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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“If we win Indianapolis ... when ... we will have scored a second major, major upset...”

- Indiana Democratic Chairman Robin

Winston, to 9th Congressional District Democrats in Batesville last Saturday

## Peterson up by 6%, Borries has 2% lead

### Will Dems sweep the Big Four cities?

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

Democrat Bart Peterson is poised to accomplish what no Democrat has done since 1963 - win a mayor's race in Indianapolis.

A NUVO-TeleResearch Poll conducted Oct. 22-25 (371 likely voters; +/- 5) shows Peterson with a 43-37 percent lead. More importantly, while Republican Sue Anne Gilroy used controversial TV ads of Mayor Stephen Goldsmith and Police Chief Michael Zunk to coalesce her GOP base, those commercials have prompted a hemorrhaging of support with independents. Independent voter support for Peterson rose from 13 percent in September to 18 percent, and her fav/unfavs among that group went from 44/44 to 33/63.

“They perceived she went negative and they didn't like it,” said TeleResearch pollster Jeff Lewis.

HPR has learned that the TeleResearch survey mirrors internal tracking for both the Gilroy and Peterson campaigns. Last Sunday, the *Indianapolis Star* had Peterson leading 45-39 percent.

In **Evansville**, Democrat Rick Borries has a a 40-38 percent lead with a huge 22 percent undecided, according to an HPR/TeleResearch Poll conducted Oct. 20-21 (419 likely voters, +/-5 percent, 41D/25R/34I). But much like the Fort Wayne race we reported last week, even though Borries has a narrow lead, the trending is running against him. A full 19 percent of the Democrats are undecided and another 25 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him - residue from his come-from-behind primary win over Gail Riecken. And

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Indiana Democrats raised \$1.3 million in 1995. As of Oct. 8, they had raised \$1.9 million for 1999.

Congressional Quarterly will name U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar one of the most effective legislators.

Efforts to delay the property tax reassessments are growing. The Gary Post-Tribune's lead read: "From the neighborhoods of Lake County to the township assessors, to the voice of Hoosier industry, to the governor, pressure is mounting across the state to delay what many are saying will be a financially disastrous reassessment. "The result is certain," said IMA President Pat Kiely. "There will be higher taxes on busi-

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among independents, Borries' fav/unfav are 40/52 percent. Lloyd's stood at 48/45. "Independents really don't like either one," pollster Lewis said. "This campaign is full of cross currents. Very unusual."

The similarity between the Evansville race and Fort Wayne is that Republican Linda Buskirk had a 43-41 percent lead, but the number of Republicans supporting Democrat Graham Richard rose from 16 percent two weeks earlier to 23 percent last week.

HPR believes there is a better than 50 percent chance that Indiana Democrats could carry the four largest Indiana cities - Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Evansville and South Bend - in next Tuesday's election.

## Ghost of Goldsmith

The critical error for Gilroy could very well be the decision to use a TV featuring Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, one of the most polarizing personalities in the city's political history. Goldsmith looked into the camera and talked about how the Democrats were "attacking the city's finances," how the Peterson Plan is "risky" and taking the city in the "wrong

direction." Goldsmith complained about \$150 sewer bills and took out \$17,000 in taxpayer-run ads railing against the sewer permits. Peterson responded with an endorsement ad of U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, calmly endorsing Peterson with words like "bipartisan," "real plan," "best candidate," "same vision," and "great mayor."

The numbers appear to have dropped out from under Gilroy when that Goldsmith ad ran. When it was finally pulled last Friday, Gilroy had gone from a 46-46 tie on Monday (according to WTHR) to six-point deficits in the Star and NUVO/TeleResearch Poll.

It may well be a repeat of a fatal mistake Goldsmith made during his 1996 gubernatorial race. He opened his fall campaign with a scurrilous attack on Frank O'Bannon and the "38 tax increases." When HPR talked to Hudson Institute economist Bill Styring a few days after Goldsmith retracted that ad, he observed, "I could have told him that painting Frank O'Bannon as a tax and spend liberal wouldn't fly." Now, three years later, Goldsmith was the front man for Gilroy, calling Evan Bayh protegee Bart Peterson a big spender.

