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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

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“When I take action, I’m not going to fire a \$2 million missile at a \$10 empty tent and hit a camel in the butt.”

- President George W. Bush, *Newsweek*

## Bush, crisis and the impact in Indiana

War footing resonates ... for now

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

The image seemed to represent a fleeting sense of innocence - President Bush was reading a story to Florida elementary school children on the morning of Sept. 11. He was already aware that one jet had slammed into the World Trade Center.

When Chief of Staff Andrew Card approached and whispered in his ear of the second attack, the new reality of terror crinkled Bush’s brow, his eyes darted about. One could almost see his mind starting to process and absorb the reality of a new America era, then only a few minutes old.

The President George W. Bush we have watched so intensely these past nine days have ranged from the tough-talking cowboy wanting Osama bin Laden “dead or alive,” to an eloquent statesman and comforter who communicated the nation’s sorrow and defiance at the National Cathedral last Friday. “War has been waged against us by stealth and deceit and murder,” President Bush told Americans and the world. “This nation is peaceful, but fierce when stirred to anger. This conflict was begun on the timing and terms of others; it will end in a way and at an hour of our choosing.”

**The voice in our minds** can still hear Bush say that last sentence - one of resonance and clarity that approached the communicative skills of Presidents Reagan and Clinton. But while he soared last Friday, by Monday he was issuing “dead or alive” warnings, offending French President Jacques Chirac by mentioning “war” four times before changing it to “campaign.”

Americans have approved of his style under crisis. A  
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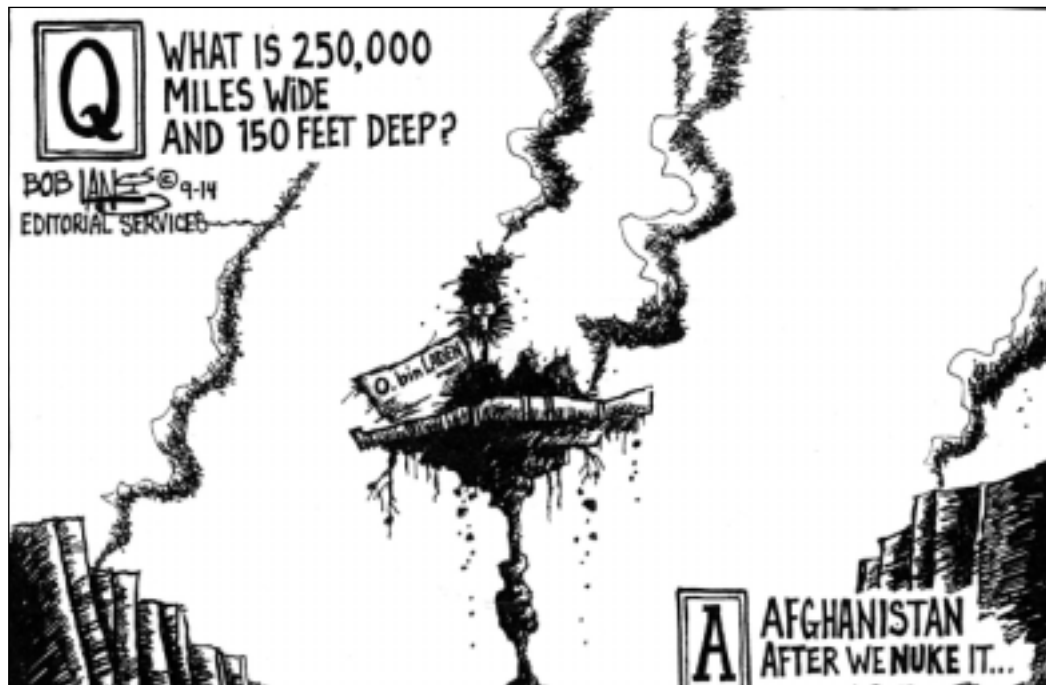
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**20 KC-135 TANKERS FROM GRISSOM CALLED UP:** The 434th Air Refueling Wing at Grissom Air Reserve Base has received orders to mobilize in the wake of last week's tragic events. President Bush approved a request from Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld that authorizes the activation of up to 50,000 National Guard and Reserve troops. As of now, the military has activated only 35,500 Guard and Reserve troops. "This is a solemn time for all Americans. Especially for the families that must say goodbye to the members of the 434th Air Refueling Wing as they report for duty. But, I know that these brave men and women will serve their country with honor. They are in our thoughts and prayers as the country readies to enter a war on terrorism. God-speed," said U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer. The mobilization at Grissom ARB includes 644 personnel and 20 KC-135Rs. The orders activate the component members effective Sept. 19 for a period of not more than 24 consecutive months

