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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'We have the potential to be a kind of third-world state in relation to the rest of the United States..."'

- Valparaiso University President Alan Harre, on an out-migration of college graduates from Indiana and an influx of high school grads looking for jobs, to the Munster Times

Quayle in 2000: Can he defeat his image?

Assessing the veep's chances

By BRIAN A. HOWEY, *in Indianapolis*
and MARK SCHOEFF JR *in Washington*

In a sense, Dan Quayle's first big hurdle in his quest for the American presidency won't be George W. Bush or Elizabeth Dole, or in the Iowa caucuses or the New Hampshire primary.

It may occur in TV studios in New York City or Burbank, Calif. Quayle is no longer from Indiana and people don't think of him as an Arizona product. He is from TV. His greatest opponents may be David Letterman and Jay Leno. And, perhaps, himself.

A couple of days after his announcement ceremony in Huntington, David Letterman intoned on CBS, *"I'm very excited about something. Good news - Dan Quayle is running for president. Dan Quayle announced he was running for president a few days ago in his home state of Indiana. And Dan said that it is time for a president to reset the moral compass. And I said, 'Well, gee, Dan, I don't know. President Clinton's compass seems to be working pretty well.' I mean, it's always pointing north."*

"That was mild," observed Cam Carter of the Quayle campaign. "Both Leno and Letterman have been mild." The night after the announcement, Letterman did announce that with "zero precincts reporting" Quayle was the loser. Still, that's mild, considering 1988 through 1992.

"He's had $50 billion worth of bad press dumped on his head, a lot of it unfair, inaccurate, but it's still there; and he's got to show that he's a viable candidate, that he's credible," said analyst Charlie Cook on CNN's Inside Politics.

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A Pew Research Poll (March 24-30, 1,786 adults, +/- 3 percent) shows Gov.George Bush leading Vice President Al Gore 54-41 percent. In the same poll, 56 percent approve of President Clinton's handling of foreign policy. In a Newsweek Poll (April 15-16, 751 adults, +/- 4 percent) showed that 57 percent approve of Clinton's handling of Kosovo. The same poll showed that Republican voters favored Bush at 51 percent, followed by Elizabeth Dole at 16 percent, Dan Quayle at 9 percent, John McCain at 6 percent, Steve Forbes at 5 percent and Pat Buchanan at 4 percent.

How did former Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon end up with Dan

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Quayle, *from page 1*

Quayle's official presidential candidacy is off to a good start - relatively.

He got high marks from his pronouncement of the Clinton-Gore years as the the "dishonest decade" at Huntington North HS. The *Arizona Republic* observed, "Quayle launched his campaign for president vowing to overcome his image-challenged past and beat long odds to win the White House. Although Quayle made only passing references to his public-perception problems, he has been painted as intellectually suspect and a political lightweight given to verbal flubs. But on Wednesday, he seemed fully in command of himself and his message."

USA Today's Richard Benedetto wrote that "Quayle kicked off his presidential campaign ... by pledging to end the 'dishonest decade of Bill Clinton and Al Gore' and give America a fresh start on the 21st Century. Said Quayle, 'I know in your heart you know prosperity without values is no prosperity at all.'"

The Associated Press pegged Quayle as "trying to refurbish his image and jump-start his presidential campaign." Reuters observed that Quayle is "seeking to establish himself as a viable force to a dubious electorate."

During his first South Carolina swing over the weekend, *The State* columnist Lee Bandy wrote that for Quayle the "biggest challenge facing him ... is to change the perception that he is ill-suited for the job." Bandy said Quayle showed "poise and confidence not always seen in his years as George Bush's sometimes bumbling vice president. He's much more statesmanlike, with no trace of giddiness he showed a decade ago."

Must show in Iowa, NH

The early political line (sans Letterman and Leno) indicates that Dan Quayle must at least show in Iowa and New Hampshire to remain in the run for the Republican presidential nomination roses. Of course, winning or placing would be even better for a candidacy that must overcome low expectations.

