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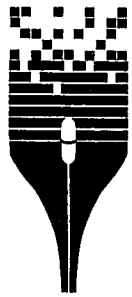

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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'I apologize to all the witches who were insulted when I associated them with Sue Anne Gilroy...." - **Indiana Democratic Chairman Joe Andrew after the Gilroy campaign called for an apology for his calling the secretary of state a witch.**

Software, chutpah win it for Democrats

53-47 House lead came with hi-tech

By BRIAN A. HOWEY *in Indianapolis*

It's the economy, stupid.

Right?

Is that what happened here in Indiana last Tuesday when Democrats took control of the Indiana House by an amazing 53-47 margin and won two out of three hotly contested congressional races?

To some degree, the answer is yes. CNN's exit polling showed that an unprecedented 84 percent of those voting were satisfied with the economy.

But that doesn't explain how freshman State Rep. Tiny Adams decisively won a second term in a rematch against Republican James Vanleer, 8,180 to 5,466 in Muncie. "Middletown, Indiana" has been buffeted by a number of plant closings as well as the withdrawal of a community icon, Ball Corporation.

Was there a backlash against the impeachment proceedings against President Clinton? Exit polling here in Indiana showed that only about 20 percent of the people who voted did so as a referendum on the Clinton presidency.

Going into the election, speculation was that Republican Jean Leising in the 9th Congressional District would benefit from resentment over Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky. Cutting into the teeth of several polls, Democrat Baron Hill won that election narrowly by about 6,000 votes.

Was this the year of the incumbent? It was to a large degree for those deemed to have a hand in maintaining a good economy. Only one incumbent legislator - State

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Indiana Republican Chairman Mike McDaniel said on WIBC election night he was "stunned" by the loss of the Indiana House by a 53-47 margin. But even more staggering was when word came swiftly Thursday afternoon that the Republican National Convention was going to Philadelphia. It was a city McDaniel had identified to HPR last week as its biggest rival. CNN reported that Republicans considered Pennsylvania's importance in 2000 compared to Indiana's. McDaniel said he was "very upset" at the decision. Said Mayor Goldsmith, "We had a superlative bid in all respects." Added Mitch Daniels, "I think my party's on a roll of dubious decisions."

Evan Bayh's first trip to Washington took place on Thursday and one of his first meetings was with Sen. Richard Lugar. The two discussed committee assignments and sharing offices in Indiana.

Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke has some major decisions to make in the wake of his loss to Sen.-elect Evan Bayh. On election night, Helmke noted Dick Lugar's loss in 1974, his decision not to run for re-election as mayor in 1975, and his defeat of Sen.

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Democrats, *from page 1*

Rep. Candy Marendt in Indianapolis - lost. But she had remarried and changed her name from Morris to Marendt. Perhaps folks weren't as familiar with her name. Right?

Two other big GOP legislative casualties - State Rep. Karen Burkhardt in Kokomo and Jeff Ellington in Bloomington - had never appeared on a November ballot for the offices they were seeking. Burkhardt probably didn't enter the election with all the advantages of an incumbent.

Voters in St. Joseph, LaPorte and Starke counties upset incumbent Democratic prosecutors and sheriffs.

So, if all of these elements were true only to a degree, was there a true decisive factor? Yes.

The answer lies in software. Indiana Democrats - with the lone exception of a last-minute e-mail campaign by the victorious Republican St. Joseph County prosecutor - won the campaign with a cutting edge software program called "Preview."

I first got wind of this last August at French Lick when Democrats had a seminar on the capabilities of the Preview software. When I entered the room, Democratic leaders in the back pointed toward me and gave the slit throat sign. It was a big, big secret.

The software armed Democratic candidates with cutting edge technology to cross-lay direct mail and pinpoint sections of voters. Every Democratic candidate for the legislature received a CD-ROM from Indiana Democrats. Tiny Adams was able to target multiple pieces of direct mail to different groups - soccer moms, white middle-aged balding males, football referees, Akita owners, etc. You name the group, and Democratic candidates could merge their messages into packages ready and set for the U.S. Postal Service.

