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Hogsett's big labor support teeters

Supt. Reed pulls out of 2nd CD race

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

Influential Democratic sources in the 2nd CD have told HPR that the United Auto Workers and organized labor have told 1994 nominee and former secretary of state Joe Hogsett that they won't support his candidacy.

That news came after a wild week of scrambling in the 2nd CD, which has become an open seat following U.S. Rep. David McIntosh's decision to run for governor in 2000.

Hogsett's strained relationship with organized labor dates back to 1991-92, when Gov. Evan Bayh and Hogsett pushed Hogsett's ultimately unsuccessful race for the U.S. Senate. Labor favored a rematch between Baron Hill and Sen. Dan Coats. "That has largely healed over," said the Democratic source. Hill even campaigned for Hogsett in 1994.

More troublesome for Hogsett has been his recent tenure with Bingham Summers Welsh & Spilman. An advertisement for the firm offered services to help management avoid union activities and that has organized labor frothing. "There has been some concern over his legal work at Bingham Summers," the source said. He has advised Hogsett to "deal with the problem up front."

When HPR talked about a possible Hogsett 2nd CD candidacy with a high-ranking labor official last winter, the reaction was overtly hostile.

With Hogsett's candidacy teetering, HPR has learned that New Castle Mayor Sherman Boles has ruled out a race, as has Columbus Mayor Fred Armstrong, who is in a tight re-election battle for a second term.

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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'You just look at the record. We have had a billion dollars in tax cuts over four years. It went back to every taxpayer, including renters. That shows leadership ..."'

- Gov. Frank O'Bannon in an HPR Interview on the question of whether he was vulnerable on the "leadership" issue

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A growing number of Indiana growers and farm groups are raising their voices about unusually low crop and livestock prices and warning of an impending farm crisis (David Smith, Lafayette Journal and Courier) "Such warnings are not new. In 1990, Farm Aid was at its height, filling the Hoosier (now RCA) Dome with fans who paid to see rock stars. Proceeds went to help needy farmers. This crisis, however, may be different. The pleas aren't coming from farm activists. They're coming from the Indiana Farm Bureau, the Indiana Pork Producers Association and Hoosier farmers," Smith reported. "Remember, there are people out here who are suffering, and it won't be very

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Very much interested in the race have been State Reps. Tiny Adams of Muncie and Scott Mel-linger of Anderson, State Sen. Tim Lanane of Anderson, Ron Gyure of the Muncie Urban Enterprise Zone and a former aide to U.S. Rep. Phil Sharp, and Troy Liggett of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Mellinger and Adams would have to forfeit their House seats in order to run. That's not a huge problem for Mellinger and his Democratic-leaning Anderson district. But Adams' swing district in McIntosh's hometown reportedly has Speaker John Gregg shaking his head "no" as he begins preparing his defense of the Democrat's 53-47 House lead.

On the Republican side, the other major development was Supt. of Public Instruction Suellen Reed's decision not to seek the Republican nomination. That decision places the brightest spotlight on three Republicans - 1988-90 nominee and radio/TV talk show host Mike Pence, State Rep. Jeff Linder of Shelbyville, and McIntosh aide Jim Huston.

"Suellen was not comfortable campaigning while doing her current job," said Tony Samuel, a Reed spokesman. "She wants to keep up the work. There's been great progress, but there's a lot to be done." Samuel said Reed met with Pence about six weeks ago and again two weeks ago. "He seems to be leaning toward it a lot more," Samuel said. Pence told HPR, "I've decided to pursue it, but I have not decided to do it." Pence said former Columbus Mayor Bob Stewart approached him at a Rotary meeting this week and simply told him, "Do it."

With Huston and Pence still mulling, Linder told the *Shelbyville News*, "I'm seriously considering it. I haven't made a decision yet." The *News* quoted 2nd CD Chairman Virgil Scheidt: "People that know Jeff like him and believe in his ability. They think he would make an ideal candidate."

Two other largely unknown candidates, Columbus City Councilman John Brown and Muncie attorney Brad Steele are also considering a run.

