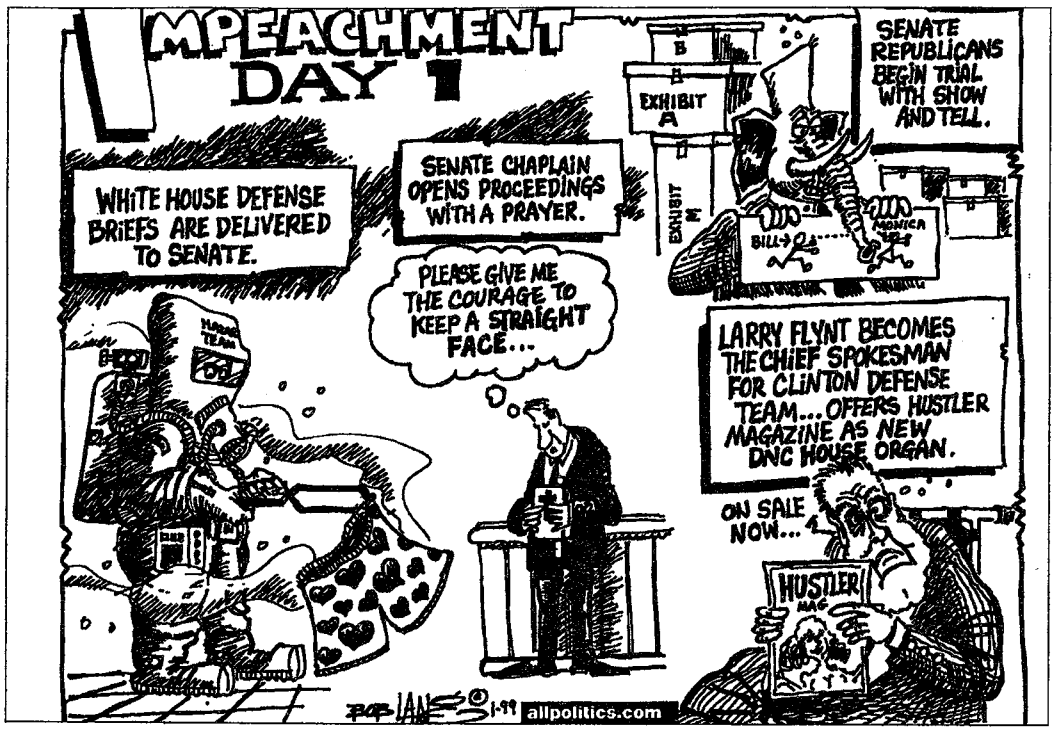

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actually work on Social Security, to work on education, to work on helping to fight crime, to work on increasing the minimum wage, is to send a check to the DNC. And they're doing it in droves," Andrew said. "It is a clear, demonstrated objective indicator of the frustration. The tidal wave is going in the right direction. We plan on surfing on that wave all the way to victory."

Clinton is being tried in the Senate on two articles of impeachment passed by the House in December. The articles allege that Clinton committed perjury and obstruction of justice to conceal his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. It appears unlikely that the Senate will muster the 67 votes required to convict the president on either count and remove him from office.

But the political attention span of the American public is notoriously short. Many observers thought that votes on the Gulf War in 1991 would have a significant impact on congressional races in 1992. Over 18 months, the predicted blast turned into a gentle, imperceptible breeze.

In 2000, Democrats believe that impeachment will not be the main issue, but it will provide the context for all the other topics in the campaign. People will say to Republicans, "'Where were you when we needed you?' They were wrapped up in a process that people feel was very clearly partisan," said Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, general chairman of the DNC, who appeared with Andrew at a Washington press conference.

Democrats have turned to the boyish Andrew to make their election dreams come true and to build the party. He is given a significant amount of the credit for the Democratic resurgence in Indiana, traditionally a Republican redoubt. In 1996, Andrew helped then-Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon pull off a stunning upset of Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith in the gubernatorial campaign. In 1998, Andrew engineered the Democratic takeover of the Indiana House and helped Evan Bayh win the Senate seat that once belonged to his father. During his tenure, the Indiana Democratic Party has increased the donor base from 11,000 to 46,000.

