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Anti-incumbency rears up in Indiana

Seven mayors lose primary elections

By BRIAN A. HOWEY *in Indianapolis*

Even though it flies in the face of most current national tracking, there is at least the appearance of an anti-incumbency feeling taking root in the Hoosier state.

Incumbent mayors lost primaries in Terre Haute, Shelbyville, LaPorte, Winchester, Wabash, Huntington, and Columbia City and had extremely close calls in Anderson, Jeffersonville, Knox and Michigan City. Veteran council members were swept out in Gary (3), Warsaw (2), Winona Lake (2), Peru (2), and Elkhart (1).

Joe Squadrito, the popular former Allen County sheriff , saw a 27-point lead in Fort Wayne evaporate as he lost the Republican primary to a Linda Buskirk who couldn't match the sheriff's ballot familiarity. In Evansville, incumbent Councilwoman Gail Riecken lost to former Vanderburgh County commissioner Rick Borries.

While it isn't surprising that incumbent mayors lose elections, the number that bit the dust in the '99 primaries was. And the current ruling parties in Evansville, Fort Wayne, New Albany, Kokomo, and Indianapolis are going to have dogfights on their hands this fall.

On top of that, the Indiana General Assembly adjourned in confusion without significant property and inventory tax cuts. An angry Gov. Frank O'Bannon decried the loss of full-day kindergarten in a bizarre scenario. By early this week there was the strange prospect of a special session that insiders tell HPR will probably not happen.

Finally, on more of a cultural note, the IHSAA voted in the face of public opinion and the desires of coaches to

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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'Oh, how we wish that the passion and concern that basketball standards have somehow been lowered in Indiana, because of a change in a tournament format, could be transferred to the debate for full-day kindergarten....'" - **Evansville Courier & Press editorial**

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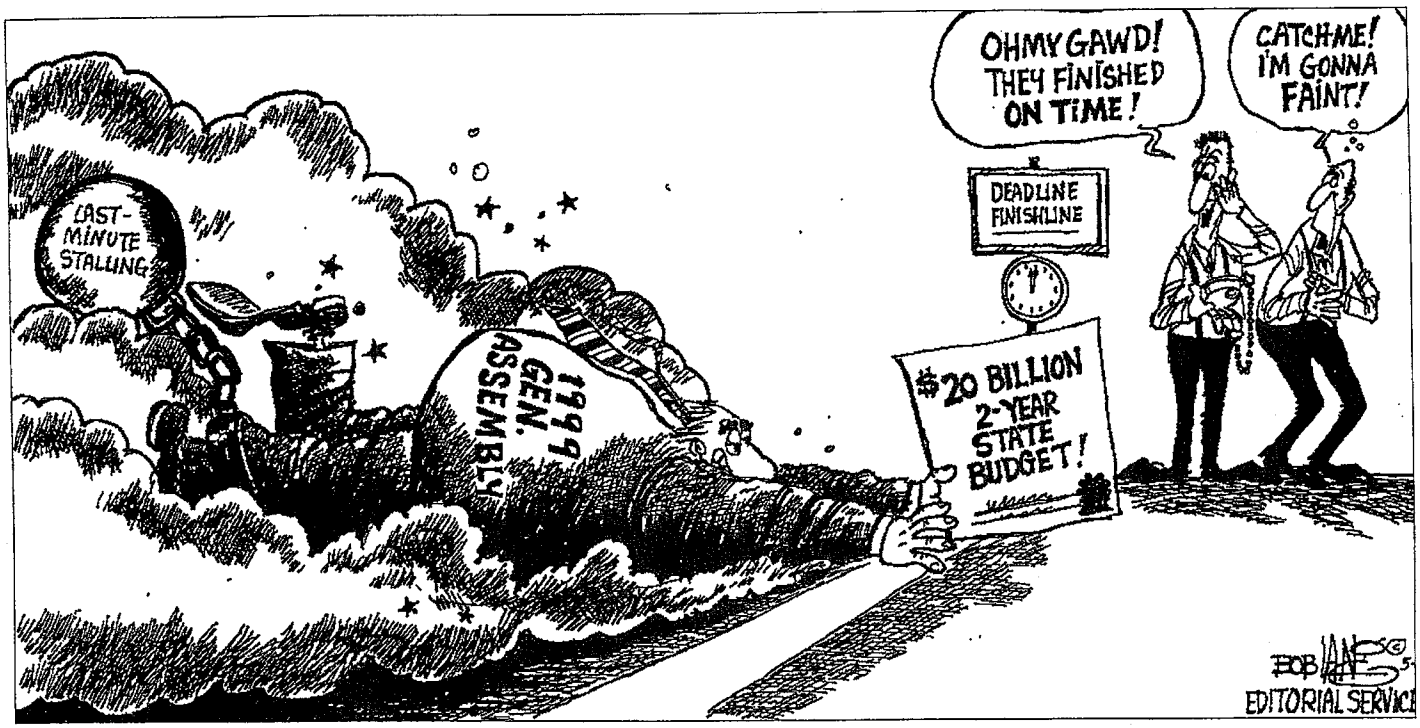

