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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'We'd probably just come in and fight again. If we couldn't get it done in four months, we couldn't get it done now..."'

- House Minority Leader Paul Mannweiler, on rejecting Gov. O'Bannon's attempt for a special session to deal with banking and insurance issues.

McIntosh prepares for Gov. O'Bannon

Congressman leaning toward 2000 run

By BRIAN A. HOWEY *in Indianapolis*

U.S. Rep. David McIntosh appears ready to get into the 2000 governor's race.

In an interview with *Roll Call* published on Monday - with HPR as a prime source - McIntosh indicated that he was "leaning toward" a bid for governor.

"I need to get started if I'm going to do it," McIntosh told *Roll Call*. "Everytime I come up against a roadblock and it looks like I shouldn't do it ... the roadblocks have been removed and it's more of a green light."

Worst-case scenario for Gov. Frank O'Bannon that HPR analyzed in its March 11 edition is coming true. Back then, the analysis was that Muscatatuck Developmental Center Medicaid certification loss and the teacher pension fund problem in and of themselves weren't enough to put the governor's re-election in great jeopardy. HPR observed on March 11, "But if they become part of a series of nicks, they could steal the glow from this administration."

Since then the series of nicks has continued, with each one appearing to have the potential for greater damage. Gov. O'Bannon lost his top legislative priority - full-day kindergarten - when House Democrats gave up on the proposal during late budget negotiation.

O'Bannon publicly tinkered with the idea of a special session, and then was rebuked by legislative leaders in both parties. That has led to the announcement that American United Life is pulling its headquarters and 1,200 potential jobs out of Indianapolis and that banks in Evansville and Terre Haute are taking their charters out of state because the

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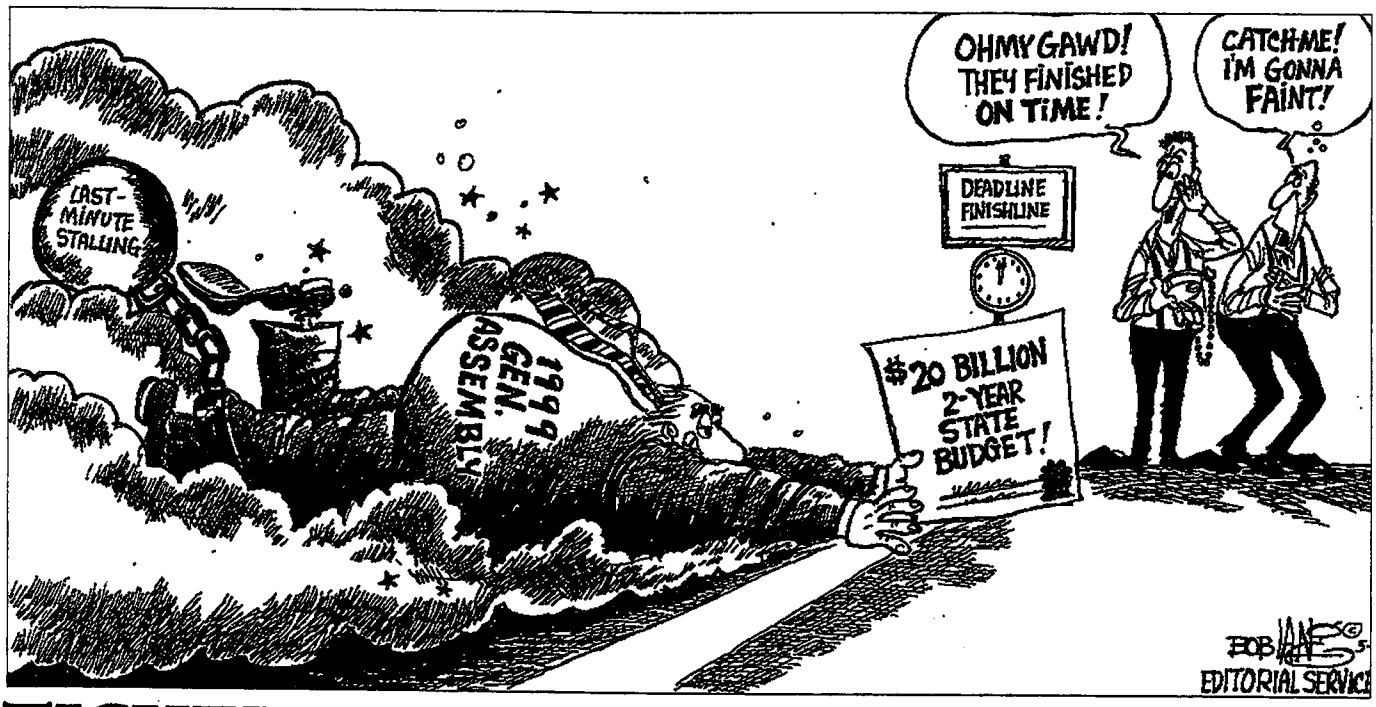