Doubts linger about Quayle both in the GOP establishment and among Indiana Republicans, according to observers. Traditionally in GOP politics, the presidential nomination goes to the person next in line through virtue of offices held or longtime service to the

party. But in early polls, Quayle decisively trails Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Elizabeth Dole, both of whom are likely GOP candidates.

"He ought to be the front-runner because he was vice president," CNN political analyst Bill Schneider said in an interview with HPR. "(President George) Bush loyalists who ought to vote for Quayle, his designated successor, are voting for his designated son."

A major force working against Quayle is the perception that he is not viable in the general election. "He's not going to get the endorsement of the GOP establishment because they don't think he can win," said Schneider. Throughout his vice presidential service, Quayle was pummeled for gaffes and missteps. He was often treated unfairly, supporters say.

But the impact of the rhetorical floggings has been indelible. Quayle's winning the GOP nomination is "not as far- fetched as some people suggest," said Larry Sabato, professor of political science at the University of Virginia. But it will be tough. "He would only win if it were nearly certain that a Republican would win the presidency. Even Republican activists know that."

Back home in Indiana

A lack of confidence in Quayle's political strength is holding back support in Indiana. "The biggest problem he has among (Hoosier) political types is the feeling of being left out if Bush wins," said Rep. Mark Souder (R-CD 4), who was among the first staffers to join Quayle's inaugural congressional primary campaign in 1976. Two prominent defectors - former state GOP Chair Al Hubbard and Indianapolis Mayor Goldsmith (whose wife is Quayle's cousin) reflect some of that uncertainty. But as early as last fall current Indiana Chairman Mike McDaniel was telling HPR that because of Quayle's move from Indiana to Arizona he could no longer count on defacto support. The fact that Quayle returned to Indianapolis after his vice presidency to finish raising his kids when many other DC politicos remain there seems lost. Quayle is not just from Indiana and Arizona, he's from TV.

Aside from Hubbard and Goldsmith, and a vow of neutrality from Sen. Richard Lugar, Quayle has support of the entire Republican House delegation, former Gov. Doc Bowen, and Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke.

Quayle beat incumbent Democrat Ed Roush in the 1976 race and went on to defeat Sen. Birch Bayh in the 1980 Senate race, both times competing as a decided underdog. Souder thinks Quayle may be positioned for another upset run because he's taken haymakers on the chin and remains standing in the political ring. "It's hard to believe that David Letterman and Jay Leno can do any more damage," said Souder.

Bush and Dole haven't been tested on the national stage. They're starting with high expectations. With Quayle, there's no where to go but up. "We've discovered, 'Here's the floor,'" said Souder. "Now where's the ceiling? How much higher can he go?"

Quayle can use his advantage on the issues to crash through that expectations ceiling, Souder said. Promoting a strong military, strong families, and improved educational and training opportunities will be key items on the Quayle agenda. "Those issues are what the debate is going to be," Souder said.

Quayle has to use debates, and any others means possible, to cut a new political profile. "He'll have to do what Nixon did - reintroduce himself to the American public," said Sabato. Former Sen. Dan Coats said it all depends on Quayle being his true self. "America is the country of second chances," said Coats (*Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*).

Not in the clear

That won't be easy, particularly with the likes of *TIME's* Margaret Carlson telling CNN, "The choice of Huntington,

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Quayle at his announcement ceremony in Huntington? "Golf," replied Cam Carter of the Quayle campaign. Quayle met the funky QB at a charity golf outing and hit it off.

While there were some 5,000 people jammed into the gym at Huntington North HS for the Quayle announcement, one of the biggest cheers was for former Gov. Doc Bowen. "That was amazing, considering that most of the 1,500 students there were born after Bowen was governor."

The Indiana House and Senate have passed resolutions naming Ind. 67 between Muncie and I-69 the Phil Sharp Highway for the former congressman. Other Hoosier highways named after people include: Presidents Lincoln, Benjamin Harrison and Eisenhower; explorer George Rogers Clark; astronaut Frank Borman; journalist Ernie Pyle; Martin Luther King; Robert Orr, and Gene Stratton Porter. Another resolution would name I-65 in Marion County after Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds.

