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With Borst, Mills going, who's next?

Kenley, Weatherwax, Miller on deck

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

With the probable retirements of powerful Republican Senate financiers Larry Borst and Morris Mills after the 2000 short session, who's likely to move up?

The consensus developing by Senate watchers centers on three senators - Luke Kenley of Noblesville, Tom Weatherwax from Logansport and Patricia Miller of Indianapolis. Of that trio, Kenley is the Republican most would bet their money on.

However, the retirements of Borst and Mills also need to be placed in the context of whether Senate President Pro Tem Robert Garton will retire after his term expires in 2002. Past Senate history tends to show that once lawmakers commit to a finance career track it compromises their potential for the top job.

The classic example of that is Borst. He and Mills have been the essential pair in developing biennial budgets since the early 1970s. When Senate President Pro Tem Phil Gutman was convicted of felony charges in the early 1980s, it was Senate Finance Chairman Borst who figured he had an inside track for the job. But Borst was crestfallen when he received only five votes as Garton ascended.

The consensus is that if the Senate financiers do their jobs properly, they compromise their ability to win votes for president pro tem because they have to say "no" and sometimes even "No!" to their colleagues.

The potential anomaly to that is if Kenly, Weatherwax or Miller move up to the Finance Committee chair and then Garton retires a mere two years later. That might not be

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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'That's what I'm worried about. They can get this whole election thrown out...'"

- Lake County Election Board Chairman Roger Chaibai, on the election fraud allegations surrounding the East Chicago mayoral race, to the Munster Times

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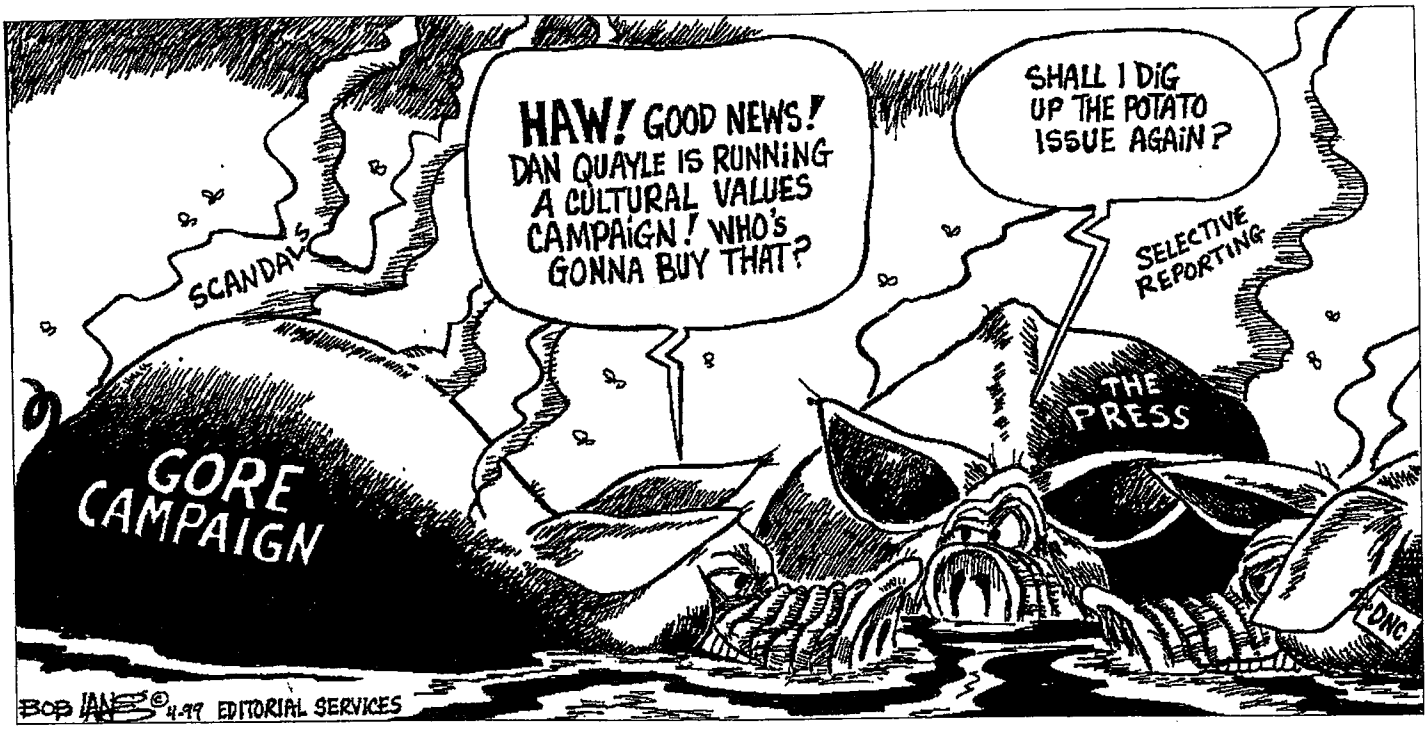