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Gov. O'Bannon signed into law new penalties for church arsonists. House Enrolled Act 1253 makes church arsons, burglaries or bombings punishable by up to 20 years in prison - up from four years. Arsonists have torched 33 Indiana churches in the last two years, one of the highest counts in the nation. O'Bannon also signed into law a $50 million law to aid research and technology.

Tax Freedom Day falls on May 11 this year - the latest ever.

Mary Lou Conrad died last Friday in Indianapolis at age 64. She was the wife of the late Secretary of State Larry Conrad. Mary Lou's annual golf tournament and sing-a-

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legislature blew a chance to reform outdated law. That's bad press all the way from Peru to the Ohio and Wabash valleys.

Then came the Family Social Services agency funding fiasco, which makes the entire process look bad, and a failure to extend high tech tax credits - both issues that feed the "lack of leadership" notions.

Finally, the most devastating nick of all - Indiana state troopers threatening a "blue flu" during the Indianapolis 500 because O'Bannon was "reneging" on a big pay raise for troopers who rank last in the Midwest in salaries. This comes after three troopers died in the past two years from interstate road accidents and a shooting. All of the incidents were covered heavily by news media statewide - even the funerals. So it was not a great time to be perceived as being calloused toward state troopers. A full-page ad in the *Indianapolis Star* showing a flag-draped coffin didn't help O'Bannon.

That put the governor responding off his heels, saying that a $22 million appropriation had been passed by the General Assembly, but that a formula for distribution had to be worked out. Last Friday, a letter to the editor appeared in the *Indianapolis Star* asking the troopers to be pat ient. It wasn't a spotlight letter and seemed vague and defensive.

Those are the signs McIntosh and his brain trust are watching with amazement and relish. Earlier this month the signals to HPR from the McIntosh camp went like this: "The events of the past six weeks have made the decision easier, not harder."

In *Roll Call*, McIntosh explained, "Essentially, I became interested in state issues. Indiana has been falling behind in the last 10 years on a lot of national measures." McIntosh called O'Bannon a "likable man" who "hasn't offended anyone," but then suggested that "the time had come to make long overdue changes in the state." *Roll Call* added, "McIntosh ... appears frustrated with the House's slow legislative progress after beginning his career during the GOP revolution in '94."

McIntosh strategists also see a number of advantages to running for governor in 2000. One is a presumption that American voters will be willing to jettison Vice President Al Gore as retribution for

the sins of the Clinton administration. Then there is U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar leading the Republican ticket - with the potential coattails he demonstrated in 1994 and 1988 (although the GOP lost the governorship to Evan Bayh that year). Then there was a recent rash of upsets in this month's mayoral primary (with more possible this fall), suggesting that Hoosiers might have an attitude that is open to change next year.

McIntosh will lead an aggressive conservative agenda - perhaps as revolutionary as Mayor Goldsmith's idea bank was between 1992 and 1996. But he has the potential for putting the so-called compassionate face on his conservatism - a point he will attempt to make between a primary race against John Price and possibly George Witwer. In 1996, he ran his re-election campaign theme on TV ads that showed him saving a 5-year-old boy's life by untangling FDA regulations. Those commercials reached the entire Indianapolis media market .

