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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“The Indianapolis 500 is just another race ....”

—Al Unser, Jr., two-time winner of the  
Greatest Spectacle in racing, from the  
(Bog)US 500 in Brooklyn, Mich.

## Militant moderates rising in the GOP?

Trend possibly begins, but there are doubters

EVANSVILLE - Just when it looked as if Indiana's Goldwater-Reagan wing of the Republican party was a political fixture, the electoral success of a class of perceived moderates on May 7 is raising eyebrows.

State Rep. Vaneta Becker decisively defeated conservative lawyer-pharmacist Scott Minnette in the 74th Indiana House District primary by a 2-to-1 margin. Ed Pease defeated bedrock conservatives State Sen. Dick Thompson and former Monroe County Republican Chairman John Lee Smith with 30 percent of the vote in the 7th CD - 13 percent more than second-place finisher John Meyers. Virginia Blankenbaker defeated conservative Butler University Prof. Marvin Scott in the 10th CD by 10 percent.

In the 8th CD, Michael McCamish polled 23 percent against U.S. Rep. John Hostettler in Vanderburgh County. That showing by a political unknown was on par with a '94 primary challenge to U.S. Rep. Frank McCloskey that set an ominous tone for his ultimately unsuccessful re-election bid that fall. McCamish finished with 18 percent in the entire district.

Even more telling was the Indiana Federation of Republican Women sending letters to state and national party leaders requesting that an abortion plank not be included in the platform. That sets the stage for a possible floor fight at the Indiana Republican convention on June 18, much more so than the 1992 showdowns over abortion rights that buffeted both party proceedings.

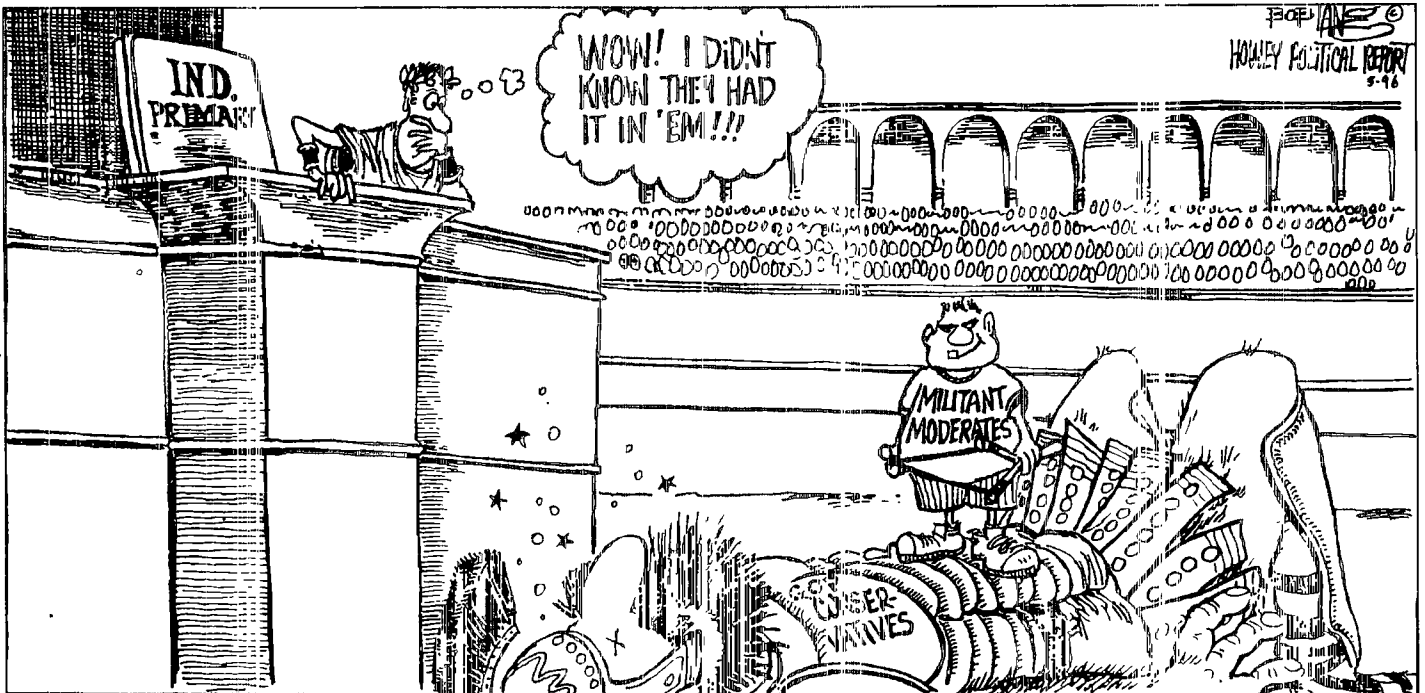
Mary Beth Schneider of the *Indianapolis Star* reported that the IFRW's 36-member board voted unanimously and noted that “poll after poll shows that more women vote for Democrats.”