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At least a half dozen Indiana public school students have either been arrested or suspended for making threats of violence since the massacre at Littleton, Colorado's, Columbine HS. At Elkhart, three Osolo ES students were arrested after threatening to take a bomb to school. The Elkhart Truth reported that at least one fifth grader was suspended. In South Bend, a 13-year-old middle school student was suspended for taking a cap gun to class. And at least one Indianapolis news media outlet received a bomb threat after the massacre. Other bomb and gun threats have come at Mooresville High School, where three students have been suspended - two for taking a flammable sub-

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Borst-Mills, *from page 1*

enough time and enough "nos" to damage their potential for president pro tem.

Kenley has had past gubernatorial aspirations and has a reputation as a thinker who does his homework. However, during the 1997 session that ended up going into overtime some observers felt that Kenley missed a golden opportunity to use his rising clout to help end the stalemate. After that session, Kenley appeared to have abandoned any notions to run for governor in 2000.

Weatherwax is viewed as having many of the positive attributes Kenley has and sits on the Education Committee. Miller is considered to be the most powerful female legislator and has earned a reputation as a champion on health care.

Many observers believe the most likely scenario would have Kenley and Weatherwax in that order emerging to replace Borst and Mills.

If Garton retires in 2002, it is conceivable that one of them would be in the driver's seat to ascend to president pro tem. If Garton decides to seek re-election and doesn't retire until 2006, it would be unlikely for the new financiers to rise to the top spot.

While the consolation prize to whoever wins the Borst/Mills slots may be president pro tem, there are other emerging mid-level senators who could have a reasonable shot at replacing Garton, possibly as compromise candidates. Many observers put in that group Sens. Murray Clark and Teresa Lubbers of Indianapolis, David Long of Fort Wayne, and Becky Skillman of Bedford.

Lubbers bucked the Marion County Republican organization to win her seat against John Ruckleshaus and has risen to a committee chair. She has also been active in the Lugar Series. Long took over former Education chairman John Sinks' seat - which is in a safe district - and can count annexation as a major legislative victory this session. He also has a commanding physical presence.

Skillman and Clark both have carried important legislation and are regarded as rising stars in the party.

While the mid-tier of Republicans have been antsy to move into leadership for years, some in the caucus believe the staggered retirements of Borst, Mills and Garton may allow for an easier transition. ❖

Republicans view O'Bannon's stumbles as making McIntosh's 2000 decision easier

INDIANAPOLIS - For U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, the events of the last five weeks have made the decision on whether to challenge Gov. Frank O'Bannon easier, not more difficult.

From the Muncie Republican's perspective, it is clear that for the first time O'Bannon has been stung not just once, but with a series of hits that bolster the belief of many Hoosiers that they are not getting any leadership and the governor is "asleep at the wheel."

These hits include the Teachers Retirement Fund fiasco, the loss of Muscatatuck Medicaid accreditation, and the fact that his full-day kindergarten initiative has gotten bogged down by Republican conferees who want to embarrass O'Bannon in order to draw McIntosh into the 2000 race.

