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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“We’ve won a glorious victory. This gives a voice to people without a voice for too long ...” - Democrat Bart Peterson, during his speech following his 53-42 percent win over Sue Anne Gilroy in Indianapolis.

Democrats capture Indy, Fort Wayne

Lloyd saves GOP from dismal election

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis

The ominous news for Indiana Democrats after Tuesday’s election is simply this: Hoosier voters, in throwing out 20 mayors and about double that number of city council members, showed little reluctance in voting for change despite a thriving economy. That’s not good news for Gov. Frank O’Bannon, who will be seeking a second term next year.

But with mayoral pickups in the state’s two largest cities - Indianapolis and Fort Wayne - Democratic operative John Goss put the party’s prospects in this light: “We’re starting the 2000 campaign in third gear.”

If there was ominous news for Democrats, Indiana Republicans appear to be in a state of total denial after yet another debacle last Tuesday, even to the point of designating U.S. Rep. David McIntosh as their “propeller guy” (remember the man in the movie “Titanic” falling from the deck of the sinking ship and spectacularly gonging into the ship’s huge propeller?)

After making scores of calls to Republican operatives across the state, this is the emerging picture:

■ Indiana Republican chairman Mike McDaniel will hang on to his post even though operatives from throughout the state tell HPR that the party’s lists are in dismal shape. As one associate of McIntosh put it to HPR, “We’ve lost the governorship, a U.S. Senate seat, the Indiana House and now the two biggest cities. You would think the collective weight of that would be enough to inspire change.”

■ Marion County Chairman John Sweezy is said to be digging in and will resist attempts by Sheriff Jack Cottey to replace him - that’s one theory of what’s happening now. While townships chairs may try to starve him out, and big changes are in store for the Greater Indianapolis Republican Finance Committee headed by State Rep. Dave Frizzell, Indiana law is designed to protect the chair until his term ends in 2001. But a close friend of Sweezy says he is trying to figure out how to orchestrate his retirement while not turning the party over to Jack Cottey.

■ Key figures in the McIntosh campaign tell HPR they are resigned to the fact that they will be developing an independent organization that will have to fill in for some of

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1999 MAYORAL ELECTION RESULTS

ALEXANDRIA
Skaggs (D) 923
Wehsollek (R) 670

ANDERSON
Lawler (D) 8,395
Czarnecki (R) 7,002
Haynes (I) 1,950

AUBURN
Yoder (R) 1,786
Walter (D) 1,244

BATESVILLE
Abplanalp (R) 1,353
Weigel (D) 660

BLOOMINGTON
Fernandez (D) 6,589
Lewis (FUSSA) 258
Clemens (I) 2,746
Maidi (I) 306

