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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“I’m embarrassed to say it was \$3,000....”

—Gary Mayor Scott King, to the
Indianapolis Star, on a bounty gang
members have placed on his head.

O’Bannon blisters Goldsmith on freeze

Property tax becomes first campaign battle

INDIANAPOLIS - Mayor Stephen Goldsmith launched the first shot in the Indiana gubernatorial race with his call for a “hard freeze” in property taxes that he said would result in a \$4 billion savings for taxpayers.

Goldsmith told the Indiana Bankers Association Wednesday morning that such a move would “immediately change the dynamic of property tax relief” and create economic growth.

Hours later, in a “rapid response” reminiscent of Bill Clinton’s 1992 campaign, Lt. Gov. Frank O’Bannon dismissed the proposal as a “shell game.”

“If you just freeze the rate and say simply that’s going to freeze taxes or cut taxes ... and your assessment goes up, you’re going to pay more taxes,” O’Bannon told a room packed with the news media. “I’m saying over the next four years if you freeze the tax rate in the reassessment on fair market value, the homeowner is going to take it on the chin as well as the farmer. They’re going to pay more taxes.

“That’s the story today and you’ll write ‘Goldsmith cuts property taxes’ and all he’s doing is freezing the rate. In communities that are growing, they’ll probably come out all right. But in communities not growing very fast, they can’t even keep up with inflation,” O’Bannon said, telling reporters, “You need to ask questions.”

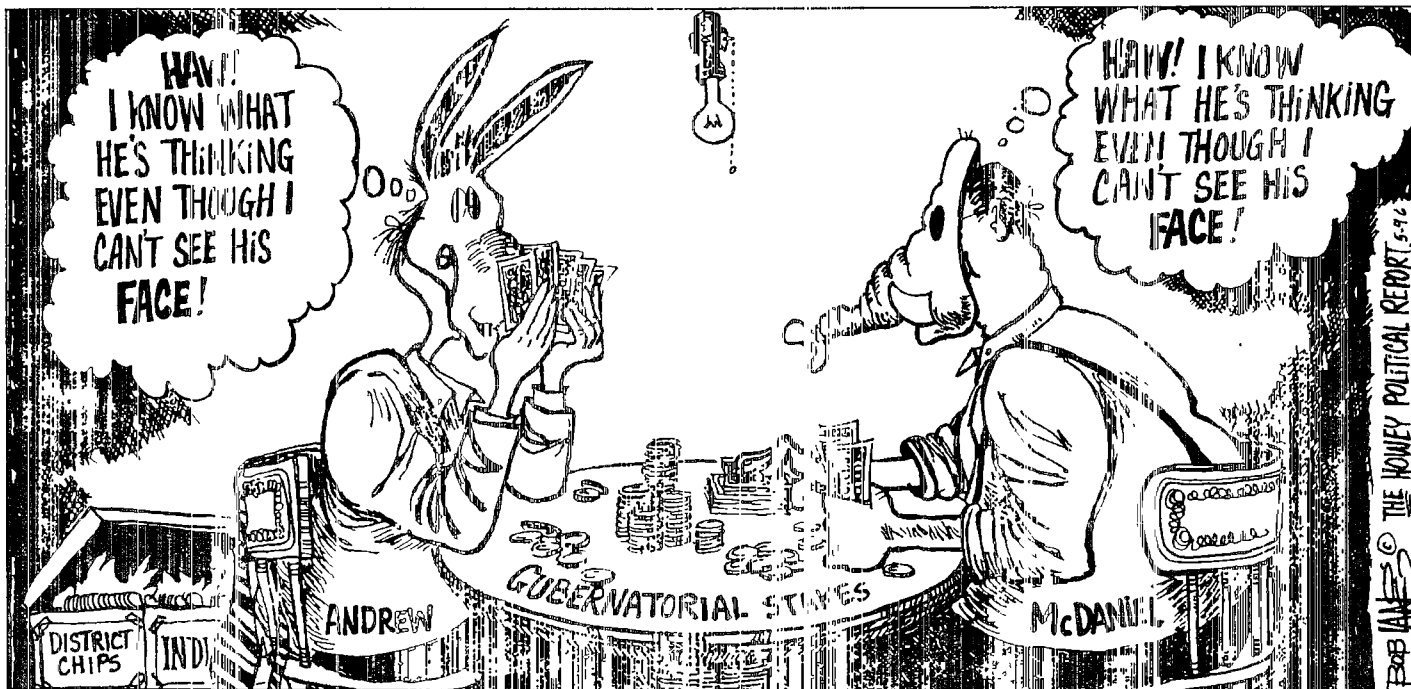
The exchange on Wednesday came midway through what will be the most dramatic week of O’Bannon’s lengthy political career to date. It fired up a race that will give Hoosiers the greatest contrast in gubernatorial candidates since Oliver P. Morton defeated a Copperhead opponent in 1860.

