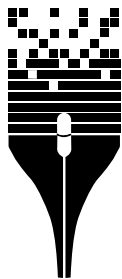


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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“You don’t have to get snippy about this...”

- Vice President Al Gore, after telling a disappointed George W. Bush he was withdrawing his Election Night concession early Wednesday.

Stage set for Dems to consolidate power

O’Bannon rolls, House stays with D’s

By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis

It was just after the polls closed on Election Night when senior Lugar staffers noted how the senator had drawn from the Sept. 28 edition of HPR as he stumped for Indiana House candidates: “200 Election could signal historic shift: Party of Bulen fading to Democrats?”

It was used as a motivational tool for Republicans from the Lugar perspective, even while some of the Lugarites questioned the veracity of the HPR equation: That Indiana was slipping from a Republican state, not to a swing state, but a Democratic state.

While Lugar rolled to a huge 67 percent victory over David Johnson, and George W. Bush staked out an impressive 57 to 41 percent win over Al Gore, the opponent of the internal combustion engine, the rest of the numbers churned out by Hoosier voters on Nov. 7 lend credibility to the HPR theory.

Gov. Frank O’Bannon won a convincing 56 to 42 percent victory over GOP rising star David McIntosh. More telling, he carried Marion County by 54,000 votes, while Gore lost Indianapolis by a mere 5,000 votes.

While Democratic members of Congress are still at a 6 to 4 minority, Baron Hill has begun consolidating his hold on the 9th CD and Tim Roemer staved off his harshest 3rd challenge in a decade into the teeth of a Bush headwind.

Then there was the Indiana House. Lugar had spent a good part of the final week stumping for Republican candidates from Crown Point, to Muncie, to Richmond, to Vincennes. Almost all of them lost. Not necessarily because Lugar didn’t have coattails, but more that O’Bannon did, and

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BUSH LEADS BY 225 VOTES: With 65 out of 67 Florida counties completing recounts, George W. Bush led Al Gore in Florida by a 225-vote margin at HPR's late Thursday night deadline. Calls for a revote in Palm Beach County prompted the Bush campaign to begin eyeing recounts in New Mexico, Iowa and Wisconsin, where only a few thousand votes separated the two candidates in states Gore had won. DNC Chairman Joe Andrew and others noted that Gore had a 200,000 popular vote advantage, but there are still nearly 4 million absentee ballots to be counted, including 1 million in California.

MANNWEILER STEPS DOWN: House Minority Leader Paul Mannweiler will step down from leadership, setting off a power struggle between House conservatives and moderates. Seeking to fill the void were Reps. Brian Bosma and Mike Murphy of Indianapolis, Brent Steele of Bedford, and Michael Smith of Rensselaer.

O'BANNON CRUISES TO SECOND TERM; 2004 GOP SPECULATION BEGINS: Gov. Frank O'Bannon easily cruised to his second term,

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Democrats, *from page 1*

even more so that Indiana House Republicans overplayed their hand.

So while Gore and Bush were class acts who conducted themselves with the distinction the office they sought deserved, in Indiana this year, it was a different story with potentially profound repercussions.

McIntosh, finding himself down in the polls, ran about five weeks of "attack" ads against Gov. O'Bannon on the issues of education and "mismanagement" of the incumbent administration. McIntosh learned that Hoosiers were in no mood for negativity, and he wisely pulled back the ads that were legitimately comparative in nature, albeit critical of O'Bannon. Realizing that he faced an almost impossible task of knocking off an incumbent governor, McIntosh seemed to spend the final weeks of his campaign positioning himself for another run in 2004.

But down ballot in the Hoosier state, the gutter instincts took root and ended backfiring on those they were designed to help.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce ran ads accusing Attorney General Karen

Freeman-Wilson of aiding and employing drug dealers while serving as a judge in Gary. Now those may have been legitimate issues, but the proper way to deal with them would have been to have the Republican candidate, Steve Carter, detail the concerns, release position papers on the matter, answer questions from the media, and then get a detailed response from Freeman-Wilson.

None of that happened. Carter said he didn't even know about the U.S. Chamber ads. He called for them to be pulled, which they weren't. Carter did respond with the worst TV ad of the year - a person scratching their fingernails across a blackboard before he intoned that he was running "a positive campaign" while his surrogates wallowed in the gutter. Missing from this equation was the Indiana Chamber's Christopher LaMothe, who had to know about the U.S. Chamber strategy, did nothing to stop it, and now envisions himself as a potential 2004 gubernatorial candidate, but one who is already tainted.