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Marion County Prosecutor Scott Newman appointed a special prosecutor to look into child molestation charges against Marion County Republican Chairman John Sweezy. Sweezy refused calls from Mayor Goldsmith, Secretary of State Gilroy, Republican State Chair Mike McDaniel and Sheriff Jack Cottey to step down - at least temporarily. He told WRTV that he will fight the allegations "with all the stamina I have." WTHR-TV quoted Sweezy's wife as saying he was never "left alone with the child." Indianapolis Star/News reports that a 9-year-old relative accused Sweezy of molesting her after she participated in a "good touch, bad touch" sex abuse lecture at school.

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return to a one-class basketball tournament.

Blend all that into what is expected to be a national mood ready for a change from the Clinton/Gore administration and that provides a potentially volatile mix for the 2000 elections.

Even where the status quo prevailed - particularly with Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy's 63-32 percent victory over Bob Parker in Indianapolis, and big victories by Mayors Bob Pastrick in East Chicago, Scott King in Gary and Steve Leucke in South Bend - some questioned whether Gilroy's numbers showed specific weakness.

Gov. O'Bannon

Any anti-incumbency wave would have to be of concern to first-term Gov. Frank O'Bannon who emerged from his second biennial budget session as an angry leader who couldn't get his top legislative priority through the process.

But it wasn't so much how O'Bannon didn't get full-day kindergarten, but how the deal went down and how he handled the aftermath. When negotiations collapsed over FDK, articles in the *Indianapolis Star-News* made it appear as if House Ways and Means Chairman B. Patrick Bauer miscommunicated with the governor and scuttled the deal. There followed an angry press conference in which the governor decried the loss of FDK instead of touting the $1.2 billion in tax cuts that his administration had been able to put into place over two biennial sessions. O'Bannon hadn't shown such a public display of anger since September 1996 when he responded to Stephen Goldsmith's 38-tax increase campaign ad.

There is plenty of speculation as to why O'Bannon didn't compromise on the Senate Republican "cafeteria plan" and declare victory over the local control aspects while pushing school districts from his bully pulpit to institute FDK.

One Democrat close to the negotiations told HPR, "Members weren't getting a lot of supportive calls. It certainly wasn't the biggest one for Pat Bauer. Pat did that on his own. He simply decided that he had other things that needed to get done."

What O'Bannon ended up with was virtually the worst case scenario - no FDK and a muddled message. Incredibly, nei-

ther the governor nor Republicans went on the offensive with their traditional post-session fly-arounds. That's a good indicator that both sides realize the blown opportunities the 111th session of the legislature created as its legacy.

Organized labor - where the AFL-CIO's Ken Zeller could use a victory to augment his new tenure - is upset over the lack of worker's comp reform. Business is frosted over the lack of property and inventory tax reductions and changes in the insurance and banking industries. Banks in Terre Haute and Evansville threatened to take their charters out of state and Indianapolis is faced with the prospect of losing American United Life's proposed headquarters. But sources say that Sens. Luke Kenley and Murray Clark rejected worker's comp increases - amounting to about 4 percent a year - out of hand.

