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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“OK. I've made some changes. ”

- Senate President Pro Tempore Robert D. Garton, R-Columbus, on removing Sen. Teresa Lubbers as education chair, to the Indianapolis Star

## Simpson emerges; changes Dem vacuum

### Hill may have waited too long

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

By early this week, the inactivity after the big names passed on the Democratic 2004 gubernatorial race was nothing less than surreal.

It was almost as if Gov. Frank O'Bannon had placed a pox on his office, and marquee Democrats ranging from U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan, former U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer, and, finally, former House Speaker John Gregg were bailing.

Long-time Democratic operative Mike Harmless was amazed. He recalled the time he went to see former Terre Haute Mayor Pete Chalos, and said he was “thinking” about running for Congress. Chalos almost dismissed him then and there, saying, “Don’t waste my time.”

“Let me rephrase that,” Harmless countered. “I am going to run for Congress and I’m seeking your help.”

As Harmless surveyed the littered Democratic gubernatorial dustbin, he said, “Someone is just going to have to step up and say, ‘I’m running.’”

**That first act of boldness** occurred this morning, when a hoarse State Sen. Vi Simpson, riding a wave of indignation over comments made by IUPUI pollster Brian Vargus that Indiana isn’t ready for a woman governor, said she is forming an exploratory committee.

“I do so not to satisfy personal ambition, nor am I interested in making history, I am taking this step today because I owe Indiana more than it will ever owe me,” Simpson said to several hundred supporters outside the governor’s office, including the entire Senate Democratic caucus in an electrifying speech. “Today, Indiana needs strong leadership. I put my record of fiscal responsibility against any-

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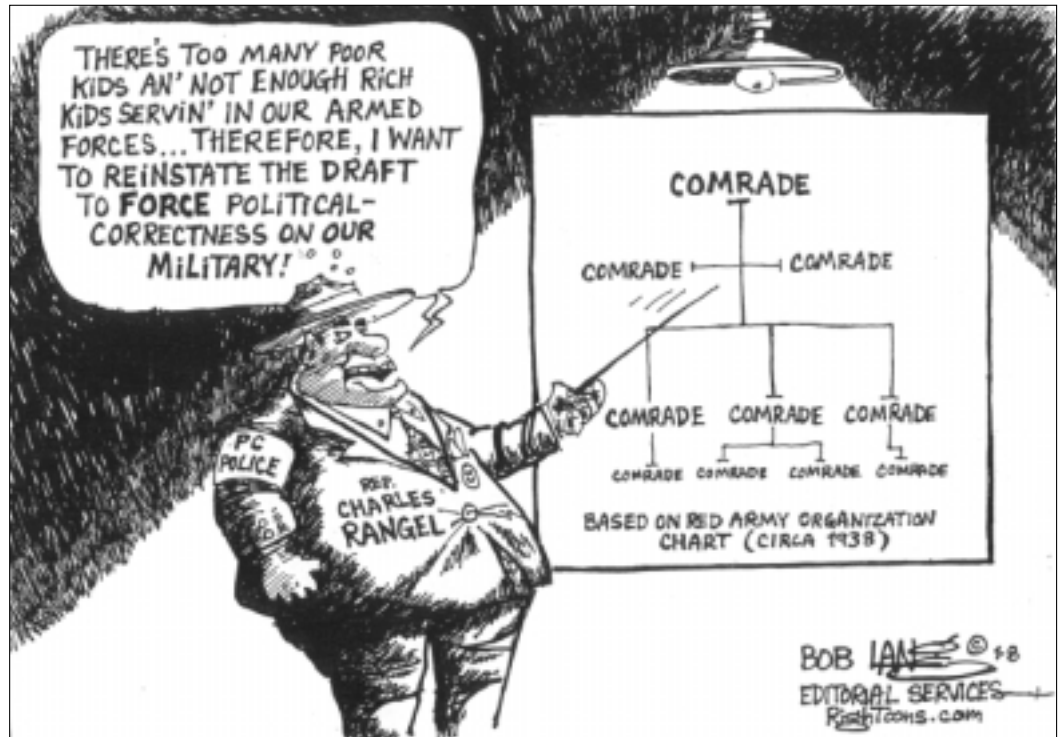
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**SEN. FORD SEEKS LG NOMINATION:** State Sen. David Ford, R-Hartford City, has officially launched a campaign for lieutenant governor in 2004. He has a website dedicated to the campaign at <http://www.davidford2004.com>. Ford joins former national Republican committee-woman Jean Ann Harcourt as candidates seeking the job. "I am convinced that Indiana will elect a Republican governor in 2004," Ford said on his website. "I am fortunate to have had an opportunity to get to know each of the current Republican candidates. We will have a stronger ticket if there is also support and confidence in the governor's running mate. Hoosiers should have the opportunity to get to know both members of the GOP team well before the 2004 primary election and convention. I have given the idea of seeking the office of lieutenant governor a lot of thought and prayer. Many Hoosiers would consider it a privilege to serve with a Republican administration, and many could serve well. I will not suggest that I am the only choice for the office of lieutenant governor, but I believe, for the reasons set forth below, that I am uniquely qualified."

