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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'Whichever party can figure out how to most effectively and efficiently communicate through the Internet will be the party that will dominate the future ...'"

- Democratic National Chairman Joe Andrew

House delegation to lure McIntosh in

Witwer won't commit if Dave runs

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** *in Indianapolis*

A delegation of Indiana House Republicans plans to travel to Muncie this weekend in a final effort to lure U.S. Rep. David McIntosh into the 2000 gubernatorial race.

House Republicans caucused on Tuesday and the sentiments ran strong for McIntosh to get into the race. "We spent 45 minutes talking about him," said Brad Tracy of the House Republican staff. "Everybody thinks he's going to go. We want him so bad. Ninety percent of the caucus was fully supportive. They were asking, 'What can we do to make David commit.' There's a delegation going to Muncie to talk. They're going to say, 'Hey, we want you, we need you."

Tracy said House Republicans "who never get excited were asking what they can do." While GOP House members did not make a formal endorsement of McIntosh, spokeswoman Mary Lynn Ricks told HPR, "Members feel he's got the vision and the desire to do a great job for Indiana. He'll make the strongest head of the ticket and that will help us in our efforts to regain majority of the House."

Tuesday's action behind closed doors in the House caucus was a continuation of a drum beat surrounding the David McIntosh candidacy for governor that intensified all over Indiana this week. Numerous media outlets were telling their viewers and readers what HPR has been saying since its March 4 edition: McIntosh is in.

Meanwhile, 1996 lieutenant governor nominee George Witwer refused to commit to the race should McIntosh enter. But Witwer did say that his fundraising was substantially

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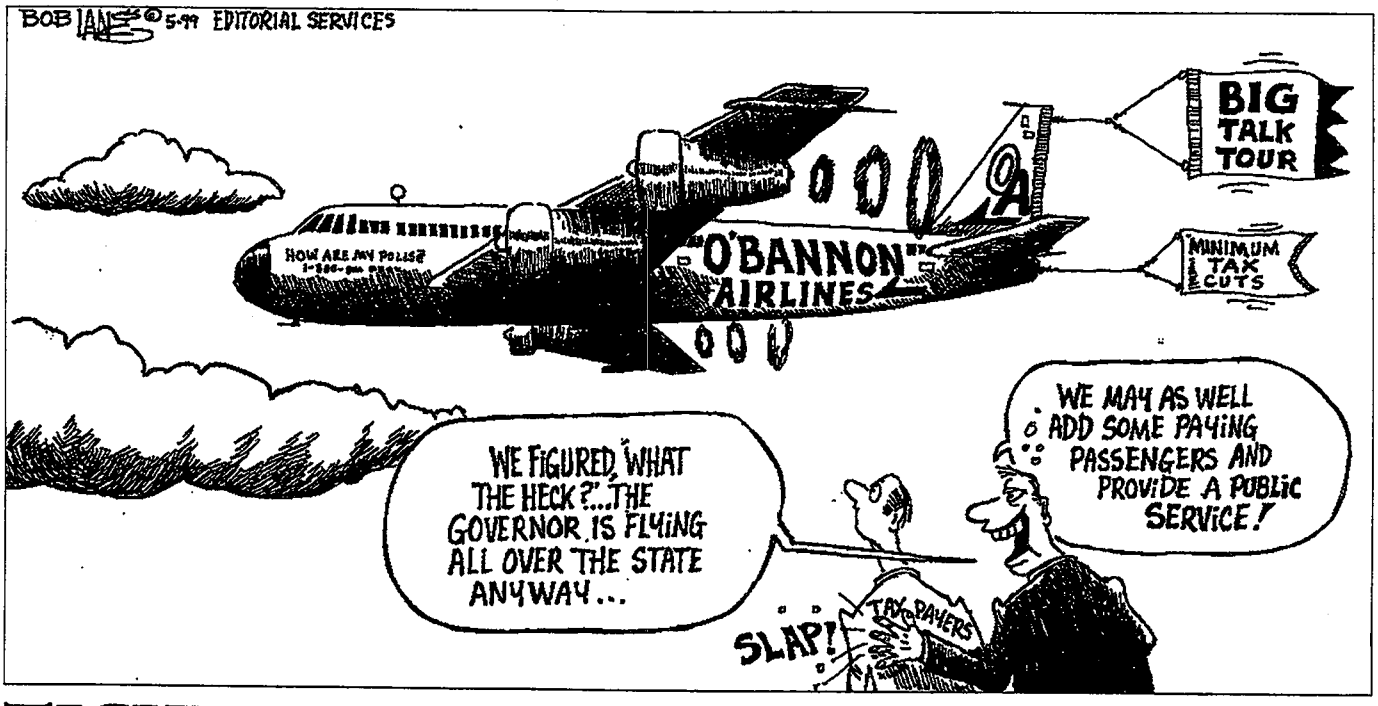