On Monday, O’Bannon announced his choice of South Bend Mayor Joe Kernan as his running mate. By Saturday, the two will officially be nominated in a convention at the State Fairgrounds plan-

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PLAY OF THE WEEK: Mayor Stephen Goldsmith laid out a pillar of his coming fall campaign in Monday's Wall Street Journal with an article he wrote, "Designing a Smooth Privatization." It recounted how Indianapolis changed a potential closing of the Naval Air Warfare Center into a billion dollar private sector bidding war, won by Hughes Electronics Corp. It keeps 2,500 high-paying jobs in Indianapolis. The clincher was this line: "What helped tip the scale was President Clinton's formal endorsement of our privatization approach. It encouraged the Navy to start thinking of itself as a consumer focused on quality rather than just a producer worried about cost."

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Kernan, Modisett will press Goldsmith's record

ned as a throwback to the days when Democratic candidates would parade into the old Coliseum in convertibles.

The O'Bannon/Kernan - or "OK" - ticket almost didn't come together. During the week of May 20, sources close to Kernan and the O'Bannon campaign believed the mayor had taken himself out of the running. The problem was Maggie Kernan's banking career, commuting and the fact that Joe Kernan loves being mayor. That's when former congresswoman Jill Long Thompson appeared to emerge as the leading LG candidate. Fort Wayne sources tell HPR that she agreed to be considered on the condition that if she didn't receive the nomination, the official reason would be she declined.

The ticket was revived when after a vacation, the mayor came to Indianapolis on May 23 and met privately with O'Bannon, who sketched out his duties and allayed some of the fears associated with moving and career change. Kernan went on to make his own dramatic speech May 24 at the dedication of the Vietnam and Korean war memorials. O'Bannon officially asked him to join the ticket the following week.

The one flaw in the "OK ticket" is that it's two white guys running, leaving the Republicans with an opportunity to be gender inclusive. But Kernan brings an array of strengths. Demo-

cratic sources tell HPR that polling revealed O'Bannon's strength with female and rural voters. Kernan, a POW in Vietnam, gives the ticket a war hero and urban mayor. Kernan is Irish-Catholic, a voting bloc Mike Tackett of the *Chicago Tribune* described as key to the success of the Democratic presidential ticket.

Other sources say Democrats were worried about the TV resources Goldsmith poured into the South Bend/Elkhart TV market during the primary. That region, adjacent to Michigan, has witnessed Gov. John Engler's dramatic social reforms there, and, hence, voters might be more willing to buy into Goldsmith's mold-smashing reform ideas in Indiana.

The Democratic ticket with Mayor Kernan, former Marion County Prosecutor Jeff Modisett for attorney general, and Richmond principal Ann England, does offer gender and geographical balance. Kernan hinted Monday that he might be the ticket's point man aiming at Goldsmith's privatization record. Modisett has already challenged Goldsmith's record on plea bargains.