HPR Forecast: The front runner will emerge from the Huston-Pence-Linder trio. Pence would be in the strongest position because his daily radio show plays in five 2nd CD markets. ❖

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Joe Follick, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* - I stopped worrying and learned to love being a Hoosier at an Indianapolis Colts game last year. I was there with an old friend from Cincinnati. I spent most of the first half of the game pointing out ways in which Indiana just didn't match up with my hometown. I prattled on and on like the biggest bore at the party, my ivory tower arrogance in full glory. Finally, the fellow sitting on the other side of my friend leaned forward with a smile. The eavesdropper, heretofore a stranger, looked me straight in the eye and said in a foreign accent, "Joe, you need to embrace your Hoosier-ness."One does not expect epiphanies in a domed stadium. Yet there it was — a mantra not only for me, but for all Indiana residents who feel they must be embarrassed by their home state: "Embrace your Hoosier-ness." I sat back as if a beanbag had been shot into my chest. I smiled dreamily. "Yes, I will embrace my Hoosier-ness," I thought to myself. And I have. And you should too. Embracing your Hoosier-ness is not an easy thing to do. James Madison is an Indiana University professor who has written some of the best histories of the state. One of his repeated themes is stubbornness — the primary Hoosier personality trait. It's a stubbornness that can too easily be mistaken for backwardness. There's very little sense in refusing to belong to one time zone; in refusing to sell beer on Sunday or in anointing thuggish basketball coaches and their immature players as deities. Drinking and driving was legal till this decade; outdated township governments and archaic tax systems persist. Basketball, fishing and hunting thrive as the primary pastimes in our state while Tae Bo and double cappuccinos run rampant in the rest of the country. But the flip-side of stubbornness is contentedness. It isn't that Hoosiers are 20 years behind the rest of the country — as elitists and dilettantes preach to us repeatedly. It is simply that the slow drawl that marks our language and our pace is our way of life — a way as valid as any.❖

Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - The news last week that George W. Bush raised $36.3 million in four months was riveting for Republicans. When the figures came out, there was no cheering in the Phoenix office where Dan Quayle's rapidly shrinking presidential campaign staff is headquartered. During the time Bush's office was drowning in bulging mailbags stuffed with checks, Quayle's folks were eagerly waiting every mail delivery, no matter how meager. In fact, the Bush/Quayle fund-raising comparison works out like this: For every $1 someone sent Bush in recent months, somebody else sent Quayle 2.7 cents. Pretty small potatoes. ❖

Morton Marcus, *Syndicated* - On balance, 72 Hoosier counties import earnings by exporting workers. Brown County leads the pack, deriving more than two-thirds of its earnings as a result of commuting. In contrast, Martin leads the 18 counties that export earnings by importing workers. Because few workers live in Martin County, surrounding areas take 58 percent of the earnings generated there at Crane and other centers of employment. Two counties (Steuben and Knox) are in almost perfect balance with dollar exports equaling imports. Some counties that we might expect to be net exporters of earnings are not. These include Lake and St. Joseph counties where the in-flow of dollars exceeds the out-flow. In 1997, after adjusting for the flows in and out, Marion County imported labor worth $6.3 billion. That was equal to nearly 30 percent of all the labor services in our capital county. ❖

TICKER TAPE

much longer before a few big companies control our food supply," Sara Davis, a Wayne County pork producer and vice president of the Indiana Pork Producers Association, told Sen. Richard Lugar at a meeting this week in Indianapolis. "Whether a downturn has reached crisis proportions or not, the prices that Indiana farmers expect to receive for their three main commodities -- corn, soybeans and hogs -- are in the cellar," the story said.

Indiana's May unemployment rate stood at 2.8 percent, compared to 4 percent nationally. The workforce totals 3,039,700, which is 27,300 larger than in May 1998.

Indiana Supreme Court Associate Justice Myra Selby has announced that she will resign to resume private practice. She has served on the high court for the last four years.

BP Amoco's Whiting Refinery plans to cut nearly 300 workers, citing sluggish profits caused by gas and deisel surpluses (Munster Times). The layoffs started Friday, when the refinery released 84 non-union, salaried workers. About 200 more workers will be let go after negotiations with their unions, company officials said. The jobs cuts "will create a path for the future with

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a work force that is the right size, shape and direction," said Colin Maclean, the facility's business unit leader. Fifty jobs were lost in February after BP bought Amoco, part of a 6,000-job elimination during reorganization.

Lafayette City Councilman Perry Brown, a Democrat who represents District 3, responded Friday to comments made earlier in the week by the Republican opponent who withdrew his name from the ballot in the Nov. 2 municipal election (Lafayette Journal & Courier). GOP leaders will meet next Saturday to select a new candidate for the council race to replace David Reap, who won his party's nomination for the District 3 seat in the May primary election, but is now planning to move to Atlanta. "The two remaining candidates are not the right choice for neighborhood revitalization," Reap said. "They don't get it."