Said State Rep. Win Moses, "Indiana's rates at the end of three years still would have been 50th in the nation."

O'Bannon appeared to get the worst press in traditionally Democratic areas of the state. The *Louisville Courier-Journal* greeted Southern Indiana voters with a headline declaring: "Budget deal infuriates O'Bannon." The *C-J*'s lead read, "Gov. O'Bannon suffered a major setback yesterday when leaders of the General Assembly agreed on a $20 billion budget that cuts taxes and includes more money for schools and roads - but omits money for his top priority, full-day kindergarten."

The *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette's* headline was: "O'Bannon smarting as kindergarten bill dies." Reporter Lesley Stedman described O'Bannon as "frustrated - almost livid."

The Times of Northwest Indiana reported, "House Democrats didn't get a welfare property tax cut that would have substantially shaved tax bills for Northwest Indiana business and residents. Senate Republicans didn't get a 10-year phase-out on business inventories to help counties along the state line compete for jobs. And Democratic Gov. Frank O'Bannon didn't get the optional full-day kindergarten program for which he campaigned tirelessly during the past year."

While O'Bannon campaigned in 1996 on the notion of restructuring the tax code, that clearly didn't happen. The risk there is that if enough press comes out about reassessment rates that could push some property taxes up by as much as 20 percent in 2001, the governor could face another prickly legacy of waiting so late in his first term to push for the revamp.

By mid-week, O'Bannon was being rebuked by legislative leaders in his own party over calling a special session - including Speaker John Gregg. "I can't imagine why the governor would call back the legislature just to address Indianapolis issues," State Rep. Craig Fry told the Associated Press. "So many Hoosiers don't give a damn about Indianapolis."

David McIntosh

When the specter of a special session presented itself, the strategists for U.S. Rep. David McIntosh were smiling. "It's almost laughable the governor is talking about calling a special session. It shows he's asleep at the wheel because he couldn't get it done during the past four months. There is no leadership from the governor," said one source close to the Republican congressman. McIntosh will make a decision on whether to challenge O'Bannon within the next month, but his issues are already surfacing.

The Legislature

Republicans and Democrats hardly came out of the session looking good. Many newspapers were critical of what appeared to be underhanded tactics to pass a pay raise. The *Evansville Courier & Press* editorialized, "Justification for hike suffers because of tactic."

On the tax cut, the *Journal Gazette* reported, "The hodgepodge of tax cuts approved... will scatter more than $670

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The girl's father tells the Star/News that she is a "chronic fabricator or liar." A Harrison County deputy prosecutor was appointed and will make a decision on whether to file charges by the end of next week.

By a 13-5 vote, the IHSAA's board of directors voted to retain multi-class basketball. It was one issue where virtually the entire state's media lost their objectivity, openly favoring a return to the one tournment. Some, like the Gary Post-Tribune's Susan H. Miller, wrote her lead: "Class basketball is here to stay - at least for now." The Evansville Courier & Press editorialized, "If the tournament is considered a business venture, then the board should perhaps look at the bottom line and reconsider."

State Rep. Larry Buell is threatening to have the legislature intervene. "I would say it looks very likely," said Buell (Gary Post-Tribune). "It's not because I want single-class basketball. It's for all the people out there who want it back. I don't understand why the board isn't listening to them."

U.S. Rep. Mark Souder tells the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, "Our generals have told us (Kosovo) is unwinnable in the air. It is not winnable on the ground.

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The American people need to be told that if we go to a ground war, between 20,000 and 50,000 Americans are going to lose their lives." Some 60 people, many of Macedonian descent, turned out for a town hall meeting Souder had at the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Fort Wayne. The News-Sentinel reported, "Ethnic and fiscal politics merged as Rep. Mark Souder got an earful from Fort Wayne residents who oppose U.S. involvement in Kosovo." Said one man, "This is a war that will never be finished."