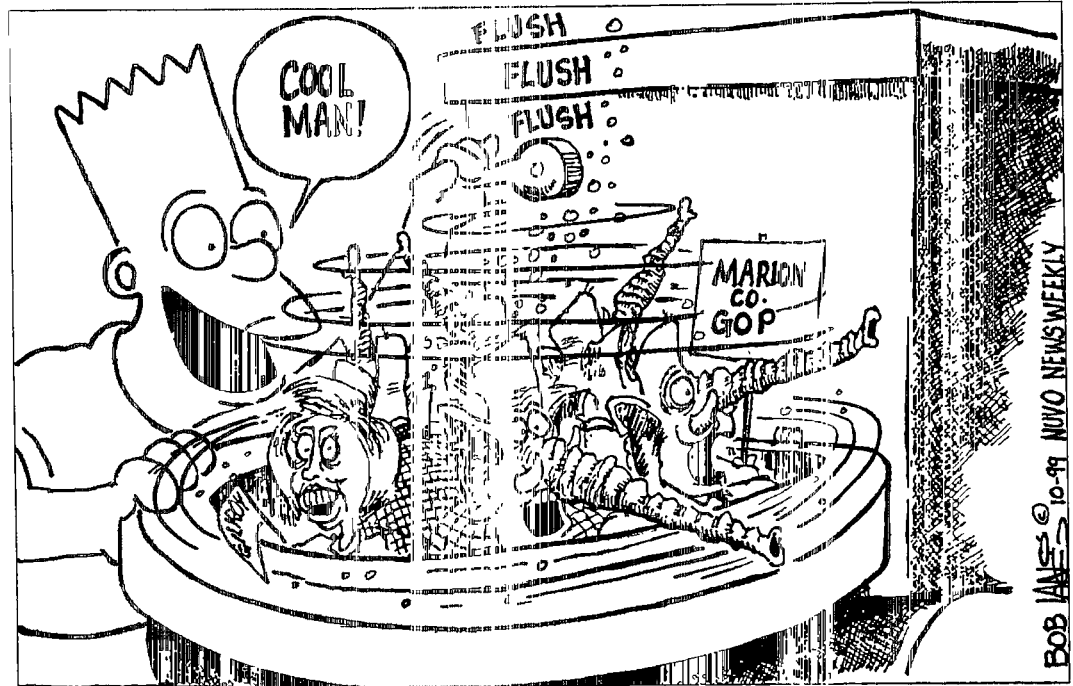
BRAZIL
Crabb (R) 1,017
Minnick (D) 498

CLINTON
Shepard (D) 921
Clover (R) 125

COLUMBIA CITY
Glassley (R) 891
Sexton (D) 843

COLUMBUS
Armstrong (D) 6,278
Paris (R) 2,599

CONNERSVILLE
Connell (R) 1,813
Newhouse (D) 1,520



the prime functions of the state committee. Said a key McIntosh operative, "Look, David McIntosh has always created his own entity - even during 1994 when Al Hubbard was chairman."

Ron Gifford, an attorney for Baker & Daniels, commented at the HPR Pre-Election '99 Briefing in Indianapolis just prior to the election that a loss by Sue Anne Gilroy might be a blessing for McIntosh's gubernatorial bid because "it would allow him to create a state organization in a fashion similar to what Evan Bayh did with the Indiana Democratic Party."

At this writing, there appears to be little chance of that happening. Said one legislative Republican, "Until 11 people on the Central Committee walk in and say they want a change, nothing will happen."

Wouldn't the defeats on Tuesday provide enough ammunition for drastic changes? "They never will," the legislative operative said. "I don't think a second loss to Frank O'Bannon will do it."

With Republicans in both Indiana and Marion County recalcitrant and unable to force needed changes, the Grand Old Party is faced with its premier candidate organizations forced to build around

its two more important committees while the Democrats - now five years into their Bayh-Andrew-Winston redefinition - will be in a position to jet even further ahead of the Republicans.

From HPR's unique vantage point, here is the '99 Election story, placed in terms of the many personalities who played a central role in the story:

Sue Anne Gilroy

This campaign was a vacuous disaster. From the early promise of creating a hybrid administration from the best ideas of the Lugar, Hudnut, and Goldsmith mayoralities, there was virtually no evolution. Gordon Durnil broke one of his own key rules when this campaign failed to define "why" voters should choose Sue Anne Gilroy.

This was a campaign that refused to learn from history. When Peterson continued his TV last May and June, Gilroy failed to respond, repeating Stephen Goldsmith's August 1996 blunder when he let O'Bannon go up on the air for three weeks before responding. Gilroy then tried to paint Bart Peterson as a tax and spend liberal - a similar tactic Goldsmith used against O'Bannon that backfired.

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HPR Pre-Election Briefing/TeleRearch Tracking

Indianapolis Oct. 22-25 (+/-5)

	Poll	Actual
Peterson	43%	53%
Gilroy	37	42
Horning	5	4
Gibson	3	1
Undecided	12	

Briefing trend: Goldsmith ad has independents moving toward Peterson. Independents don't like Gilroy's negative ads. **Final Horse Race:** Leans Peterson.

South Bend Oct. 13-15 (+/-5.2)

Luecke	51%	68%
Bradley	32	32
Undecided	17	

Briefing trend: Women don't like Bradley. Luecke will win big. **Horse Race:** Solid Luecke

Fort Wayne Oct. 16-17 (+/- 4.1)

	Poll	Actual
Richard	42%	50.03%
Buskirk	43	49.85
Other	0	.01
Undecided	15	

Briefing trend: While Buskirk leads narrowly, Richard's Republican support grew from 16 to 23 percent. The race was trending toward Richard. **Final Horse Race:** Tossup.

Evansville Oct. 18-21 (+/-5)

Lloyd	38%	50.8%
Borries	40	49.1%
Undecided	22	

Briefing trend: While Borries leads, he has female and Democrat troubles. Lloyd sympathy vote will be a factor. Race is too close to call. **Final Horse Race:** Tossup.