**FORMER HOSTAGE CRITICAL OF U.S.:** Former Iran hostage says failure to retaliate then brought on later attacks (The South Bend Tribune, 9/19, Wyatt) reports, "To Rick Kupke, Tuesday's terrorist attack

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new nationwide Reuters/Zogby poll of 1,018 likely voters conducted Sept. 14-16 (+/-3.2 percent) shows 87 percent support President Bush's handling of the terrorist situation; 10 percent oppose, including 78 percent of Democrats.

"I've been impressed how President Bush has led and we all want to support him," said former Indiana Congressman Lee Hamilton on C-Span this morning. "He's doing the right thing in moving our military power into position. But we have to be certain - overwhelmingly the evidence must point to that person" as responsible for the attacks.

When President Bush addresses Congress tonight, he will enter a chamber that has been unusually bipartisan since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. But congressional comity - which produced unanimous backing for a resolution supporting the use of force against terrorists and for a \$40 billion package that includes emergency aid for New York and funds to battle terrorism - is due more to a desire to show a seamless front to U.S. enemies than to a shift in ideology. "It's important

that right now we don't have conflict," said Rep. Mark Souder (R-4th CD). In a wartime atmosphere, "you feel a different kinship with members of the other party. It doesn't mean you don't disagree over farm policy."

How will this impact the Indiana political environment?

Prior to Sept. 11, there were few credible methods to accurately weigh Bush's standing with Hoosiers. There have been no recent public opinion polls published. He was warmly received last May when he spoke at the commencement at the University of Notre Dame. His controversial decision on stem cell research was generally embraced by his Republican supporters and Hoosier talk radio hosts, while Democrats such as U.S. Rep. Julia Carson praised his stance.

Democrat U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh was prepared to engage Bush on the subject of the Social Security "lockbox," but Bayh's rhetoric on that subject or Bush's rejection of Bayh's budget trigger proposal on the tax cut hardly produced an inflamed political situation.

So there were no overt signs of eroding Bush support here in Indiana as of

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## Cockrum, Clark, Fox, Chocola join HPR Forum

The *2nd Annual HPR Forum Series* will bring together national and Indiana officeholders, political analysts and journalists on Nov. 6 at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis.

The impact of redistricting, tax restructuring and an ongoing power realignment in Indiana will be the major topics. "The events of this year will shape Indiana's political environment for the next generation," said HPR Publisher Brian A. Howey. "The *HPR Forum: One Year Out* will play a major role in explaining and interpreting the impact this activity will have on our culture."

National political analysts Stuart Rothenberg and Charlie Cook will join HPR's Howey and Mark Schoeff Jr. to survey the next two election cycles. In the day's first panel, U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, State Sen. Mike Young, and Congressional candidates Chris Chocola and Melina Ann Fox will join the key map-maker, State Rep. Ed Mahern, to explore the impact of reapportionment.

**Prior to Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan's** luncheon keynote address, a panel on tax restructuring that will include moderator Pat Kiely, Budget Director Betty Cockrum, Sen. Luke Kenley, Rep. Jeff Espich, and 2000 gubernatorial nominee David McIntosh will explore the issue of tax restructuring. Leading Hoosier journalists Jack Colwell of the *South Bend Tribune* and Amos Brown of the *Indianapolis Recorder* will weigh in with political analysis on restructuring.

On the day's final panel on Indiana's power realignment, Marion County chairs Ed Treacy and John Keeler; Lake County's Rep. Dan Dumezich; Democratic State Chair Peter Manous; and 2000 lieutenant governor nominee Sen. Murray Clark will talk about the new realities of power on a panel chaired by out-going Democratic Chair Robin Winston.

Tickets for this event, which will

follow Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan's unveiling of a tax restructuring plan and a potential special session of the Indiana General Assembly, are available for \$50 by calling 317-254-0535 or by e-mailing jackhowey@howeypolitics.com.