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Cameron Carter has left the Quayle 2000 presidential campaign and will become communications director for Sue Anne Gilroy's Indianapolis mayoral campaign. Carter previously worked for U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar in the Senate office and the 1996 presidential campaign, and was a vice president at Hudson Institute prior to joining the Quayle campaign in Phoenix. Gilroy's campaign director, Mark Massa, had been doubling as communications director prior to Carter coming aboard.

U.S. Rep. Mark Souder is part of what Roll Call describes as a "rebellion" against House Speaker Dennis Hastert. Roll Call's Jim VandeHei reported that

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ahead of schedule.

Asked if there would be a three-way race in the GOP primary, Witwer told HPR on Wednesday, "I can't tell you. The only thing I know right now is that things are looking better and better for us. We're going to have the resources to run a good race. We're very, very encouraged, but I'm not in a position to say, 'Yes, we're going to run' or 'No, we're not.' I've got to make sure we've got everything put together."

Witwer said he ended 1998 with $192,000 in his campaign warchest, but refused to say what he has on hand now. His goal has been to raise $1 million by the end of the year. "We're on track to hit our goal," he said.

Witwer said he has talked with McIntosh, a boyhood friend when the two lived in Kendallville. "We've had chats. We're very close friends. It's a tough decision for him to make. He's got a terrific career in Washington."

Meanwhile, McIntosh met with former Gov. Otis "Doc" Bowen in Bremen last week. "I didn't say do it or don't," Bowen told Jack Colwell of the *South Bend Tribune*. "I didn't try to make any decision for him." Bowen said he advised McIntosh to draw a line down the middle of a sheet of paper with pros on one side and cons on the other.

McIntosh told the *South Bend Tribune* that he is "really leaning toward running" against O'Bannon, adding, "I was disappointed in the lack of fundamental property tax relief."

As for a contested primary between attorney John Price, who says he is committed to the race, and Witwer, McIntosh said, "You spend your money. But voters get a chance to meet you earlier."

Mike Smith reported for the Associated Press that McIntosh was "leaning" toward a run. On the issue of taxes, the AP story quoted McIntosh as being critical of Gov. O'Bannon's Citizen's Commission on Taxes. "What came out of it was not that significant for the average homeowner and average taxpayer," McIntosh said.

The 2nd CD Congressman told the AP that in his talks with Bowen, "He said you have to have cuts and then put restraints so they (property taxes) don't go up. Those are urgent problems we have to solve. Those are doable things ... and that

is why I'm leaning toward running."

The *Indianapolis Business Journal* reported the McIntosh decision like this: "The way Al Hubbard talks, David and Ruthie McIntosh can already start filling out change-of-address forms for 4750 N. Meridian St."

IBJ Reporter Katie Culbertson quoted the former Indiana GOP chairman as saying, "It's going to be a very tough race, but I'm confident David will win."

The *IBJ* quoted Brian Vargus, director of the Indiana University Public Opinion Laboratory as saying, "Right now, if you talk to well-placed Republicans, they are telling you they don't know what he's going to do. Even if he were paying me to advise him, I don't know whether I'd tell him to run or not. It's a really tough choice."

If there is any discordant talk against McIntosh running, it comes from 2nd CD county chairs, like LouAnn Hadler in Rush County, who told the *Indianapolis Star* that she would feel "betrayed" if McIntosh runs for governor. The *IBJ* quoted 2nd CD Chairman Virgil Scheidt as saying, "I told him that it was my personal opinion that it would be a big mistake for his political future and that better opportunities would present themselves two or four or six years down the road." Other Republicans fear that while McIntosh is popular in the 2nd CD, he is not well known throughout the rest of the state. Those worries come despite three election cycles of advertising in the Indianapolis media market and the congressman's deep roots in Northeastern Indiana's 4th CD. Allen County Republican Chairman Steve Shine told the *IBJ*, "He has been in Fort Wayne many, many times over the past couple of years and has made great efforts to meet with community leaders. He is well known up here."