Hoosiers know their Democrats are not taxers and spenders. Gilroy's campaign had a unique paranoia about media polls and "going negative." In the end, Gilroy ended up running one of the most gutteral negative campaigns in recent memory—based on scare tactics involving \$150 sewer bills, homes without fire protection, mass firings at City Hall, the politicization of the police chief, and race baiting in the townships. In the face of The Peterson Plan, she turned the election into a referendum on the Goldsmith administration.

Gilroy entered this race with an "empty suit" reputation. She lived down to that with a cliché-driven campaign that had little definition, virtually no message and ended up with an astounding 11-point defeat as well as a near loss of the City-County Council. Her statewide career has been dealt a severe blow.

On WIBC's *Garrison Show* on Election Night and in the *Indianapolis Star* the next day, scores of Republican

voters told reporters and commentators how they abandoned the Republican candidate who broke her own pledge and conducted her campaign with a cynical, bitter negativity.

Bart Peterson

Whereas Gilroy was erratic, Peterson ran one of the most disciplined campaigns in memory. He refused numerous opportunities to go negative, run aggressive, or criticize Goldsmith on the State Board of Accounts audit. He used none of Gilroy's own gaffes about not understanding the city finances against her.

His "Peterson Plan" and the way he advertised it became the centerpiece of the campaign, luring wild criticism from Gilroy which only went to underscore her own lack of a defining vision. When Gilroy did go negative, Peterson respond-

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CRAWFORDSVILLE

Gentry (R)	2,238
Swearingen (D)	1,599

CROWN POINT

Metros (D)	3,005
Kemp (R)	2,671

EAST CHICAGO

Pastrick (D)	3,027
Acosta (R)	629

ELKHART

Miller (R)	4,959
Perron (D)	3,902

EVANSVILLE

Lloyd (R)	15,980
Borries (D)	15,461

FORT WAYNE

Richard (D)	21,607
L. Buskirk (R)	21,531
Emerson (I)	44
Dinkins (I)	3

FRANKFORT

Scott (D)	1,966
Stock (R)	1,735
Hailman (I)	20

FRANKLIN

Blankenship (R)	2,228
Paris (D)	1,752

GARY

King (D)	11,467
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GOSHEN

Kauffman (D)	2,861
Aust (R)	2,153

GREENCASTLE

Michael (D)	1,100
Perry (R)	632

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GREENFIELD	
Fleming (D)	1,815
Elmore (R)	1,619
GREENSBURG	
Bailey (R)	1,376
Maws (D)	1,332
HAMMOND	
Dedelow (R)	10,192
Philpot (D)	8,527
Robinson (L)	278
HARTFORD CITY	
Castelo (D)	1,194
Lord (R)	660
HOBART	
Buzinec (D)	4,122
Malizzo (R)	2,337
Hawkins (L)	122
HUNTINGTON	
Abbett (R)	2,845
Kyle (D)	1,176
INDIANAPOLIS	
Peterson (D)	102,870
Gilroy (R)	83,044
Horning (L)	7,772
Gibson (OP)	2,145
Plemons (I)	67
JEFFERSONVILLE	
Galligan (D)	3,194
Cook (I)	640
Cooper (R)	619
KENDALLVILLE	
McGahan (D)	1,026
Handshoe (R)	818
KOKOMO	
Trobaugh (R)	5,606
Kennedy (D)	3,531
LAFAYETTE	
Heath (R)	6,237
Weiss (D)	5,496

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ed with reasonable ads refuting the accusations, then went back on message in the homestretch which vividly contrasted the nutty scare tactics that Gilroy used that only went to alienating her own base.

While Peterson was himself unflappable on message, his campaign was well organized and cunning. Sensing the Gilroy paranoia over negative tactics, the Peterson campaign baited them - sending a film crew outside her Secretary of State office and having an intern sit outside, presumably jotting down the times Gilroy came and left. They drew Gilroy into a corner on negative campaigning, then resisted jumping into the tar pit after her.

Peterson bristles mildly when he's called a "Bayh Democrat." While he will underscore many similar themes such as fiscal conservatism and bipartisan approach to issues, Peterson has a historic opportunity to set the tone for an Indianapolis with divided government for the first time in Unigov history.