The largely unknown Freeman-Wilson lost the election by a 51 to 46 percent margin, with the HPR/TeleResearch Poll two weeks prior showing Carter had

2000 Gubernatorial Race Polling Sequences

	HPR/TR 6/10-15	Star/13 8/24-27	WISH 9/9-10	SBT/22 9/18	JMA 9/24-25	HPR/TR 9/30-10/1	WISH 10/10	SBT/22 10/12	Star/13 10/26-28	HPR/TR 10/28-29	Final
O'Bannon	44	50	44	48	48	46	46	44	49	52	56
McIntosh	40	29	26	33	34	38	26	34	33	37	42
Horning	3	--	1	--	1	4	2	2	2	3	2
Others	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Undecided	13	21	29	17	17	12	26	15	16	8	--

POLLWATCH: The final HPR/TeleResearch poll ended up within the margin of error, as O'Bannon defeated McIntosh 56 to 42 percent - a 14 percent margin compared to 15 percent in our final poll. The 8 percent undecided split about evenly to both candidates. Our forecast of a possible two-seat GOP pickup in the Indiana House was only slightly off in what turned out to be a status quo election. And our congressional forecasts were right on target with U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer winning the only tossup race in the 3rd CD by 4 percent, within the margin of error. ❖

a 10-point lead. The Chamber ads may have cost him some support.

But the real barn dung of this election was perpetrated by Indiana House Republicans. They accused Democratic State Reps. Claire Leuck, Bob Bischoff, Ron Herrell, Bob Kuzman and John Frenz of voting for pedophilia, sexual perversion and condom giveaways, and letting murderers and rapists get out of prison early. This was based in large part because they voted for the last biennial budget, which included funding for the Indiana University Kinsey Institute, which studies human sexuality.

"He got too outrageous. His bestiality charges made the *Wall Street Journal* for most outrageous campaign charges," observed Bill Stuart of the Indiana House Democratic caucus about the campaign Republican Eric Holcomb ran against Frenz in the Vincennes area. "He just went too extreme. When you go into the unbelievable range, people don't believe it." Speaker John Gregg added, "It was so hateful and spiteful. People just

don't believe that stuff."

And they didn't. Kuzman, Leuck, Frenz, Bischoff and Herrell and all were in tough re-election battles. But in the end, Kuzman won by 1,517 votes over Ron Johnson, Frenz topped Holcomb by 1,955, Herrell won by 2,091 over Karen Burkhardt, Bischoff defeated Jean Leising by 202 votes, and Leuck by just 136 votes over Don Lehe.

These close races were blown by the worst political instincts of the challenging Republicans. Instead of retaking the Indiana House, the Republicans now find themselves in the same hole they were in going into 2000, down 53 to 47 members despite the electoral tail winds that Bush and Lugar provided them at the top of the ballot.

The GOP gutter trapeze could have profound impact on the Hoosier political scene. The House Democrats are now in the powerful position of redrawing the congressional and legislative maps for the

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trying a 19th Century record for 16 years of consecutive Democratic rule while announcing that he will soon have another grandchild. O'Bannon defeated Republican David McIntosh 1,209,980 to 894,066 (with 99 percent reporting), for a 56 to 42 percent victory (which was within the final HPR/TeleResearch Poll error margin). Libertarian Andrew Horning reported 38,185 for 2 percent. O'Bannon appeared to be more delighted by one of those "precious little miracles" as

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he told thousands of supporters about another grandchild on the way. "So the future always looks great," said O'Bannon, who was joined on stage by his wife Judy and family, LG Joe Kernan, U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, Democratic Chair Robin Winston and Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson. "It's been a remarkable, remarkable year and we're glad it came to a victory tonight," O'Bannon said. McIntosh said he intends to stay in Muncie. "We haven't sorted out the options, but we'll be living here in Muncie," McIntosh told WRTV. While many anticipate McIntosh returning to the Hudson Institute and gearing up for another run for governor in 2004, there was significant grumbling in GOP circles in the past week that a second shot will not be automatically extended his way. Names of potential 2004 GOP candidates were topped by Pat Kiely of the Indiana Manufacturer's Association, former Republican National Committeewoman Jean Ann Harcourt, former Lilly CEO Randall Tobias, LG nominee Murray Clark, State Sen. Luke Kenley, former congressman John Hiler, and Indiana Chamber of Commerce CEO Christopher LaMothe.

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Congressional races stayed local

By **MARK SCHOEFF Jr.**
and **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis.

