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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'We have been praying for him all along. We just hope he feels remorse about it..."

- John Schroeder, a member of New Liberty Congregational Church in Lynn, on arson suspect Jay Scott Ballinger charged in burning the church, to the Muncie Star Press

Why McIntosh will run for gov in 2000

All his instincts will tell him to go

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS - Former Gov. Bob Orr offered some advice to U.S. Rep. David McIntosh not too long ago. It was basically this: If you're a Republican in Indiana, you don't get more than one chance to run for governor. If you're going to run, better win the first time.

It has become evident than McIntosh is going to run for governor of Indiana. The question is, when will that be? 2000 or 2004?

Mary Beth Schneider wrote in last Sunday's *Indianapolis Star*, "There is a good chance McIntosh won't run for governor in 2000. He would be giving up a sure shot - re-election to Congress - to do so. That timetable seems perfect for a run for governor in 2004."

HPR's analysis of McIntosh's choices runs counter to Schneider's. We're betting that he runs in 2000. The following is how we've come to that conclusion:

■ David McIntosh has essentially assumed the Republican role equivalent to Evan Bayh: Nice young man, intelligent, excellent academic and Washington credentials, and undefeated in politics. McIntosh inherited this perch in the Indiana GOP from Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith. But there are key differences among McIntosh, Goldsmith and Bayh. Let's deal with Bayh first. Indiana's freshman senator was hardly a risk-taker. Bayh is legendary at inching out incrementally toward gap he must cross. Everything he did was calculated toward positioning himself for the Senate seat he won in 1998. Thus, Democrats had to live with the concept of "carrying the water for Evan." It

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House Democrats pushed through a $20 billion budget on a 53-47 party-line vote (Mike Chambers, Evansville Courier & Press). It would expand to full-day kindergarten, remove 80 percent of welfare costs from property tax roles and cut the inventory tax by 35 percent over a four-year period. Senate Finance Chairman Lawrence Borst vowed to pare back what he termed "excess" spending.

The so-called Republican "cultural war" is getting bogged down. On a voice vote the Indiana Senate voted down SB 311 which would ban gay adoptions. Republicans allowed Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan to proceed with a maneuver that under-

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McIntosh, *from page 1*

was why the party of environmentalists compiled a dismal environmental record under Gov. Bayh.

■ No one has had to "carry the water for David." In fact, McIntosh has gone out of his way to lead the way for legislative Republicans. He has acted as an ideological leader, expressing conservative values and policy positions while he raised $350,000 for legislative Republicans.

■ Unlike Goldsmith - another young, intellectual, ideological leader - McIntosh comes off much less revolutionary and much more personable. As the typically cautious Hoosier voters demonstrated in 1996, they weren't convinced that government was the huge problem that Goldsmith said it was. And they ended up with a lack of trust in him as he dashed through their cities and towns, not taking the time to schmooze.

■ And unlike Goldsmith, McIntosh and his wife, Ruthie (potentially the Republican counterpart to Judy O'Bannon) are hardy, affable campaigners who appear to enjoy working a room and sticking around after a speech to talk. In 1994, McIntosh proved he could out-schmooze the wunderkind Joe Hogsett.

■ Unlike Evan Bayh, McIntosh is a huge risk-taker. His whole career - the challenge to Ann DeVore in the primary, U.S. Rep. Phil Sharp and, eventually, the seasoned Joe Hogsett in the general - was based on a fearless demeanor. But it didn't stop with his victory in 1994. McIntosh wowed Speaker Newt Gingrich and earned a place at the weekly revolutionary leadership meeting, giving his "report from Muncie." By 1997, McIntosh was a leading insurgent in a coup d'etat attempt against Gingrich and had risen to head the Conservative Action Team.

■ McIntosh is the damned luckiest politician of 20th Century Hoosier politics. DeVore fails to file; Sharp retires; Hogsett can't maneuver out of the Clinton trap. McIntosh survives the Gingrich coup attempt still seated at the leadership table. He elevates CAT as a Capitol Hill force. When Gingrich does go, McIntosh backs Christopher Cox as Speaker only to find the moody Robert Livingston taking power with hints at retribution. Of course, Livingston is quickly hustled out. McIntosh still stands.

■ McIntosh hardly shows the least

tinge of emotion for leaving the volatile House. He knows it is no place to launch a presidential bid. He knows that a more condusive place to do that is from the governor's office of a small state.