Independent voters simply didn't

## HPR Pre-Election Briefing Registration Info

Here is registration information for the two remaining Howey Political Report Pre-Election Briefings:

**Oct. 27 - Columbia Club, Indianapolis** - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Sponsors:* Baker & Daniels, NUVO Newsweekly, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. *Local panelist:* Ronald Gifford. *Cost:* \$18.

**Oct. 28 - Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce** - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Sponsors:* Baker & Daniels, Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company, American General Finance, MECC. *Local panelist:* Miriam Dant. *Cost:* \$18.

buy it. By Friday, Gilroy had pulled the Goldsmith ad and replaced it with the controversial Chief Zunk ad. The Indianapolis Star reported that back in 1990 it was Goldsmith who said an ad involving an Indiana State Police superintendent was not wise public policy or politics.

It left Republican activists shaking their heads. "Why did Sue Anne turn this into a referendum on Stephen Goldsmith?" asked one operative.

### Counter Republicanism

Republican Sue Anne Gilroy seems to have made it a point to note that 20,000 Marion County residents are voting with their feet each year. They are moving out of the county to the frosty, flaky, metropolitan doughnut.

As Democrat Bart Peterson stood at numerous forums and debates over the past year, he has had little response. The obvious retort might have been, "Sue Anne, now why are 20,000 people moving out of Indianapolis and into the suburbs?" Such a question would have been a damning line of demarcation in this historic race for mayor. Because if all were well; if Indianapolis were really a World Class City; if the Goldsmith administration had really been the stunning success that Sunday's *Indianapolis Star* editorial endorsement of Gilroy says it is, then why would 20,000 people be fleeing each year?

Is it because people are tired of

crime-riddled neighborhoods? Or bad public schools? Do they fear the assimilation of middle class African-American families into the townships? Or that IPS might be combined with the township schools?

Gilroy's Republicans have tried to provide the Peterson response themselves. Late last week, thousands of voters received one of the most negative pieces of direct mail in memory. It asked this question: "Who's sucking jobs out of Indianapolis?" It was placed over a collage of images - the ghostly face of a smiling Peterson; a vacuum cleaner labeled "The Precedent Job Sucker 2000"; and folks young and old (as well as a Teddy Bear) being swept up.

Inside this mailer is the answer: "Democrat Bart Peterson is moving jobs out of Marion County." There is a photo of Precedent South Business Center with barbed wire running across the foreground. The text reads, "No one faults a businessman for making an honest living. But Bart Peterson's business tactics hurt the people of Marion County. He and his Precedent companies develop industrial parks outside of Indianapolis and lure companies to move out of town using tax breaks."

A Republican such as Gilroy who has signed on to the notion that the free enterprise system works and that market forces should prevail, is now castigating the businessman Peterson for simply doing what scores of other Republican

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ness investment in Indiana and, as our neighboring states continue to create financial incentives for business investment, fewer jobs and lower wages in Indiana." Gov. Frank O'Bannon has announced that he will ask the Indiana General Assembly to delay the reassessment for a year. "I believe that the governor has heard from the average citizen that he is not going to accept this," said North Township Assessor John Matonovich. State Rep. Chet Dobis said the delay would pass the House, but the Senate is another matter. Said Sen. Earline Rogers, "Because it is a political year, the Republicans won't want to see a delay in reassessment occur. They would like to shift our tax woes to the governor."

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce has pulled its "Best Buys" report on public schools after numerous critics attacked it for inaccurate data. Graduation rates for schools in Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and Hammond were listed 10 points lower than they should have been (Fort Wayne News-Sentinel). Fort Wayne Supt. Thomas Fowler-Finn threatened a lawsuit against the Chamber due to what he considered to be a damaging report. Kevin Brinegar, the Chamber's senior vice president of government affairs,

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acknowledged the faulty data. "The dramatic difference between the graduation rate data we originally received from the DOE and the data it has now published must be fully explained before we reproduce the report," Brinegar said. The Indianapolis Star editorialized against the report, saying that it promised "in depth" information on Indiana schools but simply listed per pupil costs, test and graduation rates. The Chamber said, "As a result of the questions about the integrity of the data and a technical error in printing of a portion of one section of the report, the decision was made to reproduce the entire report."