WASHINGTON - Searching for a mandate after the 2000 congressional election might require a microscope. Certainly no national issue or trend emerged, as the House barely remained in Republican hands and the Senate headed for a 50-50 tie.

But in the 2nd CD, the victorious Republican candidate thinks his style of campaigning received a strong endorsement from voters, and he wants to carry the message to others in his party.

Former radio talk show host Mike Pence won the open seat vacated by Republican Rep. David McIntosh with 51 percent of the vote in a three-way contest. Most observers believed that the race would be decided by a plurality because of the presence of a credible and well-funded third party candidate, former GOP state senator Bill Frazier. Frazier drew 10 percent of the vote while Democrat Robert Rock Jr. garnered 39 percent.

Pence said that the vote validated his "mainstream conservative agenda." But the packaging of the message was just as important. After running what he acknowledged were bare-knuckle races in 1988 and 1990 loses to then-Rep. Phil Sharp, Pence focused on staying positive this time around.

"This election gives me a legitimate claim to advocate that type of campaigning within the Republican Party," said Pence. He said he wants "to be a catalyst for bringing a different tone into Indiana politics among my friends."

His favorite vignette from the campaign trail involves a visit to the 12th Street Café in Muncie. While greeting customers, he encountered a woman who refused to shake his hand. Later as he was working the room, she came back and asked him whether he was the candidate running positive commercials. Pence said

yes and she stuck her hand out. Pence went up in the last week with an ad in which he pledged to talk only about his own ideas, not his opponents' stances.

Pence Had Cash, ID Advantage

But a campaign, of course, also involves strategy, tactics and name ID. Pence did well in each category.

"I've got (an opponent) who's been

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on the radio for 10 years and he's outspent me three to one," said Rock, an Anderson lawyer who is the son of a former Anderson mayor and lieutenant governor. Pence spent \$920,625 on his campaign as of Oct. 18, according to the Federal Election Commission, most of it on television buys. Rock had spent \$290,090.

None of Rock's spending went into Indianapolis network television. He did go up on Richmond cable. But his weaker TV push hurt. "It was a big factor, especially in the southern part of the district. I got clobbered down there."

But Pence also won in the north. Rock credited the Pence campaign for establishing its headquarters in Anderson. "He minimized the inherited advantage I had in my home county," said Rock on election night. "I won, but not by the margin I would need to carry the whole district." Actually, Rock wound up losing Madison County. He won Delaware County, another critical Democratic stronghold, by only 1,262 votes.

Pence said the decision to put his headquarters in Anderson stemmed from the fact that his campaign manager, Lani Czarniecki, and his treasurer are both from Anderson. "There is no question that having the headquarters at the north end of the district helped to shore up any

reservation people had about Mike being from the southern part," said Czarniecki.

Frazier Stalls

Frazier didn't have to worry about locating a campaign headquarters because he essentially didn't have one. But he did have plenty of money. The Muncie farmer and businessman sank more than \$300,000 of his own money into television and radio advertising. Almost all of it was his own money. But Frazier, who put up a hard-hitting ad critical of the North American Free Trade Agreement, couldn't get traction against Pence, a staunch trade supporter.

"I found no one that supports NAFTA, but my opposition to that certainly didn't translate into votes," Frazier said. His stance on the issue most likely appealed to workers in manufacturing industries, an important labor constituency for a Democrat like Rock.

"I wasn't able to get over the 39 or 40 percent that I needed to get over," Rock said. He attributed it to Frazier's "NAFTA message more than anything." Rock spent part of the last week of the campaign doing a press tour on NAFTA, criticizing the pact for costing the 2nd CD high-paying jobs. The Pence campaign said that their polls showed Frazier taking equally from Pence and Rock.

But Frazier lacked the infrastructure to get out his vote. "If you're going to do anything (in politics), you better stay with one of the big parties," he said. "I'm a household name out here, but so what. It doesn't much matter. Independent candidates are like stepchildren. You're disregarded by everybody, including the voters."

Rock said he has no regrets. "We ran a good race. We had help from many good people. We wouldn't have done anything differently other than have more fun."

Next Step for Pence

As a new congressman, Pence said

he would focus on cutting taxes, rebuilding the military and "restoring respect for life." He also will devote much time to establishing his district offices and constituent service operation.