**Nov. 6, 2001 Downtown Westin Hotel**

**7:30 a.m.** Registration

**8 a.m.:** Breakfast, *Consequences of Redistricting* with U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, State Sen. Mike Young, Chris Chocola, Melina Ann Fox, Rep. Ed Mahern, moderator John Ketzenberger of the *Indianapolis Business Journal*.

**9-10:30 a.m.:** *U.S. and Indiana Political Environs 2002-2004:* Stuart Rothenberg, Charlie Cook, Brian A. Howey, Mark Schoeff Jr., Ron Gifford, moderator Mary Beth Schneider, *Indianapolis Star*.

**10:45-11:45:** *The Politics of Tax Restructuring Part I:* David McIntosh, Sen. Luke Kenley, Rep. Jeff Espich, Budget Director Betty Cockrum. Moderator Pat Kiely.

**Noon-12:45:** Luncheon, *The Politics of Tax Restructuring Part II:* Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan.

**12:45-1:15 p.m.:** *Taxes & Punditry:* Brian Howey, Jack Colwell of the *South Bend Tribune*, Amos Brown of the *Indianapolis Recorder*, Moderator Ron Gifford.

**1:30-2:30 p.m.:** *Indiana's Political Realignment:* John Keeler, Ed Treacy, Peter Manous, Sen. Murray Clark and Rep. Dan Dumezich, with concluding remarks by Mike McDaniel and Peter Manous. Moderator: Robin Winston.



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was the culmination of 22 years of procrastination. The 54-year-old Rensselaer man experienced terrorism firsthand as one of the 52 American hostages held captive for 444 days from Nov. 4, 1979, to Jan. 20, 1981, in Iran. The United States chose to take no retaliatory actions then, and Tuesday's devastation of the hijacking of four commercial airplanes and the resulting destruction of the World Trade towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington D.C. is the result, Kupke said."

**SOUDER TRIES TO ALLAY FEARS OF MORE TERROR:** America cannot eliminate terrorism, but that doesn't mean the country shouldn't try, U.S. Rep. Mark Souder said Monday at Leo Junior-Senior High School. "You will never win the war on terrorism," Souder told reporters prior to the school assembly, "but I believe possibly it can be controlled" (Laura Emerson, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Standing at a bunting-wrapped podium at his former school, Souder faced a sea of young faces concerned about how last week's attacks might affect them. "I heard Fort Wayne is on a terrorist hit list," one student asked. "Is that true?" Souder, R-4th, tried to assure about 1,000 students that Fort Wayne isn't

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a high priority for terrorists. He also said a war on terrorism is unlikely to lead to the reinstatement of the military draft - a concern on the minds of many high school seniors. Souder asked students whether they would oppose methods that would allow the government to check their e-mail. Few raised their hands, but a loud murmur arose in the packed gymnasium. "How do you expect the government to find terrorists if we don't check e-mails?" Souder asked. Afterward, Souder said he favors allowing government agents to wiretap e-mail of suspected terrorists on a limited basis. "We can't function against terrorism unless we have access to communication," Souder said. The Elkhart Truth (9/19, Wendzonka) reports, "The attacks on New York and Washington were heinous, but U.S. Rep. Mark Souder said Monday he's troubled about how the country should respond because of his interpretation of the New Testament. ... 'Romans 12 says, "Do not repay anyone evil for evil." Romans 13 says, "Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, because the authorities that exist have been established by God." We are the government, but does that make it right?"

O'BANNON ASKS DEMOCRATS TO SHELVE 'STRAIGHT TALK': The

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Sept. 10.

### Grief to cowboy

The *New York Times* reported on Wednesday, "In the last seven days, Americans have watched their president move from the quiet language of grief to the rowdy colloquialisms of the old frontier: The United States wants Osama bin Laden ``dead or alive." They are ``evil-doers, those barbaric people."

Are these the words of a White House image maker, or is this the real President Bush? the *Times* asked.

Bush adviser Karen Hughes told the *Times*, "I think what you're seeing is that people are seeing a lot more of him than they normally would. I mean, let's face it, what they normally see is a seven-second edited sound bite. Now they're seeing his entire conversation."

Reaction from independent Hoosier sources has been favorable.