Stephen Goldsmith

It was he and Sheriff Jack Cottey who "hand-picked" Gilroy to be his Unigov successor, by-passing such talent as John Mutz and Teresa Lubbers.

The mayor's conduct during this campaign came off as one where protecting his own legacy was more important than getting Gilroy elected. When the sewage/White River issue came to the campaign forefront, Goldsmith dominated the discussion at the expense of Gilroy. He used \$17,000 of taxpayer money for an embarrassing radio ad campaign. His dark, negative TV ad for Gilroy coincided with her late October dive in the polls. Despite that dive, Goldsmith complained to the GOP hierarchy that Gilroy wasn't utilizing him enough.

While part of Goldsmith's legacy will include many innovations to urban government, he emerges at the end of his term as one of the most polarizing political entities in modern Hoosier history. The NUVO/TeleResearch Poll showed that

after the Goldsmith ad hit the airwaves, independent voters headed in droves to Peterson.

Goldsmith has become the most catastrophic political figure in modern Indiana Republican history. His loss in the 1996 gubernatorial race after terrible tactics (the 38 tax increase allegations aimed at O'Bannon, the failure to respond to O'Bannon's TV, the Chicago media market buy), his hand-picking Gilroy, and his last Indiana TV ad on her behalf have had an indelibly crippling impact on the Indiana GOP. The only good news for Goldsmith is that the national media largely ignored the fact that Indianapolis went over to the Democrats. That leaves Goldsmith ready to assist Texas Gov. George W. Bush on the national stage. The key question is whether Bush understands Goldsmith when it comes to influencing tight elections.

Jack Cottey

The Marion County sheriff emerges as potentially one of the bigger losers in '99. Going into this year, he was consolidating his power as the next big city political boss in an era with few of them left. He joined Goldsmith in hand-picking Gilroy.

But beginning last February, when Gilroy criticized him for gun sales following an ABC News 20/20 expose, Cottey publicly repudiated his presumed nominee. That act alone shocked Gilroy and prompted her handlers to put her on the "short leash" during the spring candidate forums. When early campaign expense reports came out, Cottey had chipped in \$100 to Gilroy.

Then came August, when Cottey's power play against John Sweezy became public. The Gilroy campaign was livid that an intra-party feud had become a big story at the very time they were trying to build a Rube Goldberg GOTV operation around the fossilized Sweezy organization.

But the true defining moment for

Cotley came in the last days of the Gilroy campaign, when he cut a radio ad and sent out a letter suggesting that Peterson's 200 new cops would push the criminal element (i.e. African-Americans) out into the townships. It was widely viewed as a race-baiting issue, and that's a terrible tactic for a man who envisions himself as being: a.) Marion County Republican chairman; b.) U.S. Rep. Jack Cotley, R-10th District; c.) Indiana Republican Chairman; d.) 2003 Indianapolis Republican mayoral nominee. That letter and radio ad will certainly come back to haunt Jack Cotley in a city that is becoming increasingly more minority and Democratic.

In another politically sensitive area, Cotley told the *Indianapolis Star* that "many older men and women are not ready for a woman mayor. She never figured out how to use gender to her advantage." In that interview, Cotley complained that Gilroy's campaign staff seldom sought his advice. After the February and summer incidents, it was little wonder that they would.

At this writing, Cotley had gone subterranean, plotting the removal of John Sweezy. That promises to be a spicy story to play out in the days and weeks ahead.

John Sweezy

The embattled Marion County boss will be pointing out that he sat the '99 campaign out, thanks to his legal problems and the perceptions that continued after he was cleared. Therefore Gilroy's loss (as well as Goldsmith's in '96, and Hudnut's in the '98 slatings) isn't his fault, according to his logic. But the fact is that people like Mike Murphy and Leisa Dietrick had to recreate the functions of the Marion County GOP organization at the great expense of time, money, and manpower. By the end of the Gilroy campaign, the county lists were still in terrible shape and the party was demoralized. During an out-call maneuver, some 680 out of 3,000 phone calls generated by GOP lists came back as "error." The roots

of Gilroy's loss can be traced directly to the Sweezy organization.

Friends tell HPR that Sweezy is talking about stepping down, but doesn't want to see the party organization turned over to Cotley. One possible scenario is Sweezy firing all appointed precinct officials - many of whom were actually chosen by Cotley's people. He would then call a county convention of the remaining elected precinct officials and they would choose a new chairman.