McIntosh-O'Bannon analysis

What might such a campaign look like in 2000? McIntosh will basically say that while O'Bannon is a nice old man, he's not a persausive and persistent leader and he's letting the state fall behind as the economy rapidly globalizes. McIntosh will hit heavily on education, maintaining that the first classes from Gov. Robert Orr's Primetime and A-Plus programs now have the potential for high numbers of students flunking the first required graduation exam. He will say that O'Bannon's response to that was full-day kindergarten which ignores a generation, that didn't pass anyway due to a lack of leadership. McIntosh will aggressively push for education reforms similar to the federal Ed-Flex measures and charter schools.

McIntosh will target O'Bannon over a lack of tax reform, using the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission as an attack point.

And McIntosh will point to issues like the "brain drain" while the state slips further and further into a manufacturing economy instead of the high-tech jobs that everyone from Goldsmith to O'Bannon say are necessary, but are slipping away.

O'Bannon will respond by pointing out his administration shepherded in $1.2 billion in tax cuts while the economy hummed along with record employment rates and profits. He can repeat the Bayh-O'Bannon mantra of hundreds of thousands of jobs created.

There will be his 1997 successes of workers compensation reforms that didn't hit businesses very hard, and his 1999 bold decision to create a community college system out of Vincennes University and Ivy Tech and school accountability.

Frank and Judy O'Bannon will have the opportunity to work positive 2000 millenium themes - and they are very convincing in the talks they have with virtually any group. If the state doesn't skip a Y2K beat on Jan. 1, 2000, he will be able to say how prepared the state has been. There will be the 500 new police officers on the streets. If the dip in the Indianapolis homicide rate in April and May continues into a full-bloomed trend, he can point to his tough stance on crime and law enforcement.

The contrast between campaigns of O'Bannon and McIntosh may have a change of generation feel similar to the Eisenhower-Kennedy threshold. Both can be extremely convincing campaigners within their own styles.

While O'Bannon worked incredibly hard and had his '96 campaign poised for the eventual upset over Goldsmith, it still wouldn't have occurred had not the Republicans blundered by shifting $2 million from Marion County (which Goldsmith lost) to the Chicago media market and not responding to O'Bannon's TV for three weeks in August 1996.

If O'Bannon could personally meet 5.8 million Hoosiers, he'd win. But in 2000 he's up against the GOP's great hope. ❖

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longs at the Democratic Editorial Association with Gov. and Judy O'Bannon at French Lick made her a bona fide political legend.

A Richmond Palladium-Item editorial (reprinted in the Evansville Courier & Press) said, "Some of the hottest Indiana University fans are calling for Coach Bobby Knight's head, because some high-profiled players have walked out on the program in recent years. This looks like the beginning of the end of the Knight era at Indiana University. It's about time."

INDOT Commissioner Curtis A. Wiley has resigned effective June 1. He has accepted a position with Fannie Mae.

A Bristol man has been a part of 15 different lawsuits tied to his child custody case since 1995. John Berntson said he vows to keep using the judicial system until he regains the parental rights he lost in a divorce. "I only sue them when they do something wrong," Berntson said. "I tried to be reasonable. They think they're God or something." He added, "It's my hobby in life" (Associated Press).

U.S. District Court Judge Robert L. Miller has ruled a Goshen ordinance banning Ku Klux Klan from wearing

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hoods or masks in public. "The ordinance's effect on speech is more than merely incidental," Miller wrote in his opinion. "The ordinance prohibits anonymity and/or has the effect of directly chilling speech, which amount to serious and far-reaching limitations on free speech and association." Said Goshen Mayor Alan Kauffman, "The level of anxiety is greater when you don't know who you're talking to. That was the goal, to enhance the discourse rather than get rid of it altogether."