Lake County Republican precinct officials elected Schererville Town Judge Dan Dumezich to fill the rest of Tim Fesko's House term. "I cannot imagine a more qualified individual than someone who has actually sat on the bench and implemented the laws made in Indianapolis," said Lake Chairman Roger Chibai. Dumezich was sworn into office Monday in the House chambers.

John Williams, press secretary to U.S. Rep. Dan Burton, has resigned that post effective Oct. 28. Williams will head up legislative communications for the Aircraft Owners and

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business leaders are doing.

Gilroy is attempting to make an issue out of lost jobs in an economy with record low unemployment rates and where every other business seems to have a "Now Hiring" sign hanging in their window. Gilroy is attacking the basic Republican tenet of free enterprise.

## Losing on law & order

Ditto with cops.

Here we have a Republican non-nee who has ceded the high ground on law and order. She has turned public safety and security into a fiscal issue at a time when the city is coming off record homicide rates in four out of the last five years.

With the tracking numbers collapsing during last week's TV ad fiasco featuring Mayor Goldsmith, the Gilroy campaign turned to Chief Michael Zunk, who said he has "studied" the Peterson and Gilroy crime plans, and he is endorsing Gilroy.

Peterson's campaign quickly produced a Jan. 4, 1998, *Boston Globe* article, which reported, "Goldsmith devoted a book chapter to crime in Haughville, but the neighborhood's progress has yet to be replicated elsewhere. In fact, while the national press has praised Goldsmith for cutting the city work force by a third without cutting police, Chief Zunk complains that his boss has failed to give him the manpower he needs to implement true community policing across the city.

"I'm not saying we could have prevented all these murders," Zunk said. "But there is a lot more we could have done." The same *Boston Globe* article quoted Goldsmith as saying, "The problem is, it makes sense to be a drug dealer in Indianapolis. You make a lot of money, and nothing ever happens to you. There really is no part of the system working well."

## De-(GOP)evolution

We are watching a de-evolution in the Republican position. Gilroy promised to take the best aspects of Lugar, Hudson

and Goldsmith and meld them into her own. She has vividly embraced Richard Lugar as mentor, and the entire Goldsmith administration, but her vision for the future has been a collection of cliches.

Gilroy complains about the 95-page Peterson Plan as too voluminous for the thinking voter. Her latest TV claims that "experts" say the plan will result in tax increases. When HPR inquired about who the "experts" were (figuring the sourcing was from the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute, Hudson Institute or IUPUI), we were given the names of Mayor Goldsmith's City Controller Ann Lathrop, Goldsmith financial adviser Jim Steele, and Gilroy herself.

## African-Americans

It is a given that Peterson will get the vast majority of votes cast in the city's African-American community, simply because he is a Democrat and running against a candidate associated with Steve Goldsmith. As *Indianapolis Recorder* columnist Amos Brown wrote last week, "Goldsmith's policies on police, public housing, privatization and neighborhood revitalization are anathema to many African-Americans."

By Tuesday night, the Rev. Wayne Harris, who appeared at a Gilroy news conference in September and hinted at a possible endorsement for the Republican, told WISH-TV, "I didn't endorse her. I just couldn't endorse a Republican candidate for mayor. She would keep too many of Goldsmith's policies."

Many African-Americans are disillusioned with IPD, and therefore not thrilled by Peterson's pledge to hire 200 more officers. But IPD Chief Michael Zunk's unprecedented public endorsement of Sue Ann Gilroy last week guaranteed Peterson the vote of every IPD opponent in the city, no matter how many officers he wants to add to the force.

But how many African-American votes will be cast? This past Sunday, Peterson joined Congresswoman Julia Carson on highly visible stops at two

of the city's largest African-American churches, Eastern Star and Light of the World. Paying attention to the city's Democratic base is no last-minute tactic for Peterson. Several years ago, he began the process of running for mayor by seeking the support of African-American legislators and council members, and volunteered to be co-chairman of Carson's successful 1998 Congressional re-election bid. Since that time, he has locked up the support and active assistance of every significant African-American political figure in the city, and the legendary Julia Carson election day "ground war" is ready to be engaged on his behalf next Tuesday. But something is different this time: When Julia Carson runs for election, her candidacy makes a statement for minorities and women that appears to motivate many citizens to vote who otherwise are not engaged in the electoral process.