■ When HPR contacted McIntosh's office last week to regauge his interest in the Indiana 2000 governor's race, a simple quick plea for reaction turned into a conference call with deputy chief of staff Chris Jones and district director Jim Huston. Within minutes, Jones and Huston thematically laid out reasons why Gov. O'Bannon is vulnerable and why McIntosh is in a position to win.

Those reasons included the following:

■ More than 50 percent of the Class of 2000 have failed to pass the Gateway exam required for graduation. That is a potential crisis of populist proportions and one that will allow the Republicans to paint O'Bannon as a captive of the ISTA. They ridiculed House Democrats for trying to pull the plug on the Gateway exams. Huston pointed out that teacher salaries have dramatically increased, but student performance hasn't. McIntosh, he said, will push for accountability.

■ Bayh and O'Bannon have failed to "diversify" the state's economy. Huston and Jones said the state is still susceptible to early recession and late recovery due to an over-reliance on the auto industry. Some of Bayh-O'Bannon's biggest economic development feathers have included Toyota in Princeton, Suburu-Izuzu in Lafayette and Chrysler in Kokomo. Thematically, that is contrasted with McIntosh's own 2nd CD Job Fairs in which he initiated contact between the thriving industries in the southern part of his district with those that had lost work in the district's northern rustbelt.

■ O'Bannon has not delivered on significant tax reform. Huston and Jones ridiculed O'Bannon's tax commission. Compared with Gov. Otis Bowen's decade-plus fervor to completely reform the Hoosier tax code, O'Bannon has failed to use his two decades in office to similarly reconstruct the code in his first term when he had the political capital to do so. In contrast, McIntosh will point to his crusade to eliminate the marriage penalty.

■ On the immediate horizon is Gov. O'Bannon's full-day kindergarten initiative at a cost of $110 million a year that is likely to run into a brick wall in the Republican-dominated Senate. Another is his tax plan that Republicans say needs to be pared back from its "big spending" origins in the House. A perceived O'Bannon loss on either of those fronts could be enough to clinch McIntosh into the race. If they both go down, McIntosh 2000 is a certainty.

■ McIntosh and his strategists concede that Frank and Judy O'Bannon are wonderful people that everyone likes. They point out, however, that simply being liked isn't the same as leadership.

The backdrop to all of this is the 12 years of exile Republicans have had from the governor's office. Republicans are in a continued state of humiliation.You could see it deep in the eyes of Senate President Pro Tem Bob Garton and House Minority Leader Paul Mannweiler on the night of the State of the State address. When State Rep. Robert Behning talks of going to Washington to "draft McIntosh," it represents the emotion and desperation Republicans feel. That's why when McIntosh addressed the House caucus, he received four standing ovations from those seeking a (Republican) Moses.

Given that an O'Bannon win in 2000 will likely mean Democratic control of the redistricting maps a year later, that election becomes a potential holy war. With party Patriarch Dick Lugar and his long coattails at the top of the state ticket, and a Bush, Dole or Quayle leading the national efforts, present a condusive environment for someone like the fearless McIntosh to take a big gamble once more.

Finally, it would run counter to all of McIntosh's instincts to duck this race.❖

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cut the bill when its sponsor, Sen. John Waterman, left the Senate floor.

Indiana high school fans may ultimately determine the fate of class basketball. During the first year of class basketball in 1998, 616,170 fans attended the tournament, compared to 786,024 in 1997. Revenue dropped 42 percent last year. Said IHSAA Commissioner Bob Gardner, "Am I apprehensive? I guess when you're in my position you'll always be apprehensive." Attendance has dropped from 1.2 million fans watching sectionals in 1960-64 to 565,000 fans during the Damon Bailey era of 1990-94 (Ken Fox, South Bend Tribune).

How did the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, one of the most Democratic editorial sections in the state, react to events surrounding President Clinton last week? It editorialized, "A big problem in assessing Juanita Broaddrick's claim that Bill Clinton raped her 21 years ago in a Little Rock hotel room is one that Clinton created himself. The Lewinsky scandal exposed him as such a practiced liar that people tend not to believe him even if he might be telling the truth. Apart from Clinton's denials, it's still hard to know what to make of Broaddrick's story."

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A 36-year-old Yorktown man, Jay Scott Ballinger, has been charged in 50 church arsons in 11 states, including seven in Indiana. The Muncie Star Press had a headline last week that read: "Local pastors, victims willing to forgive accused arsonist." Said Blountsville Nazarene Church pastor George Moore, "I can't be angry. We know that these things are going to be. It's a lack of compassion for those type of people is the reason that they are so blind."