The Bloomington Herald-Times wrote a piece describing tense racial relations in and around Indiana University. Many Indiana newspapers picked up the story off the AP wire. "I'm not surprised that people of color have been hassled in Bloomington," said the city's Hispanic mayor, John Fernandez. Fernandez grew up in a bilingual household in Canton, Ohio, and

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Gov. O'Bannon points to his accomplishments and the partisan Senate attack on his programs

HPR INTERVIEW

As the 2000 election cycle begins to take shape, the man in the middle of it all is Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

We thought he would be a fitting subject as we dust off an old favorite of ours - the HPR Interview - which took place in the governor's Statehouse office on Monday.

HPR: Survey the political landscape now that Congressman McIntosh has entered the race.

O'Bannon: I think we can now see how the Republican primary is shaping up with Congressman McIntosh, Price and I don't know where Witwer is at this point. Certainly my focus is continuing on directing state government through the next short session and make my decision at the end of this year or early next. Again, everything looks favorable in that direction. At least that's the way I'm looking at it. I think my total concentration has to be on keeping Indiana going in the right direction, which it is. The economy is good. Good jobs. Investment in education continues to be outstanding. We've cut taxes a billion dollars as I promised over four years. Certainly our streets are safer as crime goes down. We've opened up more access for the public and press with public records. And we've had some very good children's programs. I think there's been some very important things that have occurred in the two years and a half very important to the future. I feel like we'll continue on that. It's based on education to making sure we have the right work force. It's a slow process. If you start when a child is born and get in the early childhood and work through extra work after high school, it takes a long vision. That's why I talked about the year 2016 because it takes a long vision that gets us to that point. It's not a quick fix. Full-day kindergarten is not a quick fix. It's just part of a piece of early childhood development that's very, very important.

HPR: Is full-day kindergarten going to be on the front burner again?

O'Bannon: Well, I'll continue to fight for full-day kindergarten until I'm out of this job. Certainly the time to do it is in the budget session. That makes it difficult in a short session, but certainly we'll continue to look at a way to get it passed. At one time it was a non-partisan issue. But as we came around to the long session and looked at the elections in 2000 there was a lot of outside pressure to just kind of kill it, at least the Senate Republican part, and they had been standing on the steps saying this was part of their program for the 1998 election. It gives you some pause as to what you can get done. We've made more progress in education than anything in two and a half years.

HPR: I thought a great fallback for you was to compromise on the Republican cafeteria plan and then barnstorm the state urging districts to adopt the kindergarten. You have the bully pulpit and if 90 percent of the districts adopted it, you'd win. Did you consider that?

O'Bannon: No.

HPR: Why?

O'Bannon: We looked at the cafeteria plan in the last five days for the first five grades and that was turned down. It was important to focus on early childhood and with the Republican cafeteria plan that included existing programs until there wasn't anything left for full-day kindergarten. You had to give up something else. That just didn't work.

HPR: We're hearing the leadership dynamic being kicked around. McIntosh has questioned your leadership and then the Democrats have called him a "failed

leader." How do you deal with that?

O'Bannon: I don't worry about that. You just look at the record. We have had a billion dollars in tax cuts over four years. It went back to every taxpayer, including renters. That shows leadership. We've had record spending for education, for scholarships, for a new community college, In both higher education and K-through-12 there's strong leadership there. The fact that communities are safer and there's 500 more police that I promoted and gave leadership is important. We've got a backlog of highway construction projects working now. The Crossroads 2000 put $500 million into that. I think that's leadership. The State of Indiana's economy is going well. Our medium household income is growing faster than most states. I think that says the state is doing well and it takes leadership to move us in that direction. There's leadership of my talking about it but it also takes working with the General Assembly. When they don't cooperate then you don't get things like full-day kindergarten.

HPR: One of the things you campaigned on in 1996 was a restructuring of the tax code. Then you appointed the Blue Ribbon Commission. And while you did get the $1 billion across the board, is that something that you would have liked to have done?