People magazine has voted U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh as one of "50 Most Beautiful People in the World." The Evansville Courier & Press commented, "That's Senator Centerfold to you."

A group called Taxpayers for Common Sense identifies the proposed I-69 extension for Evansville to Indianapolis as the "fourth most wasteful road in the nation" out of 50. "I-69 is a monument to government waste," said Ralph DeGennaro of the group. "Does Gov. O'Bannon really want to throw taxpayers' hard-earned money away?"

The Greater Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce is asking the Vigo County Council for $10,000 to help campaign against the I-69 extension and promote the I-70/U.S. 40 alternative

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Gilroy Delves into Goldsmith's Legacy

Jaycees speech could come back to haunt her as debt crisis looms

INDIANAPOLIS - When Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy appeared before the staff of NUVO Newsweekly two weeks ago, she was thoroughly impressive.

She charmed the editorial board with Reaganesque stories that underscored her themes. The legislature, she said, missed an opportunity to create jobs for the future - high-tech jobs.

There was the observation that "there is no issue on which we are more polarized than education" and promised to meet with every superintendent and work to bring people together. She pointed to the healthy baby initiative 12 years ago that reduced black infant mortality in half as an example of what could happen if a community pulls together.

On cultural issues, Gilroy said, "I think the next mayor could be the Mayor of Arts." She added, "You have to have a mayor who stands up and says, 'I am for the arts.'"

But on one point, Gilroy showed incredible candor and also exposed the Achilles heel of her campaign.

Gilroy was asked about the status of looming debt rolled up during the Goldsmith administration on such projects as Build Better Neighborhoods (as much as $500 million), United Airlines maintenance facility (estimated at $67 million), and Circle Centre Mall ($33 million, due on Feb. 1, 2000, a month after the next mayor takes office).

Gilroy responded by saying, "The challenges are great. If I had made a decision based on that, I wouldn't have run."

Asked to put the city's financial indebtedness in perspective, Gilroy responded, "We have not gotten to the point of passing the baton on that. We haven't spoken with the administration on those terms. I don't know what it is to any extent."

When those statements are taken in the context of Gilroy's April 14 comments to the Indianapolis Jaycees, they reveal a trap. In a "provocative" statement (her word), she said: "It is my belief that Indianapolis is the best-run city in America."

Prior to the Jaycees speech, she was saying she wanted to take the best aspects of the Lugar, Hudnut and Goldsmith administrations and meld them into her own. Now she has fully embraced the Goldsmith legacy at a time when the first Indiana State Board of Accounts audit in 15 years is taking place at the City-County Building, and details are beginning to emerge about Goldsmith's fiscal policy.

NUVO's story (by HPR Publisher Brian Howey) detailed how a $30 million loan in 1988 from the Indiana Rainy Day Fund had turned into a $33 million balloon payment due a month after the next mayor takes office. On Saturday's *Indianapolis Star & News* business pages, reporter Doug Sword further explained that the city had taken out a $36 million bank loan to cover the Circle Centre mall bonds.

The backdrop to all of this was the Goldsmith administration's pressure on Gov. O'Bannon to call a special session so the Circle Centre Mall loans could be restructured. When O'Bannon decided not to call the legislature back, Indianapolis lost American United Life and Democratic mayoral candidate Bart Peterson picked up a potentially volcanic issue for next fall on the debt issue. He was already chiding Gilroy about the "best-run city in America" comment last week.

Even more stunning in this is that top Gilroy adviser Gordon Durnil was a vociferous critic of Goldsmith in the early '96 GOP primary. He had to have known about the looming Goldsmith debt crisis. Now he finds his candidate chained to a questionable Goldsmith legacy.❖

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Don Feder, *Boston Herald* - Prior to the 1988 New Hampshire Primary, the wimp factor ruled out George Bush. Genifer Flowers' revelations initially were judged fatal to Bill Clinton's ambitions in 1992. So when the pundits pronounce Dan Quayle unelectable because of a decade-old media rap (dense and given to malapropisms), skepticism is in order. Increasingly, the former vice president looks and sounds like a winner. At the Granite State GOP shindig in Manchester earlier this month, Quayle struck exactly the right note, reminding conservatives that he's the only movement in the race who's held elective office, and unlike the top-tier candidates currently vying for their support, he's been there for them."❖