Demonstrators camped out at IDEM's offices in Evansville with pizza, pop and a guitar while they refused to leave (Mark Wilson, Evansville Courier & Press). Members of the group Valley Watch were protesting air pollution permits for the planned ConAgra Soybean Processing Co. which is to be built upwind of Evansville in southeast Posey County. "We are not leaving voluntarily," declared John Blair, president of the group. IDEM's Judy Dicus Thomann said there were no plans to have the protesters arrested. "I don't see where that would be beneficial at all."

Attorney General Jeff Modisett hosted counterparts from 11 states and people who have been burned in sweepstakes. Modisett filed suits against Publisher's Clearinghouse

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Y2K Bug has potential to bite incumbents in the year 1900

By Mark Schoeff Jr.

WASHINGTON - If the worst fears concerning the year 2000 computer glitch come true, voters could be shivering in the dark on Jan. 1--and taking out their frustrations on politicians in the election 11 months later.

"If things have gone worse than expected, I think it will be a very big issue, and certainly a campaign issue for the vice president (Al Gore), and maybe incumbents in Congress," said former Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA), who is heading a Y2K task force at a Washington think tank.

The potential Y2K crisis is gaining traction as the millennium approaches. A poll last fall by Zogby International that surveyed 700 likely voters showed 56 percent are 'very aware' of the problem and 32 percent are 'somewhat aware.'

The Y2K snafu stems from the inability of many computers to recognize the year 2000 because they only record the date as the last two numbers of a year. If '00' is interpreted as 1900 rather than 2000, it could cause computers to shutdown or malfunction. The results could include power outages, disruptions in the food supply, breakdowns in medical devices, scrambled air traffic controls and disorder in global financial markets.

The challenge of fixing the problem lies in its enormity. There are approximately 180 billion lines of software code and millions of embedded computer chips worldwide. The U.S. private sector will spend an estimated $300 billion to $600 billion on Y2K compliance. The federal government will spend about $6.4 billion and states as much as $3 billion.

"There's going to be a huge failing," said Peter de Jager, a technology consultant who wrote an article in 1993 on Y2K and is known as the Paul Revere of the issue. "People will see it's a failing, and they're going to immediately look to the groups that were in power during the early days of this and ask the question, 'Why, as our elected officials, didn't you do enough to avert this problem?' There's going to be no sidestepping or pussy footing around it."

The candidate who could be most at risk in 2000 is Vice President Al Gore, who has carved a niche for himself as a technology guru. Y2K is "big enough to lose it for Gore," said Edward Yardeni, chief economist for Deutsche Bank Securities in New York, in an interview with HPR. "If there are significant disruptions, the voters are going to want to know why it happened. They'll blame the administration."

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Democratic Party Chairman Joe Andrew disagrees with the Y2K doomsday scenario for Gore. It's difficult to predict what will unfold between Jan. 1 and November. If computers fail on New Year's Day, there's time for everyone to recover.

"I think a more important issue is that the vice president has demonstrated our commitment to make sure that the issues that are of concern to the business community, particularly the high tech and entrepreneurial community, are at the forefront of our party and our agenda," said Andrew, former chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party.

In the Indiana congressional delegation, only Sen. Dick Lugar has established a high-profile on Y2K. As chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, he is pushing the Department of Agriculture to increase its Y2K compliance efforts to ensure the availability of food. In testimony before the Indiana State Senate Planning and Economic Development

Committee on Feb. 19, he said, "The upheaval that could be caused by the near simultaneous collapse of even 5 percent of our computer systems is incalculable. Despite the best efforts of everyone involved, it is very likely that some federal government systems will fail, causing disruptions in the lives of Hoosiers."

Lugar's office said that as of November, only 61 percent of computer systems in 24 major federal departments and agencies were Y2K compliant.

A Nuvo survey of the 10 Hoosier House offices indicated no discernable Y2K activity. The three spokesmen who did respond said that their bosses were taking a wait-and-see approach to Y2K legislation. None was cosponsor of any bills. In a Feb. 5 press release, Rep. Ed Pease announced that he has joined the House Small Business Committee and that one of the panel's mandates is to "assist small businesses with Y2K concerns."

Gov. Frank O'Bannon is confident that Indiana will be ready to welcome the new millennium with functioning computers. "We started three or four years ago, so it's not like catch up," he said in an interview with HPR last week at the National Governors Association conference in Washington. "At the state government level, I think we're in pretty good shape, but we keep checking that. I think it's a serious issue."