Democratic sources confirm that Peterson has every institutional advantage in place to maximize the turnout in the traditionally Democratic Center Township precincts. But the question to be answered next week is whether the support of Congresswoman Carson, State Rep. Bill Crawford, Center Township Trustee Carl Drummer or even black ministers will translate into a high turnout from lower-income African-American residents for the benefit of a white millionaire lawyer from the Northside.

On election days when Julia Carson runs, bent-over old women in their 80s call the polls for rides through the rain. They put on their rain slickers, climb painfully out of the cars and slowly navigate their walkers to the local school gym to pull the Democrat lever for "our Julia." What nobody knows is, will they be putting forth that same effort to cast a vote for Bart?

### Organizational war

Gilroy campaign manager Cam Carter acknowledged that, with the race close, "It's going to be an organizational battle. It's going to come down to that." If

that's the case and the victor will emerge from the best machine, here's the line on that. The Indiana Democrats have pumped "several hundred thousand dollars," according to State Chairman Robin Winston, into the Peterson campaign and the most sophisticated software available. When Democratic precinct workers walk a neighborhood, they don't waste their time on homes where no one has voted for the past several election cycles.

The software makes that possible. Their get-out-the-vote effort will be just as aggressive. The entire Democratic team - from U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh to Gov. O'Bannon to Julia Carson, to the state and county chairs - are united behind Peterson. Compare that to the Marion County Republicans, who have received comparatively little monetary support from the state GOP. County Chairman John Sweezy has been involved in a Hatfield/McCoy-style feud with Sheriff Jack Cottey and is sitting this race out. The Mayor Goldsmith endorsement ad we scrutinized as a potential debacle for Gilroy last week was pulled off the air two days after NUVO hit the streets. During a huge conference call the Republicans tried on a recent Sunday night, 680 out of the 3,000 calls attempted came back as "error" on the computer program, which is a huge failure rate and reveals how bad the GOP lists are.

This is the same organization that couldn't win for Bill Hudnut over Marvin Scott in the 1998 10th Congressional District slating; couldn't deliver for John Ruckleshaus over Teresa Lubbers in a state senate race; and lost Marion County for gubernatorial candidate Goldsmith in 1996 by 19,000 votes. Peterson may have said it best when he observed in the *Indianapolis Star* a few weeks back that "dynasties never die gracefully." If the current trends hold, Gilroy will be the vanquished Republican, in part, because she was unable to coalesce her GOP base and sympathetic independents into the kind of support that used to win Indianapolis elections. ♦

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**Pilots Association PAC.** Williams said the "slower pace of the private sector will allow me the much needed time to focus on my first year of law school." Williams also worked for Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith and Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy.

Several regional anti-death penalty groups have decided to form a statewide coalition. The Bloomington *Herald-Times* characterized the meeting at St. Paul Catholic Center as a "fierce debate" over whether the groups should merge. The Bloomington Coalition on Death Penalty Issues will link up with the Indiana Citizens to Abolish Capital Punishment. "It's important to have a statewide organization to come together as a strong, unified voice," said Bill Pelke of the Journey of Hope organization.

The Bloomington *Herald-Times* reported, "The implementation of a community college system in Indiana appeared last week to be far from a done deal." The State Budget Committee delayed approval of initial sites after Indiana University trustees approved a resolution in September that would lock Vincennes University out of Richmond. The IU resolution stipulated that land Ivy Tech requested next to the IU East campus be used for only education-

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al programs at existing institutions. State Sen. Allen Paul said that if the matter isn't resolved by January, he plans to file a bill that would allow the community to opt out of the VU-Ivy Tech partnership. Gov. O'Bannon said he has been in touch with IU President Myles Brand. "I think President Brand supports the system but he has concerns about IU East. I have assured them and the leaders in Richmond that I don't want to do anything to hurt IU East." Budget committee members also "weren't thrilled" about the original four sites selected - Gary, Evansville, Lafayette and Indianapolis. Said State Rep. Jeff Espich, "The argument is to serve the underserved. And there are areas in the state that are underserved. But you're not starting there. You are starting where there are institutions available."