"I was concerned about the lag in time it took for a statement to be issued from our governmental leadership," said Bob Pritchard, an assistant professor at Ball State University and a retired Navy captain (Seth Slabaugh, *Muncie Star Press*). "People were looking for reassurance. They wanted to hear the president say that we were strong. It took time for that to come." President Bush issued a statement 45 minutes after hijacked jets crashed into the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Pritchard gave the federal government overall a "B" for its initial response last week. "You have to find a way to communicate quickly," Pritchard said. "This was pretty monumental. They could have done better earlier. . . ."

Thursday morning, Pritchard said: "I think the president is doing a great job now. His addresses have been short, to the point, very presidential and very strong in his commitment. I don't think there's any doubt in anybody's mind what he stands for."

A week after the crisis began, observers here were more impressed. "He

is communicating in a way that really is from the heart and more about who he is than it is about words from a speech writer," said Prof. Erik Bucy, an Indiana University telecommunications instructor (John Meunier, *Bloomington Herald-Times*). Like Pritchard, he was critical of Bush's first statements, but added that he's "stepped into the shoes of the presidency." Bucy felt Bush's appearance with NYC firefighters was his best.

Another IU academic, political science Prof. Michael McGinnis, told the *Herald-Times*, "Bush has defined the problem well in terms of going against these terrorist networks because that enables him to mobilize wider support."

David Gergen said on MSNBC's *Hardball*, "I think the President has gotten stronger and stronger as a leader over the last seven days. He started out shaky, as all of us were, but found his voice in ... the national day of prayer at the Cathedral. I thought he was superb. I thought his trip to New York was excellent. He's really not only found his voice, but caught the voice of the people, and that's made him an effective leader. Two weeks ago they were calling him 'W.' Today they're calling him 'the President,' and that's an important transformation."

### Sept. 10 Indiana environs

Prior to Sept. 11, President Bush did not appear to be presenting either a drag or tail wind to Congressional level candidates either here or across the nation. Political analyst Stuart Rothenberg was calling the national landscape "flat" with the likelihood of 2002 races being decided on local issues with the backdrop being that the President's party usually loses seats in the mid-term elections.

Analyst Charlie Cook wrote in the *Cook Political Report* last month, "The outcome of the November 2002 mid-term election remain a gigantic question mark with huge political stakes. Large and contradictory forces are at work, with each party having legitimate arguments for

gains. President Bush's performance in the next two years is critical, yet it's unclear whether Bush will be a liability or an asset for the GOP."

If HPR were asked to trend the nine Congressional seats for 2002 on Sept. 10, we would have declared the 1st (Pete Visclosky) safe for the Democrats, the 7th (Carson) and 9th (Hill) leaning D; the 3rd (Mark Souder), 4th (Buyer/Kerns), 5th (Burton) slam-dunk safe GOP; with 6th (Mike Pence) leaning Republican. The 8th (John Hostettler) and the open 2nd CD seat are potentially competitive and/or tossups. If Bush becomes a political drag, Pence's 6th CD would come into play. If Bush were to be phenomenally popular in October 2002, Hill and Carson might find themselves in dog fights.

### Incumbent safety ... for now

In this current environment, it would appear that Congressional incumbents would benefit politically. The question for people such as Melina Fox (challenging Pence) or Brose McVey (aiming at Carson) is how long will it be before they can engage without crossing a war-time line of demarcation?

If that's an obstacle now, a fiasco on the battlefield could change the current war bravado into a situation akin to 1968 when senators who gave LBJ the blank check Tonkin Gulf resolution had to defend it in a furious political environment. So it's way, way too early to determine who benefits politically.

### One year out

One year can be an eternity in politics. You only have to look at the 1990-1992 political sequence to understand how much can change in a short period of time. President George H.W. Bush had an approval rating in the low 90th percentile in March 1991 after his Gulf War triumph with minimal casualties. A year later, he was deemed out of touch with Middle America.

We also have to keep in mind that

presidents are often greeted with buoyant public approval when a crisis ignites (i.e. LBJ in 1964 with Tonkin Gulf; Jimmy Carter in 1979 with the Iranian hostages). When Americans awoke to smoldering U.S. military aircraft crashed on the Iranian desert in the spring of 1980, his demise was inevitable.