O'Bannon receives monthly updates on the state's Y2K compliance progress. In the private sector, the outlook is mixed. O'Bannon said he recently visited the Toyota plant in Princeton. Toyota said that its computers will be Y2K compliant, but that only about 20 percent of its suppliers have solved their Y2K problems.

Such spotty progress, coupled with a severe lack of Y2K preparation in foreign countries, has led Yardeni to predict a global Y2K recession that could be as big as the early 1970s oil-shock recession. Even if the United States is in good shape by Dec. 31, domestic computer systems that interact with non-Y2K compliant computers in foreign countries could get infected. Russia has not yet begun to address the Y2K problem, raising concerns about the safety of its nuclear missiles and nuclear power plants.

The general lack of urgency in the political community belies the potential complexity of the Y2K aftermath. And it has Yardeni perplexed.

"There really hasn't been much going on in the last few months on Y2K because of the focus on the impeachment trial," Yardeni said. "Our elected officials are not acting as if (Y2K) is much of a threat to their careers. If we have a recession, there will be a price to pay."

It's not too late for politicians to jump into the Y2K issue. "Incumbents still have an opportunity to get very involved in preparing for failures and contingency planning with their local communities," Yardeni said. "Local communities are desperately looking for leadership."

O'Bannon also cited problems on the local level. "If you go into the counties, where the county council won't provide $10,000 or $20,000 to update the sheriff's office, you have some of that resistance of people not understanding or not wanting to face it," he said. "So we have to continue to talk about how important it is."

Lately, much of the news about Y2K has been good. Many electrical utilities, financial firms, and airlines have stated that they will function smoothly in the year 2000. In addition, the American electorate has a notoriously short attention span. Even if life is disrupted in January 2000, it may be back to normal in a few weeks or months, well before November.

But de Jager doesn't believe the outcome will be that pleasant. "This is something that is going to linger," he said. "It's not going to be easy to shove this one under the rug, especially if hits financial markets, and you lose what investment you have in mutual funds. There's going to be a tremendous amount of finger pointing after the fact." ❖

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and American Family Publishers alleging that they use deceptive mailings.

Former Boonville utilities and safety director Mark Krantz is challenging Mayor Pam Hendrickson in the Democratic primary. She is also being challenged by Councilman David Talley. Hendrickson fired Krantz in an overtime dispute last year (Evansville Courier & Press). Said Krantz, "I don't want people thinking I'm doing this as a vendetta. I'm running because I feel I can do a better job."

A battle is shaping up between Indiana school districts and the Hoosier State Press Association over the publishing of annual school performance reports. Frank Bush, lobbyist for the Indiana School Boards Association said that many school districts believe they can use direct mail more effectively than publishing them in newspapers. But HSPA's Stephen Key told the Associated Press, "The newspapers have been the most cost-efficient way to make that information available to the public in general."

Former congressman Lee Hamilton was in Bloomington last week raising money for Indiana University's new Center on Congress. Hamilton and IU President Myles Brand met

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with officials from the Eli Lilly Endowment. The Bloomingon Herald-Times reported Hamilton and Brand were seeking a $2 million endowment from Lilly. "We are just now moving into the active phase of the center," Hamilton said. "We are not a think tank. We are not trying to reach the Washington press corps, the Ph.D.s' or the members of Congress. The function is to try to explain Congress to ordinary people."

Tippecanoe County officials are hosting public hearings to determine proper security measures for the courthouse, which was the scene of a truck-bombing last August. Some of the proposals included reducing the entrances from eight to one and installing x-ray machines and metal detectors. There have been no arrests in the attempted truck bombing.

Vincennes University's board of trustees are backing Gov. Frank O'Bannon's proposal to link it with Ivy Tech. The arrangement, phased in over seven years, would create the nation's 44th community college system. The legislature must approve a $7.3 million appropriation to start up the system. Vincennes has four campuses and Ivy Tech has 22.