The CD-ROM gave Democratic candidates fresh voter identification that could tell whether the voter at 123 Main Street in Muncie was a "soft Republican" or an independent voter.

"We've got none of that," said one disgruntled Republican who worked on a major statewide campaign and speaking on background. "If we tried to get a precinct map, we'd get something that looked like a 1960 IBM printout full of wrong addresses."

With great alarm, many Hoosier Republican political operatives saw the Democratic technological advantage in tangible terms on Election Night.

Incumbent Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy carried Republican-oriented Marion County with a mere 52 percent of the vote against underfunded Democratic challenger Cheryl Little and Libertarian Steve Dillon. Yet Little shellacked Gilroy in Lake County, 64,142 to 31,142. That is scaring GOP operatives to death.

Said one Republican, speaking on background: "It used to be we'd gather a decisive lead when the Marion County vote more than offset the Lake County vote. Now there is a diminished spread."

During the last minutes of the 1998 state legislative session, Democratic State Rep. Ed Mahern proposed a resolution backing federal Social Security. That was a trap for Republicans. Rep. Burkhardt voted against the measure and Democrats were able to raise that vote and pinpoint targeted direct mail against her. Democrat Ron Herrell won that Kokomo race by 191 votes.

Mahern himself won what was expected to be a close race by about 800 votes in Indianapolis.

What kind of help was Marendt offered by Marion County Republicans? "I asked for a 10-day run on my precincts and it didn't even include my phone number on it," said Marendt. "I've lived in the same house for 19 years."

A mailer by Marion County Republicans on behalf of Marendt told recipients if they needed a ride to call the

precinct official listed - but with no phone number!

Marendt knew she was in trouble when on Election Eve all of her neighbors received phone calls on behalf of her Democratic opponent, Jeb Bardon. On Election Day, she was monitoring the polls and watched a van with Julia Carson stickers on its bumper unload eight people. The driver of the car was speaking into a walkie-talkie. Southward toward central Indianapolis, Congresswoman Carson's volunteers were driving up and down streets with loud speakers, exhorting the people to vote.

Carson herself won a decisive 20,000 plus vote victory over Republican Gary Hofmeister, who was relying on a massive Christian Coalition get out the vote effort.

As election night went on, Indiana Democrats won almost all the crucial legislative and congressional races. It didn't just happen.

And don't think for a moment the likes of Mayor Stephen Goldsmith and Sue Anne Gilroy aren't quaking in their boots about the dismal performance of its keystone county political organization. Goldsmith will face a vigorous re-election battle nexxt year in a county he lost by 17,000 votes in 1996. And without better performance in 2000, Gov. O'Bannon is almost assured of a second term. ❖

McIntosh may challenge Newt

Poor election performance roils Republicans

By MARK SCHOEFF JR.
Howey Political Report

WASHINGTON - Rep. David McIntosh may be emerging from the miasma of the Republican Party's disappointing election performance to challenge House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

McIntosh spent part of Wednesday and Thursday on the phone at his Muncie home talking to congressional colleagues to assess his ability to unseat Gingrich. McIntosh, head of the 70-member Conservative Action Team, has been the focus of national media speculation.

McIntosh has accused Gingrich and other House leaders of failing to push hard enough for tax cuts and social aspects of the conservative agenda. Neither McIntosh nor his spokesman could be reached for comment.

Rep. Mark Souder is certain that Gingrich will be challenged. Although he praises McIntosh for holding the feet of the House leadership to the conservative fire, he doubts that McIntosh can overthrow Gingrich.

"It's now passed that symbolic stage," Souder said in characterizing a possible McIntosh challenge. "We actually want to win. When you stand as aggressively for principle as Dave or I have, you don't generate broad support."