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body in this Statehouse. This election shouldn't be about labels. It should be about ideas and which person can move this state forward. Today, I believe I'm that person."

But even that wasn't bold enough for former Democratic National Chairman Joe Andrew, who told the *Indianapolis Star* he would skip the exploratory committee and plunge in, if that's his decision. "We may well have a primary here," Andrew told the *Star*.

Still wafting in the wind was U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. Insiders insisted after Evan Bayh's decision not to go that he wouldn't abandon his 9th CD seat, with fears by some Democrats that it could easily turn Republican in a special election. But Hill came under heavy pressure, reportedly from the Bayh organization and Gov. O'Bannon, to reconsider. Bayh's concern is to have a strong gubernatorial candidate to run in tandem with his Senate re-election campaign.

Hill is, apparently, the key choice of a number of party elders, including Chairman Peter Manous.

The problem for Hill is that after Indiana Democrats castigated then-U.S.

Rep. David McIntosh for missing scores of congressional votes during the 2000 gubernatorial campaign, the three-term congressman from Seymour would face the same dilemma.

Former Democratic Chairman Robin Winston doesn't believe that's necessarily the case, telling HPR that McIntosh never effectively addressed the issue. But the other part of that equation is that in recent American political history, members of Congress have a dismal record of returning home and capturing the governorship. In addition to McIntosh, former Rep. Steve Largent, like Hill a sports star, lost a 2002 gubernatorial race in Oklahoma even after he resigned his congressional seat almost a year in advance.

The other problem Hill presumably is weighing is that the gubernatorial breed of politician is vastly different than the congressional breed. Bayh and Ohio Gov. George Voinovich are exceptions. Political figures such as U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania couldn't make the gubernatorial hurdle, but have thrived at the congressional level.

A Hoosier governor must be more

of a schmoozer with a high degree of retail appeal, whereas firebrands and ideologues (which Hill is not) may be better suited for Congress.

For the record, Hill thrives at retail politics, jogging across the state in 1990 when he ran against U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, as well as in his three CD races.

## Clearing the field?

The hope of Manous, Bayh and others was to "clear the field" in order to preserve resources while taking on OMB Director Mitch Daniels, Ambassador to Germany Dan Coats (who is vividly signalling to Hoosier friends his interest in a gubernatorial run), or State Sen. Murray Clark or McIntosh.

But as Andrew stated, Bayh may have been the only one strong enough to do it. Hill might have had a narrow window of opportunity -- Monday and Tuesday -- to enter and come across strong enough to keep others out. But that opportunity probably is past. And anyone who watched Simpson kick off her candidacy could feel real energy.

Asked about Manous' apparent support of Hill, Simpson said, "I don't think the party chairman chooses the candidate" before the atrium exploded in applause. "I will persuade them the same way I will voters. I'm the candidate with the most experience, the candidate with the best ideas, the highest level of energy, I'll work the hardest and I hope to make that case."