A large part of the Democrats' success stemmed from Andrew's technologically sophisticated approach. He implemented a software program that enabled

Democrats on the grass-roots level to precisely target mail and messages to voters in their community.

"He's done some innovative things that are important for the future of this party," said Romer. "He empowered (local party workers) in ways they have never been empowered before to really know where their constituencies are on issues and to work that constituency in a very different way."

Andrew will apply the Indiana lessons on the national battlefield. "Empowering real people who have something in common with their neighbors, their peer group, their church group and enabling them to go out and deliver the Democratic message will be crucial for our victory in 2000," he said.

The new-age politics is a comfortable fit for Andrew, who looks as if he just emerged from a graduate seminar at Yale, his alma mater, rather than a smoke-filled room. The 2000 campaign will "be the first general election where you will see the Internet and e-mail communication play a tremendous role in the campaign," he said.

A Democratic Washington political consultant who has worked numerous Hoosier races said Andrew bridges two different chairman styles - office holders and party people. "He has a very strong appreciation for day-to-day workings, but he also is very strong at communicating to the press and the public," said Chris Sautter, of Sautter Communications. "He's very versatile."

He also can fire up the troops. "He can motivate the rank-and- file and motivate people out across the country who are working at all levels," said Sautter. "I don't believe there's been a chairman since Ron Brown who's had that quality."

Andrew's success even draws praise from Republicans. His quick rise to national power is a testament to his talent, work ethic and good luck, said Kevin Shaw Kellems, a Hoosier GOP political consultant. "It is a tremendous success story on a personal level."

The O'Bannon-Bayh-Andrew triumvirate is potent. "It's been an effective partnership, and it would be difficult to argue otherwise with a straight face," Kellems said.

Kellems said Andrew distinguished himself in issue selection and candidate development in Indiana House races. He pointed to the Bloomington area race between Democrat Peggy Welch and Republican Jeff Ellington. Welch adroitly pushed the domestic violence issue. "They wrapped the candidate in something very positive in a district where that issue got traction against a conservative male candidate," Kellems said.

Andrew could pass for 28, but don't let his looks and alacrity fool you, Kellems said. "Joe Andrew is as capable of using tough tactics as anyone else in American politics today. They were very tough on negative mail and phone bank campaigns on behalf of their targeted candidates. But they executed it in a way that didn't tar those candidates."

Andrew comes from a Republican family, growing up on a farm in the 4th Congressional District, the stomping grounds of former Vice President Dan Quayle. Forging Democratic victories in a Republican crucible strengthened Andrew for his national role, said Sautter.

"He has the ability to appreciate the importance of a message that appeals beyond the more liberal activist base," said Sautter. The Poe of today is different from the Poe of the 1960s. Now it is essentially suburban Fort Wayne. It's a transformation that shouldn't be lost on the Democrats, Andrew said, because suburbia is home to the Holy Grail of modern politics - voters in the middle.

Andrew wants to make sure that people in Washington "learn the ways of those of us out in the vast tracks of suburbia who make up the vast majority of America now and who, frankly, often make up the vast majority of targeted voters." ❖

TICKER TAPE

The Star/News reported that Lugar "has given indications he is leaning to convict the president on two charges while Bayh has said he probably would vote against them" (David Haase).

Organized labor's ranks have swelled in Indiana by 32,000 members, according to a report from the U.S. Department of Labor (Bill Koenig, Indianapolis Star/News). The gains raise the organized labor workforce from 14.6 percent to 16.2 percent. The newspaper reported that in 1998 unions won 53 percent of organizing elections, compared to 31 percent in the first half of 1997.

Success with the ISTEPs can be costly to some school districts. The Evansville Courier & Press reports that the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp. will lose $300,000 in remedial funds because third graders increased their skills by 2 percent in English and math, and eighth graders increased 1 percent in each area. "These are not statistically significant," said Susan McDowell, director of pyschological services and testing for the school corporation.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle finished third in a nationwide 2000 presiden-

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tial poll conducted by the Los Angeles Times. That poll had Texas Gov. George W. Bush in first with 39 percent, Elizabeth Dole at 27 percent and Quayle with 17 percent.