Unless O'Bannon pulls the proverbial rabbit out of his hat (the governor is meeting with Senate Republicans as this is being written Tuesday afternoon) as the Indiana General Assembly lurches toward a special session, McIntosh can be expected to get into the governor's race by late May or the first part of June.

O'Bannon worked tirelessly over the past several days talking individually with not only legislative leaders, but rank-and-file members. "The problem is trying to keep out the politicking and the personalities and some of the dislikes that get generated because of this particular program or lack of program," said O'Bannon (Mike Smith, Associated Press).

If O'Bannon caves in on full-day kindergarten and accepts the Senate Republicans' "cafeteria plan," the first-term Democrat will be greeted by Republicans saying he lacks "leadership" and a Statehouse press corps that will widely report and columnize that position.

Earlier in the session O'Bannon drew a line in the sand on a tax cut, but refused to do that on FDK. But his position has always been categorized by his staff as his No. 1 priority.

House Speaker John Gregg told the AP, "I think it's very good because this way people know that if Frank O'Bannon is anything, he is the world's most sincere elected official. The term politician should never apply to him."

The hard reality was spoken to the Associated Press by Republican Rep. Bob Alderman of Fort Wayne, who said, "Special sessions are all about egos and nothing about issues."

Statehouse Watch

An example of the type of reporting O'Bannon faces came on Monday when Kevin Corcoran of the *Munster Times* reported a pending tax cut like this: "When lawmakers began their budget-writing session, Gov. Frank O'Bannon issued a stern challenge: 'For me to sign a biennial budget it must include a substantial tax cut, avoid deficit spending and leave us with a responsible reserve of at least $1.1 billion.' By late Thursday, when lawmakers adjourn after four months, O'Bannon could find himself with none of the above - and he could share the blame."

The Times quoted State Rep. Ralph Ayres as saying, "I think everyone's still standing their ground. If education funding and capital projects don't fall into place, nothing else will."

Some Democrats tell HPR that it wouldn't be that hard to fall back to the so-called "cafeteria plan" despite losing the governor's top priority. They say it can be spun as allowing local districts to make decisions on how the money is spent. Republicans tell HPR that that's exactly how they'll spin it.

Said McIntosh communications director Chris Jones, "Why should those decisions be made in Indianapolis or Washington? ❖

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stance to school.

President Clinton asked for an extension of the waiting period for gun purchases from three to 10 days, mandatory safety locks and greater background checks. "People need to think about this stuff they way they view x-rays and metal detectors at airports," Clinton said. "We've got to get out of this crazy denial." U.S. Rep. Julia Carson stood behind Clinton when he made the announcement on Tuesday.

Rep. Carson called on President Clinton to support her efforts to keep guns away from children by mandating safety devices on handguns. Carson said that prior to Columbine HS, she had been able to attract 38 co-sponsors. "It should not be easier for a child to operate a handgun than it is to open a bottle of aspirin," Carson said.

Indiana legislators were honing in on a $4,000 annual per diem pay hike. WISH-TV speculated on whether voters would remember the pay hike in 2000.

The Indiana Coalition on Housing and Homeless is urging House and Senate budget writers not to spend too much of the state budget surplus. "A state government can't afford to think short-term - not even a state sitting on a $2 billion

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surplus, " said Mark St. John, executive director for the coalition. (Steve Hinnefield, Bloomington Herald-Times). The group released a Center on Budget and Policy Priorities that says the House budget proposal would wipe out the surplus by 2006 and the Senate proposal by 2007.

Pat Kiely of the Indiana Manufacturer's Association described the odds for an inventory tax cut as "50-50 at best" (Munster Times).

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar was one of four members of Congress to address the 50th anniversary of NATO ceremony in the Capitol rotunda. Lugar called NATO "a truly remarkable institution."

First Lady Judy O'Bannon presented a $500,000 check to the Indiana Donor Coalition. It was money donated by Indiana drivers to advance organ donation.