An investigation into absentee ballot application requests in Elkhart found no criminal activity, county Prosecutor Michael Cosentino said (South Bend Tribune). Elkhart County Clerk Randy Yohn asked for the probe last month into what he considered to be questionable applications after 1,000 ballot requests came in at the same time. Elkhart City Council Democratic candidates Ben Barnes and Arvis Dawson said their absentee ballot

## Indiana Racing Form

### INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

**Anderson Mayoral:** Republican: Lani Czarniecki. Democrat: Mayor Mark Lawler. Independent: Linda Haynes. **1995 Results:** Lawler (D) 9,411, Graham (R) 8,817. **1999 Forecast:** Given a lack of an indictment (or clearance) on corruption charges against Lawler and his overwhelming money advantage, Lawler looks like he returns to office. Neither Haynes nor Czarniecki appear to have enough momentum. But this still could be close. **General Status:** *LEANS LAWLER.*

**Evansville Mayoral:** Republican: County Councilman Russell Lloyd Jr.. Democrat: Rick Borries. **1995 Results:** McDonald (D) 19,162, Frary (R) 9,565. **1999 Forecast:** Even though Borries has a 2 percent lead in the HPR/TeleResearch Poll, there are enough cross currents in place that Lloyd could easily pull this one off. Of the 22 percent undecideds, Democrats believe that most of them will get over their hard feelings and return home. But there will be others who remember the Republican's assassinated father and will vote for Lloyd. Indiana Democrats are expected to pour even more than the \$33,000 they've poured in thus fare. This has truly been one of the most unusual campaigns in modern Hoosier history. It was dominated by an elephant named Bunny, a huge primary comeback by Borries, and a lot of negative ads, including one by Borries in which the "Watchdog" Lloyd is represented by the Taco Bell chihuahua. Democrats will inundate the city with calls. This one is a real tough one to call. *Courier & Press* endorses Lloyd. **General Status:** *TOSSUP.*

**Elkhart Mayoral:** Republican: Councilman Dave Miller. Democrat: Mayor James Perron. **1995 Results:** Perron (D) 5,017, McDowell (R) 4,869. **1999 Forecast:** Perron looks like he will return for a fifth term. **General Status:** *LIKELY PERRON.*

**Fort Wayne Mayoral:** Republican: Linda Buskirk. Democrat: Graham Richard. **1995 Results:** Helmke 21,909, Essex (D) 11,033, Kempf (L) 1,029. **1999 Forecast:** Buskirk endured a horrific drama last Wednesday when an 1880s era water main under the St. Mary's River collapsed, causing most of the city to lose water pressure. TV reports like those aired on WKJG-TV told viewers of a "catastrophic system-wide water failure" and said the water could be off until Thursday morning. For three hours, the Buskirk campaign sweated it out. Speculation was that if the water remained off before Thursday morning showers, Buskirk would have taken on significant collateral damage. Buskirk is public works director, but does not oversee City Utilities. A front page *Journal Gazette* article pointed that out on Friday. Buskirk assisted the city in setting up the emergency call system. "Yesterday to me was not a political event. Yesterday was my job," Buskirk said. Her day began with banner *Journal Gazette* headlines proclaiming, "5 firms exceed legal cap on Buskirk donation." Campaign manager Ron Buskirk II took the blame, saying it was a computer problem. The campaign returned excess funds. Clinging to a 1-point lead, last Wednesday was not a good day for the Republican. *News-Sentinel* reported that "some people and companies are hedging their bets by giving to both." Among them was Ian Rolland, who gave \$5,500 to Buskirk while wife Mimi gave \$5,000 to Richard. WKJG-TV reported that former Allen County Sheriff Joe Squadrito, who Buskirk upset in the primary, had a Richard sign in his front yard and a "Republicans for Richard" bumper sticker on his car. David McIntosh campaigned for Buskirk this week. A *Journal Gazette* editorial noted that Buskirk "keeps quiet about her achievements." As we reported last week, the trending in both the head-to-head and increased GOP support seemed to be going Richard's way. Fort Wayne could represent Indiana Republicans' bulwark against a big city sweep. If Fort Wayne goes Democratic - and that's a very real possibility - it is going to be a long, long, loooooong night for Hoosier Republicans. **General Status:** *TOSSUP?*