Shine told HPR that he is fully supportive of a McIntosh run for govenor. "He really would make a terrific candidate," Shine said.

O'Bannon and Troopers

Gov. O'Bannon worked to end one of the issues that has been bleeding his popularity - the pay raises for Indiana State Police troopers. O'Bannon addressed 58 trooper trainees at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy at Plainfield and announced a 20-percent pay raise for troopers in their first year. Veteran troopers with more than 10 years on the job would get at least a 9.5-percent raise or $3,700.

"I want you to know the state of Indiana values the service you will soon take an oath to provide," O'Bannon said. "I also want seasoned troopers to know we value their service and dedication."

Members of the Indiana State Police Alliance complained that veteran officers didn't make out well in the deal. But reaction from the media around the state surrounding the deal was either mum or supportive. The governor's staff is incredulous at the dissension in the Alliance ranks. "What was lost is that it was Frank O'Bannon who put the pay raise on the table in the first place," said O'Bannon spokesman Phil Bremen. "He's the guy who rammed that through."

As for confirmation that O'Bannon will seek a second term - ending speculation in some GOP circles that he won't, Bremen said, "He hasn't decided and won't for some months. He is making all the appropriate preparations for the possibility for a second term."

Asked if there was any reason why O'Bannon wouldn't seek re-election, Bremen responded, "I'm sure there is a chance anything might happen. I can't go beyond that. I don't think there is any reason to suppose he won't."

Pressed further, Bremen said, "I can tell you there are things he set out to accomplish for people of Indiana that remain to be done. Certainly full-day kindergarten is one of them. He certainly is giving every serious thought to continuing on the path he's set out upon." ❖

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Souder is "one of the conservative troublemakers who is demanding a new spending plan from leadership, saying voters back home are flogging rank-and-file Members for their performance." Roll Call quoted Souder, "I personally remain in the belief that Denny has the best chance of success because he is a coalition builder, but that does not mean that I and others are not frustrated because we come home and people say ... we look disorganized and ask why we are not doing anything." Said Hastert spokesman John Feehery, "No one ever said this was going to be easy. This is where things get hard, but we'll continue to work them out." Souder said the only member of leadership that members are ticked off at is Majority Leader Dick Armey, who Roll Call said "threw a tantrum at a closed door conference last week." Said Souder of Armey, "Threatening (members) does not work here."

Tippecanoe County prosecutors are offering an amnesty approach to non-custodial parents in child support arrears between June 16-18 with a program titled "Don't Do Time in '99" (Lafayette Journal and Courier). Two months ago Prosecutor Jerry Bean targeted 43 parents for arrest for being behind in child

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support and missing court dates. Under the plan parents can approach the prosecutor's office to work out a plan without fear of arrest.

The Associated Press is reporting that Hoosiers who own mobile homes, RVs, campers, airplanes and boats "can thank a wily House Democrat for big drops in their property tax bills next year." House Ways and Means Chairman B. Patrick Bauer quietly transformed an inventory tax cut the Republicans were seeking in the final days to a new law that exempts the first $75,000 of personal property from taxes. AP said that "Republicans only recently learned this included non-business property. Sen. Morris Mills said GOP negotiators did not know Bauer "morphed" $40 million more in annual tax cuts into the budget. "That's one of the disadvantages of doing it all at the last minute." Bauer said, "I don't think it was ever emphasized. I think we talked about what personal property was. I remember some discussion of boats." Dennis Harney of the Indiana Manufactured Housing Association and the Recreational Vehicle Indiana Council said the tax cut will be a boon for those industries. He said the industry's lobbyists didn't look for or expect the tax cut.

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Quayle seeks to stem tide

Former vice president wants to prevent a rush to judgment on Bush

By BRIAN A. HOWEY *in Indianapolis*

For Dan Quayle, the true crossroads in his quest for the White House was supposed to come sometime this fall when he hoped to begin rising in the polls.

The strategy is to make the first cut against Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the darling of the mainstream of the Republican Party, and represent the so-called "movement conservatives."

Quayle has worked the campaign trail relatively well thus far in this campaign. There haven't been any major goofs or misspeaks. But, like in 1988 and 1992, the news media are once again the problem. But this time it's not of his own making. What is occurring in the race for the 2000 presidential nomination is a perception that Bush has already got the nomination locked up.