Gov. Frank O'Bannon and Senate President Pro Tem Bob Garton will discuss civility in politics at the Indiana Civil Liberties Union's annual dinner on June 18. For ticket information for this public event, call (317) 635-4059. "We have seen too many examples recently of politicians who seem to believe that caring about an issue relieves them of the responsibility to respect others,"

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COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Gary Gerard, *Warsaw Times Union* - Send in the federal grief counselors. This time, they go to Littleton. This time the killers made the Guinness Book for highest number of senseless killings in a school. This time, the killers had a plan. They hauled in dozens of pipe bombs. They were methodical. They were determined. We are all helpless. We are all remorseful. What can we do? Send in the federal grief counselors. ❖

Brian Howey, *NUVO Newsweekly* - When I turned on CNN last Tuesday and saw kids with hands atop their heads being escorted by the Littleton SWAT from a school under siege, my heart sank. The trend continues. Had America made it through this year, the terrible train of cafetorium massacres would have been interrupted and, perhaps, rendered as an apocalyptic blip in history, much like the spate of skyjackings to Cuba in the 1960s. Thirty years ago it was the Ohio National Guard gunning down the kids. Now it's the kids killing kids on Hitler's birthday. Thirty years ago the reaction to bullies might have resulted in fisticuffs or a showdown in the principal's office. Now the nerds have guns. The talking heads have been predictable: The conservatives are blaming Hollywood; the moderates and liberals are talking gun control. A more realistic action might be to take the rage of "four dead in O-HI-O and turn it into "teach your children." ❖

Richard Cohen, *Washington Post* - He told the Washington Post's David Broder and Bob Woodward in 1992 that Nixon and the two Roosevelts had been about that age when they were chosen for the same office. "Well, it wasn't too soon for them," Quayle said. The reference to Teddy Roosevelt, never mind FDR or Nixon, jumps out at you. By the time TR had accepted the vice presidential nomination, he had led an incredibly full life. In addition to having written about three dozen books, the better part of 150,000 letters, he had ranched in the Dakota Territory and overcome boyhood sickness to become a robust adventurer and outdoorsman. Quayle, I think, has overcome nothing graver than cowlick. Roosevelt had been a member of the New York State Assembly, police commissioner of New York City, a member of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, assistant secretary of the Navy, governor of New York, and had, of course, organized the famous Rough Riders and led them up San Juan Hill. Quayle, by contrast, found his way into the Indiana National Guard where, during Vietnam, he served some rough weekends. ❖

Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - Message from Democratic leaders to Rep. Tim Roemer: You want to play on the other team? Fine. Then don't look to be on our batting lineup. Roemer was the lead Democrat on the education flexibility bill that Congress finished and sent to President Clinton last week. But when it came time to appoint a committee to work out the differences between the House and Senate versions, was Roemer selected? Nope. Even though he wrote more of the bill than any other Democrat and even though he was at the forefront of creating a bipartisan coalition to pass it, Roemer was excluded from the conference committee. In fact, Democratic leader Rep. Richard Gephardt appointed Democrats who had voted against bill. It was a real slap in the face, and an indication that Gephardt has had just about enough of Roemer's across-the-aisle cooperation. ❖

Gilroy's shaky primary campaign

INDIANAPOLIS - Novice Republican mayoral candidate Bob Parker is saying he is going to pull off the upset of the year against Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy in next Tuesday's primary election.

While HPR's Horse Race doesn't buy that, there is rampant speculation on what percentage Parker gets will represent a defeat for Gilroy.

Horse Race's danger zone for Gilroy comes if Parker crosses the 40 percent range. Other Republicans are putting that number in the 25-30 percent range.

The amazing element in the Gilroy-Parker primary is that to date there has been no media poll to indicate where that race stands. The last *Indianapolis Star /News*/WTHR poll did head-to-head with Bart Peterson, but not Parker.

The fact that Gilroy didn't respond to Parker's negative ads that began two weeks ago is an indication that her tracking shows her safely ahead. There is an assumption in the Gilroy camp that Parker has no effective get-out-the-vote organization in place.