“It's like they've become the militant moderates,” observed Doug Sword, Indianapolis bureau chief of the *Evansville Courier*, referring to Vaneta Becker's victory. “Moderate Republicans have

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**PLAY OF THE WEEK:** U.S. Rep. David McIntosh got the kind of headlines and editorials most pols dream about when he called FDA Commissioner David Kessler on Friday to get the agency's approval on a drug used in a rare liver disease that threatened the life of 5-year-old Brandon Hepler of Anderson. The FDA told McIntosh on Monday the drug would be approved "within days." Editorialized the Anderson Herald-Bulletin, "This is a magnificent story and applause from all is due Rep. McIntosh for his part in writing a happy ending." In a page 1 news story came this quote from the mother: "I appreciate everything everybody has done - newspapers, congressmen. They've saved

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## Pease votes conservative, talks like a moderate

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been scared of the right wing of the party and they are now being heard."

The IFRW's stance comes in stark contrast to the May 7 gubernatorial primary where the three candidates scrambled to secure endorsements from pro-life groups. These groups are all actively gearing up for a major presence at the GOP convention.

But Jim Quinn, president of the Christian Coalition in Indiana, questioned any trend. "I didn't see anybody win who I would call moderate with the exception of Virginia Blankenbaker," Quinn said. "And it's likely an independent candidate will spring up to challenge Virginia Blankenbaker."

**In the 3rd CD,** State Sen. Joe Zakas narrowly won. Zakas is pro-life and has sound conservative credentials. But he defeated Rich Burkett, the 1994 nominee who comes from the Pat Buchanan wing of the party.

Quinn doesn't anticipate a floor fight over abortion, either. "I don't think that is going anywhere. It's not that I don't think it's insignificant. I don't believe it can carry the day. We'll poll all the delegates. But if there is going to be a significant floor fight, it will be the contest for superintendent of public instruction."

In that race, Supp. Suellen Reed, another moderate, will face a challenge from State Rep. David Lohr and Manual High School teacher Bruce Smith. Lohr is considered to be one of the most conservative members of the '94 freshman class.

The moderates who won last Tuesday weren't sure if their collective victories were a precursor to a statewide and/or national trend, or simply due to local issues and personalities.

**Said State Rep. Waneta Becker,** "It's too early to make predictions on that. You had three people who are very well known in the races they ran in and who in the past had been very credible candidates."

Jim Knoop, who managed Blankenbaker's victory over conservative Marvin Scott, believes that the win was more due to an admired politician who possessed high voter ID and approval rating.

Ed Pease downplayed his "moderate" label. "My voting record in the Indiana Senate is pretty solidly conservative. But I'm known as one respectful to other points of view. I tried to find

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my son's life."



## INDIANA CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY RESULTS:

**1ST CD DEMOCRATIC**  
Pete Visclosky 84 percent  
Daniel Langmesser 16 percent

**1ST CD REPUBLICAN**  
Michael Petyo unopposed

**2ND CD DEMOCRATIC**  
Marc Carmichael 70 percent  
Mark Findling 16  
George Holland 14

**2ND CD REPUBLICAN**  
David McIntosh 85 percent  
Gregory Lunsford 15

**3RD CD DEMOCRATIC**  
Tim Roemer unopposed

**3RD CD REPUBLICAN**  
Joe Zakas 29 percent  
Daniel Holtz 27  
Richard Burkett 25  
Brian Haygood 8  
Brad Allamong 7  
Ted Noell 4

**4TH CD DEMOCRATIC**  
Gerald Houseman 55 percent  
Gregg Jackson 31  
David Roach 14

**4TH CD REPUBLICAN**  
Mark Souder 81 percent  
Phillip Marx 19

**5TH CD DEMOCRATIC**  
Douglas Clark 73 percent

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## Rumor mill running rampant on both party LG selections

# HORSE R A C E

**TRENDLINE:** Bob Dole's resignation from the Senate will provide a mere bump in the polls, which show him trailing President Clinton anywhere from 12 to 30 percent. What Dole needs is a message so that he doesn't sound like Ted Kennedy during the 1980 primaries.