In Washington, 114 of the 222 House Republicans are already lined up in support of Bush.

There has been a spate of recent stories suggesting that the game is over before it really even begins. Political analyst Stuart Rothenberg wrote an article for *Roll Call* titled, "Who will be the first to drop out of the race for the GOP nomination?"

Among his top choices? You guessed it. Dan Quayle, along with Elizabeth Dole and John Kasich. "Quayle is looking for respect and recognition as someone who was ahead of the values curve," Rothenberg wrote. "I suppose poor fundraising could force him out of the race, but I'm not sure the former vice president (or Mrs. Quayle, for that matter) is even willing to consider the possibility that he's fighting a lost cause. And like (Gary) Bauer; he sees himself competing to become the party's conservative standard-bearer, which could encourage him to stay in the race into mid-February. So while he's a reasonable selection for first out, I tend to think he won't accept the inevitable and be the first to exit."

The *Washington Post* reported that Quayle was in town "to warn conservative activists that if the GOP establishment controls the party in 2000, Republicans will lose the White House again."

Said Quayle, "I think this is a rush to judgment. When conservatives lead, we win. When the establishment rules, we lose."

"I think it shows that there is a genuine nervousness in the Republican Party and they're trying to go with polls rather than ideas - and that is a colossal mistake. It may feel comfortable today, but down deep if you think you're going to win this on what public opinion polls say 18 months out, I beg to differ. When you show nervousness like that, you are in trouble."

The *Post* also reported that a majority of voters said there is "no chance" they would vote for Steve Forbes (51 percent), Quayle (58 percent), Lamar Alexander (59 percent) and Buchanan (60 percent).

But perhaps the most stinging developments from Quayle's perspective comes back home in Indiana. The Indianapolis Star reported a Bush fundraiser set for the Indiana Roof Ballroom on July 22 that is being planned by former GOP state chairs Al Hubbard and Rex Early (together once again!), Mitch Daniels, as well as Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith. Current Indiana Chairman Mike McDaniel is also expected to attend. The Star quoted McDaniel as saying he expected Bush to "run very, very well in Indiana. It's not surprising to me many people consider him to be the frontrunner. Most Republicans around the country are hoping to win back the White House and a lot of people see him as having our very best chance."

Hubbard was quoted as saying, "Dan Quayle tried to have this same event. It's sort of indicative of the support the two people have."

So when Quayle exhorted to movement conservatives in Washington, "If you want to win, wake up, folks!" that message could have been directed to the place that was once the core of Quayle's home base.

The Quayle campaign is attempting to put the best face in front of the Bush steamroller. "Fundraising is very strong; very solid," said campaign communications director Jonathon Baron.

Asked where Quayle stood since the last FEC reports showed Bush with a $6 million to $2 million lead over the former vice president, Baron deferred.

"We have expanded our operations in Iowa and New Hampshire. We are adding positions in both states. Right now we're looking at the No. 3 position. Dole's numbers have dropped dramatically. We're looking for this to come down to a two-man race - Bush versus Quayle. Bush will be the establishment candidate and Quayle will represent the movement conservatives. We're aiming for the one important date and that is Feb. 7 - the Iowa caucuses."

At this point of the campaign, Quayle can only hope to make the case that the race isn't over before it's really begun. And there is plenty of speculation that Gov. Bush may be in for the same kind of background scrutiny that Quayle himself was subjected to in 1988. One Quayle supporter in Indiana told HPR, "How will conservatives handle news accounts of Bush and his cocaine use? When that's played into the context of the Clinton troubles, you have to really wonder if that's the route Republicans want to choose for their golden opportunity in 2000."

QUAYLE NOTES: The candidate released this statement on the Kosovo peace agreement: "Faced with both declining poll numbers and the prospect of a protracted conflict, President Clinton was forced to recognize that negotiation - not escalation - represented the only appropriate strategy. This very settlement could have been secured months ago if President Clinton had not insisted on his proposal for peace-keeping troops to the exclusion of reasonable alternatives, including, it appears, the one announced today. The nations of Europe should supply the ground forces needed to enforce the proposal accepted today. Although the United States might offer air and logistical support, there is no reason to move U.S. troops into any part of Yugoslavia.