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McIntosh has carved too narrow a piece of political ground and has been too sharp in his criticism of fellow Republicans, Souder said. Instead, the GOP should look to House Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Livingston, Rep. Steve Largent (R-OK) or Rep. J.C. Watts (R-OK). Souder cited Largent's national name identification and fundraising on behalf of House colleagues as two of his strengths.

"The overwhelming majority of conservatives will support Livingston if Largent is majority leader," Souder said.

"Right now we have to cut a deal, or we're going to be rolled badly."

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Vance Hartke in 1976. "I'm fascinated by national issues," Helmke told HPR Publisher Brian Howey on WIBC-AM. "I like being an executive. I want to stay involved." Helmke told the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette that "I hoped I helped myself in name recognition around the state for the future." That's a big clue that Helmke could forego a fourth term as mayor in '99 and run for governor in '00. Outgoing Allen County Sheriff Joe Squadrito and Linda Buskirk are considering runs for mayor.

The most stunning upsets of the Nov. 3 election were the defeats of St. Joseph County Prosecutor Michael P. Barnes and Sheriff Joseph E. Speybroeck. Republican Christopher Toth defeated the five-term Barnes, who often led the county ticket and didn't have an opponent in 1994. Republican Rick Seniff defeat Speybroeck who was criticized for proposing a jail voters thought was too big and expensive (Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune). Another Democratic casualty was longtime Commissioner Richard Larrison, who lost to Republican Michael Hamann. Much of the ticket splitting occurred in strong Democratic precincts in South Bend. Democratic Chairman Butch Morgan responded, "It's a tough

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loss when you lose Mike Barnes, Joe Spreybroeck and Richard Larrison all in one fell swoop."

Toth's campaign sent out 40,000 e-mails, although only 10,000 people received them. Toth called it the "direct mail of the '90s." Toth campaign manager Len Zappia said the e-mails are less intrusive, cheaper "and it doesn't bother people as much as phone calls during dinner or when they're trying to get their kids ready for bed" (South Bend Tribune).

Elkhart County Prosecutor Michael Cosentino was elected to his seventh term, surviving his first general election challenge in 24 years from Elkhart City Attorney Paul Eash.

LaPorte County also saw its incumbent sheriff and prosecutor defeated. Democrat Robert Beckman defeated Prosecutor Cynthia Hedge and Democrat Marlow Harmon upset Sheriff Robert Blair by 149 votes. In neighboring Starke County, Democrat Robert Sims upset Sheriff Wilkus Minix and Democrat Rhonda Milner defeated Clerk Shelly Whitaker, who pleaded guilty in September to a misdemeanor drug paraphernalia charge.

Lake County Democrats reclaimed four offices lost in the 1994 GOP tidal wave,

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The latest political intrigue stems from Republicans losing seats in the House of Representatives. The president's party hasn't achieved gains in a midterm election since 1934. The House makeup is now 223 Republicans, a loss of five seats, 210 Democrats, and one Independent. The Senate remained at a 55-45 Republican majority. The Republican setback occurred despite Democrats being hampered by the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

"There's going to be some soul searching within the family," said Rep. Steve Buyer (R-CD 5). "Healthy things come out of rebellion every now and then."

The GOP would help itself by dumping Gingrich, said Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virgina Center for Government Studies. "Gingrich is not liked and will never be liked. He's a perfect punching bag for the Democrats," said Sabato, who faulted Gingrich's "hubris."

But McIntosh's viability to replace Gingrich depends on what the Republicans believe is their problem. "If the argument is that Gingrich was too conservative or not inclusive and compassionate enough in his issues and rhetoric, then David McIntosh is not the answer to the problem," said one Indiana Republican.

Republicans will have to decide by Nov. 18 whether to keep Gingrich. If a challenge is mounted, this drama won't be played out until January when the new Congress convenes.