### Biggest challenge ever

President Bush faces one of the biggest challenges ever to confront a U.S. president. No one doubts that the United States must retaliate for the horrific death and destruction. He must rally and maintain support to combat an elusive and protean enemy. One of the best weapons in his arsenal will be rhetoric. But tonight before Congress, he must be as eloquent in talking about peace as he has been strident in talking about war.

Bush is not just fighting a battle against the terrorists. He is fighting to change the mindset of Palestinian youth - and other young Arabs - who celebrated the U.S. tragedy last week. They could become future Osama bin Ladens. If Bush takes a moment to call for a lasting and just peace in the Middle East - one in which both the Israelis and Palestinians have a strong investment - he may reach not only Arab leaders whose support he needs in his war against terrorism, but also the Palestinians who are throwing rocks.

Bush's speech at the National Cathedral memorial service last week was stirring and quietly tough. To his credit, Bush has reached out thoughtfully to the Arab-American community and denounced racist incidents that have followed the terrorist attacks.

But his off-the-cuff remarks this week have been more of the Saturday morning cartoon variety. Saying that he wants to get Osama bin Laden "dead or alive" is hardly Churchillian. To galvanize the American public, Bush should spend as much time being a statesman as he does being a warrior. ❖

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state Democratic Party put a temporary halt on its newsletter after some Democrats complained that its partisan tone was inappropriate during a week of national tragedy (Mike Smith, Associated Press). Gov. Frank O'Bannon's press office called the state party Thursday and asked that further issues be postponed for a time, said Mary Dieter, O'Bannon's press secretary. The request was made even though the newsletter is published independently of O'Bannon and his administration, she said. The party put out separate, one-page newsletters dated Wednesday and Thursday blaming state and national Republicans for Indiana's budget crunch and for "playing politics" by trying to blame O'Bannon for the fiscal crisis. "We were concerned about the tone during this moment of reconciliation," Dieter said. She said she did not know if O'Bannon knew about the newsletters.

**BOMB THREATS LIMIT ACCESS TO TIPPECANOE COUNTY COURTHOUSE:**  
A weeklong series of bomb threats has accomplished what a yearlong court battle could barely budge -- restricted access to the Tippecanoe County Courthouse. (Lafayette Journal and Courier). For the second time in a week, a bomb threat disrupted busi-

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ness at the 116-year-old historic building, which was the target of an attempted truck bombing in August 1998. As a result of the courthouse threat, county commissioners during an emergency special session voted unanimously to close all but two entrances to the building indefinitely.

**DELANEY SEES GORE IN 2004; EYES CROSBY AS LG 'EXCELLENT CHOICE':** The last female to be on a major party gubernatorial tickets in Indiana says Al Gore could lose a beard and some weight and win his party nomination again in three years. "I think, frankly, it will either be Al Gore or someone that we're not thinking of at the moment — someone like Sen. Joe Biden — but I think it will be Al Gore," said Ann DeLaney, a former state Democratic chairman who appears weekly as a panelist on the PBS program "This Week in Indiana." DeLaney told Cass County Democrats in Logansport that as for Joe Kernan and the 2004 Democratic ticket, "If Indiana's lieutenant governor chooses a woman, State Rep. Susan Crosby of Roachdale would make an excellent choice."

**90 GAS STATIONS INVESTIGATED FOR GOUGING:** State officials are investigating at least 90 gas stations for possible price gouging

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**Trendline:** Osama bin Laden stops partisan politics in its tracks.

**Governor 2004: Republican:** David McIntosh, Sen. Murray Clark, Sen. Luke Kenley, Randall Tobias, Paul Helmke, Eric Miller, George Witwer. **Democrat:** Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan. **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:** Kernan is looking at an early October unveiling of his tax restructuring plan. Gov. O'Bannon may not call a special session, but could use the Organization Day in mid-November as a multiple day session for getting the initiative passed. Legislative Republicans don't appear to be working on their own alternative plan. Nor have the Republicans indicated how they will respond to Kernan and whether they will offer to compromise with him. Currently the GOP's benchmark stance was that uttered by Senate