President Clinton warned Japan earlier this week to reduce its steel shipments to the U.S. "on a consistent basis" (Associated Press). "We will take action if steel imports do not return to their pre-crisis levels," Clinton said. The steel dumping has hurt the Northwest Indiana steel industry and was a contributing factor in the Qualtech plant closing in Pittsboro after less than a year of operation.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said at Purdue University last week that the grain price crisis may be easing up and is predicting a "bullish market" for wheat and cattle. (Lafayette Journal and Courier). "We've seen a lot of movement, rapid movement, in the prices of com-

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million in savings to Hoosier families, farmers and businesses during the next two years. Nearly everyone will get a little. But despite more than two years of legislative talk and campaign promises, property tax rates - particularly for homeowners - will barely change."

There was almost an air of relief that the legislature was leaving the capital. While the *Bloomington Herald-Times* editorialized: "Give Legislature a B on the Budget" its primary logic read like this: "Can it be? The Indiana General Assembly actually passed a budget on time, without a special session?"

The session ended with Senate Republicans bashing House Republicans for their near rejection of the budget; and Democrats wondering if Bauer had taken the negotiations too personally and ended up torpedoing the governor's top priority. No wonder no one felt like flying around the state to boast of the great strides.

Sue Anne Gilroy

A 63-percent victory is an Evan Bayh-style landslide. Yet Gilroy's 30-point win over renegade businessman Bob Parker prompted some to speculate that she might be in trouble against Democrat Bart Peterson in the fall.

Republican Peter Rusthoven offered commentary on WTHR-TV by saying, "I don't know if it takes the tarnish off; 62 percent is a lot. It is an overwhelming victory. But the lesson is that this is not going to be easy in the fall."

While Gilroy's victory was impressive, the ominous portion of the totals come within the 33-percent that voted for Parker. Frank O'Bannon was able to carry Marion County in 1996 by drawing 22 percent of the Republican vote. U.S. Rep. Julia Carson was able to attract 15 percent of the Republican vote in 1998.

"If 20 percent of the Republicans vote for Peterson in the fall, he wins," said pollster Jeff Lewis of TeleResearch.

In both Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, the Republican nominees both laid successful claim to the legacies of current Mayors Goldsmith and Helmke. Whether that will work in the fall is the big question.

Mayoral losses

The reasons so many mayors lost vary greatly. In the biggest upset at Terre Haute, Vigo County Auditor Judy Anderson was able to ride discontent with firefighters serving without a contract for two years and community opposition to a $6.4 million downtown business/residential development to beat Mayor Jim Jenkins by a landslide.

In Columbia City, Mayor Harold Zickgraf appears to have fallen victim to the third-term jinx and a need for change. Wabash Mayor Robert McCallen, 72, lost to his former police chief, Jerry Mullett. Winchester Mayor Jack Fowler lost to Steven Croyle in the Republican primary due to economic and flood issues

LaPorte Mayor Carl Krentz lost to Councilman Robert Masterson, who was at a loss to explain, his GOP victory. "I can't really pinpoint any one thing," Masterson said (*South Bend Tribune*).

In the close calls, Anderson Mayor Mark Lawler is facing an FBI and Indiana State Police corruption investigation and narrowly defeated Kevin Smith. In Michigan City, Mayor Sheila Brillson had changed her name and endured several controversies surrounding the Blue Chip casino and the Miss Indiana pageant to defeat Bob Behler by only 400 votes.

In Jeffersonville, Mayor Tom Galligan survived a bitter primary by defeating Glenn Muncy with just under 50 percent of the vote. Galligan had come under fire for nepotism since he is married to his city attorney. The marriage came after both had entered office.

The inescapable fact is that in Tuesday's primaries, Hoosier voters were not afraid to vote against incumbents and the status quo. Whether that willingness for change extends into the fall and the 2000 election cycle remains to be seen.❖

Lugar, Souder split over Kosovo

By Mark Schoeff Jr. *in Washington*

Debate on Capitol Hill over the U.S. role in the NATO campaign in Kosovo is beginning to cause fissures within the political parties. The Hoosier delegation provides evidence of the fault lines.