**Hammond Mayoral:** Republican: Mayor Duane Dedelow. Democrat: Tom Philpot. Libertarian: Max Baer Robinson. **1995 Results:** Dedelow (R) 11,099, Philpot (D) 10,578. **1999**

## HORSE RACE

**Forecast:** State Democrats believe they can pick this one off and they may be right after the kind of week Mayor Dedelow has endured in the press. A Hammond police officer was indicted for beating a man in a transient hotel. On Tuesday, *The Times of Northwest Indiana* opened with this headline: "Hammond mayor defends trips, clothes, snowmobile rentals as related to his job." The newspaper cited a campaign document that revealed Dedelow spent nearly \$41,000 in 1998 on local and travel expenses. Dedelow has raised \$512,000, compared to \$109,000 for Philpot. Former campaign coordinator Marie Witting, who resigned last June in a power struggle inside the Dedelow committee, was quoted as saying campaign treasurer Alfred Kuhn "would constantly say our biggest problem is the mayor himself. If we could control his spending, everything would be OK." When Dedelow was asked about Kuhn's quote, he responded, "Al likes to complain a lot. What can I say?" The newspaper reported that other 1998 campaign expenditures included a Canadian fishing trip, a trip for the mayor and his wife to a Norway education conference, snowmobile outings in Wisconsin, and \$3,200 in business suits. Said Dedelow, "Previously I used to be a contractor riding around in pickups in jeans and flannel shirts. I'm expected to wear suits at work. I believe it's a legitimate cost." *The Times* reported that "this year's mayoral race is expected to be just as tight" as 1995 when Dedelow defeated Philpot by 521 votes. Dedelow may be on thin ice. **General Status:** *TOSSUP.*

**Indianapolis Mayoral: Republican:** Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy.

**Democrat:** Bart Peterson. **Our Party:** Rev. John Gibson. **Libertarian:** Andrew Horning. **1995 Results:** Goldsmith (R) 64,209, Jimison (D) 39,539, Dillon (L) 7,175. **1999 Forecast:** WISH-TV's Mike Ahern asked the question, "Has this become a referendum on Mayor Goldsmith?" Incredibly, the Gilroy campaign has positioned this race to that end. All Gilroy and Peterson tracking, both the *Indianapolis Star* and *NUVO Newsweekly* are showing Peterson up by 6 percent. Unless Gilroy can figure out the "secret sauce" to lure independents her way, then 32 years of Unigov rule by the GOP will end in 1999. Her campaign never relayed a coherent vision. It spent the last month attacking the Peterson Plan, but failed to offer many alternatives. Gilroy never performed the most basic tenet of a campaign: give the voter a compelling reason to vote for you. Her main message was, "I'm from the same party as Lugar and Goldsmith." Sources tell HPR that Gordon Durnil pretty much ruled the roost, with Mark Massa and Cameron Carter having little leverage over the message. In *NUVO/TeleResearch Poll*, Horning (5) and Gibson (3) are taking almost 10 percent of the vote. Rev Harris' endorsement of Peterson was a real rebuke to Gilroy. **General Status:** *LEANS PETERSON.*

**Muncie Mayoral: Republican:** Mayor Dan Canan. **Democrat:** Ralph "Jigger" Smith Jr. **1995 Results:** Canan (R) 9,718, Carey (D) 6,521. **1999 Forecast:** We predict Mayor Canan will return for a second term. **General status:** *SOLID CANAN.*

**New Albany Mayoral: Republican:** City Clerk Regina Overton. **Democrat:** Mayor Doug England. **1995 Results:** England 6,845, Real (R) 5,886. **1999 Forecast:** This is another race susceptible to bizarre twists. Floyd County Republican Chairman Jason Beal temporarily stepped down and left the city with his family following phoned threats. "It's pretty scary," Beal was quoted in an AP story. The threat, which contained expletives and Beal's home address, was scrawled on a direct mail advertisement attacking Mayor England. Beal has been an aggressive critic of England. Floyd Democratic chairman Warren Nash said, "That has no place in the political process at all." Observers are still waiting to see if the special prosecutor files an indictment against England on corruption charges. Evan Bayh, Robin Winston and Frank and Judy O'Bannon will be in this week to try and shore up England. This is a pure tossup. New Albany has never had a three-term mayor **General Status:** *TOSSUP.*

**South Bend Mayoral: Republican:** Steve Bradley. **Democrat:** Mayor Steve Luecke. **1995 Results:** Kernan (D) 14,309, Waite (R) 3,106. **1999 Forecast:** As HPR reported last week, Luecke had a big 19-point lead. Last Friday, during a televised debate, Luecke accused Bradley of spreading misleading information and concluded, "You are incorrigible, Mr. Bradley." The South Bend Tribune reported, "Throughout the campaign, Bradley has been an aggressive challenger and Luecke typically has responded with restraint." Tribune columnist Jack Colwell noted that "attacks against nice guy candidates like Luecke can backfire."