That's a good idea following an election in which the voters apparently said they don't want to see anything specific - or ideological - emanating from Washington. Concentrating on constituent service and projects is "a good way to tread water while figuring out what the public mood is," said Chris Sautter, a Washington Democratic political consultant who has worked for 20 years on Hoosier campaigns. "This is a status quo election. People generally like the way the country is moving. A guy like Mike Pence would be wise to find the middle."

Roemer Holds on in 3rd

Democratic Rep. Tim Roemer held onto his seat in the 3rd CD despite a strong challenge from well-financed Republican Chris Chocola, a local business executive. Roemer captured 52 percent of the vote to Chocola's 48 percent in a race that wasn't declared until 1 a.m.

In the final weeks of the campaign, Chocola appeared to be gaining ground, erasing a double-digit Roemer lead thanks in part to a visit to the district in late October by GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush.

"In some ways, it means keep doing what you're doing," said Roemer spokesman Chris Mehl. "People respect Tim as an independent voice for them." Roemer, as cochairman of the centrist New Democrat Coalition in the House, has tried to pull his party into the middle. The Chamber of Commerce endorsed him this year.

Chocola took heart in the results despite his loss. "We got a lot farther than expected because of the work of a lot of good people. We just came up a little short." In particular, he had hoped to do better in LaPorte County, where he lost by

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HOUSE SPEAKER GREGG VOWS RETRIBUTION: House Speaker John Gregg expressed his bitter disappointment in the campaigns aimed by Republicans at victorious State Reps. Claire Leuck, Ron Herrell, John Frenz, Bob Bischoff and Bob Kuzman. "They went overboard on the negative. It backfired," Gregg declared shortly after he determined the House Democrats would hold on to a 53-47 majority. Bill Stuart, policy director for the Indiana House Democratic Caucus, thinks the strategies of Republicans Eric Holcomb and Dan Hostettler - Holcomb in particular - worked against them. Holcomb took out an advertisement that suggested Frenz supported bestiality. "He got too outrageous. His bestiality charges made the Wall Street Journal for most outrageous campaign charges," Stuart said (Evansville Courier & Press). "He just went too extreme. When you go into the unbelievable range, people don't believe it." Gregg added, "It was so hateful and spiteful. People just don't believe that stuff." The Republicans accused Democrats of supporting youth condom distribution and voting for sexual perversion (via funding through IU's Kinsey Institute) - a

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strategy right out of the Woody Burton Playbook. Gregg said of Reps. Mike Murphy and Kathy Kay Richardson who ran the GOP House caucus, "I won't forget their lies they said about our members." Murphy insisted that neither he nor Richardson were involved in the House campaign other than raising money and writing checks, saying it was Mannweiler and Brad Tracy who determined the issue strategy.

THE FLORIDA FIASCO: Here is how the Florida presidential fiasco played out on Nov. 7-8.

9 p.m. Nov. 7: CBS anchor Dan Rather said, "Gore has won Florida and starts to score other significant victories." Indiana Democrats partying at the Convention Center erupted into frantic cheers as Michigan and Pennsylvania quickly followed into the Gore column.

9:54 p.m. Nov. 7: CNN's Bernard Shaw said, "Hold on, hold on, we're moving Florida back in the tossup column."

Midnight, Nov. 8: NBC's Tom Brokaw intoned that Florida was headed back into the undecided column, saying, "Turn the lights down, the party just got wilder."

2:30 a.m. Nov. 8:

Indiana 2000 Racing Form

INDIANA

PRESIDENT 99%
 Bush, R 1,231,713
 Gore, D 888,201
 Buchanan, Ref 17,173
 Browne, L 16,672

GOVERNOR 99%
 O'Bannon, D 1,225,671
 McIntosh, R 902,713
 Horning, L 38,479

ATTNY GEN. 98%
 Carter, R 1,039,458
 Freeman-Wilson, D 938,952
 Harshey, L 43,591

SUPT. 98%
 Reed, R 1,133,037
 McCullum, D 786,022
 Goldstein, L 78,160

CONGRESSIONAL

U.S. Senate 99%
 Lugar (R) 1,415,807
 Johnson (D) 681,589
 Hager, L 29,364

1ST CD 98%
 Visclosky, D 140,173
 Reynolds, 51,701

2ND CD 100%
 Pence (R) 106,023
 Rock, D 80,885
 Frazier, I 19,077

3RD CD 100%
 Roemer, D 107,076
 Chocola, R 98,367

4TH CD 100%
 Souder, R 131,051
 Foster, D 74,492

5TH CD 99%
 Buyer, R 132,035

Goodnight, D 81,423
6TH CD 100%
 Burton, R 194,771
 Griesey, D 72,821
 Hauptmann, L 8,874