Hoosier House members agree that their party fumbled the election. Souder and Buyer decried the last-minute $10 million GOP television advertising campaign that focused on Clinton's behavior.

The GOP lacked a positive message, Souder said. "When the party ran those ads, it was close to suicidal," he said.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde has signaled the panel will move the impeachment inquiry forward expeditiously and limit the number of witnesses it calls. "Our job is to let the light shine on the truth, find the facts and follow the rule of law,* said Buyer, a member of the committee.

His Hoosier colleague on the panel, Rep. Ed Pease (R-CD 7), agreed. "Our responsibility is a constitutional one," he said.

Close Hoosier Races

Democratic gains represent "a status quo election with a Democratic tilt," said Sabato.

Indiana CDs 8, 9 and 10 fit into that analysis. Incumbent Reps. Julia Carson (D-CD 10) and John Hostettler (R-CD 8) won. In the CD 9 open-seat race, Democrat Baron Hill edged out Republican Jean Leising, 51-48, to replace retiring Rep. Lee Hamilton.

"The loyalty of Julia Carson's constituency has been proven once again," said Kevin Shaw Kellems, of Kellems Dollaghan Communications, a GOP consulting firm. Carson won 58-39.

Hostettler has solidified his hold on CD 8 by "reaching out to party regulars and compounding the value of both rank-and-file party support and grass-roots evangelical issue advocates," Kellems said.

In the hotly contested CD 9, observers said Leising, who has run three times for the seat, failed to raise enough money early to capitalize on her high name identification. She also did not respond quickly and effectively enough to Hill ads that protrayed her as threatening Social Security.

In addition, Indiana Democratic Party Executive Director Mike Harmless said that last-week stumping by Gov. Frank O'Bannon and outgoing congressman Lee Hamilton turned the tide for Hill. "We were down 10 days out," Harmless said on WNDY-TV's *Mike Pence Show*.❖

Indiana Racing Form

Evan Bayh seen as a 'Clinton without baggage'

HORSE RACE

A historic win for Evan Bayh, launched him into a soaring national trajectory. CNN's *Inside Politics* on Thursday presented him as "a Bill Clinton without baggage." Asked by Jeff Flock what a "Republicrat" is, Bayh responded, "It sounds like some strange biological experiment run amok." But Flock added, "Senate Democrats beware: this man will cross the aisle." Bayh told CNN that, "No, I won't run in 2000" for president. But Flock said, "It won't be surprising to see others consider him for the ticket."

Other big, big winners at the Election Downs last Tuesday were Baron Hill, who may have staked himself to a great job for a long time; David McIntosh, who was mentioned as a potential challenger to Newt Gingrich on Thursday; Democrat Peggy Welch, who won an Indiana House seat in a 65 percent Republican district.

INDIANA CONGRESSIONAL RACES

U.S. Senate: Republican: Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke. **Democrat:** Evan Bayh. **1992 Results:** Coats 1,267,972, Hogsett 900,148. **1998 Results:** Bayh 961,162, Helmke 527,065, Sink-Burris 26,120. **Remarks:** No Indiana Democrat had won a U.S. Senate seat with more than 54 percent in the 20th Century. Evan Bayh did it with 63 percent as well as funding the Democratic GOTV. He was instrumental in pulling in six new House seats. Bayh and Helmke are on disparate courses. Bayh will be new fodder for national ticket speculation for the next decade. Helmke lost his home county by 7,000 votes, faces a re-election showdown in '99 should he choose to run. His Senate campaign was so lackluster that many Republicans we've talked to don't think he's a credible candidate for governor.