Sen. Dick Lugar helped lead the fight for Senate consideration of a resolution by Sen. John McCain (R Ariz.) that would have authorized President Clinton to "use all necessary force" to achieve NATO objectives in Kosovo. The alliance has been waging an air war since March 24 to try to halt the Yugoslav army's ethnic cleansing of Kosovar Albanians. Lugar and Sen. Evan Bayh were among 22 senators who voted Monday in favor of bringing the McCain resolution to the Senate floor. The motion was defeated, 78-22.

On the House side, every Hoosier Republican voted last week against a resolution supporting the NATO air strikes. On Thursday, the House was poised to consider a $12.9 billion appropriations bill that would finance the Kosovo operation and bolster the military in other areas.

Prior to the appropriations vote, Rep. Mark Souder was working on amendments that would circumscribe funding the Kosovo war. In a region riven by ethnic conflict for centuries, a negotiated settlement is inevitable, Souder said. So far, the NATO air strikes have done little to degrade the Yugoslavs. "The president has gotten us into a war that we have no chance of winning," Souder said.

Lugar has blasted President Clinton for his refusal to consider using ground troops to drive the Yugoslav military out of Kosovo and has called on Congress to provide leadership. "If we lose the war, the fact is, the Congress is inadequate," Lugar said May 4 on the Senate floor. "We don't know what the situation will be on the ground five months from now, but we had better have some options, and it had better be apparent we are doing that, for our own credibility."

Lugar argued against taking direction from public opinion polls. "Now I'm advised that the American people, in various polls, have a low tolerance for casualties," he said in a May 3 floor speech. Calibrating how many deaths would prompt an American pullout in Kosovo "is an unacceptable set of circumstances in polls. However, it may test the political courage of the president or any of us. We're talking now about the fate of our country, our credibility with regard to foreign policy and armed forces."

Congress Watch

The possibility of casualties is undergirding Souder's opposition. He said that 20,000 to 50,000 U.S. troops could be killed if NATO ground forces were to enter Kosovo. Due to political sensitivities in contiguous countries, NATO troops would have limited entry points into Kosovo. Coming from the mountainous south, which is populated with refugees, would create logistical dangers. Entering from the north would require fighting through Serbia to get to Kosovo.

Lugar and McCain "keep saying we should keep the ground option open without saying how they would implement it or how many lives would be lost," said Souder, who visited Macedonia.

Souder praised Lugar as a foreign policy leader. "You always want to listen to him because he's had an impact in the world," Souder said. But the problem in Kosovo doesn't merit U.S. intervention. "We have a role to play in the world, but our role should be tied to our direct national interest and we should have a clear and achievable goal in mind," said Souder, who describes himself as an "internationalist with a nationalist bent."❖

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modities. The markets are real volatile. But farm prices will improve. Hog prices have come up significantly over the last three or four months." The Courier and Journal reported, "Glickman's optimism contrasts the bleak outlook of lost profits in the industry as described by Sen. Richard Lugar just two months ago." Glickman said one reason is that the Asian economies are expected to ease up relatively soon.

Gov. O'Bannon has appointed Cordelia Lewis to the Democratic National Committee. Lewis is director of politics and legislation for AFSCME Indiana Council 62.

Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton asked in a letter to legislators, "Would 12 to 14 more facilities located at convention-type hotels make the situation worse? We need to know the answer to that." Patton suggested locating casinos at interstate entrances to Kentucky.

Fort Wayne smokers will no longer be able to indulge their habit in public as of May 14. The smoking ban includes restaurants, workplaces and public places. Private clubs, bars, pool and bingo halls are exempt. Violations can result in a $100 fine assessed to the offending smoker or restaurant owner.