7TH CD 100%
 Kern, R 131,562
 Graf, D 65,174

8TH CD 100%
 Hostettler, R 116,860
 Perry, D 100,461

9TH CD 100%
 Hill, D 125,978
 Bailey, R 101,790
 Chambers (L) 4,634

10TH CD 100%
 Carson, D 91,300
 Scott, R 61,818
 Ali, L 2,513

INDIANA SENATE

2ND DISTRICT
 S. Smith (D) 25,889

3RD DISTRICT
 Rogers (D) 31,482

5TH DISTRICT
 Alexa (D) 33,383

7TH DISTRICT
 Hershman (R) 26,976
 Altman (D) 22,748

8TH DISTRICT
 Bowser (D) 30,742

9TH DISTRICT
 Adams (R) 30,093

10TH DISTRICT
 Broden (D) 22,547
 Wilken (L) 1,008

12TH DISTRICT
 Riegsecker (R) 30,469

13TH DISTRICT
 Meeks (R) 31,600
 Prokop'wicz (D) 11,712

16TH DISTRICT
 Long (R) 27,249
 Headlee (L) 863

18TH DISTRICT
 W'eath'rwax (R) 29,648
 Nelson (L) 2,094

20TH DISTRICT
 Kenley (R) 37,897

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24TH DISTRICT
 Lawson (R) 39,298
 Aaron (L) 5,308