## Gender outrage

Following Dr. Vargus' comments to Shannon Lohrmann of Gannett News Service, my newspaper column of Dec. 26 (which ran in about two dozen newspaper and the *Indianapolis Eye*) questioned the notion that Indiana couldn't elect a woman governor. The column said, "If this is the case, that women aren't capable of being governor, then maybe we ought to dust off the idiotic vestiges of the Jim

Crow era and start marking drinking fountains with 'men only' and 'women only' signs. Maybe we ought to make women go to the back of the bus. Or maybe, just maybe, opinion makers from across the state, and, more importantly, the political parties, ought to be doing some soul searching as to why it's deemed acceptable and something that induces so little outrage as to rule out half our population."

Simpson told HPR a week later, "There are many conversations going on throughout the state. It is not an exaggeration to say that I have heard from women (and men) from north and south who are outraged by the obvious oversight and who are encouraging me to take the leap.

"Is it possible that we have moved beyond? There are obstacles -- put in place by the party, by legislative leadership and by the press -- very few can 'imagine' a female chief exec," Simpson asked. "Most are surprised to know that 19 women have served as governor of their respective states, Arizona and Kansas have had two. Ten female candidates ran this year, and six women are currently serving as governor. Even Kentucky had a woman, and it did not disintegrate nor did it surrender to Indiana."

Asked by the *Star's* Mary Beth Schneider about whether Indiana is ready for a woman governor, Simpson replied, "Amazingly, I haven't heard that very much. In fact, I've heard a lot of people say it's time. I think Indiana is ready for the very best candidate and the very strongest leader we can put forward. And I believe that I'm that person."

Bayh noted that Kentucky elected a female governor and Gregg said of Simpson, "Vi, on paper, is very, very credible. I think we're at a point where a woman could run for governor in either party."

As for his own decision not to run, Gregg told HPR, "It's true, I just wanted to spend more time with my family. Nothing's changed other than Joe Kernan's seismic announcement." ❖

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**CATION INCREASES:** A skimpy increase in education funding will mean further cuts in summer school programs and fewer teachers in the fall, Secretary of Education Sue Ellen Reed told lawmakers Wednesday (Steve Walsh, Post-Tribune). Reed received a somewhat chilly reception at the House Ways and Means Committee as she outlined her budget for public education that includes 3.5 percent increases in tuition support for local schools in each of the next two years. All of the increases wanted by the department would add an extra \$156 million to the budget in 2004 and \$160 million the following year, Reed said. She left the task of finding a way to pay for the budget to the lawmakers. "I'm not a fiscal expert. My job is to tell you what it will take to fund public education," she said. It wasn't the sort of news the committee members wanted to hear as they start hunting for money to shore up a deficit predicted to be \$850 million by the time the fiscal year ends in June. House Speaker Pat Bauer has said schools may not receive more money next year to compensate for the weakened economy. It isn't too soon for further belt-tightening, Rep. Ralph Ayres, R-Chesterton, said.

## HOUSE REPUBLICANS

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**ANNOUNCE PLANS:** House Republicans hope the two votes they gained in the November election will help them pass a legislative agenda the caucus unrolled Wednesday (Niki Kelly, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). Many of their proposals focus on economic development and are bills the GOP has offered in the past. But with 49 members now, they need support from only a few Democrats to give their ideas a fighting chance. "These are good ideas," said House Republican Leader Brian Bosma. "We are hoping the majority will set aside partisanship and accept a program from someone other than themselves." The major planks in the plan include changes to the infrastructure at the Indiana Department of Commerce, tax credits to reverse the recent trend of corporate headquarters leaving the state, and modifications to the Economic Development for a Growing Economy tax credit.

**RESKE TO SPONSOR PULL TAB BILL:** State Rep. Scott Reske, D-Pendleton, said that he or another Democratic lawmaker will introduce pull tab legislation before the Jan. 13 filing deadline (Indianapolis Star). Legislation to legalize video pull-tab machines won approval last year in the House but was killed in the Senate. The bill's most recent draft calls for 750

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## Bayh, Quayle (and Hillary Clinton)

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

*Indianapolis Eye*

Two of Indiana's most successful modern politicians, Evan Bayh and Dan Quayle, had to consider a run for governor in the context of their presidential aspirations.

Both turned it down.

U.S. Sen. Bayh announced his decision last weekend, saying, "I can best serve the people of the State of Indiana by devoting my undivided energy to the job they hired me to do – United States senator. It's a full-time job and with the magnitude of issues like national security, affordable health care and the economy, I will devote my undivided attention to the job they hired me to do."