Marilyn Quayle tells HPR that she and the former vice president are pleased with their standing in the polls, characterizing their efforts as a "stealth campaign" that won't appear on the radar screen too early in the process. Mrs. Quayle said she believes Gov. George Bush will suffer in his front-runner status due his lack of vetting by the national news media. Mrs. Quayle said the campaign has garnered most of the best organizing talent in Iowa and will rely heavily on the still considerable clout of former New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu.

Outgoing Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke has proposed a program that would encourage home ownership by offering $1,000 grants for middle-income people to buy homes on the city's southeast side (Fort Wayne News Sentinel). The program would allow neighborhoods to give themselves more stringent inspection requirements for rental homes. Helmke also pledged $5 million to double the size of the Grand Wayne Center - a $25 million project.

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Quayle works on his Hoosier base

By BRIAN A. HOWEY
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INDIANAPOLIS - "Let no one doubt, I intend to win the Republican nomination and the presidency," Dan Quayle declared on the IUPUI campus last week in announcing his 2000 exploratory committee.

One of the reasons why that initially took place in Indianapolis - as opposed to Phoenix or Huntington - is that Quayle is in the process of shoring up his Indiana base. Since he moved to Arizona in 1996, there have been cracks, as evidenced by recent comments from Indiana Republican Chairman Mike McDaniel that he would have to work in the state, and Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, who said he hoped to associate with "somebody's campaign" - though not mentioning his wife's cousin - Quayle.

Comments from Republicans around the state revealed some mixed feelings. Porter County Chairman Michael Aylesworth told the *Gary Post-Tribune* that he wanted to see who was getting into the race before deciding. "It would be difficult for Dan or any candidate to win if the economy remains healthy," Aylesworth said. "He also has ground to make up because of all the gaffes." Winfield Township Trustee John Curley, a Republican, added, "He can't win. I don't think he can garner the national support. I think the GOP is looking for fresh faces and fresh ideas."

Added Ross Township Trustee John Rooda, "I think he would have a shot if some of the national media would get off his case. I think he did a good job as vice president other than the gaffe over the spelling."

Lake County Republican Chairman Roger Chiabai added, "He's probably what Americans are looking for - someone to bring us back to straight center. Whether he is going to outlive the spelling thing and whether the press will chew him up, I don't know."

Lugar, Quayle split?

One lingering question on the Hoosier front is the perceived split between the Lugar and Quayle/Coats wings of the party. Sources tell HPR there were hard feelings - mostly at the staff level - when George Bush selected Quayle as his running mate in 1988. Many thought Bush had picked the wrong Indiana senator. In 1996, Quayle supporters were surprised when Lugar declared for the presidency. While Quayle endorsed Lugar, he surprised the Lugarites by accepting then-Sen. Bob Dole's Campaign America PAC in the midst of the primary season.

Quayle backers say the former vice president has reached out to the Lugar wing. Quayle told HPR after his announcement, "I had a very good conversation with Sen. Lugar over the holidays. We talked about family. I sought his advice on foreign policy. It was a lengthy conversation. It's always been very comfortable. I don't think we've got a problem."

'People will understand'

Quayle said he didn't think his move to Arizona would create problems back home in Indiana. "Most people will understand that I wanted to be close to my father, who is gravely ill. He's been going through difficult times."

While the party's Goldsmith wing - including former Chairman Al Hubbard - appear to be leaning their support toward Texas Gov. George Bush, many expect Quayle to take on the trappings of a favorite son, particularly when he officially announces his candidacy in Huntington this spring. A key, however, will be if and when he gets Sen. Lugar's endorsement.❖

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Gary Gerard, *Warsaw Times-Union* - OK, this impeachment thing has gone on much too long. And besides, there's nothing new. Let's forget about finding of fact. Let's dismiss any idea of a censure, much less conviction and removal from office. It's time to move directly to the canonization of President Bill Clinton. No matter that he is still alive. We can make an exception. He can become the first living saint. Especially since just before the Pope's visit he proclaimed himself an "apostle of hope." ❖

Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - Democrats think the Republicans' current distress will usher in a Democratic president, a Democratic Senate and a Democratic House in the election that's 21 months away. "There is no question that virtually a unanimous group of people in this country believe that the impeachment process is owned by the Republicans right now," said Joe Andrew, the new chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Voters, he said, "will remember it." Republicans say things won't be that bleak if they latch on to some decent issues and produce results; but they don't sound as if they believe their own PR. I believe that come next year, voters won't still be nursing a grudge. It's a loooong time between now and November 2000, and anger tends to burn quick and then burn out. But that's not to say the boiling emotions stirred up by the House impeachment and Senate trial are a political inconsequence. Republicans will pay a price, but the bill will come due sooner than Nov. 7, 2000.❖

Larry Lough, *Muncie Star Press* - Imagine the differences between readers and journalists when it comes to the subjective process of selecting what facts are relevant in a news story. The task becomes more difficult, and the differences more contentious, when readers are touched -- personally, but sometimes not -- by tragic events. Was it necessary, friends demanded, that the story about a early-morning traffic fatality included the fact that the female victim was driving home from work at a strip club? What were we insinuating by reporting that information?

One of our duties is to answer questions we know readers have, such as, What was she doing driving on that road at that hour of the night? Had we merely reported that the victim was returning from work, readers might ask, Where did she work that she was out at that hour? We determined that information to be relevant, so we printed it as part of the explanation we thought readers wanted and needed to understand what happened. ❖

Frank Gray, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - From the Big Apple to Rock City, communities are always trying to cultivate attractive, polished images. Some of the campaigns are slick successes. Others are clumsy and amateurish. And sometimes ugly little realities keep derailing towns' dreams. Huntington runs into that problem. The city would probably like to be thought of as former Vice President Dan Quayle's adopted home town. Time after time, though, when the city makes the kind of news that people talk about at lunch counters, it is because of something strange, something bizarre - something sexual. From killings with sexual overtones to a rash of deaths involving something called auto-eroticism and kinky behavior in public, it seems to happen in Huntington. The city's latest splash, of course, involves the allegation that a local man has been performing free-lance castrations in his apartment. ❖

TICKER TAPE

Bob Lee was elected Allen County Treasurer last Saturday. The Republican replaces State Treasurer Tim Berry, who was elected last November. Lee won on the second ballot. "The taxpayers of Allen County are being well-served," said Republican Chairman Steve Shine. "They're not getting a neophyte" (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette).

U.S. Rep. Dan Burton has signaled his intention to have his House Oversight and Government Reform Committee investigate the U.S. Marine pilot who severed the gondola cable in Italy, killing 20 people.

U.S. Rep. Baron Hill has been appointed to the House Agriculture Committee. "I want to meet with the farmers in the 9th District. They are the real experts in this field and they know best what needs to be done to avert the loss of more family farms." Hill said he sought the ag appointment because he had been contacted by many Indiana farmers who are suffering losses. "Farmers are facing some hard times now," Hill said. "We must realize that this crisis affects every American. Ultimately, the issue is what will Congress do to insure that consumers continue to receive a plentiful food supply from many producers."

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House Speaker Dennis Hastert has selected U.S. Rep. Ed Pease to serve on the House Small Business Committee. Pease said he would use the appointment to "cut Washington red tape and remove obstacles to free enterprise."

Pease also announced an additional $33 million in highway funding for Indiana in fiscal year 2000. "Last year we worked hard and succeeded in securing a fairer return of Hoosiers' federal gas tax dollars by insisting that a larger share be returned for use on Indiana's roads. Today's additional funding will benefit Indiana by providing greater resources to complete existing projects," Pease said. The additional money came from an unexpected increase in federal gas tax revenue. Indiana is expected to receive $707 million instead of $674 million in 2000. Pease said that Indiana now receives 90 cents on every dollar the state sent to Washington, up from 78 cents prior to the 105th Congress.