28TH DISTRICT
 Gard (R) 44,065

30TH DISTRICT
 Lubbers (R) 36,239
 Robb (D) 18,116
 Cicak (L) 1,296

32ND DISTRICT
 Miller (R) 27,830
 Kern (D) 14,697
 Tennes (L) 2,727

33RD DISTRICT
 Howard (D) 25,374
 Chulock (R) 6,580
 Gordon (L) 835

34TH DISTRICT
 Breaux (D) 19,667
 Loveless (R) 3,480

35TH DISTRICT
 M. Young (R) 17,786
 Barnes (D) 11,041
 Kirkpatrick (L) 1,104

36TH DISTRICT
 Borst (R) 24,621
 Reno (D) 12,095
 Williamson (L) 1,061

37TH DISTRICT
 Bray (R) 14,254
 Wheeler (D) 8,685

40TH DISTRICT
 Simpson (D) 29,167
 Barger (R) 3,403

42ND DISTRICT
 Jackman (R) 30,313
 Lambton (L) 3,131

44TH DISTRICT
 Skillman (R) 33,125

50TH DISTRICT
 Server (R) 42,968

INDIANA HOUSE

1ST DISTRICT
 L. Lawson (D) 11,937

2ND DISTRICT
 Harris (D) 16,091

3RD DISTRICT
 C. Brown (D) 16,589

4TH DISTRICT
 Ayres (R) 18,695
 Bucko (D) 7,905

5TH DISTRICT Fry (D) 11,105 Crawford (R) 7,072	19TH DISTRICT Kuzman (D) 13,879 Johnson (R) 12,177	33RD DISTRICT Liggett (D) 11,090 Carpenter (R) 9,544	Baugh (L) 454
6TH DISTRICT Bauer (D) 10,057 Ehrhard (R) 5,255	20TH DISTRICT Budak (R) 14,828	34TH DISTRICT Adams (D) 10,964 Whitehead (R) 7,391	47TH DISTRICT Foley (R) 8,998 Eggers (D) 3,307
7TH DISTRICT Kromk'wski (D) 11,524 Barkley (R) 5,491	21ST DISTRICT Mangus (R) 14,828	35TH DISTRICT Munson (R) 11,696 Shepperd (D) 8,867	48TH DISTRICT Mock (R) 14,876 Crabtree (D) 6,777
8TH DISTRICT Dvorak (D) 15,660 Zirkle (R) 9,768	22ND DISTRICT Ruppel (R) 12,446 Evans (D) 5,480	36TH DISTRICT J. Lutz (R) 12,397 Austin (D) 11,487	49TH DISTRICT Ulmer (R) 17,201
9TH DISTRICT Pelath (D) 14,458	23RD DISTRICT Friend (R) 14,385	37TH DISTRICT Mellinger (D) 15,380	50TH DISTRICT Dillon (R) 18,674
10TH DISTRICT Cheney (D) 12,859 Cannon (R) 9,279	24TH DISTRICT McClain (R) 12,721 Sabatini (D) 9,160	38TH DISTRICT Buck (R) 25,112	51ST DISTRICT Kruse (R) 17,036
11TH DISTRICT Stevenson (D) 13,447	25TH DISTRICT Leuck (D) 11,810 Lehe (R) 11,674	39TH DISTRICT Torr (R) 26,428	52ND DISTRICT D. Sturtz (D) 9,536 Wonderly (R) 7,825
12TH DISTRICT Aguilera (D) 12,089	26TH DISTRICT Scholer (R) 9,086 Windler (D) 5,186	40TH DISTRICT Whetstone (R) 16,503 Nickerson (D) 5,711	53RD DISTRICT Cherry (R) 18,878 Tutterrow (D) 7,404 Brand (L) 3,085
13TH DISTRICT Dobis (D) 14,212 Spott (R) 5,662	27TH DISTRICT Klinker (D) 12,644 O'Brien (R) 8,095	41ST DISTRICT T. Brown (R) 18,152	54TH DISTRICT Saunders (R) 13,569
14TH DISTRICT V. Smith (D) 14,280	28TH DISTRICT Thompson (R) 17,025	42ND DISTRICT Grubb (D) 13,669 Andrews (R) 7,774 Stevenson (L) 454	55TH DISTRICT Hoffman (R) 13,978 Garvey (D) 7,240
15TH DISTRICT Dumezich (R) 15,134 Duda (D) 8,753 Backlund (L) 439	29TH DISTRICT Richardson (R) 31,149 Stefani (L) 2,585	43RD DISTRICT Kersey (D) 13,414 Gluck (L) 1,703	56TH DISTRICT Bodiker (D) 9,508 Pappin (R) 8,882
16TH DISTRICT M. Smith (R) 17,840	30TH DISTRICT Herrell (D) 11,442 Burkhardt (R) 9,351	44TH DISTRICT Crosby (D) 16,132	57TH DISTRICT Herndon (R) 10,903 Lux (D) 9,745
17TH DISTRICT Cook (D) 13,428 Roush (R) 5,859	31ST DISTRICT D. Young (R) 12,555	45TH DISTRICT Gregg (D) 16,554 Hood (R) 5,187	58TH DISTRICT Burton (R) 16,702 McCauley (D) 3,820
18TH DISTRICT Wolkins (R) 16,927	32ND DISTRICT Turner (R) 11,919 Herriman (D) 10,172	46TH DISTRICT Tincher (D) 11,748 Carson (R) 8,078	59TH DISTRICT Yount (R) 16,956

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ABC's Peter Jennings announced, "Florida goes to Mr. Bush. Just stop and absorb that for a moment. Unless there is a terrible calamity, George Bush will be the next president of the United States."

Just for a moment ... as the New York Post's presses rolled off editions reading, "BUSH WINS!" ... for then at ...

4:30 a.m., Nov. 8: "We are going to take Florida back into the too close to call column," Jennings said on ABC. "So now we have our second major switch of the evening." This came after Gore had called Bush to say he was going to concede and actually was on his way to give a concession speech in Nashville, only to call it off. Gore reportedly called Bush to rescind his concession, with an icy Bush reportedly telling him, "You've gotta do what you have to do." Minutes later, tearful Gore supporters heard campaign Chairman Bill Daley tell a worldwide audience, "This race is still too close to call. This race still continues!" Had Gore given that concession speech only to have a recount - with a Palm Beach ballot snafu and temporarily missing ballot boxes - and perhaps a race decided by

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only a handful of votes, the vice president's hasty actions could have ignited a Constitutional crisis.

HPR'S Presidential Analysis: What an incredible night of politics and TV. We are now faced with an Electoral College winner who has lost the popular vote to be decided by a Florida recount scheduled to be concluded on Thursday. Hanging in the balance will be the political futures of former Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, rumored to be Bush's choice to head HUD, and Indiana Republican Chairman Mike McDaniel, who could be in line for a political job.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS:
1st CD Roger A. Chiabai, Noal Highlands (alt); 2nd CD Virgil Scheidt, Shirley Wright-Small (alt); 3rd CD Michael Miner, Len Zappia (alt); 4th CD Marla Irving David Daugherty (alt); 5th CD Don Heckard, Kenneth Culp, Jr. (alt); 6th CD Beverly Gard, Jeff Heinzmann (alt); 7th CD Rodric D. Bray, Garry Warren (alt); 8th CD Virginia Lee, William Springer (alt); 9th CD Max Middendorf, Janet Ellingsworth (alt); 10th CD P.E. MacAllister, Michael Chrysler (alt); at-large Barbara L. McClellan, Robert J. Hiler, Jr. (alt) and Michael D. McDaniel, Diane Adams (alt). ❖