Russ Pulliam, *Indianapolis News* - Democrats are hoping to break a 32-year Republican stranglehold on the mayor's office in Indianapolis. At another level of government, the Republicans are setting another string of victories that has attracted less attention. The state Senate has been controlled by a majority of Republicans for almost the last 22 years, through 11 elections. Democrats won control of the Senate in 1976. They also won majorities in 1960, 1964 and 1966. Otherwise, the Indiana Senate has been a Republican institution ever since the Depression and New Deal era dominated by the Democrats and Franklin Roosevelt. The current GOP string, going back to the 1978 election, also is a new record for either party. The longest Democratic Party streak of control of the Senate came before the Civil War, from 1848 to 1855. Republicans won a majority in 10 straight elections from 1940 to 1960, breaking that record in 1998. Democrats may be optimistic about taking over the mayor's office in Indianapolis. But it may well be into the next century before they have a shot at breaking the Republican string in the Senate. ❖

Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - It's possible *People* magazine looked at millions of men and picked Bayh as one of the handsomest in the country. It's also possible that in the tangled weave of Washington social life (remember, Bayh grew up in Washington, went to prep school there, is the son of a former senator-turned-lobbyist) one of Bayh's champions knew how to make a suggestion that was heard in the beautiful-people selection committee. Bayh is preparing to make lots of friends among his fellow politicians. Last month he created a political action committee. Called a "leadership PAC," this kind of fund allows the operator (Bayh) to accept donations from people and interest groups and then decide how to allocate the dough. It's not unusual for a senator to set up a leadership PAC. It is unusual for a senator who has been in office four months to do so. A huge, huge plus in the Bayh column is Joe Andrew. ❖

Joe Follick, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* - When you're trying to get your share of the $90 million Build Indiana Fund, it's not important to have the smartest or most astute legislators representing you in the Statehouse - just make sure they're in the right party. With Democrats controlling the House 53-47 and Republicans dominating the Senate 31-19, each majority party allowed each of its members more than $500,000 to distribute around their district while minority members received about $200,000 apiece. In past years, when House Democrats were in the minority, House Republicans took all of the Build Indiana money and gave none to their outnumbered peers. ❖

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(Terre Haute Tribune-Star). "We have an ongoing, aggressive campaign for the next 18 months," said Ron Henry, executive director of the Chamber. The Chamber has raised more than half of its $300,000 goal, which pays consulting fees of an Indianapolis firm.

State Sen. Steve Johnson told the Kokomo Tribune, "I sometimes ask my own self that question - how have I gotten through this? I think it was not only faith, but also knowing that I made the decision to do what I believed to be the right thing." Johnson was stripped of his committee chairmanship by the Senate for having an affair with an intern, separated from his wife, Shannon, who was then killed in an auto accident last November. "I've learned from experience that you can't go anywhere and not have people recognize you. I will never believe I was a prisoner of circumstances in this. Would it have been different if it hadn't happened on a national stage? There was simply a breach of conduct that required consequences. And I believe the consequences were equitable and just." Johnson told the Tribune that the affair with the 23-year-old female intern "was as far from a casual tryst as you can get."

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Allen County officials were stunned by Judge Paul Cherry's ruling that a $30 million Memorial Coliseum expansion project could not use food and beverage tax funding. Cherry ruled that the project violated a 1994 settlement of a lawsuit by a group of restaurateurs as well as the county's 1986 law that established the tax. Said Allen County Commissioner Ed Rousseau of the ruling, "We've been somewhat shocked by it. Matter of fact, I never even gave it a thought that we wouldn't win. We thought we were following state law" (Journal Gazette). Without the coliseum expansion, the Fort Wayne Komets of the Internatinal Hockey League are expected to pull out and join another league.