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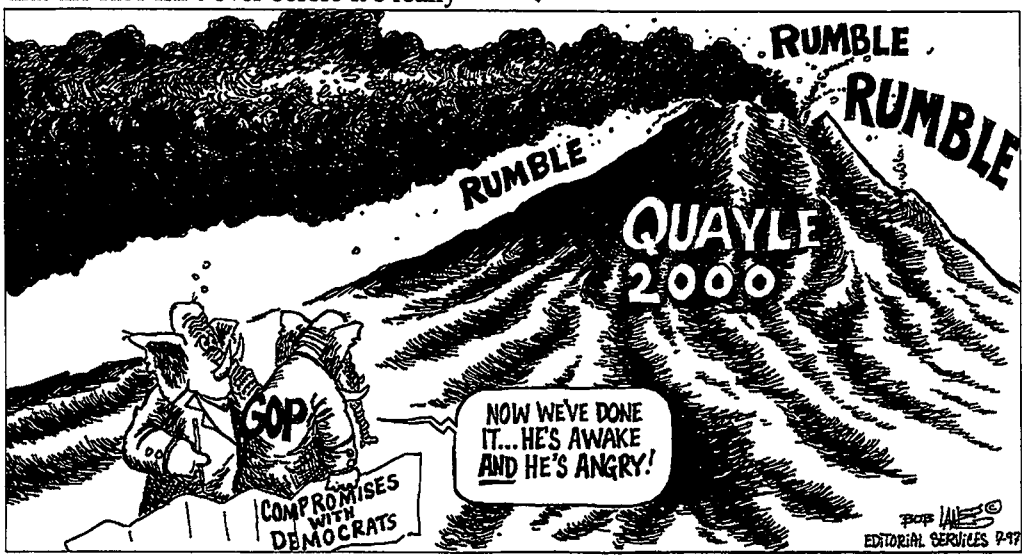

A Reform Party candidate has filed for a Lafayette City Council seat. Peggy Cleary is seeking the 3rd District Council seat that represents the city's downtown and near north side. The district is served by Democratic Councilman Perry Brown. Said Cleary, "Now the fun begins. I found that 90 percent of the district feels they're disenfranchised" (Lafayette Journal and Courier).

Evansville Mayor Frank McDonald called Kentucky's move for land-based casinos "inevitable" and that Indiana should respond (Evansville Courier & Press). "If they saw riverboat gaming impacting the horse race industry, they would certainly take action to respond to that and do whatever they could to get that competitive edge back. Competition of a land-based casino nature would be serious for anyone who has to compete against it. A boat along a land-based casino is an uneven playing field." Gov. Frank O'Bannon is opposed to any gaming expansion. "The governor has always opposed any extension of gaming in Indiana other than what is authorized under the statutes. That would extend to land-based casinos," said Chief of Staff Tom New.

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar is seeking applicants for his

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Excellence in Public Service Series. The program is designed for Republican women who are interested in increasing their involvement in the public and private arenas. Applications are due by Aug. 1 and are available by calling 317-255-6582.

Gov. Frank O'Bannon has appointed Cristine M. Klika commissioner for the Indiana Department of Transportation. Klika has served as deputy commissioner since 1997.

U.S. Rep. Julia Carson sent out pain-killer bottles with child-resistant caps to her Congressional colleagues "to dramatize the need for child-resistant handguns." Said Carson, "It should be harder for a kid to fire a gun than to get the top off of this bottle." Carson is sponsoring HR 515 that would require child-safety devices on handguns and establish standards and testing procedures.

Federal Judge S. Hugh Dillin has imposed a population order on the Marion County lockup. In issuing his ruling, Dillin announced in court, "Inmates are provided with utterly minimal means of restoring or maintaining personal hygiene, showers are filthy and inoperative, female inmates are denied access to sufficient feminine hygiene products, medications are unreliably

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Chuck Malloy, *Anderson Herald-Bulletin* - Just so you don't have to follow all these "Will she or won't she" stories over the next few weeks, let's end the suspense regarding Hillary Clinton's political future. She will run for the Senate seat vacated by Daniel Patrick Moynihan and defeat New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani. I guarantee it. But Hillary's world is not the only place where there is high political drama. In Indiana, political watchers are wondering about the future of 2nd District Rep. David McIntosh, who for some time has been considering a run for governor against Democrat Frank O'Bannon. McIntosh probably will make his plans known by the end of the month, so we won't have to hold our breath too long. But the bet here is that McIntosh will take the plunge, largely because he's indicated he's leaning in that direction. If McIntosh enters the race, he'll be squaring off against John Price and George Witwer - neither of whom have ever won an election. McIntosh would have no trouble sailing by those beaten warhorses in next year's Republican primary. That, too, is a guarantee. ❖