Congressional District 2: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh. **Democrat:** New Castle Mayor Sherman Boles. **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 99,330, Boles 62,255, Federle 2,229. **Remarks:** Less than 48 hours after his third victory, CNN and USA Today were mentioning his name as a potential challenger to House Speaker Newt Gingrich. McIntosh is clearly on a national trajectory and his future plans could have dire consequences for Sue Anne Gilroy and Gov. O'Bannon. Excellent win for McIntosh in his district, but his coattails in Muncie and Richmond and his efforts on behalf of legislative candidates elsewhere weren't enough to offset Democratic chutzpah and software. Black eye for David in light of the '00 gubernatorial race? No way. At least he tried to help Republicans of all stripes and has a fistful of IOUs because of it. This feared (and lucky) politician has a historic array of options. It will be fascinating to watch what he does next.

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 101,384, Steele 58,390. **Remarks:** Impressive victory for Buyer. He was honked at HPR for revealing polling data showing him leading only by 5-7 points about 10 days. That was a snippet of tracking on the first day with only 100 samples.

Congressional District 6: Republican: U.S. Rep. Dan Burton. **Democrat:** Bob Kern. **Geography:** Greenfield, Franklin, Tipton, Indianapolis collar counties. **1994 results:** Burton 136,876, Bruner 40,815. **1996 Results:** Burton 189,461, Dillard-Tramell (D) 58,362, Peterson (L) 5,295. **1998 Results:** Burton 135,169, Kern 31,472, Hauptman 21,015. **Remarks:**

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including a comeback by Frank Mrvan, who defeated State Sen. Sandra Dempsey by about 500 votes. Democrats also won back a county council seat, and the St. John trustee's office. "With the economy what it is and interest rates low and a housing boom, that is all positive for the Democratic Party," said Chairman Stephen Stiglich.

The Lafayette Journal and Courier called it a "Republican onslaught" that only Rep. Sheila Klinker survived for the Democrats. Ron Alting defeated former Lafayette Mayor Jim Riehle in Senate District 22 with 55 percent of the vote, prompting Riehle to say, "The Republican Party is on a roll. We have a one-party system in this county." Going into the year, there was speculation that the Family Times wing of the GOP would pull its support after bitter primary showdowns over a number of precinct offices. That prompted State Rep. Sue Scholer to form a moderate GOP PAC.

Indianapolis Republican Councilman Ron Franklin was arrested Wednesday for possession of cocaine. His arrest came one week after he was found guilty of illegal possession of a handgun.

House Minority Leader Paul

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56TH - PAUST V. BODIKER

60TH - ELLINGTON V. WELCH

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24TH - McCLAIN V. FINCHER

26TH - SCHOLER V. CLAPPER

53RD - CHERRY V. WOLF V. MILLER

54TH - HAMILTON V. SAUNDERS

94TH - MARENDT V. BARDON

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19TH - KUZMAN V. GASPAROVIC

34TH - VANLEER V. ADAMS

80TH - BECKER V. GIA QUINTA

97TH - SCHULTZ V. MAHERN

Burton defiant on '00 primary contest. "When I decide to leave Congress, I'll do it on my own. I'll leave on my own accord." Hauptmann disappointed he didn't finish second. Kern weeps on Comedy Central on the day after election. Burton must gird for Russ Baker's story that won't run in Vanity Fair but will somewhere, possibly on *60 Minutes* early next year. Peter Rusthoven, Brose McVey and John Price will be watching.

Congressional District 8: Republican: U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:** Evansville Councilwoman Gail Riecken. **Libertarian:** Paul Hager. **Geography:** Evansville, Bloomington, Vincennes and SW Indiana. **1994 results:** Hostettler 93,529, McCloskey 84,857. **1996 Results:** Hostettler 109,582, Weinzapfel (D) 106,134, Hager (L) 3,799. **1998 Results:** Hostettler 91,545, Riecken 81,073, Hager 3,268 (99 percent reporting). **Remarks:** Hostettler has eked out two cliffhanger re-election battles without taking PAC money in the Bloody 8th. That's impressive. Riecken says she won't run again. Next on the horizon for Hostettler? Look toward Bloomington to either Mayor John Fernandez or rising star State Rep. Peggy Welch.