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U.S. Rep. Barney Frank told Monroe County Democrats, "I am glad to be here becausxe it is in districts like this where the war in this country is really going to be fought." Frank added, "The reason (the right wing) has more influence than their numbers should is they out-organize the rest of us. And shame on us - that's not their fault, it's our fault" (Bloomington Herald-Times).

Presidential candidate Dan Quayle responded to the Columbine HS massacre, this one on CNN's Crossfire: "The issue is not really guns. It's the simple response to a very complicated question. The question: Why? And more importantly, what are we going to do about it? Let me just throw out two other things: one, parental involvement, parental accountability, and two, character education in our schools." On accountability, Quayle said, "It's too bad that you have to resort to the law ... to get parents to act responsively."

U.S. Rep. Dan Burton says he will introduce legislation requiring U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher to conduct a new study into the impact of mass media on the increase of violent behavior displayed by America's children and young adults.

Incumbent Republican

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INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

Anderson Mayoral: Republican: Lani Czarniecki, Paul McClish. **Democrat:** Mayor Mark Lawler, Kevin C. Smith, Norman Sanders. **Independent:** Linda Haynes. **1995 Results:** Lawler (D) 9,411, Graham (R) 8,817. **1999 Forecast:** Smith gives Lawler a run for his money with Lawler winning 4,318 to 3,759 for Smith, an APD detective. Lawler said on WTHR-TV, "Let me thank God for the opportunity to serve this community. It has had an impact on this election and it certainly hasn't helped me any." GOP winner Czarniecki said, "This is pure allegation at this point and we will remain neutral for the time being." But the *Herald-Bulletin* quoted Czarniecki as saying, "People are interested in seeing integrity in their government officials. The first thing we need to do is make sure that is restored." Independent Linda Haynes announced her candidacy on Tuesday, telling WTHR-TV, "It's time for a change." Sanders says of Anderson politics, "It's just like the mafia here" (WTHR-TV). Prosecutor Rodney Cummings appoints Huntington County Republican Prosecutor John Branham and Democratic Whitley County Prosecutor John Whiteleather to head the Lawler probe. Said Lawler, "There is no question in my mind that they will be fair and impartial and will do what is the right thing to do" (*Herald-Bulletin*). Lawler is in for a real battle this fall. Said Madison County Democratic Chair Tom Ashley, "This is going to be a tough election. We've going to have to work hard." If any of the charges stick, Lawler will likely lose some Democratic support, and that gives Czarniecki a real shot at winning in this traditionally Democratic city **General Status:** *TOSSUP.*

Horse Race

East Chicago Mayoral: Republican: Angel Acosta. **Democrat:** Mayor Robert Pastrick, Lake County Democratic Chairman Stephen Stiglich, Jorge Benevides. **1999 Forecast:** Pastrick blows out Stiglich in the wildest Hoosier election this decade by a 5,772 to 3,790 margin. Stiglich's chairmanship of the Lake County Democratic Party is now in real jeopardy. Judge orders ballots impounded as an FBI, U.S. district attorney and Lake County prosecutor's investigation into election fraud gets underway. Pastrick and Stiglich agree on recount conditions. ECPD arrested two men on the Monday before the election at a polling place, including Christopher French, the brother of Judge Lonnie Randolph, and Richard Morfin, chief mechanic for the Lake County Combined Election/Voters Registration Board. Morfin was arrested for being double parked outside a polling place and possessing a gun without a permit. The *Gary Post-Tribune* described the two men as "Stiglich supporters." Stiglich's attorney Peter Benjamin calls the incident "just another form of harassment and intimidation." Said Deputy Lake County Prosecutor Michael Greener, "It seems so bizarre." Prosecutor Carter requesting attorneys to act as volunteer poll watchers, but the Election Board turned them away and said they were not "sanctioned" by them. City workers rallied while on the clock last Friday. Said Pastrick campaign manager Noah Atterson Spann, "Every one of you here came to some political person and asked him to give you a job!" (*Times of Northwest Indiana*). Stiglich also accused Pastrick of living in Ogden Dunes. Pastrick acknowledged he has a cottage there. **General Status:** *SOLID PASTRICK.*