Wednesday's exchange revealed an O'Bannon ready to quickly and forcefully respond to Goldsmith. It could be Indiana's first glimpse at a Democrat willing to say, "No more Mr. Nice Guy."

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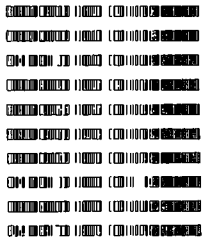
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The Indiana Tax Court's declaration that the state's property tax assessment system is unconstitutional prompted State Sen. Larry Borst, who chairs the Senate Finance Committee, to say that Indiana could shift to a market-based system by simply altering a few words in the existing law (Leslie Stedman, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). But most legislators disagreed. State Rep. B. Patrick Bauer said two years won't be enough to change the system. State Rep. Win Moses offered, "I see us concentrating on how to make the property tax system legal. I don't see changing things substantially." But State Rep. Dan Stephan differed, saying, "We have an excellent opportunity here. Now we can look at all the taxes at the same time."

State Rep. Sue Scholer will conduct a fly-around on Friday to talk up her Republican lieutenant governor candidacy. Chairing Scholer's exploratory committee will be former Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz and Lafayette Mayor Dave Heath.

U.S. Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio and a potential vice presidential nominee, will be in Fort Wayne on Friday campaigning for U.S. Rep. Mark Souder. A \$1,000 a head reception takes place at 11 a.m. at the down-

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Look for Clinton to follow RFK's ghost on the Cannonball

TRENDLINE: Clinton-Gore began the '92 campaign with a bus tour that took them on Indiana's I-64. Look for Clinton to do an HST/RFK whistle stop from Fort Wayne to Chicago prior to the convention. Bobby was the last pol to ride the Wabash Cannonball in May 1968.

PRESIDENT

Bill Clinton, Bob Dole, Ross Perot, Ralph Nader

STATUS

Leans Clinton

COMMENTS

It's the cover up, stupid. Little Rock verdicts should trouble all Democrats. Starr is pumped. But Dole isn't. Clinton on the campaign trail is stunning. His stealing the Wisconsin welfare thunder from Dole was classic. A rollercoaster.

GOVERNOR

Stephen Goldsmith, Frank O'Bannon

TOSSUP

We had this "Leans O'Bannon" when it looked like Jill Long would make the ticket. That, along with Bayh-O'Bannon's 30 percent welfare drop and Clinton's momentum prompted that decision. And it changes swiftly. Long was passed over. The Whitewater verdicts, a gender-exclusive top ticket and Kernan's tax increases don't give the Dems as clean a ride as could be.

REPUBLICAN LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Sue Scholer, Sue Landske, Becky Skillman, George Witwer, Bill Friend, John Okeson, Steve Johnson, Tom Wyss and thousands.

Tossup

Kokomo Tribune endorses Bill Friend in Steve Johnson's backyard. Goldsmith campaign says mayor "will help narrow the field" with a "short list or an elaboration on details before the convention."

REPUBLICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL

Steve Carter, Eric Koch, Greg Zoeller, Gary Secrest

LEANS ZOELLER

Zoeller emerging as front-runner, helped by Big Gun Modisett. Zoeller runs strong in all regions.

REPUBLICAN SUPERINTENDENT

Suellen Reed, David Lohr, Bruce Smith

SAFE REED

Reed declares Goals 2000 resolved by Congress and the IGA. That declaration is a sign of stupidity or confidence. We see it as the latter.

8TH CD

Jonathon Weinzapfel, D John Hostettler, R

Tossup

AFL-CIO unleash ad blitz against Hostettler comparing minimum wage to Congressional pay raises. One Evansville TV station pulls the ad.

Joe Kernan ready to match record in South Bend to Goldsmith's Indy

INDIANAPOLIS - South Bend Mayor Joe Kernan is unknown to most Hoosiers, yet finds himself elevated to the upper tier of the Democratic Party after Frank O'Bannon chose him to join the ticket.