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President Pro Tem Bob Garton earlier this month - that tax restructuring can wait until 2003. All of this will have significant implications for the 2004 gubernatorial race. Some believe that Gov. O'Bannon has literally handed Kernan a political bomb that could seriously damage his credentials. They note that Doc Bowen spent four years advocating his property tax relief plan, which was finally implemented in 1973 a year after he was elected governor. Kernan is being charged with a task in just a fraction of the time frame, with his governor's role in getting the plan passed ambiguous. However, if legislative Republicans reject the Kernan plan out of hand - and we believe Garton will hardly be able to resist that notion - Kernan may find himself inoculated from on-going damage if established fiscal analysts (Sheldrake, Styring, DeBoer) declare his plan credible. Under that scenario, Kernan would watch the skyrocketing property taxes hit homeowners in May 2003, then remind Hoosier voters that he tried to get a plan passed that was sabotaged by Republicans. A Global Strategies Poll for the AFL-CIO on behalf of State Rep. B. Patrick Bauer in August had O'Bannon's fav/unfavs at 70/18 percent and Kernan's at 48/12. The poll had obvious flaws (identifying 50 percent of respondents as evangelical Christians while the sample size was 5 percent from St. Joseph County and 7 percent from White County). **Status:** *Leans D.*

**Congressional District 2: Republican:** Chris Chocola. **Democrat:** Jill Long Thompson, Mark Meissner, State Sen. William Alexa, Kathy Cekanski Farrand. **Geography:** South Bend, Michigan City, Mishawaka, Elkhart, Kokomo, Plymouth, Logansport; LaPorte, St. Joseph, Starke, Marshall, Pulaski, Fulton, Cass, Carroll and parts of Howard, Porter, Elkhart and White counties. **Media Market:** South Bend-Elkhart, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Chicago. **2000 Result:** Roemer (D) 107,076, Chocola (R) 98,367. **2002 Forecast:** The Global Strategies Poll conducted on behalf of Rep. B. Patrick Bauer (See our analysis in the Governor's 2004) had these fav/unfavs: Bauer 27/15; Chocola 37/16; Thompson 11/5; Roemer 56/16; Meissner 6/1; Weatherwax 14/2; and Alexa 10/2. Bauer has since decided not to seek the nomination. **Status:** *Leans JLT.*

**Congressional District 4: Republican:** U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, U.S. Rep. Brian Kerns, State Sen. Mike Young. **Democrat:** Open. **Geography:** Tippecanoe, Clinton, Boone, Montgomery, Hendricks, Morgan, Lawrence and parts of Marion, Johnson, Monroe, Fountain and White counties. **Media Market:** Lafayette, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Evansville, Louisville. **2000 Results: Old 5th CD:** Buyer (R) 132,035, Goodnight (D) 81,423; **Old 7th CD:** Kerns 131,562, Graf (D) 65,174. **2002 Forecast:** Buyer assumed a significant role in the post terror. He issued two statements, the first dealing with the initial shock: "The citizens of the United States have been the victims of a senseless act of cowardice, one of which we have never seen. The very foundations of our country - its democracy and liberty - have been attacked. It is too early to lay blame or to fashion any type of retaliation. However, let it be known that acts of terrorism upon the United States and its people will not go unpunished. My thoughts and prayers

are with those victims and their families whose lives have been forever changed by these heinous acts. I promise that the full force of America's strength will go to seek out those responsible and they will be brought to justice." Later on Sept. 11, Buyer reported that he had met with Energy Secretary Spence Abraham. "I spoke with Secretary Abraham's office to advise him of the necessity to bring calm to consumers. Despite the tragedy that has gripped the nation, there is no impending gasoline shortage. Our refineries, our storage facilities, and our pipelines are unharmed. There is no reason to panic," Buyer said. Kerns backed the Sept. 14 resolution condemning the attacks, saying on the House floor, "While I strongly support today's resolution in response to the specific attacks that occurred on September 11th, I believe that we will have to take additional action to address future threats. This must only be the beginning of a comprehensive war on terrorism." **Status:** *Leans Buyer.*