Evansville Mayoral: Republican: County Councilman 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 stuns Riecken, 4,850 to 3,964. Hoy receives 2,015 and endorses Borries, but tells the Courier & Press, "The party is fragmented." Borries asks for Riecken's support with no answer. Lloyd defeats Woll 4,557 to 689. Local sources tell HPR that Riecken was sitting on money, saving it for the fall campaign. Borries raises $9,500 in final days of campaign and spent $100,000. Borries overcame a 28-point deficit in January and gathered the support of five city council members, three former county chairs and local labor. **General Status:** *TOSSUP.*

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:** Squadtrio blows a 27-point lead in the final three weeks. Buskirk won 9,540 to 8,772 (52-48 percent) after being out-spent $215,000 to $90,000. Turnout was up to 21 percent from 18 percent in 1995 and 14 percent in 1991 (*Journal Gazette*) with speculation that a number of Democrats crossed over to vote for Buskirk. There appear to be three huge factors to her win: the emphatic Buskirk endorsements from the conservative *News-Sentinel* and liberal *Journal Gazette*, and Mayor Helmke's political organization that simply out-hustled Squadrito at the neighborhood level. The surprise in the results was evident in retrospect as Squadrito and Richard were attacking each other just before the primary. Buskirk lauds her boss, Mayor Helmke, "for his efforts to clean up the city from a "dirty administration" (Mike Dooley, *News-Sentinel*). Buskirk said on election night, "I want to be a mayor who gets things done without getting in the way." Richard starts fall cycle with about a $120,000 cash advantage. Richard will attack GOP status quo on what Democrats are describing as a "NE Indiana move out." Volvo may move 1,000 Navistar engineering jobs out of Fort Wayne to South Carolina. That comes on the heels of Lincoln National and Lincoln Foodstuffs pulling out. Richard will cast himself as a business consultant, former neighborhood president and legislator (Journal Gazette). Buskirk is calling herself "not an old government bureaucrat" but a "new professional manager." John Okeson tells Journal Gazette that annexation policies have made it a more Republican city. **General Status:** *LEANS BUSKIRK.*

Gary Mayoral: Republican: None. **Democrat:** Mayor Scott King, State Rep. Vernon Smith, Calumet Township Assessor Booker Blumenberg Jr. **1995 Results:** King (D) 23,588, Williams (I) 5,482, Boswell (R) 1,108, McCraney (I) 96. **1999 Forecast:** King blows out Rep. Smith by a 3-1 margin and decisively consolidates his power as a majority of the Gary council members with whom he had feuded for the last four years were defeated. *Post-Tribune* reports, "While King was Gary's big winner, city Democratic chairman Rudy Clay, who is also a Lake County Commissioner, was the biggest loser. Clay, rather than staying neutral, backed Smith and many of the councilmen who lost." The *Post-Tribune* quoted King as saying, "Rudy bucked his own oranization. I think he is going to face some challenges." Prior to the election, the *Post-Tribune* reported that black Democrats - including State Rep. Charlie Brown, Lake County Prosecutor Bernard Carter, Calumet Township Trustee Dozier Allen, and Clay - met and recruited Rep. Smith in an effort to return an African-American as mayor. King was backed by State Sen. Earline Rogers. The *Post-Tribune* quoted a black employee at Lew Wallace HS saying, "We're not buying that anymore. We're tired of electing blacks who make promises but nothing gets done." Said King adviser Jewell Harris, "Mayor King's campaign is based on what he can do. Vernon's is based on his nationality." **General Status:** *SOLID KING.*