60TH DISTRICT
Welch (D) 13,961
Shean (R) 10,495

61ST DISTRICT
Kruzan (D) 11,512

62ND DISTRICT
Denbo (D) 14,370

63RD DISTRICT
Crooks (D) 13,762

64TH DISTRICT
Frenz (D) 11,863
Holcomb (R) 9,908

65TH DISTRICT
Steele (R) 15,335
Rhum (D) 7,096

66TH DISTRICT
Goodin (D) 12,287
Hanner (R) 9,663

67TH DISTRICT
Duncan (R) 16,135

68TH DISTRICT
Bischoff (D) 11,746
Leising (R) 11,544

69TH DISTRICT
Lytle (D) 12,236
Coates (R) 9,506

70TH DISTRICT
Robertson (D) 15,637
Shireman (R) 11,995

71ST DISTRICT
Bottorff (D) 14,826
Taylor (R) 7,141

72ND DISTRICT
Cochran (D) 14,267
White (R) 10,017

73RD DISTRICT
Oxley (D) 15,113

74TH DISTRICT
Stilwell (D) 17,647

75TH DISTRICT
Avery (D) 14,850

76TH DISTRICT
Weinzapfel (D) 14,164
D.Hostettler (R) 7,923

77TH DISTRICT
Hasler (D) 14,019

78TH DISTRICT
V. Becker (R) 24,831

79TH DISTRICT
Ripley (R) 16,668

80TH DISTRICT
GiaQuinta (D) 9,051

81ST DISTRICT
Moses (D) 8,573
Conley (R) 4,794

82ND DISTRICT
Espich (R) 18,492
Young (D) 7,570

83RD DISTRICT
Alderman (R) 17,922
Emerson (D) 5,998

84TH DISTRICT
Goeglein (R) 16,675
Houck (D) 6,756

85TH DISTRICT
Pond (R) 18,168

86TH DISTRICT
Atterholt (R) 17,320
Goodloe-Coe (D) 9,708

87TH DISTRICT
Mannweiler (R) 16,694
Mansfield (D) 7,913
Kennedy (L) 651

88TH DISTRICT
Bosma (R) 22,345
Jessup (D) 8,616

89TH DISTRICT
Siroky (L) 501

89TH DISTRICT
Buell (R) 10,102
Sims (D) 8,543
Hubertz (L) 635

90TH DISTRICT
Murphy (R) 16,558
Fitzpatrick (D) 3,823
Stinson (L) 1,160

91ST DISTRICT
Behning (R) 6,703
Godfrey (D) 6,333
Palmer (L) 331

92ND DISTRICT
Hinkle (R) 9,994
Danz (L) 463

93RD DISTRICT
Frizzell (R) 16,071
Richardson (L) 1,507

94TH DISTRICT
Bardon (D) 13,562
Ogden (R) 8,479
Grant (L) 489

95TH DISTRICT
Dickinson (D) 11,030

96TH DISTRICT
Porter (D) 13,304
Gaff-Clark (R) 3,694
F. Peterson (L) 434

97TH DISTRICT
Mahern (D) 5,573
B. Smith (R) 4,185
Hart (L) 316

98TH DISTRICT
Crawford (D) 10,201
Silva (R) 2,615
Klopfenstein (L) 303

99TH DISTRICT
Summers (D) 12,103
Neville (R) 2,738
W. Smith (L) 361

100TH DISTRICT
Day (D) 5,438

Parmlee (R) 3,192
Padgett (L) 304

INDIANA RECORDS

1988 U.S. SENATE
Lugar, R 1,430,525
Wickes, D 668,778
Lugar 68%, Wickes 31%

1994 U.S. SENATE
Lugar, R 1,039,625
Jontz, D 470,799
Bourland, L 17,343
Barton, NA 15,801
Lugar 67%; Jontz 30%

1998 U.S. SENATE
Bayh, D 1,012,244
Helmke, R 552,732
Sink-Burris, L 23,641
Bayh 63.7%, Helmke 34.7%

1992 GOVERNOR
Bayh, D 1,382,151
Pearson, R 822,853
Bayh 62%, Pearson 37%

1980 GOVERNOR
Orr, R 1,257,383
Hillenbrand, D 913,116
Orr 57.9%, Hillenbrand 42%

1976 GOVERNOR
Bowen, R 1,236,555
Conrad, D 927,243
Bowen 57%, Conrad 42%

1972 PRESIDENTIAL
Nixon, R 1,405,154
McGovern, D 708,568
Nixon 66%, McGovern 33%

1984 PRESIDENTIAL
Reagan, R 1,377,230
Mondale, D 841,481
Reagan 62%, Mondale 37 percent. ❖

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about 8,000 votes.