U.S. Rep. Mark Souder told

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Nancy Nall, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* - Let's see the hands of those who won't be watching Monica Lewinsky talk to Barbara Walters. She should thank us, but she won't. Nor should we expect her to. Lewinsky, the most notorious 25-year-old since . . . well, since the last notorious 25-year-old, can't really be faulted for what she's doing -- cashing in. It's the deal we make with these media playthings; in exchange for X days or weeks or months of monologue material, cruel caricatures in editorial cartoons and pages of WATS-line and Internet-conveyed jokes, bearer is entitled to whatever book/interview payoff the market will bear. It's only fair. ❖

Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - Dan Quayle a has-been? A washed-up presidential wannabe? Not a concept you'd think would be rampant in Indiana, but there's mounting evidence that Hoosier Republicans want to hitch their wagon to another star. The mayor of the largest city in the state is coordinating all public policy advice for George W. Bush. Quayle's former deputy chief of staff (who's also a former state GOP chairman) is also working hard for George W. Two weeks ago Quayle came in third in a straw poll among the most active Republicans in the most Republican county in Hoosierland. The state GOP hasn't publicly endorsed Quayle. Rex Early, a former state chairman who's still very influential in Republican circles, hasn't endorsed Quayle and very likely will not. None of these, of course, dooms Quayle's candidacy. If it were merely that Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith is giving advice to George W., people might find it curious. But add to that Al Hubbard - who was Quayle's No. 2 man when Quayle was veep - and the Hamilton County straw poll and the silence from the state party and Early's lack of enthusiasm for Quayle ... and you come up with an odd state of affairs for Indiana's native son. ❖

Kyle Hannon, *Elkhart Truth* - One of the problems with a (Hillary) Clinton candidacy is that our own media will cover it, even if she is not running here. Scandals follow the Clintons like a smelly, stray dog that you fed once. Do we really want to hear about all the old problems again and be introduced to new ones? Don't do this to us, Hillary. The other problem with her candidacy is that she might win. In some ways, that's New York's problem. But, judging from her health care activities, her votes in the Senate would be to expand the reach of the federal government. That would affect all of us. If New York is recruiting non- residents to be their senator, they can do better than Hillary Clinton. I wonder if Dennis Rodman is available? ❖

Steve Thomma, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* - At another time, involving another president, it might have been a bombshell. But not now, and not with this president. The allegation that President Clinton sexually assaulted a woman in Arkansas 21 years ago is unlikely to have much effect on him or the country. ❖

Bill Benner, *Indianapolis Star* - While this past weekend Knight proudly declared his Hoosiers the winningest Big Ten program of the past three decades and Keady defiantly said his struggling Boilermakers' 19-12 record still would be one a lot of schools would love to have, the truth is that Indiana and Purdue are in their lowest collective league cycle in more than 30 years. ❖

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INDIANA GOVERNORS RACE 2000

Governor: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke, George Witwer, John Price. **Democrat:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon. **1996 results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** While all eyes seem to be on U.S. Rep. David McIntosh in Washington and Gov. O'Bannon's legislative agenda in Indianapolis, there is plenty of activity. John Price, who finished second in the 1998 Republican Senate primary, announced an exploratory committee. Price vows to run a more traditional campaign than his '98 effort that aimed at networking with the Christian right, 2nd Amendment activists and home schoolers. Price says he is organized in 48 counties. "If Helmke doesn't run, I'll get organized in Northeast Indiana." As for McIntosh, Price said, "David McIntosh is a very good congressman. He's very effective there. The question is not whether he is going to run, but now or four years from now, assuming there's not a Gov. Price or a Gov. Witwer." Price added, "My decision will have nothing to do with opposing candidates." Price took issue with HPR Publisher Brian Howey's assertion in his column that Price is not a mainstream Republican. He noted that 25 years ago he served as secretary of the Republican State Central Committee, was deputy state auditor and commanded Doc Bowen's patronage. "I tend to see myself in the mainstream - that's where my roots are. I know the system and the people. On the issues, I don't have any issue that is out of sync with the national platform." Witwer accused House Democrats and Gov. O'Bannon of deficit spending. He announced his campaign theme: Put Hoosiers First." Helmke is still pondering a run, according to the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*. National Taxpayer Union Foundation begins running television ads urging O'Bannon and the legislature to give back part of the surplus. Key element in Rep. David McIntosh's decision-making process on whether to run for governor in 2000: his 18-month-old daughter. HPR has learned that numerous influential Republicans are begging McIntosh to run in 2000, fearful that any sizeable loss to O'Bannon will result in a bigger House majority and inroads in the Senate, both of which will have a significant impact on redistricting. **Status:** *Leans Democratic.*

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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:** Hoy announces a website - www.mayorhoy.com. Lloyd's candidacy gets statewide play for his candidacy and how his father's assassination impacted his family. **Status:** *Toss Up.*