Congressional District 9: Republican: Jean Leising. **Democrat:** Baron Hill. **Libertarian:** Diane L. Feeney. **Geography:** New Albany Jeffersonville, Madison, Nashville and SE Indiana. **1994 results:** Hamilton 91,459, Leising 84,315. 1996 Results: Hamilton 128,885, Leising 97,747, Feeney (L) 2,315. **1998 Results:** Hill 81,874, Leising 77,257, Feeney 2,042. **Remarks:** We never did understand how Leising could be leading this race (in three late polls!) without a money edge. Lee Hamilton's and Gov. O'Bannon's late stumping may have saved Baron Hill. Leising got pasted in Clark and Floyd counties. She tearfully said this might be her last hurrah. While Kevin Shaw Kellems may take a look at this race in '00, Hill has the potential of keeping Indiana's side of the Ohio Valley in Democratic hands for some time to come.

Congressional District 10: Republican: Gary Hofmeister. **Democrat**: U.S. Rep. Julia Carson. **Libertarian:** Fred C. Peterson. **Geography:** Indianapolis. **1994 results:** Jacobs (D) 58,573, Scott 50,998. **1996 Results:** Carson 90,869, Blankenbaker 69,248, St. Angelo (L) 3,505. **1998 Results:** Carson 68,911, Hofmeister 46,685, Peterson 2,747 (99 percent reporting). **Remarks:** Democratic GOTV trumps Christian Coalition. Blankenbaker backlash didn't help the Republican. Neither did thos slo-mo ads of Julia Carson. Republicans sounding defeatist on the 10th until they can give it a slice of Danny Burton's district, but that means they'll have to win the governorship in '00. Next in line for Carson? How about Marvin Scott and Virginia Blankenbaker? Asked if she thought she was ostrasized from the party, Blankenbaker responded, "So be it."

INDIANA HOUSE RACES

House District 19: Republican: Nick Gasparovic. **Democrat:** Rep. Bob Kuzman. Geography: Crown Point, south Lake County. **1994 results:** Conlon (R) 8,850, McCall (D) 5,280. **1996 Results:** Kuzman (D) 12,236, Sparks (R) 10,453. **1998 Results:** Kuzman 9,130, Gasparovic 6,917 (99 percent reporting). **Remarks:** Kuzman is a rising star. We don't see this seat being competitive any time soon.

House District 24: Republican: Rep. Rick McClain. **Democrat:** Logansport Councilman Mike Fincher. **Geography:** Logansport, Cass, Carroll counties. **1994 Results:** McClain 10,421, Frantz 7,686. **1996 Results:** McClain 15,538 (unopposed) . **1998 Results:** McClain 10,281, Fincher 7,245. **Remarks:** Nice win for Rick in a tough year.

House District 30: Republican: Rep. Karen Burkhardt. **Democrat:** Ron Herrell. **Geography:** Kokomo, Howard County.**1994 Results:** Padfield (R) 8,589, Howard 7,363. **1996 Results:** Padfield 10,775, Herrell 9,660. 1998 Results: Herrell 7,711, Burkhardt 7,520. **Remarks:** Good bet for a rematch in 2000. Burkhardt didn't really have the incumbent advantage and was really stung on that Social Security vote and the Democratic software.

House District 34: Republican: James Vanleer. **Democrat:** Rep. Tiny Adams. **Geography:** Muncie, Delaware County. **1994 Results:** Vanleer 8,491, Elliott 7,522. **1996 Results:** Adams 9,630, Vanleer 9,241. **1998 Results:** Adams 8,180, Vanleer 5,466. **Remarks:**

Adams may have this district sewn up through redistricting. He survives his own county organization quite nicely and in a tough economic environment.