Mike McDaniel

The Republican chairman took great exception to the Oct. 21 edition of HPR ("Technology trending toward Democrats?/Richard down by 1 point; Luecke up 19"). McDaniel told HPR on the eve of the '99 election that advanced technological help had been offered to GOP mayoral candidates. He said that candidates in Evansville and Fort Wayne had turned the state committee down.

McDaniel acknowledged that the lists were not ready for 1999, but said a team has "taken out 92,000 duplicates" this year. McDaniel said that the state committee "is in complete sync with the Lugar campaign. We'll have the lists in top shape by 2000."

But more than a dozen key Republican operatives throughout the state - ranging from veterans in legislative leadership offices, to party chairs, to congressional staffs and 2000 campaigns, to candidates themselves - are giving HPR the same story speaking on deep background (for fear of retribution.) To a man they are saying the Republican lists are in terrible shape. They all have horror stories to tell as they either tried out-call programs, neighborhood walking lists, polling, or direct mailing in both the '99 and '00 election sequences. In Marion County, there was the Sunday night Gilroy out-call when 680 out of 3,000 calls came back errors (and these were to influential party leaders and operatives). One candidate sought a list for a poll and had been given only 2,000 Democratic names. They all

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LAKE STATION

Wadding (D) 1,296
Peralta (R) 877

LAPORTE

Chroback (D) 2,707
Masterson (R) 1,774
Logwood (I) 544

LAWRENCEBURG

Tremain (R) 727
Gabbard (D) 569

LOGANSPORT

Heltinger (R) 2,508
Crowe (D) 1,709
Yoder (I) 79
Coonfield (L) 27

MADISON

Huntington (R) 2,459
Cosby-Williams (D) 954

MARION

Henry (D) 3,979
Mowery (R) 2,998

MARTINSVILLE

S. Buskirk (R) 1,486
Lowery (D) 354

MICHIGAN CITY

Brillson (D) 3,749
Kniola (R) 3,217

MISHAWAKA

Beutter (R) 5,391
VanBruaene (D) 2,286

MONTICELLO

Fox (D) 755
Walter (R) 749

MUNCIE

Canan (R) 7,973
Smith (D) 5,611

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NEW ALBANY

Overton (R) 5,512
England (D) 4,205

NEW CASTLE

Boles (D) 2,032
Alexander (R) 893

NORTH VERNON

Hall (D) 1,013
Belding (R) 581

PERU

Blair (D) 1,594
Chittum (R) 1,197

PETERSBURG

Harry (R) 698
Walker (D) 428

PLYMOUTH

Yeazil (D) 1,123
Greentree (R) 937

PORTLAND

Hedges (D) 1,076
Hosier (R) 806

PRINCETON

Robb (D) 1,253
Morrow (R) 1,005

RENSSELAER

Arihood (R) 1,047
Wood (D) 743

RICHMOND

Andrews (R) 3,979
DeSonie (I) 279

RISING SUN

Roeder (R) 573
Guard (D) 467

ROCHESTER

Thompson (R) 1,158
F. Miller (D) 762

wonder how the lists were ever allowed to get into such bad shape in the first place. Central committee members tell HPR that McDaniel controls the information to the committee and continues to enjoy support from a comfortable majority.

A legislative Republican in leadership says, "Mike is good at being defensive and getting his way."

In this election, the defeats hit home to the central committee itself. Briane House, the 6th CD chairman, lost a Greenfield City Council seat to Libertarian candidate Phil Miller.

For now, McDaniel looks like he will maintain power. He can point to the fact that there was no change in the number of mayoralships the party holds (although the population shifted by about 1 million people to Democratic mayors). Most of those campaigns were driven by local issues. A shift of 100 votes in Fort Wayne and there would be a Republican mayor there.

As for losing Indianapolis it was another story of a campaign that never got a message and turned down help. While McDaniel is a likely survivor in 2000, the waters are shark-infested, and he knows it.

David McIntosh

A source close to McIntosh put 2000 into this perspective: "David has always built up his own mini-party. That was true even with Al Hubbard. It will be that kind of model he'll apply to a statewide race."

The source said that Lugar and McIntosh are "working together to guarantee that the lists are state of the art." The source said that the "state committee is involved" but that it was "spearheaded" by Lugar/McIntosh.

As for the state committee, the McIntosh source said "there are two key things the state party should do well: raise money and have good lists. We're falling down on both."