Former Vice President Quayle faced the same dilemma before the 1996 race. He had served one term in the White House before he and President George H.W. Bush were defeated by Bill Clinton in 1992. Many Hoosier Republicans urged Quayle to return to politics as Indiana governor.

**They believed that** a successful term as governor would erase some of the miscues that earned Quayle ridicule by the media and Democrats during the 1988 presidential campaign, and that being governor of a state offers more chances of success in getting to the White House.

Quayle, after four years of world travels and East Room state dinners, had trouble seeing himself giving Lincoln Day dinner speeches at Nelson's Golden Glo Port-a-Pit Hall in Wakarusa, or squabbling with Sen. Bob Garton and Rep. B. Patrick Bauer over Hoosier biennial budgets. He passed, and was an early casualty in the 2000 presidential race to George W. Bush. Many felt that Quayle made a huge political miscalculation in doing so.

The calculation that Evan Bayh just made seems at first pass to be the right one. There's a central figure in both the Quayle and Bayh dilemmas, and her name

is Hillary Clinton.

She helped her husband defeat Bush-Quayle in 1992. Now, a decade later, U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton occupies one of the most unique catbird seats in American political history. A recent CNN-Gallup Poll rated Sen. Clinton as the most popular female in America. And while the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination is truly up for grabs, many people believe that in 2008 it's virtually certain that Sen. Clinton will be the Democratic nominee.

**This kind of** prognostication is fraught with danger. As Bayh pointed out, even two years in American politics is an eternity, let alone six. While the current President Bush remains highly popular (consistently in the 60th percentile), he faces an array of dangers from a recalcitrant Saddam Hussein who may try to poison our troops; to North Korean nukes; to a faltering economy; to renegade Republicans who now control Congress.

While Hoosiers take Bayh at his word that serving in the U.S. Senate during a time of war and economic duress is his best course, here's some behind-the-frontal-lobe speculation that probably coursed through the mind of Indiana's junior senator.

**One, running for** Indiana governor takes Evan Bayh back into something he's already done, when he could stay in the Senate and deal with the hot topics of national security, prescription drug costs, and the economy. On national security, if he plays his cards right, he can take credit for his work on the Senate Intelligence Committee and blame President Bush for the miscues.

Republican commentator Rex Early put the whole third Bayh governor term aspect in this context: "Could you imagine coming back and having to deal with Bob Garton and Pat Bauer. I'd rather have syphilis."

Second, if Bayh ran for governor it would virtually lock him out of a potential

vice presidential nomination in 2004. The chances of an Eastern Seaboard presidential nominee (i.e. John Kerry, his mentor Joe Lieberman, John Edwards, Howard Dean) needing a relatively young, handsome Midwestern senator as a running mate are fairly high.

**Should Bayh** get the vice presidential nod in 2004, even if the ticket lost to Bush, he'd be automatically positioned to show even as he faced the brunt of a Hillary for President juggernaut four years later. And if Clinton-style history were to strike twice (beating the Bush), he's a heart-beat away.

Bayh said the vice presidential element "really didn't enter into it and I'll

tell you why: I suppose it's a possibility, but it's so hypothetical."

Which is a good point. Being the master politician that he is (the only election loss Bayh was associated with was his father's 1980 defeat by Dan Quayle), Evan Bayh almost certainly worked through all the hypotheticals. Including these.

**He will, with the charm** of the boy next door, beg off, say he's flattered, but he's doing the right thing in doing the job he was hired to do. But in reality, a political figure such as Evan Bayh worked through all the hypotheticals and they included the keywords "veep," "2004" and "Hillary." ❖

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**U.S. Senate: Republican:** Marvin Scott. **Democrat:** U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh. **1992**

**Results:** Coats (R) 1,267,972, Hogsett (D) 900,148. **1998 Results:** Bayh (D) 1,012,244, Helmke (R) 552,732. **2004 Forecast:** Marvin Scott, who lost a 53-47 percent race to U.S. Rep. Andy Jacobs in 1994, and a 59-40 percent race to U.S. Rep. Julia Carson in 2000, has entered the race.