But Chocola believes one of his issues - questioning Roemer's residency - resonated with voters. "People really care that their congressman live in their district."

Mehl said that Roemer sold his district condominium when his wife became pregnant with their fourth child last year. But congressional rules permit members to keep their primary residence in the Washington area. Roemer pays fees and taxes in the 3rd CD and registers his cars there.

"He does have to explain that better," said Mehl. But he emphasized that Roemer's political opponents have not been able to portray him as being out of touch. "People are happy with how Tim comes back" to the district. Over the next two years, the Roemer office will redouble its efforts to promote Roemer's town hall meetings and other district activities.

The race was one of the most costly in Indiana. Chocola had spent \$831,949 as of Oct. 18, much of it his own resources. Roemer had spent \$568,133 as of Oct. 18. Chocola went up on television in June. Roemer went up in late September.

Roemer criticized Chocola for negative campaigning. But Chocola said he was trying to define differences. "We stuck with the facts; we documented everything. You have to show contrasts."

Hostettler's biggest victory

Mike McDaniel has long said

that U.S. Rep. John Hostettler has the best ground organization in the state. Once again it showed as Hostettler rolled to a 53-46 percent win over Dr. Paul Perry, a pro-life, pro-gun Democrat many believed could peel off support from the Hostettler base.

But it wasn't to be. Both Hostettler and Perry nationalized the race, with the incumbent making the better case. "A lot of people realized that a vote for Paul Perry was a vote to put in Dick Gephardt in the speaker's chair," said Rob Krieg, Hostettler's spokesman (Susan Taylor, *Evansville Courier & Press*).

Not only that, the establishment Democrats who support John Hamilton in the primary went through the motions, but never really enthusiastically jumped aboard the Perry bandwagon. Many remember his past votes in recent GOP primaries and wondered if they were really electing a Republican. Others saw him as a Johnny One Note, talking only about medical matters, and they wondered whether a rich doctor was the right Democrat for the Bloody 8th. Even when Hostettler was one of only three congressmen to vote against a domestic violence bill, Perry was unable to galvanize Democrats.

Hostettler carried 10 of 12 counties, including Vanderburgh by 21 votes. His 16,000 vote plurality surpassed his 12,000 vote win in '98.

Hostettler's biggest victory yet may provide only a breather. The big speculation even before Perry's defeat was that Indiana House Speaker John Gregg will be in a position to help

craft the new 8th CD in the 2001 reapportionment, then he will run in 2002. Gregg would be a pro-life, pro-gun Democrat like Perry - but he would merge well with the establishment wing of the party.

Hill already eyes 2002

One day after winning his second term, U.S. Rep. Baron Hill told the *Louisville Courier-Journal* that he would seek a third in 2002.

Hill fended off a vigorous challenge by Republican Michael Bailey. Hill said that polling his campaign had done three weeks ago showed him with a 10-point lead. But Hill remembered 1998 when he overcame a 10-point deficit to defeat Republican Jean Leising.

His campaign was bombarded with phone calls from worried district Democrats who knew the 9th is changing demographically, were worried about the 13,000 Bailey signs that seemed to be everywhere, saw GOP Ohio River city mayors do well in 1999, and had a history of bizarre upsets and near misses.

The day after the election, Hill said of his poll, "We were right on the money," but added, "You're never bulletproof" (Gregory Hall, *Louisville Courier-Journal*).

There is still good news for Republicans, however. The fact that Bailey received 44 percent of the vote with little help from the GOP establishment means Hill will probably face a challenge in 2002. The immediate speculation is that Kevin Shaw Kellems might give it another shot. ❖

Democrats, *from page 3*

next 10 years in the 2001 reapportionment process. That epic miscalculation could greatly aid and abet Speaker Gregg and Gov. O'Bannon in their attempts to create an Indiana that may soon be known as a Democratic state.

Indiana Democrats detailed their strategy for an

O'Bannon victory, and it included \$600,000 in 1999 to take control of the big mayoralships, which then put a further dent into GOP fundraising. They now control virtually all the power centers in the state, and are preparing to rework the legislative and congressional maps to their advantage. ❖