O'Bannon: I would have liked to have provided more property tax cuts. And certainly the tax court over the last two and a half years has changed how we looked at that, so we went with broader based tax cuts. By taking welfare off the taxes would have taken anywhere from 5 to 15 percent off the property taxes in counties throughout the state. Now that's tax restructuring and it was the No. 1 recommendation of the tax commission. No. 2 was the inventory tax and I came up with a $340 million program to cut inventory taxes, which also was rejected by Senate Republicans. They had another program. Improvements on how we assess and train our assessors, that was a third thing that was defeated - passed in the House and defeated by the Senate Republicans. I was hoping to cut property taxes by at least 12 1/2 percent.

HPR: Part of this you can blame on Senate Republicans. But part of full-day kindergarten was aborted by Rep. B. Patrick Bauer. Were you upset by that?

O'Bannon: B. Patrick Bauer passed that over to the Senate in the budget right at the beginning of the session and they killed it. They didn't have a hearing and they came back with the so-called cafeteria plan. I think the reason it didn't pass was that it got into partisanship and not the progress we should have had. It was focused in many ways on the next election. You say that because everyone was for it last fall. The study committee was unanimous, both Republicans and Democrats. The Republicans stood on the steps last September and said, 'That was a part of our program.' Then when the governor proposes it, puts it in the bill and passes it out, that's when partisanship took over and we don't have progress.

HPR: Will you try and revive it in the 2000 legislative session?

O'Bannon: We'll see what happens. Usually the short session is for emergencies and non-controversial issues and full-day kindergarten became controversial by a flip-flop of Republicans.

HPR: Any way you can change the dynamic?

O'Bannon: We'll just have to wait and see. They may have a different view of it in the short session.

HPR: Do you still support the I-69 extension to Evansville?

O'Bannon: I still support I-69 as a spoke in the interstate system that was originally there, and was taken out, and it should be put back in. I still support that decision. We're in a year to a year and a half study as to what the best route should be and what it would be economically. Certainly I continue to support my original position for I-69.

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Kokomo. As the son of first-generation Americans and the grandson of Spaniards, he faced the customary ethnic slurs. "We all in these groups have had to deal with that. I do think, though, that it is a minority of people who feel that way, not a majority. Nonetheless, we are where we are." Sometimes called the most northern southern state, "race has always been a challenge in Indiana," said James Madison, an IU history professor. Today, Indiana is 91 percent white and 9 percent black. In Bloomington, 4 percent of the residents are black and 5 percent come from other ethnic groups. But in much of southern Indiana, the percentage of nonwhites is very low, and many of the residents haven't had much experience with a diverse population, Madison said.

Patrons continued to increase their spending at Fort Wayne's off-track betting center in 1998 while wagering at similar locations throughout the state steadied or slowed (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). The Indiana Horse Racing Commission's 1998 annual report shows the average amount bet daily at the Churchill Downs Sports Spectrum in Fort Wayne last year was about $68,000. That's 16 percent higher than in 1997 and 35 percent higher than 1995, the year

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the center opened.

The Muncie Star Press reported that Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan had praised the annual job fair organized by U.S. Rep. David McIntosh. "But Kernan failed to mention McIntosh in the news release. Instead, he saluted the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and Ball State University, saying they were "the glue that's held it all together," the Star Press reported. BSU and McIntosh have been the co-hosts for 2 years after the congressman began the event in 1997. In his news release, Kernan twice referred to it as Job Fair '99. "He calls it by a name nobody has ever called it," McIntosh aide Chris Jones said when informed of the news release. "We've very much tried to avoid politicizing any aspect of it," Jones said.

Tipper Gore is scheduled to come to Indianapolis on July 31 and receive the endorsement of her husband from Gov. Frank O'Bannon. Former Sen. Bill Bradley will be in Indianapolis on July 27 for a fundraiser hosted by Indianapolis Councilor Susan Williams and Pat Terrell.

Mike O'Connor and his wife, Ann, had a baby girl. Mary Catherine was 7 pounds, 14 ounces when born. O'Connor is campaign manager

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HPR: Do you see that as an economic development tool?

O'Bannon: It is. That's the basis for I-69. It is economic development for that part of the state.

HPR: What have the recent school shootings taught us about preparedness and security in Indiana schools?

O'Bannon: The original school shootings a couple of years ago caught people off guard. I think Dr. Suellen Reed, whom I supported, was to get a plan in this fall on man-made disasters, fires, and things like earthquake and we've moved on that. And last December I proposed a school safety program. We met with experts in this room and we came up with the idea of a school safety specialist for each school. I proposed that in the State of the State. Of course that passed the House and was killed dead in the Senate. After the Columbine killings they resurrected that and we got most of that in place. So we'll be training a student safety specialist in each school district. We'll have money to help form county school commissions of the different school districts, law enforcement officers, the social service agencies, so they can all come together and help prevent that kind of school disaster caused by students. I think we're on a good track and we're one of the leading states when it comes to school safety.