Kernan, 50, is in his third term as mayor of South Bend. He is a former Navy Pilot who was shot down over North Vietnam and spent 11 months in captivity. HPR's Brian Howey, who used to interview Kernan regularly on WNTV-TV's "Ask the Mayor Show," reunited with the conversation just hours after Kernan was introduced to the Indianapolis media on Monday.

HPR: Tell me about your past relationship with Frank O'Bannon.

Kernan: I had known Frank O'Bannon prior to taking a trip with him to Russia and Poland in 1990. But it was at that time I really got to know and appreciate Frank as a man and as a leader of our state.

HPR: Had the two of you ever discussed his 1996 campaign and any role you might play prior to this spring?

Kernan: No, we really hadn't.

HPR: Tell me about your decision-making process in accepting Frank's invitation. It appears from some *South Bend Tribune* articles I've seen that there was some thought about doing this before you and Maggie accepted.

Kernan: It was a big decision for both Maggie and me. We wanted to make sure as best we could that we were doing the right thing. We gave it a lot of thought, particularly over the last six to eight weeks or so. We had the opportunity to sort things out with each other, as well as close friends, so that when Frank asked me to run last week, I leapt at the chance.

HPR: What kind of success stories will you be relating about South Bend as you head out across the state?

Kernan: We have focused on several areas: job creation, the establishment of good paying jobs in South Bend. No. 2, on public safety, in trying to make the community as safe as possible, and No. 3, revitalization of our neighborhood including the use of resources as well

as creative partnerships in order to strengthen our base and our neighborhoods.

HPR: You came to office in 1988 after a number of industries like South Bend Toy and Wheelabrator-Fry left the city with a number of jobs. How were you able to reverse that trend?

Kernan: The best example of that is with a company called South Bend Stamping. It was a part of Allied Products out of Chicago. They had made the decision to close the South Bend plant. At that time, we had about 250 people in that facility. We were able to pull together a coalition of organized labor, a new owner, four local banks and with the help of Gov. Bayh, Lt. Gov. O'Bannon, the Indiana Finance Authority, and two community development organizations, we put up loan guarantee funds. Today, there are about 450 men and women who are working good paying jobs. So as I look back on being able to reverse a decision that had already been made, that one stands out for me.

HPR: How many jobs have you had a role in creating or saving?

Kernan: We have, because of public and private investment, both local and state, been able to create or retain 4,000 manufacturing jobs.

HPR: I suspect Republicans are going to want to talk about your tenure as mayor, which includes some tax increases. Put that in perspective.

Kernan: We'll be able to get into some of that detail as we go on. To put it into a shorter context, we have lived within a property tax control program for the eight and a half years I've been in office and at the same time, the city's financial picture has improved dramatically. As I mentioned today, our bond rating has gone up from an A-minus to a double A.

HPR: How were you able to do that?

Kernan: We were able to do that by cutting some services our city was providing and by involving our workforce looking in new and better ways to conduct business by taking advantage of new technology in a variety of different areas and reducing costs in the delivery

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"As you look at the delivery of government services, government should be able to do so with good leadership and good people at a lower cost than the private sector..."

- Mayor Joe Kernan



of services.

HPR: You mentioned at your opening press conference that you are going to talk about Mayor Goldsmith's privatization efforts in Indianapolis. Has South Bend gone the privatization route at all?

Kernan: We have looked at privatization in many of our service delivery areas. We have, in fact, used it in a select few. We have recognized it as you look at the delivery of government services, government should be able to do so with good leadership and good people at a lower cost than the private sector. I would expect over the course of the campaign we will be focusing on what we've done in South Bend and how it's been handled in contrast to Indianapolis and how it's been handled here.

HPR: In the 1995 mayoral campaigns, not many candidates from either party were talking about privatization outside of Indianapolis. Is there a reason for that?

Kernan: Again, as I look back over the course of eight years, we have made a very conscious effort to use private companies. But we also made sure that the responsibility and accountability remained with the elected official. I think the difference is (Goldsmith) believes privatization is the answer to all of the challenges government faces and I don't believe that.