In 1994, Scott raised \$69,852 (compared to \$27,000 for Jacobs), and in 2000 he raised \$82,504 (compared to \$340,000 for Carson). In contrast, Bayh raised \$3.9 million in 1998 compared to Paul Helmke's \$642,784. Dan Coats out-raised Joe Hogsett \$3.8 million to \$1.5 million in 1992. The point of all the money? The incumbent Hoosier senator will always maintain a commanding monetary position. Bayh is about as solid as one can get when it comes to victory prognostication. We doubt there will be another serious Republican candidate. But Scott could serve a vital function for the Indiana Republicans, who have been repeatedly stung by a variety of racial insensitivities, particularly in Marion County, over the past five years. Scott will help put a new face on the Republicans if they decide to back him and help him raise more than a pitance of money. Indiana Republican Chairman Jim Kittle has been pushing Mbari, the party's African-American wing, and called for U.S. Sen. Trent Lott to resign his Senate Majority Leader post last month. Scott, a Butler University professor, is intense and a bit iconoclastic. He has not been seriously funded in either of his two congressional races. As for Bayh, the biggest question here is whether he will be chosen for the Democratic national ticket in 2004. As for what would happen if he was (and he won) ... well, that's just too hypothetical. **Status:** *Solid D.*

**Governor 2004: Republican:** Ambassador Dan Coats, David McIntosh, Sen. Murray Clark, Sen. Luke Kenley, OMB Director Mitch Daniels, Eric Miller, Petersburg Mayor Randy Harris. **Democrat:** Joe Andrew, U.S. Rep. Baron Hill, State Sen. Vi Simpson. **1996 Results:** O'Bannon (D) 1,075,342, Goldsmith (R) 997,505, Dillon (L) 35,261. **2000 Results:** O'Bannon (D) 1,230,345, McIntosh (R) 906,492, Horning (L) 38,686. **2004 Forecast:** Coats is telling friends and supporters that he would really, really like to return to Indiana and run for governor. We still have a hard time seeing a Daniels-Coats primary showdown, though no one has ruled it out. Daniels, who will speak at the Boone and Hamilton county Lincoln Day dinners in early February, is the hottest GOP property now, but as we head into the next two months with war and potential "spectacular" domestic terror attacks looming along with an uncertain economy, it's possible the Daniels glow could diminish. **Status:** *TOSSUP.* ❖

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pull-tab machines at each of four locations: Hoosier Park in Anderson, Indiana Downs in Shelby County, Trackside in Indianapolis and a second off-track betting location in Marion County, said Reske, whose district includes Hoosier Park. "What the tracks are trying to do with the OTBs is get a land-based casino," said John Wolf, coordinator of the Indiana Coalition Against Legalized Gambling. "They are just like slot machines. There is no difference."

**I-69 DECISION COMING BEFORE JAN. 14:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon is reviewing a recommendation from state highway officials on the route for the Interstate 69 extension through southwestern Indiana and could make an announcement soon (Associated Press). The Indiana Department of Transportation provided O'Bannon with the recommendation, along with other alternatives, Mary Dieter, the governor's spokeswoman, said yesterday. O'Bannon said he hopes to make an announcement before his annual State of the State address to the legislature Jan. 14.

**TERRE HAUTE MAYOR SAYS INDOT IGNORING I-69 DATA:** Critics have accused Indiana Department of Transportation officials of forwarding their recommen-

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dation on the preferred route for the Interstate 69 extension before finishing review of public comments (Pete Ciancone, Terre Haute Tribune-Star). In the latest volley fired at the state's study of Interstate 69, they say INDOT has violated its own terms on how it would conduct the study. INDOT forwarded their route choice to Gov. Frank O'Bannon before Christmas, officials said earlier in the week, but INDOT Commissioner Bryan Nicol said they continue to review the huge amount of public comment they have received about the study. Nicol has promised throughout the study to take every public comment seriously.