U.S. Rep. Julia Carson has announced she is co-sponsoring legislation to protect American steel workers from the surge in foreign steel dumping. "Drastic action is needed now," Carson said. "The steel crisis is a serious problem that is costing U.S. jobs and causign spiraling losses for

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INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

East Chicago Mayoral: Republican: None. **Democrat:** Mayor Robert Pastrick, Lake County Democratic Chairman Stephen Stiglich. **1999 Forecast:** This is Son of Pastrick V. Stiglich, which looks like it will be the most brutal, hardball primary in the state. All eyes are on the final few days of filing when surrogate "dilution" candidates get into the race. In 1995, it was then-State Sen. Lonnie Randolph (now a judge) and Abel Garza. When Pastrick defeated Stiglich, it was Garza who filed for the recount that never happened. The ballots weren't sealed quickly. They were stored in a warehouse and were eventually destroyed. Since Stiglich took over as Lake County Democratic chair, he has moved his allies onto the Election Board. He is also thought to control about a third of the city's 30-some precinct officials. Whether this consolidation of power is enough for him to knock off Pastrick is one of the big questions at play. Currently both candidates have been quietly raising money and lining up their organizations - which is a more important component on how to win an election here than campaigning on issues door-to-door. More vital are the lieutenants and precinct committeemen that can round up and deliver votes from the neigbhorhood. To date, the biggest contrasting issue between the two is whether to continue having an appointed school board, which Pastrick favors, or an elected one (Stiglich). Inland Steel's complaint about the high tax rate under Pastrick's many decades of rule probably won't be a significant campaign dynamic. **Status:** *LEANS PASTRICK.*

HORSE RACE

Gary Mayoral: Republican: None. **Democrat:** Mayor Scott King, State Rep. Vernon Smith, Calumet Township Assessor Booker Blumenberg, Jr. **1995 Results:** King (D) 23,588, Williams (I) 5,482, Boswell (R) 1,108, McCraney (I) 96. **1999 Forecast:** Our Gary sources believe King is in pretty good shape to win a second term. Part of this was evidenced when he declared for re-election, had his announcement and then told the *Munster Times* and *Gary Post-Tribune* the day after. That sounds like a candidate who is running a confident, low-key re-election bid. King does not seem to be running scared even though the feds broke up a crack cocaine ring that was running kilos out of City Hall. They weren't King appointees and the mayor was able to say that the city drug tests incoming employees, but not current ones. Blumenberg appears to have the tacit support of the old Hatcher wing of the party, but it is no longer well organized or well funded. Rep. Smith's organization appears to be worse off than Blumenberg's. King benefits from a homicide rate that has declined some during his first term. He also has been bringing in the Indiana National Guard to raze old crack houses that are sprinkled throughout the city. The wild card here is the fact that the American steel industry is under fire from foreign dumping, creating an uncertain economic future for a city that was severely punished in the early Rust Belt days. **Status:** *Leans King.*

Indianapolis Mayoral: Republican: Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy. **Democrat:** Bart Peterson. **Our Party:** Rev. John Gibson. **1995 Results:** Goldsmith (R) 64,209, Jimison (D) 39,539, Dillon (L) 7,175. **1999 Forecast:** Peterson announced his support for a State Board of Accounts audit, telling NUVO Newsweekly, "Number 1, I believe in open government. It's the people's money and they deserve to know how it is being spent. Number 2, there is no reason to treat Indianapolis differently than any other city. Number 3, there are things that the State Board of Accounts looks for other than what a financial audit from a Big Five audit firm looks for." Peterson said that as then-Gov. Evan Bayh's chief of staff, "I welcomed them. I never feared them." Gilroy has been silent on whether she supports an audit. Out-going Mayor Goldsmith has sent a letter to the SBA advocating against an audit. The peril for Gilroy is that should the SBA uncover irregularities, she could be tethered to the Goldsmith administration for failing to get out front on the issue as well as her accepting $460,000 in Goldsmith campaign funds. The peril for Peterson is if the SBA audit doesn't turn up anything. Then Gilroy can claim good stewardship on the part of GOP rule. Peterson has also come out in favor of

State Rep. Gregg Porter's bill that would require the SBA to annually audit the city, even though Indiana statute already requires that. Gilroy has not taken a public stand on that issue, either. Some influential Republicans are telling HPR they think the audit issue could be a potentially "explosive." Mayor Goldsmith has tried to assure them there is nothing to the story. But if that were the case, then why not support the audit to confirm their point of view? Gilroy showed a burst of independence from the Republican power structure on Thursday. The night before, ABC's *20/20* aired an expose of Marion County Sheriff Jack Cottey's gun auctions, during which Chris Wallace revealed that Saturday Night Specials were being sold. Cottey phoned in to WIBC that morning to defend the practice. That was followed by a call from Gilroy, who opposed the practice and promised to push legislation in the Indiana General Assembly to end it. Peterson's campaign proposed 18 debates. Gilroy's camp told the *Indianapolis Star/News* that they are willing to work out the details. **Status:** *Toss-Up.*