Leo Morris, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* - In their efforts to do something about youth violence, President Clinton and Congress have momentarily shifted their focus from the Second Amendment to the First Amendment. President Clinton wants theater owners to require photo IDs from young people seeking admission to R-rated movies, and he has ordered a $1 million study to determine whether Hollywood markets violence to children. A House committee wants an outright ban on gratuitous violence, treating violence the way explicit sex is now under obscenity standards. Now, the First Amendment absolutists are absolutely right to insist that "violence in the media" never killed anybody. The people who commit violence have to take full responsibility. And they are right to worry about the "foot in the door," the long-established fact that if you give the government an inch, it will take a mile. But then again, so have the Second Amendment absolutists been right to argue that "guns don't kill people, people kill people" and to worry about the gradual erosion of constitutional rights that starts with something as noble sounding as "gun control." Has it ever occurred to the absolutists how similar their arguments and concerns are? Has each camp ever considered making the same kind of "perfectly reasonable compromise" it demands that the other camp make? ❖

Joe Follick, *Thomson Indiana*- If you've looked for another job while employed at a less fulfilling position, you're familiar with the feeling of guilt, the skulking, the surreptitious calls and interviews. It's like cheating on your spouse while they're in bed next to you. So, I suppose, we shouldn't judge politicians too harshly for doing the same thing. But let's judge them harshly anyway. To wit: Every day I get about 10 to 20 "media advisories." Sent by various politicians, they are almost always useless -- filled with vapid half-truths meant to glamorize the mundane. But Modisett -- a man who seems to campaign even when he's not running for office -- is a sideshow huckster compared with this state's most ambitious job-hopper drawing a taxpayer-funded paycheck -- Sue Anne Gilroy. I don't think there are more than a dozen average Hoosiers who could tell you how or if Gilroy has made their life better during her stint as secretary of state. Yet to judge by the effusiveness of her press releases, one would think Gilroy had reunited the IRL with CART. ❖

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INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

Fort Wayne Mayoral: Republican: Linda Buskirk. **Democrat:** Graham Richard. **1995 Results:** Helmke 21,909, Essex (D) 11,033, Kempf (L) 1,029. **1999 Forecast:** WTPA-TV poll (June 2-6, 1,119 respondents, +/-3) has Buskirk leading Richard 39-20 percent. **General Status:** *Leans Buskirk.*

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:** Gilroy gets the Fratneral Order of Police endorsement, which is important since the biggest specific issue the two candidates have been sparring over has been Peterson's proposal to add 200 police officers. Peterson's campaign cries foul, saying the voting was supposed to have taken place between 6 and 9 p.m., but a voice vote was taken at 6:15. *Indianapolis Star* quoted FOP's president Dave Young as saying 200 to 300 officers were expected to vote, but no vote totals were released. Says Gilroy campaign director Mark Massa, "It's important for Mrs. Gilroy. It would have been crucial for the other guy who says crime is spiraling out of control." Peterson responded by airing the campaign's TV crime ad on Wednesday. Peterson also held a press conference at Indianapolis International Airport where there were violent video games and called on the city to remove the machines. "Nothing prevents a 10-year-old from playing an arcade game filled with inappropriate violence," Peterson said. The airport later removed the games, but said it had planned to do so prior to Peterson's press conference. Gilroy announced the secretary of state's office will issue a Spanish version of the mail-in voter registration form. The Hispanic population in Indianapolis is rapidly increasing. **General Status:** *Tossup.*

Horse Race

Terre Haute Mayoral: Republican: David Hooper. **Democrat:** Vigo County Auditor Judy Anderson. **1999 Forecast:** 22-year-old Republican mayoral candidate David Hooper told the Terre Haute Tribune-Star that his campaign "is not a college joke." The story ran with a photo of Hooper yukking it up with several Indiana State University frat brothers **General Status:** *Solid Anderson.*