Former Costa Rican President Oscar Arias Sanchez told a Goshen College audience, "We must be determined to make our mark against poverty and discrimination." Arias condemned the NATO bombing

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of Serbia, calling it "barbarism."

Auschwitz survivor Michael Vogel told Taylor University students in Upland, "Slobodan Milosevic does not deserve to walk the face of the earth. We have not learned much from lessons we should have learned in Germany, Somalia, and Rwanda" (Muncie Star Press).

Some 1,300 reservists are awaiting word from the Pentagon on whether Grissom AFB units will be called to the Balkans. Two KC-135 tankers already have been deployed to Europe (Lafayette Journal and Courier).

After 50 years, the South Bend Press Club will conduct its final Gridiron Show and Hoaxes April 26 at Notre Dame. "We've finally admitted that vaudeville is indeed dead," said club President James Wensits, who added that the show lost money last year.

Indiana's child support tracking system has yet to receive federal certification because seven out of 92 counties won't commit to using it (Jeff Miller, Evansville Courier & Press). The counties still not participating in the 11-year initiative include Ohio, Adams, Fayette, Jay, Marion, Newton and Wayne. Marion County is seeking a federal

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which is probably the only place he can draw a crowd, reminds us of the last time he was in Huntington and the press came over and he kind of had a meltdown over the National Guard, which is not a good memory." In fact, Quayle has shown amazing post-vice presidential shelf life considering he left office in 1993 - a regular staple on *Larry King Live* and the network morning talk shows with every book published - and an enduring ability to draw a crowd without stooping into the Kato Kalin mall tours.

Perhaps the most devastating recent episode for Quayle was Melinda Henneberger's *New York Times Magazine* article on April 4. It began as a regurgitation of Quayle goofs. It portrayed Marilyn Quayle as a virtual hostage of her husband's ambition; and Dan Quayle as continually making self-effacing comments about his spelling and intelligence. And it ended with Quayle recommending that Henneberger read Richard M. Nixon's last book, *"Nixon Off the Record,"* in which the former president is quoted saying of the former veep, "You and I both know that he is not up to the top job. Despite his good instincts, he will not be elected, at least no time soon." When Henneberger asked Quayle why he referred that book to her with Nixon's negative remarks, Quayle responded by saying he remembered "only the good parts." End of story.

Ouch.

Last fall, Henneberger penned a *New York Times* op-ed piece with a Fort Wayne by-line, reporting a new Quayle phrase: "waitress mom."

Fight for the Right

As Americans get to know Quayle, he'll benefit from demonstrating his depth of knowledge and affability, said Souder. The part of the American public that knows him well - the Christian right - is not necessarily going to line up behind him. Quayle will have to compete with Gary Bauer, head of the Family Research Council, millionaire Steve Forbes, and commentator Pat Buchanan for the conservative mantle. "Movement conservatives, as much as they like Quayle on the issues, don't want him to be the horse they ride," said CNN's Schneider.

Quayle can begin to lock up the Christian right if Bauer, Buchanan and Forbes finish fifth or lower in the early primaries, said Souder.

The *Washington Post's* Terry M. Neal observed, "None of the 2000 candidates, including Gov. Bush and Elizabeth Dole, can match Quayle's resume of elected public service - a fact that he hopes will distinguish him with voters."

But like a foundering sports team, the best prescription for Quayle's future is achieving a victory. "He's got to prove somehow, somewhere, he can win," said Schneider. "Buchanan has been taken seriously ever since he won New Hampshire."

Can he overcome?

That's the big question. When *U.S. News & World Report* asked him how he would overcome his image, Quayle responded, "I will take my campaign to the people of America. They are exceedingly fair."

Cam Carter of the Quayle campaign echoed what Marilyn Quayle told HPR last winter: "We like where we are now."