HPR: You mentioned that Mayor Goldsmith sees privatization as a panacea for modern cities. Where has he veered off from the proper course, from what's good for a city to what's dogmatic, from your perspective?

Kernan: Again, if you look at the responsibility that government has to its customers, you have to look at the ways to deliver services that are best and cost-effective. I think that to give up on the ability of government employees to give a service - for whatever reason - is not always appropriate. It's not always the best solution and not always best for the taxpayer.

HPR: Are you going to be the point man for the ticket when it comes to the Indianapolis record?

Kernan: I wouldn't want to characterize anything other than to say there certainly will be some discussions throughout the course of this campaign on the record we have established in the city of South Bend and I would think it

will be fair game to look at the record here in Indianapolis.

HPR: The College Football Hall of Fame has been seen as a potential economic development tool in South Bend, yet your opponent last fall said that the tax burden was falling on the taxpayer. Put that project into proper context.

Kernan: That project has had broad-based community support from the beginning. And, No. 2, it has been from the beginning and remains our intention to finance that project of the Hall of Fame with corporate sponsorships and individual donations.

HPR: You were re-elected by what percentage in 1995?

Kernan: It was a little over 82 percent.

HPR: Both Indianapolis and South Bend have had record homicide rates in recent years. How did you arrive at responding with more police as opposed to other methods?

Kernan: When you look at more police, it's not the only thing you have to do. It has to be accompanied by tools for which the officers can work and it has to come with a focus on dealing with those issues that are a priority at the time. In putting more officers on the street, we have assigned them to those areas where they can do the most good, in dealing with drugs and young people. We have a police-youth recreation program, worked with the housing authority, and added to our DARE program. We are now in the midst and have received \$720,000 from the federal government to match with money we've come up that will effectively increase our police force by 92 officers.

HPR: Where do you stand on abortion?

Kernan: It is my opinion that a woman should have the right to make whatever decision she feels is appropriate in consultation with her family.

HPR: If elected, you'll be President of the Senate in 1997 that will likely be historic for tax reform. How big of a challenge is that for you?

Kernan: I've got a lot of homework to do. And I've got the best teacher in Frank O'Bannon.

HPR: Have you been in a close race?

Kernan: The first time I ran, the primary was 51-49 percent, exactly 473 votes. The other was 53-47. I like what happened last year better.

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town Holiday Inn, and a \$150 a head luncheon follows.

HPR has learned that Rex Early's media firm, Stuart Stevens, found some rather intriguing blips when it tracked during the GOP primary campaign. Apparently when Marilyn Quayle's ads ran, sources tell HPR, Goldsmith jumped in the tracking. That doesn't explain, however, why Early defeated Goldsmith in Allen County, where popular Republican Sheriff Joe Squadrino hit the airwaves for Rex Early in the middle of Quayle Country.

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar announced that all nuclear warheads have been removed from Ukraine, thanks to the Lugar-Nunn Act he helped write. He said the warhead elimination "substantially strengthens the security of all Americans." He added that with the Russian elections approaching, "The need to gain control of the nuclear arsenal has become even more urgent."

Republican Donna Gentry, a candidate for the 67th House District, and Indianapolis attorney John Price have called for an FCC investigation of Democratic nominee Dave Crooks (Washington Times-Herald). Crooks owns WWBL in

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Washington and WAOV and WZDM in Vincennes. Price accused Crooks of having the potential for "misuse of the public airwaves" to the "detriment of my client." Gentry said she was looking for a "level playing field." But Crooks said he was "shocked" at Gentry's action and said he has followed FCC guidelines. By federal equal opportunity laws, Crooks said, Gentry was entitled to two minutes of air time on WWBL last week.