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:** Gilroy's 20,903 to 15,347 victory over Parker in the most expensive mayoral primary campaign is impressive. Controversy surrounding molestation charges against Marion County GOP Chairman John Sweezy cast an immediate pall over camapign. WTHR-TV reports Thursday evening that Sweezy refuses to resign despite calls from Gilroy, Indiana Chairman Mike McDaniel, Prosecutor Scott Newman, Sheriff Jack Cottey and Mayor Goldmith. Goldsmith tells the *Indianapolis Star/News* that how this is handled will send an important message to voters. Gilroy says, "In this political season it would be appropriate for him to take an immediate leave of absence from his position until after the election." Gilroy clearly has to attract as many Parker supporters as possible to buck the GOP leeching to Democrats in 1996 and 1998. Parker tells WTHR, "One of them needs to win us over." Peterson wins a resounding victory, but Jocelyn-Tandy Adande still gets 22 percent of the vote. The vote totals of Parker and Adande are typical of wings of the party who buck the organization. Peterson will need to work with the African-American community. However, Julia Carson's organization will get that support around because there will be jobs at City Hall that have been off limits for three decades. Peterson reiterates call for 200 more police officers, appearing with relatives of two security guards who were killed at the Meadows Apartments. Gilroy issues debate challenge - one in all

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Indianapolis City-County Councilors Ron Franklin and Cory O'Dell were defeated in Tuesday's primary. They become only the sixth and seventh incumbent councilors to lose since Unigov was instituted. Franklin faces cocaine possession charges later this year after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor weapons charge last year. O'Dell was censured by the council last month for voting for an absent colleague.

Former Fort Wayne Councilman Jimmy Stier died last week at age 76. He was the former leader of the Jimmy Stier Orchestra and was the father of Allen County Democratic Chairman Brian Stier.

Gov. O'Bannon signed into law the public records access law and announced that Anne Mullin O'Connor will be appointed the state's first public access counselor. "Citizens were being stonewalled," said Don Asher, the Porter County editor for the Times of Northwest Indiana, who spearheaded a seven-newspaper expose on public access laws. Said O'Bannon, "Because of these new laws, the doors of government are opening a little wider all across Indiana." O'Connor is the wife of Mike O'Connor, the campaign manager for Indianapolis mayoral candidate Bart Peterson.

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Terry Underhill, a Democratic council at-large candidate in Fort Wayne, was arrested on a charge of public indecency after a police officer witnessed him performing oral sex on another man at Swinney Park. Underhill, who has AIDS, refused to give up his unsuccessful candidacy.

Clinton Mayor Ramon Colombo has had to borrow or transfer $280,000 and lay off eight employees to stem budget shortfalls.

New Castle Mayor Sherman Boles won renomination with 52 percent of the vote. He was the 1998 2nd CD nominee.❖

nine townships. WISH's Jim Shella and pollster Brian Vargus call Peterson "charismatically challenged" (they should talk). **General Status:** *LEANS 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:** Luecke stuns challenger Voorde by a 2-1 margin, 8,265 to 4,214. Voorde appears at Leucke's headquarters to offer his support. Republican winner Bradley polled just 1,195 votes. Leucke should have little problem winning his first full term this fall. **General status:** *SOLID LEUCKE.*

Terre Haute Mayoral: Republican: David Hooper. **Democrat:** Mayor James Jenkins, Vigo County Auditor Judy Anderson, George Reedy, Frank Monk. **1999 Forecast:** Anderson stuns Jenkins 7,518 to 4,322, riding a wave of discontent from firefighters and for her opposition to a downtown business and residential development. Anderson tells the *Tribune-Star*, "The best thing we can do is sit down at the table and try to mend their broken spirits. They just want somebody who is going to listen." **General Status:** *SOLID ANDERSON.*

Horse Race

INDIANA 2000 RACES

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:** McIntosh sees primary race against Price as making him look "moderate." Said one operative close to McIntosh, "We won't have to run to the right." Price issues major policy statement on education reform. "We could have passed bills into law which would have required the teaching of phonics, the creation of charter schools, reform the ISTEP examination, grant parents choice as to where their children attend school and other meaningful measures," Price said. "It gives me no pleasure to state that our governor failed to lead with regard to any of these reform proposals." Witwer says he's on track to raise $1 million by end of the year. **General Status:** *Leans Democratic.*

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