**Congressional District 6: Republican:** U.S. Rep. Mike Pence. **Democrat:**

Melina Ann Fox. **Geography:** Anderson, Muncie, Richmond; Wells, Adams, Blackford, Jay, Madison, Delaware, Randolph, Henry, Wayne, Rush, Fayette, Union, Decatur, Franklin, and parts of Bartholomew, Shelby, Johnson and Allen counties. **Media Market:** Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Dayton, Cincinnati. **2000 results:** Pence (R) 106,023, Rock (D) 80,885, Frazier (I) 19,07. **2002 Forecast:** Fox is an early political victim of this crisis/war environment. She had two big fundraisers in Washington scheduled for Sept. 11 and beyond that were postponed. Both will be rescheduled, but it puts an early crimp in her warchest. Pence, meanwhile, has had a significant profile since the attack. "There is a very real threat of additional terrorist attacks that we have not contemplated," Pence told 300 people at Reardon Auditorium at Anderson University (Rick Yencer, *Muncie Star Press*) that was covered by several Indianapolis TV stations. Pence's announcement of the federal government's new policy against terrorism was even more frightening. "We will destroy worldwide terrorism if need be," Pence said. "We will destroy state-sponsored terrorism and destroy the governments of states that support terrorism worldwide." Pence also called for a quick, violent strike against suspected terrorist leader Osama bin Laden. "You should be prepared to be astonished at the means and bounds of the coalition," Pence said. He dismissed the notion that the attacks were part of a "holy war" against the United States. "Terrorism has no religion and no ethnicity," he said. **Status:** *Leans R.*

**Congressional District 7: Republican:** Brose McVey. **Democrat:** U.S. Rep.

Julia Carson. **Geography:** Indianapolis. **Media Market:** Indianapolis. **2000 Results:** Carson (D) 91,300, Scott (R) 61,818, Ali (L) 2,513. **2002 Forecast:** McVey officially announced his candidacy today. He plans to paint Carson as a liberal out of step with such Democratic figures as Evan Bayh, Baron Hill and Tim Roemer. "This will be a campaign of the middle versus the left, not the right versus the left," McVey said. The battleground will be independents and moderate/Reagan Democrats. McVey believes the new 7th CD with 28,000 voters who haven't voted for Carson before will make it competitive. He noted that Sen Lugar and Sheriff Jack Cottey both carried the district in 2000. Marion County Democratic Chairman Ed Treacy observed, "He can keep having his dreams, but that's all he's going to have - his dreams" (Mary Beth Schneider, *Indianapolis Star*). **Status:** *Leans D.*

**Congressional District 8: Republican:** U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:**

Paul Perry, Hal Johnston, Brian Hartke. **Geography:** Evansville, Terre Haute, Greencastle; Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Gibson, Pike, Martin, Daviess, Knox, Sullivan, Greene, Owen, Clay, Vigo, Vermillion, Parke, Putnam, Warren and part of Fountain counties. **Media Market:** Evansville, Terre Haute, Indianapolis. Lafayette. **1994 results:** Hostettler (R) 93,529, McCloskey (D) 84,857. **1996 Results:** Hostettler (R) 109,582, Weinzapfel (D) 106,134, Hager (L) 3,799. **1998 Results:** Hostettler (R) 92,227, Riecken (D) 81,381, Hager (L) 3,395. **2000 Results:** Hostettler 116,860, Perry (D) 100,461. **2002 Forecast:** We've heard from credible sources that Hal Johnston will not seek the nomination. Brian Hartke has been out actively lining up support. We've not had any credible source back up an earlier rumor that former New Mexico Treasurer Jan Hartke (son of former U.S. Sen. Vance Hartke) was going to move to the district to run. A phone call to our Washington office earlier this month from a man identifying himself of "Jan Hartke's father" denied the story. **Status:** *Tossup.* - **Brian A. Howey** ❖

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by charging \$2.50 or more for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline after Tuesday's terrorist attacks. More than 2,100 complaints have been filed with the state attorney general's office, with more expected. The highest charge under investigation is \$4.99 a gallon. "We've had many, many, many phone calls, so many we had to come up with a cutoff point for what was (gouging)," said Staci Schneider, spokeswoman for attorney general's office (Associated Press).