WEVV-TV in Evansville pulled the latest AFL-CIO ad targeting U.S. Rep. John Hostettler on May 24. The ad compared a congressional pay raise and corporate profits with the minimum wage. Said WEVV general manager Skip Strims, "We felt the statements in that ad were not true, therefore we pulled it. The information the AFL-CIO provided us to support that statement was pretty weak."

Douglas Leatherbury, a Democrat Salem attorney, has formed an exploratory committee for the 1998 Clerk of the Supreme Court race.

8th CD Democratic nominee Jonathon Weinzapfel has opened campaign offices in Bloomington and Evansville.

Dems optimistic on House recoup; HPR sees at least 16 races in play

FORT WAYNE - How much of a stretch would it be to contemplate "Speaker John Gregg" after the ballots in 125 Indiana General Assembly races are counted on Nov. 5?

An HPR analysis of the 100 House races shaping up gives the Democrats a good chance at picking up the six seats necessary to retake control after the 1994 debacle. Currently, Republicans control the House by a 55-45 margin. In Horse Race parlance, the Indiana House "Leans D."

The HPR analysis has eight races that Republicans won in statistical Democratic districts in 1994, plus another eight races that will likely fall within the polling margin of error by next fall.

Gregg tells HPR that the Democratic House caucus is ahead of its fundraising schedule and suggests Republican legislative candidates may have trouble raising money. Why? The Lugar presidential campaign "sucked out \$2 million," another \$2 million was spent in the GOP gubernatorial primary and there are the 10 Congressional races. "They're at the saturation point," Gregg said.

Here is a race-by-race summary of HPR's Sweet 16:

Most likely Democratic gains

30th District

State Rep. Jon Padfield (R) v. Ron Herrell (D). **1994 results:** Padfield 8,589, Howard 7,063.

Notes: Padfield was a conspicuous freshman because of his brand of conservatism that included advocating a "family impact study" on every piece of legislation. He signed the controversial "Hatch letter" - a call on U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch to investigate Ruby Ridge. And Padfield was swept up in the post-Okla. City militia hype that Democrats can be expected to use against the most conservative freshmen. But Kokomo observers believe Padfield is stronger now than most people expected. He has a solid core of support, was the first legislator to hold

an Internet town meeting, and is expected to mount a vigorous defense of his vote to change prevailing wage. Troublesome for Democrats is Kokomo elected a Republican mayor in 1995 with labor a no-show in that election. Herrell, a firefighter, won in a three-way primary and was the party establishment's preferred candidate. He can be expected to raise money and has a decent chance of making up the 1,226 margin that swept out Earl Howard in '95. **HPR forecast:** Tossup

43rd District

State Rep. John Kimmel (R) v. Vigo

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County Councilman Clyde Kersey (D). **1994 result:** Kimmel 8,549, Kearns 7,092.

Notes: This is the '94 Tidal Wave seat. Republicans believe they are most likely to hold. Kimmel is probably the most acceptable freshman to Democrats and is respected in both parties in Vigo County. But Kersey is a proven vote-getter and this Terre Haute area district should go Democratic in normal years. Both were unopposed in the primary, but Kersey outpolled Kimmel by more than 4,000 votes. **HPR forecast:** Leans D.

46th District

State Rep. David Lohr (R) v. Vern Tincher (D). **1994 result:** Lohr 8,160, Tincher 8,034.

Notes: This was a 126-vote stunner to Democrats. Tincher has been working on his rematch since the day after his defeat. Democrats will try to define Lohr with words like "ultra," "arch," "militia," and "extreme." Lohr's bid for superintendent of public instruction seen by some as a clue he knows re-election will be tough. Lohr has core support and likes to be under-estimated. **HPR forecast:** Leans D.

67th District

State Rep. Cleo Duncan (R) v. Vicki Kellerman (D). **1994 result:** Duncan 9,672, Goble 9,369. **Notes:** Democrats are crowing about Kellerman, who brings impressive economic development credentials from Batesville. That, cuppled with Duncan's slim 303-vote victory, makes this seat a real battleground. **HPR forecast:** Tossup.