### R LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR STATUS

Tim Fesko, Bill Friend, Paul Helmke, Steve Johnson, Sue Landske, John Okeson, Connie Nass, Becky Skillman, Sue Scholer, George Witwer **Tossup**

### COMMENTS

Rumors rampant! Goldsmith camp deflecting process questions to McDaniel, saying it's for delegates to decide. Skillman and Scholer new additions to the list. Friend to *Peru Tribune*: Goldsmith "needs somebody to rep small towns."

### D LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

John DiGuillio, Mike Gery, Baron Hill, Joe Kernan, Jill Long Thompson **Tossup**

Rumors rampant! Pam Carter does Gen. Sherman no run/no serve; Long's stock up on gender/geography. Sen. Gery new HPR addition.

### DEMOCRAT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Jeff Modisett, Judy Stewart **Leans Modisett**

Modisett the early favorite, although U.S. Attorney Stewart would give ticket diversity.

### REPUBLICAN SUPT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Suellen Reed, David Lohr, Bruce Smith **Leans Reed**

Reed getting vital party support. Christian Coalition promising floor fight on this one.

### 30TH INDIANA HOUSE

Jon Padfield, Ron Herrell, D **Tossup**

Brad Tracy of the House GOP campaign staff: "Am I concerned? Yes. Am I worried? No."

Marc Carmichael, David McIntosh, R **Leans R**

McIntosh does Brinkley; minimum wage tax proposal to hit the House floor next week; secures FDA drug approval for ailing Anderson boy. Carmichael has scant funds, earned media. That has to change by June, or this goes **SAFE R**.

### 2ND CD

John Hostettler, Jonathon Weinzapfel, D **Tossup**

Sparks fly in the Bloody 8th. Weinzapfel zings Hostettler PAC rejection proposal. Says Hostettler takes soft money. Andrew vows to retake 8th.

Julia Carson, D Virginia Blankenbaker, R **Tossup**

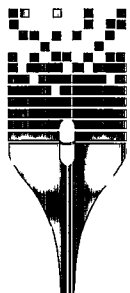
Blankenbaker talking about best ground war "since Bulen." Both candidates undefeated.

# Rep. Vaneta Becker talks about her decisive win over ultra-conservative

## HPR INTERVIEW

"I lot of people were elected (in '94) because a lot of voters stayed home. I don't think that will be the case in 1996. So it's important for the Republican Party to have the big tent...."

- Rep. Vaneta Becker



INDIANAPOLIS - State Rep. Vaneta Becker's overwhelming defeat of her conservative Republican primary opponent in Vanderburgh County's 74th House District, Scott Minnette, was the "sweetest" in her career.

But her 2-to-1 triumph reveals several extremely important signals on where Indiana voters are heading. She is a moderate who opposed changes in the prevailing wage laws in 1995. Her victory, along with the triumphs of Virginia Blankenbaker and Ed Pease, may mean the pendulum is swinging back toward the center after a class of conservative Congressional and legislative candidates won in 1994.

HPR caught up with Becker following an Indiana House Republican caucus at the Statehouse on Tuesday.

**HPR:** How did you win your race against Minnette so decisively?

**Becker:** He was really a stealth candidate. He didn't come out and do anything; didn't show up for joint appearances until the last two weeks. But he had tons of yard signs. Yard signs are good for raising name ID, but they do not elect candidates. But our strategy was to really run on my record, a very positive record - on auto excise tax cuts, property tax reform, higher education improvements, welfare reform, which I have been very instrumental over the past 10 years in implementing. That really was what my message was. He attempted to paint me as anti-business, which didn't really go over too well because I was endorsed by the Indiana Manufacturer's Association and the National Federation of Small Businesses. I think when those issues fell apart for him, he was really a single-issue candidate. He distorted a lot of issues. He had a direct mail piece in which he said I voted to deny food and water to the dying.