Carter notes that Quayle ranks second to Gov. Bush in money ($6 million to $2 million); and first in number of donors. "Our support is broad-based and we've got great organizations in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina. This is not going to be a coronation, it's going to be a gut fight."

He believes Steve Forbes will use his fortune to soften up Bush, positioning Quayle to "run up the middle."

And IPFW Prof. Michael Downs - a Democrat - told the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, that* if "Kosovo turns out to be the tar baby it has the potential to be" Quayle's stock could surge. ❖

Hoosiers shaping Kosovo policy in Washington

By MARK SCHOEFF Jr. *in Washington*

As the NATO airstrike campaign in Kosovo nears the end of its first month, members of the Hoosier congressional delegation are active in trying to shape U.S. policy on the conflict.

Sen. Richard Lugar on Tuesday signed on as an original cosponsor of a bipartisan resolution introduced by Sen. John McCain that authorizes President Clinton "to use all necessary force and other means" to accomplish NATO objectives in Yugoslavia, where the alliance is bombing Serbian troops engaged in removing ethnic Albanians from Kosovo.

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"Our objective must be to win this war," Lugar said in a statement. "The President has to stop saying that there is not even any planning for ground troops. What is at stake today is order and stability in Europe as a whole, and that is why American interests are involved."

Also on Tuesday, Rep. Steve Buyer said that the operation in Kosovo would cost much more than the $6 billion emergency spending request made by the White House. Last week, Buyer traveled to NATO headquarters and visited operations in the Kosovo region with Secretary of Defense William Cohen.

Buyer spoke at the Lake County Republican Lincoln Day dinner at the St. Elijah Serbian American Hall in Merrillville where the Serbian flag was flown at half-staff outside. He said Clinton "made a fatal mistake" in the U.S. getting involved in Kosovo. You can't have a humanitarian war. We should intervene only to protect our national security interests" *(Gary Post Tribune).*

Rep. Mark Souder returned to Washington on Tuesday from a weekend trip to Macedonia, which borders Kosovo and has received thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees fleeing Serbian aggressors in their homeland. Souder and other members of the congressional delegation who witnessed the humanitarian catastrophe were to brief Cohen Tuesday night.

"I still remain intensely skeptical of our goals," said Souder (*Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*). Souder told Sylvia Smith of the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*, "My son's 19. Would I want my son in that situation given what I know that's both public and classified? The answer is no." Souder was also struck by the hatred the Kosovars have for the Serbs. "You could see the hatred in their face. 'All Serbs are Milosevic.' We heard that in every single group."

Over the next week, Congress may have to vote on an emergency appropriation to fund the NATO military mission and also may have to vote to invoke the War Powers Act. Souder has not taken a stand on either issue while Buyer believes that Congress should take time to assess the NATO campaign before voting on War Powers. Buyer, however, doesn't think the NATO operation is off to a good start. More than 6,000 bombing runs have failed to halt the Yugoslav army. "I am troubled by the mismatch between the NATO policy objectives and the military use of force," Buyer wrote in an op ed published this week in the *Lafayette Journal and Courier.*

He said in a statement that he has urged "NATO to allow our military leaders to consider all options available to them, including the use of ground troops."

The atmosphere on Capitol Hill is likely to get worse as the Kosovo operation continues. "If this drags on, you'll see Vietnam at hyperspeed," said Prof. Larry Sabato of the University of Virginia. "There is such chaos underneath the surface." ❖

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waiver. Indiana collected $237 million in child support in 1998, up 11 percent from 1996. Over that same period, collections in Illinois grew by 19 percent and by 29 percent in Kentucky.

A study of college graduates show that 36.2 percent of them leave the state after graduating. Out-of-state students at Indiana colleges leave at an 89.2 percent rate. The study was conducted by the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and the Indiana Commission on Higher Education. Bill Sheldrake of the IFPI said graduates cited career opportunities, quality of life and better pay as the top three reasons for leaving. "In terms of what the graduates were saying, it's not particularly a pay issue," Sheldrake said. "For people who left, the focus was on more general career opportunities than it was on pay or benefits" (Joe Carroll, Munster Times). Only 36.7 percent of engineering and technology students stay after graduating, while 58.8 percent of business majors remain. Said Valparaiso University President Alan Harre, "We are a supplier (of college graduates) to the rest of the country and see no benefit here from the economic successes of other areas."