74th District

State Rep. Sally Rideout Lambert (R) v. Russ Stilwell (D). **1994 result:** Lambert 10,589, Phillips 10,314. **Notes:** Lambert was the second person to upset a House Speaker in the last 10 years. But nearly everyone thinks it will be almost impossible for her to duplicate her 275-vote upset that shocked even Al Hubbard, Mike Young and Sam Turpin. Lambert has worked as hard at being a rep as she did in her underfunded '94 effort. But her vote on prevailing wage will be a killer in this big labor district. Stilwell comes from labor and will be well funded. **HPR forecast:** Safe D.

80th District

State Rep. John Becker (R) v. Ben GiaQuinta (D). **1994 result:** Becker 5,206, GiaQuinta 5,199. **Notes:** This was a 7-vote loss that stunned Democrats. GiaQuinta vowed a comeback on election night. In the '94 campaign, he diverted some of his campaign warchest to his son's quest for an Allen County office. Now the GiaQuinta family appears determined to regain the seat while the state caucus will be keeping closer tabs on this race. The family makes no bones about painting Becker as an "extremist" and plan to exploit his vote on prevailing wage reforms.. Allen County Republicans can be expected to wage a vigorous defense of this seat. But the numbers scream "D!" **HPR forecast:** Leans D.

97th District

State Rep. Irene Heffley (R) v. Edmund Mahern (D). **1994 result:** Heffley 4,782, Cantwell 4,037. **Notes:** This was a GOP Tsunami surprise for Democrats on the Indianapolis eastside. But they've got a familiar

name in Mahern, who will be able to raise money. He should be able to erase that 745-vote Heffley surprise, unless Son of Tsunami arises. **HPR forecast:** Safe D.

100th District

State Rep. Martha Womacks (R) v. John Day (D). **1994 result:** Womacks 3,969, Day 3,818. **Notes:** This was a 151-vote stunner. Republicans have a better chance at holding on to this seat than in the nearby 97th, but the numbers really suggest this seat should return to the Democrats. **HPR forecast:** Leans D.

Eight more to watch

19th District

Robert Kuzman (D) v. Duane Sparks (R). **1994 result:** Conlon (R) 8,850, McCall (D) 5,280. **Notes:** This is an open seat due to Conlon's retirement. This is a southern Lake County district that leans Republican. Sparks works at the Chicago Board of Trade and has been active with the Crown Point Chamber, Farm Bureau and the Lake County GOP. But Kuzman, a Crown Point attorney, has already raised close to \$20,000 and could make this exciting. **HPR forecast:** Leans R.

31st District

State Rep. Dean Young (R) v. Nick Choehos (D). **1994 result:** Young 8,974, Persinger 5,478. **Notes:** Democrats say Choehos, a Marion councilman from the more populated side of the district is ready to wage a "battle royale" with Young. It's a 50/50 district. Republicans realize the threat and have staff in place. **HPR forecast:** Tossup.

34th District

State Rep. James Vanleer (R) v. Tiny Adams (D). **1994 result:** Vanleer 8,491, Elliott 7,522. **Notes:** This is the best prospect for Democrats in the Muncie area. Adams is a retired firefighter with good labor connections. Vanleer was a surprise winner in a seat Fred Wenger vacated to run the the Senate. **HPR forecast:** Tossup

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HPR publisher Brian Howey's weekly political column has begun appearing in the Muncie Star-Press.

Mayor Stephen Goldsmith spent Tuesday in Orange County, meeting with local officials there to help restructure their government.

State Sens. Marvin Riegsecker, Joseph Harrison and Kent Adams have endorsed Steve Carter in the Republican attorney generals race.