**HPR:** Yes, we used that as our HPR "Quote of the Week" a few weeks back because it was so extreme.

**Becker:** Very extreme to say that. It said my vote would have meant the death of thousands of Hoosiers. In fact, all I voted for was liv-

ing will legislation to allow the individual to decide. If you were in a terminal state, do you want artificial food and hydration continued? So really, it was quite a distortion. He ran on condoms in the schools, when actually I voted against condoms in the schools; I voted against an amendment on second reading to an AIDS education bill. He had lots of half-truths and lots of lies. He had ads on TV and radio comparing me to Joycelyn Elders. I really think what his ads did was to motivate people to come out and vote. Some people supported him up to that point. We basically targeted my Republican base and independents. And the independents really showed up. We had a lot of first-time primary voters.

**HPR:** Was there a sense that the right was pulling the Republican Party too far?

**Becker:** It's hard for me to know. I've only looked at two precincts. I know there were a lot of first-time voters. Actually, on Election Day we were a little concerned because we didn't know who they were voting for. But we did target independents and we pointed out he received a lot of SEIGCO money from the local utility and we used that against him.

**HPR:** Did you go into the election blind?

**Becker:** No, we were tracking. And I did a poll in October that showed me with an 82 percent approval rating. It's pretty hard to beat someone with an 82 percent approval rating. We did a follow up poll in April and then two weeks on we just polled primary voters. We had a very targeted get-out-the-vote effort.

**HPR:** How did you reach those independent voters?

**Becker:** We did direct mail and we did TV, pointing out all the utility money he was receiving.

**HPR:** Were the independents you targeted voters who just voted in November?

**Becker:** But just don't normally show up in the primary.

**HPR:** What kind of pitch did you make to them?

**Becker:** Just about the race and that if

they supported me in the past, we wanted to make sure they turned out to the polls on Election Day. In '94, I got 81 percent of the vote and that's how we knew a large percentage of independents had supported me in the past. We also knew from my 1991 mayoral primary that independents did go to the polls.

**HPR:** How did you feel when you saw the living will flier Minnette put out?

**Becker:** Some people saw and it and felt it was absurd that anyone would believe that. To have this stuff to go out saying I would deny food and water - I was outraged. I was very offended and I really considered it a very personal attack. We just responded with a letter to all Republican primary voters to all of his attack ads.

**HPR:** Did his attacks galvanize your support?

**Becker:** It did. It incensed people. In 1994, about 4,400 people voted in that district's Republican primary. In 1992, a presidential year, it was either 3,200 or 3,600. This year, it was close to 8,000 people.

**HPR:** Did Minnette use the prevailing wage against you?

**Becker:** He attempted to use that issue early on. It was a wash in our polling. For one thing, our public officials, while they have gone with the changes, it has not changed the wage rates. It has not reduced any costs in Southern Indiana. So it is a moot point. It's an issue I don't think the average person really cares about unless you're personally affected.

**HPR:** Do you think that prevailing wage is defused as an issue? I mean, labor turned out 25,000 people at the Statehouse in 1995.

**Becker:** If you are affected by it in a negative way, then you care about it. Otherwise, I don't think you care about it. It does not result in the savings that the proponents say it does. It's a very ifish kind of thing. Kentucky has just recently adopted prevailing wage. My business community in Southern Indiana was divided on the issue. I had lots of construction companies opposed to the changes; some were for the changes. They made more of the issue as a result of the state Chamber and their initiative than it was locally.

**HPR:** You addressed labor's prevailing

wage rally in 1995. What was going through your mind when you did that?

**Becker:** I was only there as an individual thanking them for participating in state government. I really wasn't there on an issue.

**HPR:** You were criticized by some members of your caucus for doing that.

**Becker:** I don't remember being criticized by anyone.

**HPR:** When Scott Minnette announced he was going to run against you, did you dust off all the prevailing wage material?

**Becker:** We knew he had polled on the issue and so we polled on the issue. I knew people who had been polled by him and they wrote down the questions. So we knew to what extent it really did matter to people and it mattered to some people. Either way you go, to some people, it was a big deal. No matter which way you went on that issue you were going to lose somewhere. But it was not a big issue in this campaign.

**HPR:** Have you seen any statewide studies that show the impact of changes to prevailing wage?

**Becker:** There's a study going on right now at the IU School of Business - an independent study. Really, when I voted, I had documentation from Legislative Services that shows that for Southern Indiana, that our school construction costs with prevailing wage were lower than Kentucky's, which does not have prevailing wage for the construction of schools. It does not generate the savings that proponents made it out to be. The facts do not add up.