U.S. Rep. Dan Burton has

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announced he will issue a subpoena for Democratic National Committee fundraiser Johnny Chung to appear before his Government Reform Committee on April 27-28 to testify in the 1996 campaign finance investigation. "We've had 121 people take the 5th or flee the country," Burton said. "I'm glad we are finally going to have the opportunity to hear from one of the central figures in this story." Burton quoted Chung as saying in July 1997, "I see the White House is like a subway - you have to put in coins to open the gates" (Los Angeles Times).

Two anti-annexation bills will likely be passed by the legislature and make it to Gov. Frank O'Bannon's desk. HB 1608 would require cities and towns to notify affected residents by certified mail and extend the remonstrance period. SB 167 would require cities to use the profits from tax revenue collected from the annexations for projects within the annexed areas within three years. Both bills would allow a judge to stop annexation if affected residents suffer significant financial impairment. Mike Roeder of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns told the Associated Press that it wants amendments to the bills that clarify when a judge can negate an annexation. "We want to

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INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

Anderson Mayoral: Republican: Lani Czarniecki, Paul McClish. **Democrat:** Mayor Mark Lawler, Kevin C. Smith, Norman Sanders. **1995 Results:** Lawler (D) 9,411, Graham (R) 8,817. **1999 Forecast:** Lawler started the campaign with a balance of $40,691, has raised $23,438, spent $24,962 and has $39,167 cash on hand. Smith has raised $8,721 and has a cash balance of $3,892. On the GOP side, McClish reported no contributions and Czarniecki reported $9,753 raised and $2,178 cash on hand. **Primary Status:** *LIKELY LAWLER; SOLID CZARNIECKI.*

East Chicago Mayoral: Republican: None. **Democrat:** Mayor Robert Pastrick, Lake County Democratic Chairman Stephen Stiglich, Jorge Benevides. **1999 Forecast:** This is, by far, Horse Race's favorite primary. The big controversy this week is a run on absentee ballots. In 1995 there were 645 absentee ballots out of 11,800 votes cast. This year about 2,000 absentees have been mailed out (William Lazarus, *The Times*). Hammond, twice the size of East Chicago, has sent out 450 ballots. Pastrick's campaign manager, Andy Callas, seemed surprised at the number of absentees. "Everybody is working to procure absentee ballot applications," Callas said, but added, "It sounds surprising that there are that many absentees." Stiglich said many of his supporters have expressed a desire to vote absentee after the disputed '95 recount. "I've had people come up and say, 'I want my vote counted. I'm going to vote absentee,'" Stiglich told *The Times.* "Isn't it amazing that the incumbent and the political machine over there is all of the sudden worried about what somebody else is doing." One Stiglich supporter was quoted: "Absentee ballots lend themselves to intimidation, and Stiglich has no ability to intimidate anybody" since Pastrick oversees the bloated city workforce. When Pastrick defeated Stiglich in 1983, some 2,000 absentees were cast. Last week, some 6,200 pieces of Stiglich direct mail disappeared from the East Chicago U.S. Post Office, setting off a criminal postal investigation. **Primary Status:** Leans Pastrick.