House District 46: Republican: David Lohr. **Democrat:** Rep. Vern Tincher. **Geography:** Vigo, Greene, Brown, Monroe, Sullivan counties. **1994 Results:** Lohr 8,160, Tincher 8,034. **1996 Results:** Tincher 9,858, Lohr 9,759, Minx 531. **1998 Results:** Tincher 9,401, Lohr 6,964. **Remarks:** Extremely impressive win for Vern. Bayh coattails really helped. We wouldn't be surprised to see Lohr do the Energizer Bunny routine.

House District 53: Republican: Councilman Robert Cherry. **Democrat:** Sarah Wolf. **Libertarian:** Phil Miller. **Geography:** Greenfield, Rushville, Hancock and Rush counties.**1994 Results:** Gulling (R) 13,945 unopposed. **1996 Results:** Gulling (R) 20,174 unopposed. **1998 Results:** Cherry 11,848, Wolf 7,299, Miller 863. **Remarks:** Cherry wipes up the mud and flashes a V sign. Nastiest campaign of the year backfires on former legislator.

House District 54: Republican: Rep. Tom Saunders. **Democrat:** Donnie Hamilton. **Geography:** New Castle, Henry County. **1994 Results:** Kinser (D) 9,176, Razor (R) 7,853. **1996 Results:** Saunders 11,298, Copenhaver 10,221. **1998 Results:** Saunders 9,517, Hamilton 7,558. **Remarks:** They said Saunders was in trouble early Election Night. But we didn't buy it. Nice win in a tough year against a good opponent.

House District 56: Republican: Ken Paust **Democrat:** Rep. Richard Bodiker. Geography: Richmond, Wayne County. **1994 Results:** Bodiker 7,142, Hamm 7,087. **1996 Results:** Bodiker 10,772, Hamm 8,159. **1998 Results:** Bodiker 8,152, Paust 5,947. **Remarks:** The margin of this one is surprising. Most observers thought it would be close. "Landslide Dick" takes on a whole new meaning.

House District 60: Republican: Jeff Ellington. **Democrat:** Peggy Welch. **Geography:** Bloomington, Bloomfield, Lawrence. Greene and Monroe Counties. **1994 results:** Bales 11,825, Anderson 5,210. **1996 Results:** Bales 15,743, Germann (L) 1,931. **1998 Results:** Welch 10,172, Ellington 8,843. **Remarks:** Folks just liked Peggy better than Ellington, who blew this campaign by ducking forums and going on the defensive. Welch could be a star. Look for immediate speculation on an 8th CD run, where she'd be a great fit.

House District 80: Republican: John Becker. **Democrat:** Rep. Ben GiaQuinta. **Geography:** Southern Fort Wayne. **1994 Results:** Becker 5,206, GiaQuinta 5,199. **1996 Results:** GiaQuinta 7,707, Becker 6,365. **1998 Results:** GiaQuinta 6,066, Becker 3,540. **Remarks:** Ben keeps getting better. Impressive win in the fourth match with Becker.

House District 94: Republican: Rep. Candy Marendt. **Democrat:** Jeb Bardon. **Libertarian:** Michael A. Neal. **Geography:** NW Indianapolis. **1994 Results:** Morris 7,838, Reasoner 5,537. **1996 Results:** Marendt 10,396, Hinman 9,586, Neal 422. **1998 Results:** Bardon 8,323, Marendt 6,769, Neal 232 (99 percent reporting). **Remarks:** Marion County organization no help to Marendt. This is becoming a Democratic district as whites flee the townships for the doughnut.

House District 97: Republican: Ray Schultz. **Democrat:** Rep. Ed Mahern. **Geography:** Southern Indianapolis. **1994 Results:** Heffley 4,782, Cantwell 4,037. **1996 Results:** Mahern 6,368, Heffley 5,372. **1998 Results:** Mahern 4,551, Schultz 3,724. **Remarks:** Again, second to the worst GOP turnout in the tough races. Plus, give Mahern credit for Social Security resolution that helped sink Karen Burkhardt in HD30.