So McIntosh has the "Bayh model" in mind. Create its own organization (with

the powerful Lugar alliance), win the 2000 election, then create the state committee in a way he desires. Evan Bayh ran independently of the Indiana Democrats in the 1980s, but by the time Joe Andrew was installed in 1995 following the Gingrich revolution, everything had been woven into "coordinated campaigns."

Robin Winston

Even though the Indiana Democratic chairman was instrumental in Frank O'Bannon's '96 upset victory, this was his defining election. He had taken over as chairman reluctantly, preferring to work in the background until O'Bannon demanded his ascension.

On Election Day, as he criss-crossed Indianapolis checking on the turnout, he bragged about pumping 48,000 phone calls into Evansville over the last weekend. He was proud of the command center at the Central Indiana District Council of Carpenters Hall where teams of attorneys, drivers, precinct people walking the streets and 12 vehicles with speakers were out on the streets, getting the vote out.

He was getting a strange read. One long-time precinct committeeman, Wilson Allen, was questioned by Winston as to how the results were going.

"It's odd. I'm puzzled by the turnout. There are new faces I haven't seen before."

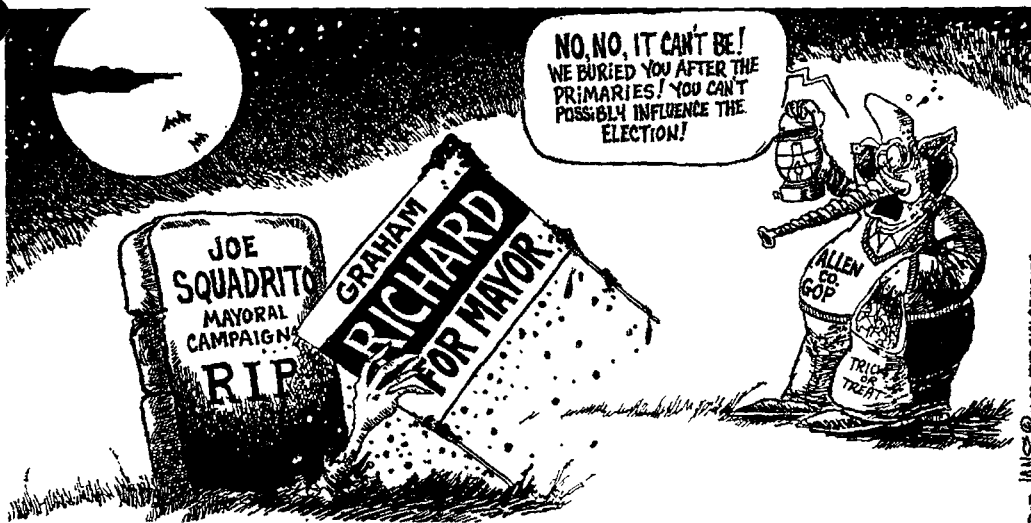
How long in the voting booth?

"It's quick," said Allen.

By Election Night, Winston was jubilant. He had emerged from Andrew's shadow to capture the state's two largest cities.

Russell Lloyd Jr.

At the HPR Pre-Election Briefing '99 in Evansville, we said that the TeleResearch Poll showed that Borries was not popular with females and that too many Democrats weren't on board. We said that while Borries was ahead, the



election was trending toward Lloyd, particularly when the "sympathy vote" was factored in.

A splintered Vanderburgh County Democratic Party may have doomed Borries, who ended up losing by a mere 519 votes. The turnout was only 38 percent, despite 48,000 calls the Democrats made in the final weekend. Mayor McDonald's lack of endorsement may have hurt Borries.

"This victory is dedicated to Russell G. Lloyd," his son declared on Election Night. His late father, assassinated three months after leaving office in 1980, may well have been the decisive factor in his son's election 19 years later.

Borries said he had no regrets for running a positive campaign. "I would do it the same way," Borries told the *Courier & Press*, to which a supporter in the crowd yelled, "You got class, Rick. You got class, brother." Democrats mourned the loss of Millie Morgan, a late precinct official who knew every voter in her territory. "There are no Millie Morgans anymore," as Estella Moss, who joined the Democrats in 1944.

Chris Sautter, a long-time Democratic consultant, said the Vanderburgh County organization has suffered since the Vandiver administrations in the 1960s.