**HPR:** Do you consider yourself a moderate? And is the Republican Party sliding back toward the center, at least here in Indiana?

**Becker:** I consider myself a fiscal conservative and a social moderate. I think in '94, the party with the new Congress, certainly there were more conservatives, ultra-conservatives that were elected in Statehouse races as well as in Congress. But I really think a lot of people were elected because a lot of voters stayed home. I'm not sure that will be the case in 1996, so it's important for the Republican Party to have a big tent, to be very inclusive, and broaden the base of support, which I have always worked for.

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Hugh Salisbury 27

### 5TH CD REPUBLICAN

Steve Buyer unopposed

### 6TH CD DEMOCRATIC

Carrie Dillard-Trammell 44

Kent Nelson 38

Ramakishnan Nagarajan 18

### 6TH CD REPUBLICAN

Dan Burton unopposed

### 7TH CD DEMOCRATIC

Robert Hellman 61 percent

William Thompson 22

John Riley Jr. 13

Fred Keuthan 4

### 7TH CD REPUBLICAN

Edward Pease 30 percent

John Meyers 17

Richard Thompson 15

Dan Pool 11

Katherine Willing 9

Pete Ross 7

John Lee Smith 5

Jeffrey Baldwin 3

Anthony Duncan 1

6 others with less than 1

### 8TH CD DEMOCRATIC

Jonathon Weinzapfel 40 perc

Rick McConnell 39

Jay Southwood 5

Franklin Enoch's 5

Sam Hillenburg 5

John Smith 4

Ralph Spellbring 1

### 8TH CD REPUBLICAN

John Hostettler 82 percent

Michael McCamish 18

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## 9TH CD DEMOCRATIC

Lee Hamilton 86 percent  
Joe Finke 14

## 9TH CD REPUBLICAN

Jean Leising 81 percent  
Jesse Hall 19

## 10TH CD DEMOCRATIC

Julia Carson 47 percent  
Ann DeLaney 30  
Jocelyn-Adande 11  
Mmoja Ajabu 4  
Charles Henderson 3  
Joe Turner 2  
Gale Jontz 2  
Bobby Kern 1  
Perry Ray 1

## 10TH CD REPUBLICAN

Virginia Blankenbaker 50 perc  
Marvin Scott 40  
Sherry Beck 6  
Cathy Charter 4

U.S. Rep. David McIntosh called Sen. Bob Dole's resignation from the Senate on Wednesday "a bold and dramatic move." U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar commented, "Bob Dole made a courageous, decisive move today that represents a turning point in the presidential campaign. Without constraints of the Senate schedule, Sen. Dole can devote himself to visiting with Americans outside of Washington, focusing on the issues that face our country. I look forward now to working for his victory."

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# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

**Rod Spaw**, *Evansville Press* - While other citizens were lighting a candle for liberty in yesterday's primary, I was striking a blow for private enterprise. I was selling my vote. Don't be shocked. It's a free market and I'm a free market kind of fellow. I have been ever since Bill Clinton sold a clean bill of human rights to the Chinese in '94. If a president can peddle American principles like Wisconsin cheese, anyone can. However, I didn't want money for my vote. I wanted something precious. I wanted gasoline.

**Mary Dieter**, *Louisville Courier-Journal* - If anyone harbored the notion that Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith will have a cakewalk to the governor's office in this ostensibly Republican state, Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon disabused them of the notion last week. If O'Bannon could have started the fall campaign in any better style, this reporter would like to know how. Having quietly and intentionally watched from the sidelines as the Republicans beat up on each other, O'Bannon finally became engaged in the race about two weeks before the primary, when he started running a television ad to introduce himself to the voters. Candidates must strike when voters are paying close attention, and O'Bannon took that opportunity. And he did it in style. The 60-second biographical piece covered much of O'Bannon's life. It also made the important link to popular Gov. Evan Bayh. His campaign followed that up with a 30-second spot in which O'Bannon talked directly to voters. He connected; he made you believe it. They are easily the best campaign commercials seen in Indiana this year.

**Brian Howey**, *HPR* - On Tuesday, Hoosiers selected new Congressional stock. But the primary victories by Virginia Blankenbaker and Ed Pease - both former legislators who voluntarily retired - hardly represent a new wave of Gingrich-Gramm conservatism. Both are moderates. Yet, there is a '94 echo emerging, but this political notion comes not with candidates for federal office, but in the governor's race.

Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith decisively defeated Rex Eary. Goldsmith is the Hoosier reincarnation of the '94 Gingrich mold. Goldsmith is ready to take Indiana government into a literal revolution. The difference between Goldsmith and O'Bannon is that the former appears ready to shatter the mold of how state government is run. O'Bannon appears willing to work more within the current context of government.

**John Krull**, *Indianapolis News* - Almost as soon as he wrapped up the Republican gubernatorial nomination, Steve Goldsmith began grouching that it was awful that O'Bannon had a larger campaign war chest than he did. For his part, O'Bannon responded by challenging Goldsmith to sign a campaign pledge. Among other things, O'Bannon asked the mayor to promise to wage a clean campaign, participate in 10 debates and before Election Day disclose all his campaign contributions. Much of the proposed pledge was piffle, but there was one item on O'Bannon's list of genuine importance. A limit on campaign spending. The pity is that O'Bannon's proposal was at best disingenuous and at worst underhanded. By demanding that the spending limit of \$1 per voter - \$5.8 million - apply to both the primary and general campaigns, O'Bannon established conditions Goldsmith could not accept without severely compromising his chances to win.

**Dave Kitchell**, *Logansport Pharos-Tribune* - With Tuesday's Republican primary race for governor finally resolved, the scene has been set for what may be one of the best Indiana campaigns in years. Arguably, the race between Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon and Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith may present a win-win situation for Indiana voters. Both have proven track records. Both have had their share of successes



## John Myers to the rescue and other scintillating Congressional stories

TERRE HAUTE - For Ed Pease, the dilemma emerged last February at the filing deadline: how to deal with former Tippecanoe County Prosecutor John Meyers in a district where U.S. Rep. John Myers had represented for 30 years.

The answer came with a classic old-fashioned campaign where the candidate and volunteers knocked on 30,000 doors - a page borrowed from Tim Roemer's 3rd CD campaign of 1990.

"We finally concluded there were so many candidates that the average voter would be overwhelmed," Pease told HPR on Wednesday. "So the question was, how do we meet with as many people as we can in two and a half months?"

The door-to-door effort was established as the "other John Meyers" threat loomed. The answer that may have accounted for Pease's 30 percent victory was with Myers' endorsement. "It came at a time we were feeling better about the campaign," he said. "But the endorsement was tremendously helpful. If nothing else, it clarified he wasn't the candidate."

Actually, Pease was unreachable by cell phone somewhere on Indiana 231 when Myers offered the endorsement, a script was written by campaign aides Brian Kerns and John Brockmeyer (confused yet?). In the ad, Myers announced he wasn't running, then rattled off Pease's name about four times.

### McConnell underestimates Vandy

EVANSVILLE - State Rep. Rick McConnell was the odds-on favorite to win the 8th CD nomination to face U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. But nearly everyone underestimated Jonathon Weinzapfel's strength in Vanderburgh County.

"Vanderburgh County was just too big of an obstacle for us," McConnell told Alan Julian of the *Evansville Courier*. "We thought we could overcome a 2-1 vote against us here, but that is almost a 3-to-1 difference." McConnell lost to Weinzapfel there 7,169 to 2,507.

Vanderburgh County Chairman Mark Owen was surprised Weinzapfel ran so well in Evansville. "I think Jonathon ran a very good race, but I don't think McConnell really maintained enough presence here. You can't write off Vanderburgh County and expect to win."

### Scott won battle, lost the war

INDIANAPOLIS - The day Marvin Scott won the 10th CD slating endorsement of the Marion County Republican organization, he

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lost the race against Virginia Blankenbaker. At the slating convention, Scott supporters treated former Mayor Bill Hudnut rudely. Many of Hudnut's people swung over to Blankenbaker instead of sitting the election out. It showed as Scott had trouble raising money and finding volunteers while Blankenbaker out-raised Scott by 3 to 1. Then there was wiley campaign manager Jim Knoop, who weeks before hinted at Scott's checkered job record. A week before the election, that story played in the *Indianapolis Star* on page 1, above the fold. Blankenbaker won 50-40 percent.