**PENCE CITES DELCO JOB LOSS ON HOUSE FLOOR:** Mike Pence joined an overwhelming House majority Wednesday to support extending unemployment benefits for 5 months. --East Central Indiana continues to reel from manufacturing job loss. This week, Delco Remy America in Anderson announced it was closing plants, putting 400 people out of work. "I was shocked and dismayed yesterday to learn of the complete elimination of over 400 manufacturing jobs in Anderson," Pence said during a speech on the House floor (Muncie Star Press). The first priority of Congress, Pence said,

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## Indiana 2003 Mayoral Races

**Anderson Mayoral:** **Republican:** Kevin Smith, John Blevins. **Democrat:** Robert W. Rock, Anderson Twp. Assessor Dorothy Manis. **Independent:** Linda Haynes. **1995 Results:** Lawler (D) 9,411, Graham (R) 8,817. **1999 Results:** Lawler (D) 8,395, Czarniecki (R) 7,002 Haynes (I) 1,950. **2003 Forecast:** Rock officially entered the race and appears to have lined up much of the mainstream Democratic Party support, including Mayor Mark Lawler and State Sen. Tim Lanane. **General Status:** *TOSSUP.*

**East Chicago Mayoral:** **Republican:** None. **Democrat:** Mayor Robert Pastrick, Councilman George Pabey. **1999 Primary Results:** Pastrick 5,772, Stephen Stiglich 3,790. **1999 General Results:** Pastrick (D) 3,027, Acost (R) 629. **2003 Forecast:** The East Chicago City Council met to choose a new president, and Councilman Pabey and two of his colleagues weren't even invited. Thus, this mayoral race is off to a simmering start. **General Status:** *Solid Pastrick.*

**Evansville Mayoral:** **Republican:** Mayor Russell Lloyd Jr. **Democrat:** State Rep. Jonathon Weinzapfel, Steve Melcher, Commissioner David Mosby, Frank McDonald II. **1995 Results:** McDonald (D) 19,162, Frary (R) 9,565. **1999 Results:** Lloyd (R) 15,980, Borries (D) 15,461. **2003 Forecast:** John, considered a shoo-in for his party's choice for mayor, announced he will not run (Herb Marynell, *Evansville Journal & Courier*). That opens the door for other Democrats to run for mayor, including State Rep. Jonathan Weinzapfel, who said he's interested in the job. Weinzapfel supported John's campaign over the past two years, raising about \$100,000. "I was pretty shocked when I heard he wasn't going to run," Weinzapfel said. "It's a shock to most Democrats." David Mosby, a veteran city councilman elected county commissioner in 2000, said "my options are open" on whether he might run for mayor this year. "It's something I have to take a serious look at," Mosby said. Democrats also are tossing out the names of Frank McDonald II, a three-term mayor who didn't seek re-election in 1999 and became a bank president, and Councilman Steve Melcher, D-3rd Ward and party county chairman, as possible candidates. If McDonald were to enter, that could set up a fascinating showdown between Evansville's two preeminent political families. The two mixed it up earlier this week when McDonald criticized Lloyd and a group of business CEO stadium backers for trying to "slam" the stadium down taxpayers' throats. McDonald said the public should be heard on the issue. "I think he (McDonald) certainly is concerned about the city's welfare and so am I," Lloyd said. "We both have the city's best interests at heart. I think on some issues we have a difference of opinion." If McDonald doesn't run (and it's looking like he's thinking about it), we see Weinzapfel as an early frontrunner. **General Status:** *Leans Lloyd.*

**Elkhart Mayoral:** **Republican:** Mayor Dave Miller, Councilman Dave Henke. **Democrat:** James Perron, Councilman Rod Roberson. **1995 Results:** Perron (D) 5,017, McDowell (R) 4,869. **1999 Results:** Miller (R) 4,959, Perron (D) 3,902. **2003 Forecast:** Henke assailed Miller over several foreign trips, including one during an ice storm that caused massive power outages. One of the trips Miller made was to talk with Baer about its former Miles Laboratory facility. Note: These are Republicans beginning to duke it out. Miller announced his candidacy in late December, saying, "For the last three years, our challenge has been to build a city for life," (Rick Meyer, *Elkhart Truth*). "(That) means everything life includes -- strong relationships, strong opportunities and a place that you can be proud of ... where you can breathe free and enjoy the peace and quiet of your property ... so you, your children and grandchildren can enjoy this place forever." **General Status:** *Leans Miller.*