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette reporter Meghan Hoyer went to a gun and knife show at the Memorial Coliseum last week and wrote this lead: "Amid the tables of antique rifles, holsters, hunting books and handguns ... the hot topic on most minds was actually politics." Quoted was Bob Parker, president of CPI, Inc., the show's co-sponsor, who said that new legislation "rides the coattails of tragedy." Parker maintained that Indiana's gun laws are more stringent than federal law. One dealer, Keith Stetler of JR's Guns in Leo said, "It's better for business with these new laws,

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INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

Anderson Mayoral: Republican: Lani Czarniecki. **Democrat:** Mayor Mark Lawler. **Independent:** Linda Haynes. **1995 Results:** Lawler (D) 9,411, Graham (R) 8,817. **1999 Forecast:** State Republicans will be targeting this race and Democrats are admitting that if Lawler ends up facing charges from FBI and State Police corruption investigations, he will be in real trouble. **General Status:** *TOSSUP.*

East Chicago Mayoral: Republican: Angel Acosta. **Democrat:** Mayor Robert Pastrick. **1999 Forecast:** Lake County Election Board completes counting 1,907 absentee ballots. Lake County Democratic Chairman Stephen Stiglich received 200 more absentee votes than Pastrick, but the incumbent still won by 1,783 votes. The absentee ballots were the source of great controversy as it appeared that Stiglich was trying to influence the vote with that method. The Gary Post-Tribune reported that the absentees made up 16 percent of the total vote. Pastrick had convinced the Election Board to throw out the ballots two weeks prior to the election, but Stiglich won a court battle to have them reinstated. Pastrick will have no trouble defeating Acosta in the fall. **General Status:** *SOLID PASTRICK.*

Horse Race

Elkhart Mayoral: Republican: Councilman Dave Miller. **Democrat:** Mayor James Perron. **1995 Results:** Perron (D) 5,017, McDowell (R) 4,869. **1999 Forecast:** Perron squeaked out a narrow victory for his fourth term over Councilwoman Carol McDowell. He appears to be in much better shape for his attempt at a record fifth term. The police controversies that dogged his third term have died out. Perron appears to enjoy the continued support of the Elkhart business community. And the economy is thriving in Indiana's RV/manufactured housing belt. Miller is a first-term councilman and owns a graphic arts firm. **General Status:** *LIKELY PERRON.*

Evansville Mayoral: Republican: County Councilman Russell Lloyd Jr.. **Democrat:** Rick Borries. **1995 Results:** McDonald (D) 19,162, Frary (R) 9,565. **1999 Forecast:** The big buzz here is that Democrat Gail Riecken apparently was sitting on a considerable campaign warchest, having completely underestimated Borries' strength. Republicans believe they have a real opportunity to win this fall. Uniform crime reports show that while serious crime has declined by 7 percent nationally, the rate remained static in Evansville. The city reported 7,812 serious crimes in 1998 compared to 7,750 in 1997 (Evansville Courier & Press). Burglaries rose by 298, and there were more robberies and auto thefts, and one more murder (8). **General Status:** *TOSSUP.*

Fort Wayne Mayoral: Republican: Linda Buskirk. **Democrat:** Graham Richard. **1995 Results:** Helmke 21,909, Essex (D) 11,033, Kempf (L) 1,029. **1999 Forecast:** Good news for Burkirk is that crime has decreased at rates greater than the Midwest and national. Preliminary uniform crime statistics released by the FBI show a decline in crime by 8.3 percent, compared to 4 percent in the Midwest and 7 percent nationally. This comes a year after the Helmke administration pursued a highly-publicized neighborhood crime fighting strategy. "It looks like we're doing better than other folks across the country," said Helmke (News-Sentinel). The decrease in crime has the potential to benefit Buskirk. **General Status:** *LEANS BUSKIRK.*