### DeLaney's air war grounded

INDIANAPOLIS - Ann DeLaney out-raised Julia Carson \$122,000 to \$45,000. She had planned a classic Evan Bayh-styled air war while Carson worked the precincts. The problem was, when DeLaney sought more gross rating points in the final week of the campaign, all the ad time had been sold. Carson won by 17 percent. There was also much speculation that DeLaney's tenure as state chairwoman made her lots of enemies within the party.

### Zakas outlasts a TV blitz

ELKHART - Don't tell State Sen. Joe Zakas that TV always wins the day. He beat

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American Spectator editor R. Emmett Tyrrell is advocating a Dole-Lugar ticket.

One 5th CD journalist called 24-year-old Douglas Clark's victory over Hugh Salisbury as the year's sleeper race. "Clark is Jim Jontz without the flakes," the journalist said, noting that the Winamac Democrat will take many of the same trade and pocket book issues against U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer that Jontz did back in 1992.

U.S. Rep. John Kasich will campaign for U.S. Rep. Mark Souder at 11 a.m. June 7 at the Holiday Inn in Downtown Fort Wayne. Steve Forbes will campaign with McIntosh on June 7 in Columbus.

The Bayh-O'Bannon administration picked up some kudos from an unlikely source: U.S. Rep. John Hostettler, responding to a 30 percent drop in Hoosiers on welfare. "The states have always been incubators of innovation," Hostettler said. "Indiana has much to show the nation in terms of taking people off the welfare roll and putting them to work."

Ann England, tapped to become the Democratic nominee for superintendent of public instruction, tells HPR that she will be running on a platform

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that will call for free textbooks, local control and accountability standards "for everyone: students, parents, teachers, administrators." As for Goals 2000, England said, "You have to look at the amount of money involved. If you develop a plan with local players, there should be no problem accepting the money attached to Goals 2000."

Brian Howey, editor and publisher of the HPR, will have his weekly political column published in the Logansport Pharos-Tribune.

Calvin Hawkins, the 1992 Republican candidate for attorney general from Merrillville, has endorsed Steve Carter for AG.

A few weeks ago, we told you about a Democratic LaPorte County commissioner candidate - Bud Kintzele - who criticized and then apologized to Judy O'Bannon. Kintzele won his primary race against Ed Gonzalez by 642 votes.

State Sen. Joe Zakas isn't wasting any time teeing off on U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer in the 3rd CD race. Zakas told the Michigan City News-Dispatch that Roemer "is an obstacle to the quest for renewal in America." Zakas attacked Roemer for voting against welfare reform and for being "duped" by helping the Pokagon Indians get federal recognition that the

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back an 11th-hour negative television advertising blitz by Elkhart stockbroker Dan Holtz by responding on two radio stations a day before the election.

In the end, Zakas defeated Holtz 29.4 percent to 26.5 percent. The 1994 nominee, Rich Burkett, finished with 24.9 percent.

Zakas believes that Holtz's negative ad blitz sent people to Burkett instead of picking up the support himself.

The core of Zakas' support came from his state Senate district that straddles the St. Joseph and Elkhart county lines. But Holtz was able to cut into his Elkhart fundraising by

enlisting the support from Carol McDowell, who narrowly lost the Elkhart mayoral race last November. Zakas faces three-term Democrat Tim Roemer this fall.

## Leising needs this poll

OLDENBURG - In 1994, State Sen. Jean Leising lost to U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton by 2 points after polling failed to pick up the Republican Tidal Wave. She won her primary campaign with 81 percent last week. But her big test may come in June, when she polls for the first time. "It's important," Leising said of the data that could be instrumental in raising money to take on Hamilton.

## Militant moderates, from page 1

points of consensus."

Quinn questioned the moderate label on Pease. "Ed Pease is pro-life and pro-family. He has endorsed the Contract With the American Family. He just doesn't talk like an ideologue."

As for a move to the center, Pease explained, "I don't like to generalize. I do think the mood in the district is that people are very respectful of the '94 freshman class. They did what they said they were going to do. But I also feel that there is this notion out there that we have to make government work. After the government shutdown, I think the prevailing mood

in the 7th District was disgust."

Becker believes the "militant moderates" - many independent voters who hadn't voted in recent primaries - were motivated because of the shrill, negative ads and distortions (See HPR Interview, pages 4-5).

As for a trend to the center, Becker observed, "It depends on how we as Republicans at the national level handle some of the issues over the next few months. Whether or not we embrace issues of the general public in a positive way. I don't think you can run with a very narrow focus in any election and be successful."

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