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Evansville Mayoral: Republican: County Commissioner Russell Lloyd Jr., David Woll. **Democrat:** Rick Borries, City Councilwoman Gail Riecken, County Councilman Phil Hoy, Lawrence Hall. **1995 Results:** McDonald (D) 19,162, Frary (R) 9,565. **1999 Forecast:** Riecken said during an Evansville Council meeting that she favors future tax abatements with upfront agreements for paybacks if companies fall short of job creation and capital investments (Courier & Press). **Primary Status:** *Likely Riecken; Likely Lloyd.*

Fort Wayne Mayoral: Republican: Allen County Sheriff Joe Squadrito, Linda Buskirk. **Democrat:** Graham Richard, Agnes Hopkins, David Roach. **1995 Results:** Helmke 21,909, Essex (D) 11,033, Kempf (L) 1,029. **1999 Forecast:** During televised debate, Hopkins declared, "I feel a lot of love here tonight" (*News-Sentinel*). Buskirk and Squadrito differ decisively on only one issue: annexation. Squadrito would make it voluntary; Buskirk favors Mayor Helmke's aggressive policy. Burkirk said she would continue the fight to annex Aboite Township while the *News-Sentinel* reported, "Squadrito dodged the question." **Primary Status:** *Leans Squadrito; Solid Richard.*

Indianapolis Mayoral: Republican: Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy, Robert 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:** Gilroy does not respond to Parker's negative ads accusing secretary of state of office hopping, but she tells HPR that she is upping her TV buy. That tells HPR that Parker has no traction. Parker's TV ads - on heavy rotation last weekend - fail to define who he really is. Gilroy emerges to share a forum with Parker and Peterson before a westside neighborhood organization which shows that her campaign hierarchy is beginning to show faith in their candidate. Gilroy's long-awaited speech before the Jaycees has her embracing

e Goldsmith record - one the mayor himself declined to run on. She declared, " It is my lief that Indianapolis is the best-run city in America." Gilroy called it a "provacative" statement. That's good strategy if Gilroy can get Indianapolis voters to accept the notion that crime is really better and if the State Board of Account audits give the Goldsmith administration a relatively clean bill of health. Gilroy claims that Peterson's plan for 200 more police officers will raise property taxes. Peterson responds in *NUVO Newsweekly* that if Goldsmith could find $45 million for the proposed Republican National Convention, the city could find money for its top priority - the safety of the public. Gilroy reports spending $309,457, compared to $262,230 for Parker, who raised $172,018. Gilroy reports raising $1,142,192 and has $832,735 cash on hand. Peterson has raised $601,961, spent $121,026 and has $443,865 cash on hand. **Primary Status:** *LIKELY GILROY.*

Muncie Mayoral: Republican: Mayor Dan Canan. **Democrat:** Louis Coulter, Ralph Smith Jr. **1995 Results:** Canan (R) 9,718, Carey (D) 6,521. **1999 Forecast:** Canan raises $38,294 according to his finance report, compared to $7,650 for Democrat Ralph Smith Jr. and $8,468 for Lewis Coulter. State Sen. Allie Craycraft contributed $200 to Smith. "I will raise enough to win and not a penny more," Smith told the *Muncie Star Press.* Canan believes his total campaign will cost $60,000 and said only a handful of his dedicated supporters are on the pre-primary list. We give Smith a slight edge in the Democratic primary. **Primary Status:** *LEANS SMITH.* **General Status:** *LIKELY CANAN.*

South Bend Mayoral: Republican: Steve Bradley, Melvin Townsend. **Democrat:** Mayor Steve Leucke, Portage Township Assessor John Voorde, Kevin C. Horton, Zbigniew "Ziggy" Borowski. **1995 Results:** Kernan (D) 14,309, Waite (R) 3,106. **1999 Forecast:** Voorde gets an overwhelming FOP endorsement with 130 votes, compared to 23 for Horton and 22 for Leucke. Voorde said he was "delighted and astounded" at the margin (Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune*). Is Leucke in trouble? Voorde seems to be coming on strong and as momentum. "That helped hima lot in the sense that it gave the notion he has a chance and ts Leucke on the defensive," Colwell observed. On Tuesday, the black police endorsed Voorde. The firefighters are also poised to endorse Voorde. All three Democrats are going up on TV. On Republican side, Townsend endorses Bradley, prompting speculation that GOP voters may cross over to vote for Voorde. **Primary status:** *TOSSUP.*