But there are elements that Gilroy's tracking won't necessarily show. One is Parker's play for crossover Democrats, which raises the potential for polling sheriffs to contest such voters. If that happens on any wide scale, the results could be controversial and embarrassing. Another was his tactic of exploiting her office hopping in TV ads, something a NUVO/ TeleResearch Poll in February revealed as a potential weakness with GOP voters.

Another is the degree of excitement organizational Republicans have for Gilroy. The Marion County GOP hasn't been there for Gilroy in the past, as witnessed by her tepid 52-percent showing in her re-election race against a virtually unknown Democrat last year. Another is that the Marion County delegation broke ranks and did not unanimously support her lieutenant governor candidacy at the 1996 Republican State Convention.

Gilroy is Mayor Goldsmith's handpicked successor, but the organization widely abandoned him during his 1996 gubernatorial run when he lost the county by an astonishing 19,000 votes. HPR is picking up on some of the lax attitudes Indianapolis Republicans have for Gilroy in a very similar dynamic that public officeholders displayed for Goldsmith just prior to the '96 gubernatorial race. It turned out to be a precursor for disaster.

Mayoral Watch

Several City-County Council Republicans have expressed a surprising level of cynicism about the Gilroy candidacy, as have several big-name party regulars that HPR has been in contact with in recent weeks.

Even more revealing is the dynamic involving Marion County Sheriff Jack Cottey following an embarrassing public split when Gilroy announced that she would back legislation banning police gun auctions the day after an ABC *20/20* expose. Cottey went on record as saying that Gilroy was "sorry and she was wrong."

Last Monday, Cottey and Gilroy appeared at a press conference to announce support to resurrect a teen gun bill that had died in the legislature. But with only three days left prior to the legislative sine die, many took the measure as an act of desperation in the wake of the Littleton school massacre and Gilroy's own perceived shaky position.

Then there was Gilroy's April campaign financial statement that revealed Cottey giving a mere $100.

With a small turnout predicted and the organization's weak GOTV track record, don't be surprised at being surprised in some fashion next week. ❖.

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said the ICLU's John Krull. "Gov. O'Bannon and Sen. Garton show us that there is another way."

Indianapolis City-County Councilor Cory O'Dell was censured by his colleagues Monday night. O'Dell was caught voting for an absent Republican councilor. It is the first censure the Council has ever made. O'Dell, who was also chairman of the Municipal Corporations Committee, called it "an honest mistake that has happened before" (WTHR-TV). Afterward, O'Dell said he felt "abandoned" just days before he faces a stiff primary challenge.

State Rep. B. Patrick Bauer's South Bend bar, Bridget McGuire's, is up for renewal before the Indiana ABC. McGuire's has had 11 under-age drinking violations in the last two decades and has had 16 days of license suspensions. The latest bust occurred on Jan. 30, 1998, when the bar was filled with Notre Dame students, with at least 95 of them with phony IDs (Susan Dillman, South Bend Tribune). Bauer said he has specifically hired peopled to screen out underage drinkers. "You're only as good as your help is," Bauer said.

Ben Johnson, an assistant to President Clinton, said at a rally in his hometown of

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South Bend with regard to the Columbine HS massacre, "Only a fool waits for a rainy day to fix the roof" (Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune). Johnson said that while the civil rights movement was able to "open the schoolhouse door" he now sees "too little learning is taking place." The rally was attended by U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer, South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke and Mishawaka Mayor Robert Beutter.

Gov. O'Bannon has called for an expanded school safety program and sought $14 million (Bloomington Herald-Times). State Rep. Morris Mills said the money for O'Bannon's original proposal was deleted because, "That's not safe schools, it's baby-sitting in disguise."

Fort Wayne Democratic precinct committee members elected Glynn Hines to succeed the late City Councilman Cletus Edmonds, who died of a heart attack earlier this month. Hines, who defeated Mary Morris by an 11-2 vote, is an assistant vice president at NBD Bank. "I had no idea we would lose a brother as dedicated to the people as Cletus," Hines said. "He was like family." Edmonds had represnted the southeast Fort Wayne district since 1989.