HPR: We've seen stories that some of the property tax assessments in Lake County are going up an average of 55 percent. Statewide they're going up 5. Put that into perspective for us.

O'Bannon: There is a catchup time every six years or so. Five percent is the average for the last 20 years. If you remember, we raised Homestead exemptions which reduced the effects on some of these homeowners. Certainly we're going to do that again. But there will be some differences. The biggest thing in property taxes is just being fair. We're really striving to make that as fair as possible in that new system.

HPR: The AFL-CIO and the Chamber really butted heads over the AUL Building and workers comp. Is there anything you can do to break that down?

O'Bannon: I think so. We did in 1997 when we combined five bills and one of them was a workers compensation increase in benefits. One was for the inheritance tax cut which the Chamber favored; labor didn't for some reason I didn't understand. We had the other bills for unemployment insurance where the businesses got a tax cut on that and higher benefits. At times you can bring them together but they've both got to in a sense look at it together and say what's good for business is good for labor and what's good for labor is good for business. That's difficult to do when you've got animosities that have built up over the years in the lobbying halls of the Statehouse here. But I'll continue to try and bring those together. The fact that we couldn't do the updated tax code; we couldn't extend the life of Family and Social Services in a regular session; we couldn't change the charter of banks that was very basic; that we couldn't get the insurance industry more competitive at the end of the session; when all of those were there and all of those had passed somewhere and failed at the last moment, that raises some real questions, again, on how we make sure we handle all the business of the state in a long session.

HPR: How do you read the Gore-Bradley race? Is Indiana a Gore state?

O'Bannon: I think they both have people in the state who support them. We're working real closely with Al Gore and Tipper Gore. She's been here a few times. Bill Bradley has been here. I think it's too early to tell how they will do in this state.

HPR: Have you made a decision?

O'Bannon: Yes, I think at some point we will make that decision and announce that. We haven't done that yet and we will in the near future.❖

Indiana Racing Form

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:** Buskirk raised $24,000 in a golf tournament (Journal Gazette). GOP sources say party poll has Buskirk leading by more than 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 challenged Peterson to release a monthly campaign financial report prior to the election with a weirdly titled press release: "I'll show you mine, if you show me yours." The proposal would include all individual and corporate contributions of $250 or more, all in-kind contributions, all contributions of any kind from PACs and political parties, including pass-through funds, and all personal funds. Gilroy reversed stance on summer TV advertising and began airing a spot that touts her recent endorsements from police and firefighter unions. This comes after Peterson had aired six weeks worth of TV ads with only spot radio ads as a response. Observers believe Gilroy was beginning to see numbers that saw the race slipping away. Democrats say that Gilroy will not be able to "define" Peterson. Both Gilroy and Peterson told NUVO Newsweekly that they would use narcotic roadblocks. Horning stated that the controversial practice struck down by the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals "sends the wrong message" when society cannot "even adhere to the most basic principles that make America the land of the free." During 10 roadblocks in 1998, police stopped 1,800 cars and made 54 drug possession arrests. Gilroy campaigned in Franklin Township with Sheriff Jack Cottey and Prosecutor Scott Newman, launching summer-long door-to-door campaign effort. Peterson called for summit on race relations in Indianapolis. Peterson said the "seemingly disconnected acts" at Columbine HS and the Benjamin Smith assaults were "symptoms of a looming crisis" and called for a working dialogue. **General Status:** *Tossup.*

HORSE RACE

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:** Witwer is still deciding what to do. Price conducted a 23-city tour to tout his Hoosier Hope Scholarship program and got generally good reviews. In all the McIntosh mania, a number of observers warn that Price should not be overlooked, as did Michael Lee Gradison on WNDY-TV's Mike Pence Show. HPR Publisher Brian Howey likened the McIntosh/Price dynamic to GWBush and the rest of the GOP presidential field. McIntosh stands to raise considerably more money than Price and that will be hard for Price to overcome in the Republican primary. McIntosh campaigned in Merrillville, Hammond, South Bend, Lafayette, Madison and New Albany. Former Indiana GOP chairman Al Hubbard will become McIntosh's campaign chairman. O'Bannon returned from vacation. Fort Wayne Journal Gazette editorialized that "Helmke is a better leader than McIntosh." The editorial stated, "It's not only McIntosh's far-right positions on birth control and environmental protections that are disturbing. The man has had ethical lapses and run-ins with the law that hint at poor judgment and an out-of-control temper." And the editorial stated that Helmke endorsed McIntosh "to improve his relations with state Republicans and to better his chances at being selected to fill McIntosh's lieutenant governor's slot." **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

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for Indianapolis mayoral candidate Bart Peterson.