Lloyd was a shy and bookish county councilman who went after his father's

old job uncomfortable with TV debates and press interviews. Lloyd portrayed Borries as a career politician and deflected the Democratic charge that he made \$409 an hour as a councilman. In the end, it was the family name that could have been the decisive factor.

Graham Richard

In HPR's Pre-Election Briefing in Fort Wayne, we said that while Buskirk had a 1-point lead, the race was trending toward Richard. His Republican support had grown from 16 percent in early October to 23 percent late that month.

In the closest Fort Wayne race this century, Richard used a \$140,000 money advantage and a Bayh-style air war to end three terms of Republican rule with a razor-thin 76-vote victory. Indiana Democrats dumped \$100,000 into the Richard campaign.

When GOP Chairman Steve Shine was asked why the state Republicans didn't match that effort, he told the *News-Sentinel*, "You're going to have to ask them that."

Richard told the *News-Sentinel* that he credited his win to "a slow, methodical campaign that began more than two years ago with meetings of various groups and city workers." When his campaign shifted in high gear in January, his message was detailed and got into such

TICKER TAPE

RUSHVILLE
 Bridges (R) 1,130
 Bostic (D) 1,020

SALEM
 Campbell (D) 1,173
 Clark (R) 575

SEYMOUR
 Burkhardt (D) 2,127
 Killey (R) 892
 Prather (I) 129

SHELBYVILLE
 Zerr (D) 2,247
 Garrett (R) 1,949

SOUTH BEND
 Luecke (D) 13,678
 Bradley (R) 6,321

SULLIVAN
 Heape (R) 676
 Neal (D) 655

TERRE HAUTE
 Anderson (D) 6,791
 Hooper (R) 2,608
 Cronk (I) 1,178
 Brour (I) 174

TIPTON
 Foster (R) 843
 Legg (D) 707

VALPARAISO
 Butterfield (D) 3,532
 Costas (R) 3,336

VINCENNES
 Mooney (R) 3,009
 Hatcher (D) 1,939

WABASH
 Copeland (I) 1,226
 Mullett (D) 1,195
 Stoner (R) 974

TICKER T A P E

WARSAW
 Wiggins (R) 1,359
 Hogan (D) 0

WASHINGTON
 Baumert (D) 1,470
 Smuda (R) 319

WEST LAFAYETTE
 Margerum (D) 2,593
 N. Gentry (R) 1,990

WINCHESTER
 Wolfe (D) 660
 Croyle (R) 656



deep specifics as how many front end loaders the Street Department had.

Buskirk could attribute her defeat to a water crisis that left the city without water for three hours 10 days before the election. Or the fact that she didn't do well in the normally heavy Republican St. Joseph Township. Or the fact that former Allen County Sheriff Joe Squadrito quietly indicated his support for Richard.

Somewhere in there came Richard's tiny margin, that will face a recount.

England/Lawler

The two embattled mayors facing corruption probes had vastly different results. New Albany's Doug England lost to Republican Regina Overton by 1,300 votes despite trailing in money by a 3 to 1 margin. "I just think the community wanted change," said Overton (*Louisville Courier-Journal*). New Albany had never elected a three-term mayor in the 20th Century, and England faced a fall full of press conferences by a prosecutor unsure whether to file charges on campaign violations.

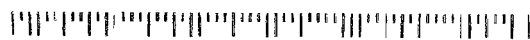
In Anderson, Democrat Mark Lawler won easily despite an Indiana

State Police probe into campaign finance allegations. He showed up to his victory rally wearing an FDIR "4th Term" pin and told the *Anderson Herald-Bulletin*, "I want the people to know that there are no current investigations going on in Anderson. People believe that these are politically motivated. Nothing is going to come out that we are going to be ashamed of."

Fifth Terms

The biggest upset of the night came in Elkhart, where Democrat James Perron lost by 1,057 votes to Republican Councilman David Miller in a defeat virtually no one forecast. Former Mayor Dan Hayes was defeated for a council seat.

Two mayors were elected to fifth terms. Valparaiso Mayor David Butterfield won a narrow 51-48 percent victory over Republican Councilman Jon Costas. In Mishawaka, Republican Bob Beutter became the city's first five-term mayor. He celebrated his victory with four-term Mayor Maggie Prickett, who is now 91 and showed up despite injuries from a recent traffic accident. ❖



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