**Fort Wayne Mayoral:** **Republican:** Linda Buskirk, Jon Olinger. **Democrat:** Mayor

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Graham Richard. **1995 Results:** Helmke 21,909, Essex (D) 11,033, Kempf (L) 1,029. **1999 Results:** Richard (D) 21,607, Buskirk (R) 21,531. **2003 Forecast:** Matt Kelty, the Republican who gave State Rep. Winfield Moses a recounted race, declined to enter, saying he will support Buskirk. Now there is major GOP pressure on Olinger to leave the race and allow the party to coalesce around Buskirk. **General Status:** *Tossup.*

**Indianapolis Mayoral: Republican:** Treasurer Greg Jordan, State Rep. Phil Hinkle, Bob Parker. **Democrat:** Mayor Bart Peterson. **Libertarian:** Open. **1995 Results:** Goldsmith (R) 64,209, Jimison (D) 39,539, Dillon (L) 7,175. **1999 Results:** Peterson (D) 102,870, Gilroy (R) 83,044, Horning (L) 7,772, Gibson (OP) 2,145. **2003 Forecast:** McVey announced he won't run. Bob Parker, who challenged Sue Anne Gilroy in the 1999 GOP primary, opted in and said he will spend up to \$600,000 in the primary. Parker may be the GOP's best shot at making this interesting. Neither Jordan nor Hinkle have raised any money and will be buried in the primary. Parker is a self-made man with a major ax to grind with Peterson over tracts of industrial land the city claimed, paying Parker only a fraction of what he maintained it was worth. If the Republicans want a motivated candidate who will be hard-charging and can finance a portion of the campaign, Parker is the guy. The fact that Hinkle and Jordan haven't even begun raising money should tell John Keeler and his Republicans everything they need to know on what route to take. **General Status:** *LIKELY PETERSON.*

**New Albany Mayoral: Republican:** Mayor Regina Overton. **Democrat:** Councilman James E. Garner. **1995 Results:** England 6,845, Real (R) 5,886. **1999 Results:** Overton (R) 5,512, England (D) 4,205. **2003 Forecast:** Garner entered the race. "I wanted to show that James Garner is serious about it," the candidate said, when asked why he decided to announce so early in the primary season. Floyd County Democratic Chairman Warren Nash said he was "impressed" by Garner's dash out of the primary gate, with such an early showing of party support. But he added that as many as four or five other candidates may run in the Democratic primary, although he declined to name any. **General Status:** *TOSSUP.*

**Terre Haute Mayoral: Republican:** Bill Dunbar. **Democrat:** Mayor Judy Anderson, Jim Jenkins. **1999 Results:** Anderson (D) 6,791, Hooper (R) 2,608, Cronk (I) 1,178, Brouer (I) 174. **2003 Forecast:** Former Mayor Jenkins is signalling to supporters that he will run, but won't confirm it publicly. Democrats George Azar and Cliff Lambert and telling their potential supporters they will get in if Jenkins doesn't. If Jenkins runs, expect a gloves off primary. Many people believe Mayor Anderson defeated Jenkins in the 1999 primary because of the incumbents administration, not in spite of it. **General Status:** *Leans Anderson*

*Brian A. Howey ❖*

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of HPR's 50 Most Influential List  
will be featured later this month  
(after the Democrats sort things out)**

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**Pssst ... nominations  
are still being accepted.**

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should be to help those most hurt by the recession - the jobless.

**BUSH LAUDS INDIANA ON EDUCATION STANDARDS:** A year after President Bush signed into law the most sweeping changes in federal education policy in decades, the White House approved accountability plans for five states, including Indiana and Ohio, on Wednesday. The nod from federal education officials validates years of work to improve Indiana's testing program and means Indiana will likely hold on to more than \$750 million in federal money the state receives each year for education.

**MARGERUM TO ANNOUNCE DECISION TODAY:** West Lafayette Mayor Sonya Margerum will announce at 4 p.m. today in a city hall press conference, whether she will seek a seventh term. Margerum vowed to remain mum until this afternoon. City councilwoman Jan Mills, considered by many to be a likely successor as Democratic nominee, won't say if she'll run.