Indianapolis Mayoral: Republican: Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy, Robert L. Parker. **Democrat:** Bart Peterson, Jocelyn Tandy-Adande. **Our Party:** Rev. John Gibson. **Libertarian:** Andrew Horning. **1995 Results:** Goldsmith (R) 64,209, Jimison (D) 39,539, Dillon (L) 7,175. **1999 Forecast:** Horning to announce his candidacy later this week. Election board bounces Bob Kern off the Democratic ballot due to his prior felony conviction. Peterson announces "Project Disarm" that calls for federal prosecution of weapons charges similar to the Project Exile in Richmond, Va., that has led to a 36 percent reduction in the homicide rate there. Gilroy tells *NUVO News-weekly* that she endorses Project Exile and has talked to Southern Indiana District Attorney Judy Stewart about it. Gilroy said she would work with Hoosier members of Congress to fund more federal prosecutors. **Status:** *Toss-Up.*

Kokomo Mayoral: Republican: Mayor Ron Trobaugh. **Democrat:** Mike Kennedy, Roland McAlister Ellis. **1995 Results:** Trobaugh 5,108, Lushin 4,713. **1999 Forecast:**

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the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel that he viewed the Juanita Broaddrick material prior to the House impeachment vote and was "rattled" by it. "I wish I could tell you what I saw," Souder said.

The South Bend Tribune's Jack Colwell wrote that U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer "hopes he will be treated better in history than in current news accounts of presidential acquittal." Colwell asked Buyer if he was frustrated by the turn of events. "On the whole, no," he said. "I did my duty and kept the faith." Buyer also said, "I will admit I prosecuted the president of the United States before the Senate. But I will never admit I prosecuted him in a trial." Buyer said the "salacious" material that included the Broaddrick case would have revealed a pattern of conduct that would have constituted "overwhelming" evidence. As for his return to hometown Monticello, Ind., Buyer said, "I couldn't make it through Kroger." People kept stopping him "to say thank you."

State Sen. Joe Zakas tells the South Bend Tribune that his 11-year-old son asked a computer program to determine the quickest route to Indianapolis from South Bend. "Go the Gary, then take Interstate 65 south." Zakas used the story to urge passage a HB 1637 that

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would require INDOT to turn U.S. 31 into an interstate or at least alleviate the three most congested points - southern St. Joseph County, Kokomo and Westfield by eliminating stoplights. Currently it has 39 stoplights between the U.S. 20 bypass and I-465.

U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer has been named to serve on the House Select Intelligence Committee, which oversees the CIA, FBI and the National Security Agency. "I'm paranoid about it right now," Roemer told the South Bend Tribune. "You can't even take anything out of the room." ❖

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Kennedy challenges the residency of Ellis, but the Howard County Election Board rejects his case. *Kokomo Tribune* reports: "Ellis, 47, created some notoriety earlier this week when he was revealed to be both the first black person ever to run for mayor in Kokomo, and possibly the first mayoral candidate to refuse to have his picture taken by the *Kokomo Tribune*." The newspaper also reports that Ellis lists $0 income on a rent application and stated that he has "no occupation." **Status:** *LEANS REPUBLICAN.*

Terre Haute Mayoral: Republican: Open. **Democrat:** Mayor James Jenkins, Vigo County Auditor Judy Anderson, George Reedy, Frank Monk. **1999 Forecast:** Anderson, the current county auditor and a former city council member, offers up a challenge to first-term Mayor Jenkins. Writes Max Jones of the *Terre Haute Tribune-Star*, "Jenkins managed during his first term to ignite a strong and motivated opposition. For awhile it was unclear whether those opponents would be able to enlist a candidate to promote their cause of ejecting Jenkins from City Hall." Jones said Anderson's entry sets a "dramatic stage for a hot mayoral contest." Jenkins is drawing support from Prosecutor Bob Wright, Sheriff Bill Harris and businessman Max Gibson. Anderson is getting support from her nephew, Commissioner Joseph Anderson Jr., from firefighters upset, and opponents from the Center City redevelopment project. **Status:** *LEANS JENKINS.*

South Bend Mayoral: Republican: Steve Bradley, Melvin Townsend. **Democrat:** Mayor Steve Leucke, Portage Township Assessor John Vorde, Kevin C. Horton, Zbigniew "Ziggy" Borowski. **1995 Results:** Kernan (D) 14,309, Waite (R) 3,106. **1999 Forecast:** Portage Township Assessor John Vorde, son of a mayor, represents a real threat to Leucke, although the four-man field will help the appointed mayor who is finishing out LG Kernan's term. Vorde had been approached by Republicans who promised to fund him with $80,000, but he opted to stay in the Democratic Party. Party officials tell HPR that Leucke should prevail. Townsend was a surprise candidate to Republicans. **Status:** *Safe Leucke.*

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