INDIANA 2000 RACES

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:** Price barnstorms the state in his little red bus, pushing for charter schools and school choice, the abolition of inventory and inheritance taxes, as well as a revamping of the entire Indiana tax code. "We need to go away from a property-tax based tax system and toward a consumption-based system," Price said (*Muncie Star Press*). Price's bus was outfitted with slogans: "Stop High Taxes," "Wave if You're a Conservative" and "Price is Right for Governor 2000." In Fort Wayne, Price called himself "not a caretaker, but somebody who will actually do something" (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). He added on redoing the tax code, "No more committees, no more reports. Real action." Price said in Merrillville that he planned to raise $3 million. "I'm not naive enough to think I can beat O'Bannon without TV ads. It's going to be a lot different (from 1998). What I had to prove then was that I could get votes. And I did. I had grassroots appeal" (*Gary Post-Tribune*). Price said he believes Sen. Lugar can carry the state by 600,000 to 700,000 votes and that victory could help propel a Republican into the governor's office. Gov. O'Bannon signed a 15.4-percent pay raise for state psychiatric workers in an attempt to boost troubled staffing levels. "By increasing the pay for these very important caregivers, we hope to attract more workers and keep the ones we have," O'Bannon said. The governor also ned a bill ordering drivers to give police officers an extra lane when they are stopped on the ighways - legislation prompted by the deaths of two ISP troopers. **Status:** *Leans Democratic.*

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see more balance and give the court more discretion as to whether an annexation is valid or should be thrown out," Roeder said.

State Rep. Brian Hasler said a ban on cigarette billboards and a "near-ban" on tobacco vending machines is expected to be finalized this week.

The Lafayette Journal and Courier reported that two education reform bills were "quietly" approved by the legislature. The paper said the "bills, which require only the governor's signature to become law, make several potentially far-reaching changes. Those changes include the establishment of a school accountability program for targeted schools and continuous school improvement requiring each school to develop a strategic improvement plan with input from parents, community and business leaders. Another bill would add science and social studies as new subject areas in the ISTEP+ test starting in 2002. A third bill would establish an advisory council called the "Education Roundtable" consisting of business leaders, teacher unions, educators, lawmakers and parents. David Smith of the Courier and Journal writes, "The group's main function will be advisory, although that term likely understates the influence a group of CEOs and

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union presidents is likely to wield.

HPR Publisher Brian Howey will be featured on the "Inside the Chamber" show on WMYS at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday April 28. This is the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce's weekly radio show.

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FDK offers Indiana GOP dilemma

INDIANAPOLIS - One strand of conventional wisdom is that if Senate Republicans defeat Gov. Frank O'Bannon's full-day kindergarten, it will deny him of his top priority, bloody him up, and draw U.S. Rep. David McIntosh into the race.

There's another school of thought: That a GOP-inspired defeat could plant the seeds for yet another statewide debacle in 2000.

No matter what happens in the next couple of weeks, FDK and the mysterious tax cuts will likely make an indelible imprint on the 2000 governor's race.

First of all, defeating full-day kindergarten certainly won't endear the GOP to the soccer mom vote it covets. The time parents have kids in half-day school is a logistical minefield. Some Republicans are correct in that it is "enhanced child care."

Democrats and even Republicans such as Supt. Suellen Reed counter with numerous studies that show tangible benefits for students who start earlier.

If the Republicans win on Sen. Morris Mills' "cafeteria plan," that will present all sorts of opportunities for O'Bannon. The governor could barnstorm the state, saying he was willing to compromise as a true believer of the notion of local control. O'Bannon then could use his considerable bully pulpit skills to rally school districts into accepting FDK. If a high percentage of them do - say, 90 percent - O'Bannon can go to the voters in the fall of 2000 and make the case that he was dead right on the issue.

By resisting FDK, Indiana Republicans are going cross grain to their own national trend. "I've been at two National Governor Association meetings lately," explained the *South Bend Tribune's* Jack Colwell. "I've seen a number of Republican governors get up and press for full-day kindergarten. So Indiana Republicans are going counter to their own party nationally."

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