**ARMEY EXPLAINS LILLY PROVISION:** Interviewed by Pat Robertson on the Christian Broadcasting Network, former House Majority leader Dick Armeay was asked about provisions to protect Eli Lilly from vac-

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cination lawsuits. Arney said, "We have had a problem with getting vaccinations produced in America because of the lawsuits that have been brought against the companies. In 1998, I should remind people, Teddy Kennedy passed a bill that would relieve that sort of tort pressure on the companies so that we could have a reliable vaccine supply. The tort lawyers found a loophole by way of this additive, they've re-assaulted it, and I put in a correction that would reinstate the original Kennedy legislation to guarantee a reliable vaccine supply. I felt my responsibility in homeland security was to address the question of a reliable vaccine supply for all of America on the best scientific arguments available." ROBERTSON: Well, you know, I saw a piece on CBS News that seemed to act like there was a sinister plot between Eli Lilly and, you know, Mitch Daniels and you, and everybody getting these enormous payoffs. That's not true, is it? ARMEY: Nah, it's not true. And you know, the news, bless their hearts - I always laugh, I said, "The news media in America is staffed by young idealists and old cynics and it's hard to tell which one is going to be least productive in producing the news."

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# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

**Jack Colwell**, *South Bend Tribune* -

When Republicans sought after the election to find some Democrat to defect -- just one was all they needed in order to gain control of the Indiana House -- maybe they should have tried to persuade Pat Bauer to join their ranks. After all, the South Bend Democrat, who now has become speaker of the House, will preside at the worst of times in a precarious situation. Speaker Bauer takes the gavel as the legislature faces a billion-dollar hole in the budget, lingering national economic woes that continue to curtail state revenue and constituents who don't want either tax increases or education cuts. Bauer doesn't have a vote to spare in the House -- 51 Democrats, 49 Republicans. The Senate is solidly Republican. The governor, though a Democrat, is a lame duck with little clout in the legislature. The lieutenant governor, also a Democratic duck who's lame, joined the limping legions in forsaking a run for governor. And the *Indianapolis Star* savages him the way the Iraqi press describes George Bush. Hopeless? Sounds like it. Maybe they should have asked Bauer to vote with Republicans for speaker. "Tough times make interesting times," says Bauer. ❖

**Mike McDaniel**, *Indianapolis Eye* -

"Don't tell my mother I'm a lobbyist -- she thinks I'm a piano player in a whore house," read the bumper strip that used to stick on the bulletin board at the Indianapolis Press Club. To lobbyists, this tongue in cheek declaration sums up the public's misunderstanding of the important role played by those of us who represent "special interests," another term which carries with it evil, if not slimy, connotations. So how did the terms "lobbyist" and "special interests" become generic for "slimy" and "evil"? Throughout our history, newspapers have used the term to describe underhanded dealings

between those who wanted something from government and elected officials. Even today the media often uses the terms in derogatory ways to generically paint a negative picture of these individuals and the groups they represent. In some cases, politicians use the terms in the same way because they are vague, thus allowing the public to conjure up their own negative images. This is, of course, less risky to the politician than being specific about what people they are actually talking about or what specific groups they are referring to. The media and some politicians are not likely to change their reporting or their rhetoric when it comes to lobbyists and special interests because it is convenient and it works for them. They do it because the public has bought into these almost always false and negative images. Two of my favorite special interest groups are the Hoosier State Press Association and the Citizens Action Coalition. The Hoosier State Press Association represents newspapers. The next time you read a generic reference to special interests in The *Indianapolis Star* or some other newspaper, remind yourself that the newspaper you are reading is represented by a special interest group. ❖

**Brian A. Howey**, *Indianapolis Eye* -

While President Garton never officially responded to the upstart Sen. Clark, in that flurry of phone calls he made to his minions last August, the President Pro Tempore said he would be a changed man; that there would be reform; that senators wouldn't have to get details of the President's doings (or those of Chairman Borst) in the newspapers. Essentially, President Garton told his senators that there would be a new, improved, wiser, more inclusive Senate President Pro Tempore. And now, as the legislature reconvenes this week, we'll get to see the new boss, Robert D. Garton. Meet the new boss.... ❖