Gary City Clerk Katie Hall, a

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INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

Anderson Mayoral: Republican: Lani Czarniecki, Paul McClish. **Democrat:** Mayor Mark Lawler, Kevin C. Smith, Norman Sanders. **1995 Results:** Lawler (D) 9,411, Graham (R) 8,817. **1999 Forecast:** Street workers union endorses Kevin Smith. "I don't feel the mayor is listening to the unions," said AFSCME president Jody Peeples. We believe Lawler will win the primary and face a potentially serious challenge in the fall from Czarniecki. **Primary Status:** *LIKELY LAWLER; SOLID CZARNIECKI.*

East Chicago Mayoral: Republican: None. **Democrat:** Mayor Robert Pastrick, Lake County Democratic Chairman Stephen Stiglich, Jorge Benevides. **1999 Forecast:** This is an absolute donnybrook and fodder for epic political stories to be told for years and years to come. The Lake County Election Board (supposedly sympathetic to Stiglich) throws out 2,000 absentee ballots after Sheriff John Buncich detailed vote fraud allegations. Buncich said "an informant" saw chief East Chicago fire inspector John Luellen put a silver handbag bearing the seal of the election board into the trunk of a a ECFD Crown Victoria. When deputies checked the trunk, they found several absentee ballots - one not sealed, one open, along with 28 applications (William Lazarus/Rich Bird, *Munster Times).* Buncich said the four people whose names were on the ballot gave them to a man named Warren Williams, who then voted four times. The Times identified the four as Stiglich supporters. At noon on Tuesday, Luellen obained a temporary restraining order in Lake Circuit Court prohibiting the ECPD and the Lake County sheriff from "restraining the lawful and legitimate election campaigning activity." The board also learned that Lake County Prosecutor Bernard Carter endorsed Stiglich's candidacy on a piece of pro-Stiglich campaign literature. The board ordered all ballots impounded. "This way, neither of these guys (Carter or Buncich) can be slammed for being on one side or another," said Board Chairman Roger Chaibai, the Lake County GOP chairman. "That's what I'm worried about. They can get this whole election thrown out." Said Pastrick attorney Anthony DeBonis Jr., "I am stunned to hear what I have heard. A lot of people snicker and say it is East Chicago, what do you expect. This board's job is to see that it stops." U.S. District Attorney Jon DeGuilio says a federal fraud investigation was unlikely to be launched prior to the May 4 primary. **Primary Status:** Leans Pastrick.

Horse Race

Evansville Mayoral: Republican: County Commissioner Russell Lloyd Jr., David Woll. **Democrat:** Rick Borries, City Council-woman Gail Riecken, County Councilman Phil Hoy, Lawrence Hall. **1995 Results:** McDonald (D) 19,162, Frary (R) 9,565. **1999 Forecast:** Borries campaign says both Democratic and Republican tracking shows this race has significantly tightened from a 28-percent deficit with Riecken in January. Borries says he has the support of five out of six Democratic city council members, three former county chairs and the head of the local labor council. "We raised $18,000 this week alone; not bad for a guy who wasn't supposed to have a shot," Borries campaign manager Heather Tenney told HPR. A Riecken mass mailing concerning absentee ballot applications was to be discussed by the Vanderburgh County Election Board. Don Vowels, the Democrat on the board, says the mailing is legal (*Courier & Press*). Riecken had raised $71,559, compared to $68,462 for Borries. Hoy had $17,820. Like races in South Bend, Fort Wayne and Terre Haute, it looks like the momentum may have swung in the Democratic primary. Lloyd had raised $37,092 and Woll missed the filing deadline. On the GOP side, the *Courier & Press* reported that Woll had hired an Indianapolis investigator for "background information" on Lloyd for $1,000. Vanderburg GOP Chairman Jeff Hatfield said, "I want to assure the public that most people in politics do not hire investigators to drudge (sic) up dirt on their opponents." Lloyd said, "I haven't noticed any cars tailing me." The next day, Woll said that it was Hatfield who encouraged him to conduct "oppositional research." Hatfield said, "I meant that they should go down to the Central Library and read newspaper clips." **Primary Status:** *LEANS RIECKEN; SOLID LLOYD.*