Fort Wayne Mayoral: Republican: Former 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:** Squadrito told the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* he would eliminate the positions of public safety and personnel director. The newspaper's lead read: "Republican Joe Squadrito raised his palm to his lips, pursed them and then kissed away the idea of a public safety director, if he's elected Fort Wayne mayor." Squadrito explained, "The police chief and fire chief would report directly to me. There would be no middle man." Buskirk says she would keep the public safety director position, saying the cabinet form of government has worked well for the city. In a recent *Journal Gazette* feature on Squadrito, David DeCamp wrote, "In his eight years as Allen County sheriff, Joe Squadrito established a reputation as a strict, serious, often autocratic lawman. But behind closed doors, friends and associates say, Squadrito is droll, easygoing, compassionate and well-read." The article quotes financier Dick Freeland, saying, "There's managers and there's leaders. He's a leader." **Status:** *Leans Squadrito.*

Lafayette Mayoral: Republican: Mayor David Heath. **Democrat:** Eileen Hession Weiss. **1995 Results:** Heath 6,412, Riehle 6,248. **1999 Forecast:** Former four-term city clerk Hession Weiss enters the race. She was swept out of office along with Mayor Riehle in 1995, both after lengthy stints in office, by just several hundred votes - a classic example of a mayor finally getting nicked up enough to cost an election. Hession Weiss, who is not expected to have any significant primary opposition, represents a real threat to Heath. At a packed party headquarters news conference last Saturday, she listed a number of projects she and Riehle completed while they were in office. Former Councilman Jerry Ledbetter called Hession Weiss a "terrific" candidate, saying, "She's acquired a very intense knowledge of the entire community" (*Lafayette Journal and Courier*). The Riehle-Hession Weiss team has already stumbled in comeback attempts. Riehle lost an Indiana Senate race to Republican Ron Alting in 1998. **Status:** *TOSS UP.*

INDIANA GOVERNOR 2000

Governor: Republican: 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:** Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke told the Journal Gazette that he is considering a run for governor. Helmke said he will make a decision midway through this year. The out-going mayor believes he will benefit from a year of statewide exposure after winning the 1998 U.S. Senate primary prior to his landslide defeat to Evan Bayh last November. Helmke won the nomination by carrying 26 counties - most in Northeast Indiana and along the Ohio River, as well as Tippecanoe County. Witwer put out a press release from *Governing Magazine* in which a "Grading the States, A Management Report Card" by Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs gave Indiana a C+. Neighboring states received "B" grades. "Some may see a passing grade and think that is good enough," Witwer said. "I say Hoosiers deserve excellence from their state government." The report can be accessed on the Internet at: www.governing.com. **Status:** *LIKELY O'BANNON.*

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the steel industry." The Carson bill would freeze monthly steel imports at July 1997 levels. Indiana is the nation's largest steel producer, providing 23 percent of the raw U.S. steel and employing 30,000 Hoosiers.

Gov. Frank O'Bannon publicly lauded Southport High School's ban on profanity. "Hostile actions almost always grow out of hostile words," O'Bannon said. "Southport's zero tolerance toward swearing is a great example of how schools can take the initiative and put the focus back where it needs to be - on learning." Southport Principal Larry Hensley-Marschand ordered the new policy after teachers noticed coarse words were becoming commonplace in casual conversations."

Former New York Lt. Gov. Betsey McCaughey Ross has joined Indianapolis-based Hudson Institute as a senior fellow in health care and Medicare research.

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar is saying the United States should be prepared to use force against Serbia - "including bombing of all parts of Serbia, if necessary." Lugar said in a statement, "It is important that the American people understand all these complexities, including the fact that this will require a larger

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American force that many have yet realized." Lugar made his remarks in response to renewed fighting Kosovo.

U.S. Rep. John Hostettler is calling President Clinton's $1.77 billion budget "a retreat from fiscal responsibility and a return to the era of big government." Hostettler said, "The president's budget exceeds spending caps, employs gimmicks, raises taxes, grows government and breaks promises to the American people."

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