INDIANA 2000 RACES

Governor: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, George Witwer, John Price. **Democrat:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon. **1996 results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** O'Bannon hopes his big pay raise package for Indiana State Police troopers will put to rest a potentially damaging issue that did not play well with the public. His staff is wondering why the news media seems to have forgotten that it was O'Bannon who initially pushed the pay raise proposal. Look for O'Bannon to take the offensive soon on the full-day kindergarten issue. O'Bannon thinks it is disingenuous that Republicans accuse him of a lack of leadership when they torpedoed FDK. Republicans are abuzz that O'Bannon might not seek re-election. O'Bannon's office won't come right out and say he's seeking a second term (see page 3). But a number of close O'Bannon allies snicker and roll their eyes when asked if there is any chance the guv might not seek a second term. And that's the Horse's take on the situation. Frank and Judy O'Bannon love being the first family. Price is set to argue the constitutionality of Indiana's mandatory seat belt law before the Indiana Supreme Court at 9:30 a.m. June 16. **General Status:** *Leans O'Bannon.*

U.S. Senate: Republican: U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar. **Democrat:** Attorney General Jeff Modisett, David L. Johnson. **1994 results:** Lugar (R) 1,039,625, Jontz (D) 470,799, Bourland (L) 17,343, Barton (A) 15,801. **2000 Forecast:** Kosovo peace accords add an inter-

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acquired and dispensed, areas of the lockup are permeated with a horrific stench and violence is endemic" (NUVO Newsweekly). Marion County Sheriff Jack Cottey had resisted efforts for a population cap. After the ruling, attorneys for Cottey vowed to work with the Indiana Civil Liberties Union to improve lockup conditions. Said Col. Scott Minier, "I certainly share NUVO's concern that all inmates be kept in humane conditions at the jail and lockup and I want you to know we're really working hard on conditions." Dillin did not place a population cap on the Marion County Jail, where inmates are incarcerated on a long-term basis.

Former Hamilton County Commissioner Peg Goldberg has been cleared of insurance fraud charges in a case she maintained was a home robbery.

Dan Parker has moved from the Democratic House caucus campaign committee to head up the Marion County coordinated campaign.

The United States and Uzbekistan have agreed to dismantle and decontaminate what the New York Times has called "one of the former Soviet Union's largest chemical weapons test facilities." The cleanup comes under the Lugar-Nunn pro-

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gram with the Department of Defense using $6 million from that initiative. "Historically, no great military power has ever possessed the opportunity to work with another military power in mutual threat reduction on such an awesome and world threatening agenda," Lugar said. "We emerged from the Cold War as the single, unchallenged economic, political and military superpower with the opportunity to do this."

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esting element to this race. Lugar had long been hawkish on the use of U.S. ground troops and maintained that the U.S. could not accomplish its goals with an air war. Now that it looks like President Clinton has lucked out, that gives Johnson an opening on foreign policy. Johnson filed his statement of candidacy. "I would be running this race as a mainstream Hoosier Democrat in the mold of Frank O'Bannon and Evan Bayh," Johnson told AP. That story noted that Johnson played a key role in the state's job creation projects, including the $1 billion United Airlines Maintenance facility. That deal could become an issue in the 1999 Indianapolis mayoral race where independent observers are saying the state is making out like a bandit while the city is saddled with staggering long-term debt. Said O'Bannon aide Steve Bella of Johnson, "He's smart, principled and committed to public service. He is one of Frank O'Bannon's most trusted advisers, especially when it comes to public policy." **Status:** *Safe Lugar.*

Horse Race

Congressional District 9: Republican: Kevin Shaw Kellems, Michael Bailey. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. **Libertarian:** Open. **Geography:** New Albany Jeffersonville, Madison, Nashville and SE Indiana. **1994 results:** Hamilton 91,459 (D), Leising (R) 84,315. **1996 Results:** Hamilton (D) 128,885, Leising (R) 97,747, Feeney (L) 2,315. **1998 Results:** Hill (D) 92,477, Leising (R) 87,278, Feeney (L) 2,397. **2000 Forecast:** *Washington Post* places Hill on the list of "most vulnerable Democratic incumbents" in a story titled, "Parties open fierce fight for control." Four of the seats expected to be up for grabs are clustered along the Ohio River in Indiana and Kentucky. That means that national money from both parties and independent issue campaigns will likely spill into the Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Louisville and Evansville media markets. Kellems to wed Margret Louise Nedelkoff at Floyds Knobs on Saturday. **Status:** *Leans D.*

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