A study of property tax liability shows one in four Lake County properties is taxed less than $200 a year (Robin Biesen, Time Times). In all, the 60,000 parcels that make up the bottom 25 percent of all property taxpayers have a combined tax liability of about $4.5 million -- less than 1 percent of the more than $567 million expected to be collected in property taxes countywide this year. Joseph Gomeztagle, project manager of a tax-education forum, Operation TEN, and author of the study released last week, said the remaining 75 percent of all property owners are left to pick up the burden of 99.3 percent of all property taxes paid in Lake County -- about $563 million this year. "This is not a problem only in Lake County," he said. "We looked at other areas, such as St. Joseph County (South Bend) and Vigo County (Terre Haute), and found the same situation exists there."

U.S. Rep. Ed Pease announced that his congressional office has saved $101,296 of its allotted budget for 1998.

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar has invited SEMA Director Pat Ralston, Auditor of State Connie Nass and Kokomo Mayor James Trobaugh to testify at a Y2K prepared-

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ness hearing in Washington on July 15. "We are less than 175 days away from Jan. 1, 2000. It is imperative that we continue to develop and implement plans to mitigate Y2K risks," Lugar said.

Central Newspapers has announced that the Indianapolis News will publish its last edition on Oct. 1. After that, the only major PM daily newspaper left in Indiana will be the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel.

U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh has joined Sen. Pete Domenici in co-sponsoring the Responsible Fatherhood

Report observes, "With $1 million in the bank, formidable poll numbers, and a strong record, Lugar will have little trouble next year." Lugar was the only politician to be honored as a "living legend" at the Indiana Historical Society's grand opening fete. Lugar appeared with pitcher Carl Erskine and novelist Kurt Vonnegut Jr. **Status:** *Safe Lugar.*

Congressional District 2: Republican: Jim Huston, Mike Pence, State Rep. Jeff Linder, Andrew Phipps, Brad Steele, State Rep. Jack Lutz. **Democrat:** Joe Hogsett, State Rep. Scott Mellinger, State Rep. Tiny Adams, State Sen. Tim Lanane, Troy Liggett, J.D. Lux. **Geography:** Muncie, Anderson, Richmond, Shelbyville, Columbus and East Central Indiana. **1994 results:** McIntosh 93,592, Hogsett 78,241. 1996 Results: McIntosh 122,288, Carmichael (D) 83,478, Zimmerman (L) 4,662. **1998 Results:** McIntosh (R) 99,584, Boles (D) 62,426, Federle (L) 2,236. **2000 Forecast:** Several members of the 2nd CD media are amused at all the talk about Pence, Linder and Hogsett getting their party's nominations. "They're from the wrong end of the district," said one northern district reporter. "The winner will be the one who mounts a grassroots campaign from the north." Of that group, Huston would get the benefit because of his Muncie address and close ties to McIntosh. **Status:** *Leans R.*

Congressional District 5: Republican: U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer. **Democrat:** David Steele. **Geography:** Kokomo, Marion, Peru, Monticello, Lowell, Northern Indiana. **1994 results:** Buyer 108,575, Beatty 43,619, Alfred (L) 3,328. **1996 Results:** Buyer 133,604, Clark (D) 67,125, Lehman (L) 5,255. **1998 Results:** Buyer (R) 101,567, Steele 58,504 (D), Waters (L) 2,317. **2000 Forecast:** Buyer and the 12 other House managers in President Clinton's impeachment trial have launched a new political action committee and website which will raise money to support "rule of law" candidates. The website is www.housemanagers2000.org. This comes in response to an anti-impeachment fund drive that netted some $13 million in less than a week. **Status:** *SOLID R.*

Congressional District 9: Republican: Kevin Shaw Kellems. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. **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, [illegible] **1998 Results:** Hill (D) 92,477, Leising (R) 87,278, [illegible] has got the endorsement of the Floyd County GOP organized together in Madison and New Albany. **Status:**

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