Fort Wayne Mayoral: Republican: Allen County Sheriff Joe Squadrito, Linda Buskirk. **Democrat:** Graham Richard, Agnes Hopkins, David Roach. **1995 Results:** Helmke 21,909, Essex (D) 11,033, Kempf (L) 1,029. **1999 Forecast:** The Republican showdown has changed dramatically and is now too close to call. WPTA-TV(April 23-26,3.4+/-) has Squadrito leading by 42-38 percent. Independent tracking also has the race in the tossup zone. Same poll has Buskirk leading Richard in the general election by 36-24 percent. Squadrito leads Richard 39-26 percent. Squadrito had long been considered the odds-on favorite and had a big money lead. Fort Wayne sources tell HPR that Mayor Helmke's neighborhood specialist, Barb Schoppmann, has been pressing neighborhood associations to support Buskirk. Both *Journal Gazette* and *News-Sentinel* emphatically endorse Buskirk. **Primary Status:** *REPUBLICAN TOSSUP; Solid Richard.*

Indianapolis Mayoral: Republican: Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy, Robert Parker. **Democrat:** Bart Peterson, Jocelyn Tandy-Adande. **Our Party:** Rev. John Gibson. **Libertarian:** Andrew Horning. **1995 Results:** Goldsmith (R) 64,209, Jimison (D) 39,539, Dillon (L) 7,175. **1999 Forecast:** Parker ads move into "issues." There has been no independent tracking to tell if his message is catching to any degree. Press converage tends to underscore tacky aspects of candidate. Parker does not look natural in a tie. Star's Behind Closed Doors reports a Parker crossover effort calld PRIDE - Proud Republicans Inviting Democratic Envolvement. Duh. Most professionals believe Shallenberger's ad campaign for Parker has been muddled. If Gilroy was feeling the heat, they would have attacked Parker. More ominous signs for Gilroy. *Indianapolis Business Journal's* John Ketzenberger reports that, "Peterson has gleaned support from some donors who traditionally support the GOP." Included in that list are former Sec. of State Bill Salin. Another troubling sign was the mere $100 powerful Sheriff Jack Cottey has chipped in. And here's another strategic blunder in the making: Gilroy crisscrossed the state as an advocate for public education prior to her re-election as secretary of state. Now with a Senate budget plan with less than 1 percent increase for the beleaguered Indianapolis Public School system, Gilroy has been silent. She said in her Jaycees speech that IPS Supt. Pat Pritchet practically begged her to "take us along with you." Apparently she has no clout with Borst and Mills or has adopted Mayor Goldsmith's willingness to let IPS crash. Gilroy has said she will form an Educational Advisory Council. Peterson announced a domestic violence initiative and commenced a biographical TV ad campaign with the goal of closing the gap on Gilroy. Peterson should benefit greatly from Parker's strategy of driving up Gilroy's negatives. Should be an interesting week. **Primary Status:** *LIKELY GILROY.*

South Bend Mayoral: Republican: Steve Bradley, Melvin Townsend. **Democrat:** Mayor Steve Leucke, Portage Township Assessor John Voorde, Kevin C. Horton, Zbigniew "Ziggy" Borowski. **1995 Results:** Kernan (D) 14,309, Waite (R) 3,106. **1999 Forecast:** Vietnam becomes an issue. At a mayoral forum, a questioner asked the candidates for their military records. Leucke was a Vietnam era conscientious objector. Voorde received a student deferrment for college. Horton said the Vietnam cease fire occurred before he was old enough to serve. Both Voorde and Horton said they would have served if called. Voorde and Horton said that Leucke should have realized he had problems with the SBPD. Voorde said the reason he won the FOP endorsement was that the rank and file believe no one listens to their concerns. Leucke called the money-losing College Football Hall of Fame "very positive" for the city. Horton complained that voters were told only of the "upside" of the project. This one looks like a real showdown between Leucke and Voorde. **Primary status:** *TOSSUP.*