Kokomo Mayoral: Republican: Mayor Jim Trobaugh. **Democrat:** Mike Kennedy. **1995 Results:** Trobaugh (R) 5,108, Lushin (D) 4,713. **1999 Forecast:** This is a traditionally Democratic city with significant UAW influence. Trobaugh's tight win in 1995 make this race worth watching. So do his plans for annexation on the northside that brought great opposition to a similar proposal in 1996. **General Status:** *LEANS TROBAUGH.*

Indianapolis Mayoral: Republican: Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy. **Democrat:** Bart Peterson. **Our Party:** Rev. John Gibson. **Libertarian:** Andrew Horning. **1995 Results:** Goldsmith (R) 64,209, Jimison (D) 39,539, Dillon (L) 7,175. **1999 Forecast:** NUVO/TeleResearch poll will be in the field this weekend to gauge the first post-primary horse

race numbers among Gilroy, Peterson and Horning. Peterson ran TV ads a good two weeks following the primary to pump up his numbers while Gilroy stopped after her impressive primary win. Her decision to embrace the Goldsmith record is a reflection of past polls that show the incumbent mayor's approval numbers are high. But they don't reflect a rising tide of bad ink about the mayor's fiscal stewardship. Peterson's campaign is preparing a comprehensive campaign on the topic of debt that, under Goldsmith, appears to be approaching $1 billion when it includes Building Better Neighborhoods, United Airlines, Circle Centre Mall, and relinquishment of state roads (Goldsmith has apparently already spent maintenance money for state roads now under local control). *Indianapolis Star* reported two Sundays ago that the fall campaign would be about "potholes." Good news for Gilroy is a precipitous drop in the Indianapolis homicide rate - only one murder in recent weeks. That trend is similar to dramatic drops in homicides rates in big cities three and four years ago. It suggests that the crack cocaine crisis may have run its demographic course. Gilroy has been stating that all major crime categories are down. But those are comparisons from the year before. A more realistic comparison will come with comparisons to pre-crack crime stats back in 1990-91. Peterson and Gilroy exchange positive campaign challenges. **General Status:** *Leans Gilroy.*

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:** As McIntosh prepares to formally enter the race next month, Price remains defiant, telling the *Indianapolis Star*, "The only thing that would keep me out of this campaign is if I died, and hopefully that won't happen." Witwer is lying low until a formal McIntosh decision comes. His exploratory committee says Witwer has a $1 million goal by the end of the year. As for McIntosh, *Roll Call* notes that two other congressmen will be running for governor in 2000. In 1998, four congressmen ran for governor and all four lost, including two in primaries. O'Bannon is still getting bad press over the Indiana State Police pay issue. WRTVran an editorial Monday morning demanding the governor meet state trooper demands. The Associated Press's Mike Smith wrote a news analysis with this lead: "Given some of the talk, one might think that Gov. Frank O'Bannon could care less about his state troopers." In the *Anderson Herald-Bulletin*, that story ran under the headline, "Troopers are putting O'Bannon in a tight spot." In the AP analysis, O'Bannon is quoted, "I was the one, 20 days before the session closed, to put together a fund and request from the Legislature of $22 million for public safety officials." But Smith's story added, "But since his money request, O'Bannon and his administration have been on the defensive, trying to fend off attacks by the Indiana State Police Alliance." O'Bannon needs to figure that one out soon to stop the hemorhaging of bad publicity. HPR Publisher Brian Howey and Indiana Chamber President Chris LaMothe gauged the past session on Network Indiana's *Mike Pence Show*. Pence gave O'Bannon a "C-" grade for lack of leadership. Howey gave "the entire process a D+," and said legislative leaders were as much to blame for the debacle as O'Bannon. LaMothe defended the Chamber position of opposing worker's comp increases that ultimately skewered banking and insurance deals, saying the 1997 increases were for four years and hadn't run their course. The series of nicks (see pages 1-3) is prompting insiders to wonder what has happened to the once sound political machinery surrounding the governor. NUVO/TeleResearch poll will be in the field this weekend with a positive/negative question on O'Bannon in Marion County. **General Status:** *Leans O'Bannon.*