Indianapolis Democrats are calling it "Golfgate," and alleging that Goldsmith is trying to cover up bidding irregularities when the city privatized golf courses. Council members Rozelle Boyd and Susan Williams point to new evidence in a deposition made by former Parks Chief Leon Younger as part of a federal lawsuit brought by whistle blower George Tomanovich. Younger said in that testimony that Goldsmith personally authorized the letting of a \$605,000 bid that violated state bidding laws. Goldsmith calls the allegations politically motivated. Boyd and Williams have called for Marion County Prosecutor Scott Newman to appoint a special prosecutor since Goldsmith endorsed him in a TV ad during the 1994 campaign.

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INDIANA SENATE PRIMARY RESULTS

7TH SENATE DISTRICT

Alan Kemper, R 8,455
Ruth Artez 7,746

12TH SENATE DISTRICT

Marvin Riegsecker, R 8,781
Michael Aust 1,894

16TH SENATE DISTRICT

David Long, R 6,887
Ronald Buskirk 2,417

24TH SENATE DISTRICT

Connie Lawson, R 6,926
Thomas Eggers 4,804
Barbara Quandt 3,025
Ed Schrier 2,665
Myron Anderson 1,418

37TH SENATE DISTRICT

Richard Bray, R 10,351
Linda Ann Studer 3,762

42ND SENATE DISTRICT

Robert Jackman, R 6,011
Gary Reding 4,244
Donald Robison 2,638
Frank Cherry 690

2ND SENATE DISTRICT

Lonnie Randolph, D 6,730
Michael Daniels 4,823

10TH SENATE DISTRICT

Cleophus Washington, D 2,595
Rodney Sniadecki 2,535
Sam Mercantini 1,806

33RD SENATE DISTRICT

Glenn Howard, D 5,668
Lardell Harbor 1,188

GOP sees 'payback time' for Engle

35th District

State Rep. Bruce Munson (R) v. Sue Errington (D). **1994 result:** Munson 9,505, Eldy 7,694. **Notes:** Errington brings in strong community activist and pro-choice credentials and Democrats see her and Kellerman as potential stars should they win. Munson, however, will be tough to defeat. He is likeable, a good speaker and will be in good shape to weather the storm. **HPR forecast:** Leans R.

40th District:

State Rep. Sam Turpin (R) v. Thomas Downey (D). **1994 result:** Turpin 11,806, Powers 3,913. **Notes:** This wouldn't be on the list except that Ways and Means Chairman Turpin has found himself the subject of a big *Star* expose. He deflected most of the ethics charges in a House committee last month, getting only a reprimand. But he is under a criminal investigation in Marion and Dearborn counties over the Lawrenceburg riverboat casino. An indictment would make Downey, a clean-cut former FAA official, competitive. Short of that, Turpin should win, although he'll have a race. **HPR forecast:** Tossup.

54th District

State Rep. David Copenhaver (D) v. Tom Saunders. **1994 result:** Kinser 9,176, Razor

7,853. **Notes:** Henry County GOP chairman Saunders is expected to give Copenhaver a good race. Democrats did well in this seat previously due to Doug Kinser's popularity. **HPR forecast:** Tossup.

65th District

State Rep. Brent Steele (R) v. Kay Henderson (D). **1994 result:** Steele 9,834, Henderson 8,175. **Notes:** This is a rematch of a '94 race that brought the spotlight due to the "killer phone bank" controversy. Steele, however, has lengthy family political roots and will be tough to beat unless a significant Democratic wave materializes. **HPR forecast:** Leans R.

79th District

State Rep. Barb Engle (D) v. Mike Ripley (R). **1994 result:** Engle 3,842, Holt 7,499. **Notes:** Engle won this as a Republican, then switched parties at the end of the tumultuous 1995 legislative session, angered by what she called the pro-business swing and unresponsive House leadership. She is about the only Republican to switch to the Democrats nationally since 1994. Ripley is a popular Adams County commissioner who ran for Congress in 1994, losing to Mark Souder in the primary. Ripley will be well-funded as Republicans see Engle as due for a payback. But Democrats say Engle is raising money and campaigning hard. **HPR forecast:** Tossup.

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