**INDIANA MEDICAID PROGRAM FACES \$410 MILLION HOLE IN BUDGET:** Indiana's new Medicaid director faces a \$410 million hole in the program's budget as she prepares to take over for Kathleen Gifford, who is resigning this week. Melanie Bella, a health care policy expert who begins her new post Sept. 24, is expected to continue the range of spending cuts ordered by her predecessor. Gifford recently told lawmakers that the almost \$285 million in cuts adopted since January will still leave the program \$410 million short. "We are facing an enormous, enormous budget shortfall in the Medicaid program," Gifford warned in her final briefing to the State Budget Committee as Medicaid director (Kevin Corcoran, *Indianapolis Star*). Two-

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thirds of the gap is expected to be closed through the depletion of a reserve fund set aside to ensure Medicaid claims are paid on time. Without another round of Medicaid cuts, the remainder would have to be paid from the state's diminishing cash reserves. The \$3.5 billion state-federal program provides health care to more than 650,000 low-income Hoosiers.

**REP. ADAMS LOOKS FOR SALES TAX INCREASE:** If Indiana property taxes are cut, residents, officials and government critics agree that other revenue must be increased to compensate. As the chorus of complaints about property taxes - led by Indiana Farm Bureau and some taxpayer groups - increases in volume, there is growing sentiment to increase the state's sales tax or income tax - or both. "For older people, it's becoming, 'Do I pay my property tax or do I buy my medicine?'" said Rep. Tiny Adams, D-Muncie. "I think it's real simple," Adams said (Keith Roysdon, Muncie Star Press). "I think it would be easy to base [property tax cuts] on the income tax, to increase it some. I think that would be fair. And we should add a penny to the sales tax. You could probably cut property tax in half, at a minimum."

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# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

**Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune*** - Sept. 11 was a beautiful day. Accounts in decades to come will note the blue skies, sunshine, warmth. And how something terrible came out of those skies. Perhaps this second Pearl Harbor, like the first, will be recalled in those decades hence as an event that roused and united the nation to win a war. ❖

**Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*** - "We don't grow those kind here," my neighbor said one evening last week as we were outside on my lawn, talking about the terrorists who slammed hijacked airplanes into the symbols of this country's power. The smell of the still-smoldering fires at the Pentagon - three miles away - lingered in the air as we visited. My neighbor was talking about zealotry, the misguided passion that blinds a person to any other point of view. In one way, it's a comforting thought: Murderous zealots are from outside our borders. They are not us. Sadly, it's not true. Our nation is littered with too many bloody examples of passion and conviction gone amok until it's twisted into something unrecognizable. Actually, that's not true. It is recognizable. It's hate and intolerance. ❖

**Gary Gerard, *Warsaw Times-Union*** - On Tuesday I watched the plane hit the World Trade Center. (I firmly believe the terrorists wanted me to watch. That's why there was an 18-minute lag between impacts. They knew the place would be full of cameras by the time the second plane arrived.) I felt a wave of anxiety. I felt tears well up as I thought about all the grandmas, grandpas, moms, dads, sons and daughters on those airliners and in those offices. I wondered what it must have been like to be on one of those planes, or to look up from your desk on the 80th floor and see a 757 bearing down

on you. Even the most seasoned, front-line journalist couldn't help but be moved by the magnitude of the tragedy. It was worse than Pearl Harbor. Heinous as that attack was, at least the targets were military. ❖

**Mike Leonard, *Bloomington Herald-Times*** - Muslims and people who appear Arabic have experienced insults, threats and various forms of violence nationally and locally since last week's attack on America. "Arab women are imprisoned in their own homes. It's just not right," Nayan said. "I live here and I participate in my community. I love my community and I just want to walk outside without feeling fear," she went on. "This war on terrorism is not going to be over any time soon. People need to understand who our enemies really are, and they are not Muslims or Arabs. The people who did these acts are not Muslims. They are crazy people. Hatred has no religion." Regrettably, this is not the first time Nayan or her American-born husband, Michael Thomas, have experienced the fear that comes with stereotyping and bigotry. ❖

**Mike Smith, *Associated Press*** - It's called "Straight Talk," but its talk is far from straight of late. The newsletter of sorts the state Democratic Party sends via e-mail and fax to hundreds of party faithful is, of course, bent heavily toward the state party line. Both state parties engage in what the other calls propaganda. But the talk in the last two editions of "Straight Talk" is really far-fetched. It puts the blame for the state's financial crunch squarely and solely on Republicans. The thesis of both editions can be summed up in a sentence that's included in one of them: "Governor O'Bannon's role in causing the crisis was nil." ❖