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drive was a legitimate part of the process.

There could be another Pastrick taking office in Lake County. The Gary Post-Tribune reported that David Pastrick, son of East Chicago Mayor Robert Pastrick, is interested in filling the rest of Coronor Thomas Philpot's term if he is elected the mayor of Hammond. David Pastrick runs the Oleska-Pastrick Funeral Home.

Producers of the upcoming motion picture "Soul Survivors" were looking for what the Post-Tribune described as a crumbling, abandoned, Gothic scene. "They found it in downtown Gary," the newspaper reported. The movie is described as a "psychological horror film."

The decision on whether to move 1,400 General Electric jobs out of Bloomington and into Mexico has been delayed until late November, the Herald-Times reported.

Gov. Frank O'Bannon appointed Judge Robert D. Rucker to the Indiana Supreme Court. Rucker, a Gary native, has been on the Indiana Court of Appeals since 1990.

Results from the first audit of Indiana's 1998 ISTEP test could be available next week

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(Fort Wayne News-Sentinel).

U.S. Rep. Baron Hill told HPR that there is a "60 to 70 percent chance that Al Gore will be the 2000 Democratic presidential nominee.

The Muncie Star Press reported that State Reps. Scott Mellinger and Tiny Adams and State Sen. Tim Lanane have decided not to seek the 2nd CD nomination in the wake of Joe Hogsett's decision not to run. That leaves the Democratic field at Melina Fox, Troy Liggitt, Bob Rock Jr., and Leisa Julian.

Luecke primary opponent John Voorde endorsed the mayor. We believe Mayor Luecke will return for a full term **General status: SOLID LUECKE.**

## INDIANA 2000 RACES

**Governor: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, John R. Price Democrat: Gov.**

Frank O'Bannon. **1996 results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** Gov. O'Bannon attempted to reschedule the day, ordering the Indiana General Assembly to deal with dropped issues at the end of the '99 session - R&D tax credits, banking regulations, funding the Family & Social Services. Missing are insurance law changes that could help keep American United Life in Indianapolis. The key question is, does the governor have deals cut to accomplish this work? He could use a few victories Nov. 16. He noted that both houses approved all the measures, but didn't get them up for a final vote. McIntosh urged Gov. O'Bannon and legislators to support key economic development initiatives during reorganization day. O'Bannon is also on record supporting a one-year delay in the new reassessment process. This would help O'Bannon with his base in Lake County, where residential assessments are expected to go up 30 percent. It also prompts what will likely be a dramatic showdown with Senate Republicans, who have resisted the delay. O'Bannon told the *Gary Post-Tribune*, "The impact is so severe in Lake County and my home county, Harrison County, that we need to put together more tools so no one is forced out of his home or suffers other burdens." O'Bannon requested \$3 million for data communication systems, coming on the heels of criticism from David McIntosh that Indiana State Police radio communications is obsolete. An *Indianapolis Star* story revealed recently resigned Excise Police Supt. Gene Honeycutt as a political worker who needed a job. The story's lead read, "When Gene Honeycutt applied to lead Indiana's Excise Police, his lack of police credentials was not obstacle." The story raised questions about the appointment that then Chief of Staff Tom New signed off on. "Gene said he would never do anything to embarrass the O'Bannon administration. If these allegations are true, he didn't live up to expectations," said O'Bannon spokeswoman Cheryl Reed. Ouch! O'Bannon will begin his 2000 campaign with a 6:30 to 8 p.m. Nov. 9 event at the Murat Centre. McIntosh urged Gov. O'Bannon and legislators to support key economic development initiatives during reorganization day. **General Status: Leans O'Bannon.**

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