U.S. Senate: Republican: U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar. **Democrat:** David L. Johnson. **1994 results:** Lugar (R) 1,039,625, Jontz (D) 470,799, Bourland (L) 17,343, Barton (A) 15,801. **2000 Forecast:** AG Jeff Modisett opts not to enter the race, essentially clearing the Democratic field for Johnson, an ally of Gov. O'Bannon's who practices law with Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis. Johnson, a Harvard graduate, has a background in foreign policy - one of Lugar's fortes - having served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee between 1979 and 1983. That was a volatile period in the world with the oil crisis, the Iran crisis, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and the 1980

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but for personal rights it's worse. Where's it going to stop? I don't want to sell a gun that was used in a crime like that. But what they're passing isn't going to help." Another customer, Matt Meyers, said, "If they didn't have guns, they'd do it with knives, and if they didn't have knives, they'd do it with something else."

Two Louisville civil rights leaders are attempting to marshall religious opposition to casino gambling in Kentucky (Louisville Courier-Journal). The two pastors are attempting to get 10,000 petition signatures to present to political leaders.

Indiana Democrats are seeking written comments on a draft description of how delegates to the 2000 National Convention will be selected. Contact Doug Davidoff at 317-231-7100.

Speaking at the Unversity of Notre Dame commencement, 2000 presidential contender Elizabeth Dole urged graduates to apply their ideals to public service (South Bend Tribune). Dole said, "When you invited me, you thought you would get the president off the Red Cross. Instead, you got someone who is looking for work. I can report I've found a job in which I'm interested. I'm currently in the beginning stages of a rather lengthy interview

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process." Dole added, "There are many admirable Americans. But our institutions have been tarnished. It is the greatest wish of my career to help restore their luster. Join me." And on the Kosovo crisis, Dole said, "Of all the human crises I've seen, this is really one of the worst. It was foreshadowed in Bosnia. Where next, if we just look away?"

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Olympic boycott by the West. So Johnson has to be watching with fascination Lugar's bold stance on Kosovo. Lugar has been sharply critical of the Clinton administration for ruling out ground troops. Lugar believes that ground forces may be needed to uproot Milosevic. But that has created a sharp contrast between Lugar and members of his own party here in Indiana, where U.S. Rep. Mark Souder is opposing the introduction of ground forces. Democrats see Johnson as their version of Dan Quayle circa 1980 - a fresh face taking on a political giant that no one gave a chance to succeed at the beginning. At this point, it is hard to see Lugar getting into trouble in this race. Even if Kosovo were to become a quagmire for U.S. ground troops, the lion's share of the blame would probably land on the Democrats and the Clinton administration. **Status:** *Safe Lugar.*

Horse Race

Presidential: Republican: Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Elizabeth Dole, Dan Quayle, Sen. John McCain, Rep. John Kasich, Lamar Alexander, Sen. Bob Smith, Steve Forbes, Pat Buchanan, Gary Bauer. **Democrat:** Vice President Al Gore, Bill Bradley. **2000 Forecast:** Quayle still running in single digits in most polls. Quayle announces endorsement of NH state senator, a Sioux City GOP co-chairwoman and a Woodbury County precinct chairman. CNN's Bill Schneider divides the GOP field into "mainstreamers" (Bush, Dole, McCain, Kasich, Alexander) and "movement conservatives" (Quayle, Buchanan, Smith, Bauer, Forbes). "Ten will go in and two will come out" of Iowa and New Hampshire, one from each camp, said Schneider. Manchester Union-Leader columnist Richard Lessner writes of Quayle, "Former Vice President Dan Quayle hit hard the three points on which he believes the campaign will focus: America's moral crisis, the middle class tax squeeze and national defense, the hollowing out of our military and foreign policy. Mr. Quayle has the credibility to speak authoritatively on all three." Indiana mainstream Democrats appear to be solidly in Gore's camp, in large part due to DNC Chairman Joe Andrew's support. This comes at a time when the Washington Post's David Broder is suggesting that Bradley may have a decent shot at the nomination.

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