INDIANA STATEHOUSE RACES

Secretary of State: Republican: Sue Anne Gilroy. **Democrat:** Cheryl Little. **Libertarian:** Steve Dillon. **1994 Results:** Gilroy (R) 902,100, Jeffers (D) 542,539, Dillon (L) 32,483, Knight (A) 13,948. **1998 Results:** Gilroy 828,250, Little 651,975, Dillon 51,728. **Remarks:** Gilroy polls only 55 percent against an underfunded opponent, but she pulls in the rest of the Statehouse ticket. However, Democrats just didn't fund those races. Republican turnout has to be very troubling for Gilroy as she heads into '00.

BRIAN A. HOWEY ❖

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Mannweiler will remain in charge of the Republican caucus. The 47 members of the caucus - now without mavericks Jerry Bales and Dan Stephan - also decided to keep Jeff Linder as chairman of the caucus.

Indiana Chairman Mike McDaniel accused Indiana Democrats of using killer phone calls using Social Security as an issue in Indiana House races. "That's wrong - scaring old people." Joe Andrew, on another phone line to WIBC responded by saying, "I'm in a big celebration."

Former Congressman Andy Jacobs told this story about U.S. Rep. Julia Carson. When First Lady Hillary Clinton came to campaign for Carson last summer, Carson remarked to her, "We both have had two-timing husbands. I was able to get rid of mine."

HPR Publisher Brian Howey will join WIBC's Eric Berman, Democratic Executive Director Mike Harmless and Peter Rusthoven on the Mike Pence Show on WNDY-TV at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Indiana Republicans were cautious about jettisoning Newt Gingrich as House Speaker even as U.S. Rep. David McIntosh tests the waters. U.S. Rep. Dan Burton told HPR of Gingrich, "He's

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the one who brought us to the dance. He'll be re-elected." Golden Rule Insurance's Pat Rooney told CNN's Bernard Shaw on Thursday that Tuesday's GOP debacle "was a blessing." Rooney said it was a "wake-up call, yet we're still in control. We have the ability to correct the problem."

Indiana Democratic Executive Director Mike Harmless is leaving for a job with Crowe Chizek. He will stay on with the Democrats as coordinator of the '99 mayoral campaigns.

Democratic sources tell

Tuesday's GOTV. ❖

O'Bannon wins his showdown with Gilroy

One of the happiest people to turn in early Wednesday morning was Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

He took on a televised assault from Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy - a probable opponent in '00 - answered it with an ad that was not dissimilar from the way he responded to Stephen Goldsmith in September 1996, and then enjoyed a satisfying election night. It was the first time in Indiana history that a candidate not on the ballot ran an advertising campaign during an election sequence. Sources tell HPR that O'Bannon spent more than $200,000 on the ads.

What were the results? Democrats won every one of their targeted House races with the exception of HD54, where Rep. Tom Saunders survived. Gilroy's re-election bid was suppressed to 55 percent, including a mere 52 percent in Marion County. Democratic Secretary of State candidate Cheryl Little, a political

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astounding 21 counties.

In her first television ads, Gilroy accused O'Bannon of not cutting taxes. O'Bannon, armed with news clips from the *Times of Northwest Indiana* and the *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* responded by pointing out he had successfully pushed tax cuts to the tune of $600 million. "When people put on an ad that was blatantly untrue - for her to say that Democrats were missing in action and that we didn't show leadership - we just decided to answer in a positive way," he said.

Democrats believe that the election results show that Hoosiers believed their side of the story.

Now O'Bannon enters the crucial '99 legsialtive session with a popularity rating in the 60 percent range, control of the lower house and a good working relationship with key Republican senators Robert Garton and Larry Borst.

O'Bannon will be pushing free textbooks, full-day kindergarten, more funding higher education, as well as his much anticipated tax reform plan which he said would be announced in early December. ❖

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