Terre Haute Mayoral: Republican: David Hooper. **Democrat:** Mayor James Jenkins, Vigo County Auditor Judy Anderson, George Reedy, Frank Monk. **1999 Forecast:** Anderson is still pressing a good challenge against Jenkins. Anderson criticizes Jenkins' three trips to Japan. "If you take three trips to Japan and, the bottom line is, we have nothing to show for it, not even a Japanese restaurant, I think that's a waste of taxdollars," Anderson said (*Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). Jenkins retaliated that Toyota visited the Princeton site 12 years before it actually located there. Anderson presses on police staffing levels, saying the budgeted 124-man department only has 113 officers and raised safety concerns. Jenkins disputed the numbers and said an incoming class of six officers will bring the department to full capacity.

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former congresswoman, is in a spirited re-election battle for a fourth term. She is being challenged by Herbert Smith, owner of Express Bail Bonds, and Leonard McKnight. "She's never there," Smith complained to the Gary Post-Tribune. Hall responded that annual audits during her tenure as clerk have shown "not one penny has been missing."

When the lifting of trade barriers by the NAFTA treaty allows Mexican trucks freer access to U.S. markets next Jan. 1, transportation officials are fearing a flood of unsafe rigs (Mark Skertic, Chicago Sun-Times/Gary Post Tribune). The story said that 50 percent of Mexican truckers already allowed in the U.S. fail spot safety inspections. Said U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. of Illinois, "The same federal government that built the world's greatest interstate highway system must now protect and maintain it."

U.S. Rep. Julia Carson's big endeavor to award civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks the Congressional Gold Medal passed the Senate last week. "Rep. Carson was one of the driving forces to rightfully honor Ms. Parks with this award," observed U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh.

HPR Publisher Brian Howey will address the Indiana

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Libertarian Party's annual convention at the Indianapolis Adam's Mark Hotel this Saturday. Other speakers include Doug Friedline, who managed Minnesota Gov. Jesse "The Body" Ventura's gubernatorial campaign last year. Friedline will speak on the topic of third parties becoming competitive.

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He assailed Anderson, saying, "I've arrested hundreds of people and I've been on the winning end of a gun battle. I know law enforcement." Like mayoral primaries in Fort Wayne and South Bend, this one may be going down to the wire. **Primary Status:** *TOSSUP.*

INDIANA 2000 RACES

Horse Race

Governor: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke, George Witwer, John Price. **Democrat:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon. **1996 results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** O'Bannon enters decisive weeks of his first term. McIntosh is almost a certainty to run for governor (see page 3), so how the governor performs will have a significant bearing on the next election cycle's dynamic. Indiana Democrats appear to be keyed in. They've just started a McIntosh Watch bulletin. On Tuesday they assailed the congressman for flunking the NAACP's legislative report card. On Monday, WTHR-TV reported that McIntosh beat Julia Carson to the punch in issuing a press release about Rosa Parks winning the Congressional Gold Medal. "Hoosiers should know that while David McIntosh's vote for the Rosa Parks medal was welcome, it was inconsistent with his recent votes opposing every important legislative position advanced by the NAACP during the past two years," said Charles Redd of the Indiana Democratic African-American Caucus. Former Rep. Hurley Goodall said McIntosh's record is "worse than Strom Thurmond." HPR asked the McIntosh CD office how he stands on Clinton's gun control proposals in the wake of the Columbine massacre. Chris Jones said McIntosh is "traditionally opposed" to gun control and is a "long-time supporter of 2nd Amendment freedoms." CNN's Bill Schneider reported on Inside Politics Tuesday how the gun control issue was a potential curve ball for Texas Gov. George Bush and other candidates. Hardline stances could have the tendency to alienate moderates. John Price is a staunch defender of 2nd Amendment rights and Witwer is virtually as conservative. *Anderson Herald-Bulletin* editorializes: "McIntosh has two good reasons to seriously consider entering the Republican gubernatorial sweepstakes in 2000: John Price and George Witwer. **Status:** *Leans Democratic.*

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