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Voters keep Republicans in control of Allen County

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Winners in other races

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Richard G. Lugar, R
U.S. senator

Mark Souder, R
U.S. representative, District 4

Stephen Carter, R
Indiana attorney general

Suellen Reed, R
Indiana supt. of public instruction

Robert Meeks, R
State senator, District 13

David Long, R
State senator, District 16

Gary Dillon, R
State representative, District 50

Michael Ripley, R
State representative, District 79

Ben GiaQuinta, D
State representative, District 80

Win Moses Jr., D
State representative, District 81

Jeffrey Espich, R
State representative, District 82

Robert Alderman, R
State representative, District 83

Gloria Goeglein, R
State representative, District 84

Phyllis Pond, R
State representative, District 85

Robert Lee, R
Allen County treasurer

Phillip O'Shaughnessy, R
Allen County coroner

Allan Frisinger, R
Allen County surveyor

Edwin Rousseau, R
Allen County commissioner, D-1

Margaret Ankenbruck, R
Allen County council at large

Herb Hernandez, R
Allen County council at large

Sandra Houlihan, R
Allen County council at large

Carol Coen
Fort Wayne Community Schools, District 2

Jon Olinger
Fort Wayne Community Schools, District 3

Steve Corona
Fort Wayne Community Schools, District 5

From staff, wire reports
Florida election officials were ordered to begin a recount of nearly 6 million votes today with the stunningly close presidential election between Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore in the balance.

After a night of suspense and drama, the presidential vote is cast, but the verdict is unknown. The outcome of the race between Texas Gov. Bush and Vice President Gore hung on an incomplete vote count in Florida, where fewer than 1,000 votes separated the two candidates out of 96 million cast across

America.

The outcome — or lack of one — left the nation wondering who would succeed Bill Clinton on Jan. 20 and raised the prospect the question would be unanswered for days.

Florida's secretary of state said the recount should be finished by the end of the day Thursday. Both national parties were sending teams of lawyers to monitor.

At last count, Bush led Gore by 1,655 votes in the unofficial Associated Press count with all Florida precincts reporting but an unknown number of absentee ballots yet to be counted.

The pressure on the recount was intense because Florida, with its 25 electoral votes, will decide the winner of the presidential election.

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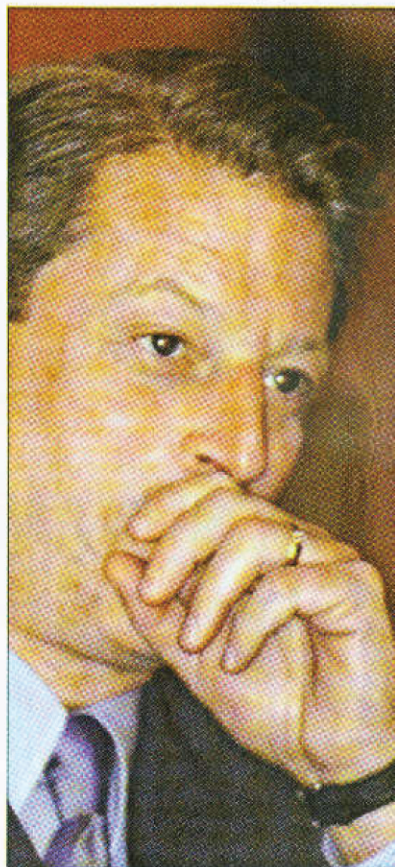
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Presidential candidates Al Gore, shown after casting his ballot on Tuesday, and George W. Bush, fielding questions Tuesday evening, must wait on Florida's recount to see who wins.

ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT

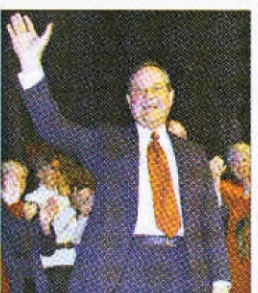
A time line of events leading up to the recount for president in Florida.

8:10 p.m. Tuesday: Networks declare Al Gore the winner in Florida, a key state.

9:55 p.m.: Networks say Florida too close to call.

2:15 a.m. today: Networks declare George W. Bush the winner over Gore in Florida — and the nation. Gore congratulates Bush.

3:45 a.m.: Networks declare Florida and the election too close to call. Gore calls Bush to retract concession.



By The Associated Press
Democratic Gov. Frank O'Bannon waves to supporters in Indianapolis on Tuesday after defeating Republican David McIntosh.

It's 4 more years for Gov. O'Bannon

He defeated rivals McIntosh, Horning.

Indiana Governor
Frank O'Bannon, D: 1,215,363
David McIntosh, R: 897,546

By Shannon Lohrmann
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INDIANAPOLIS — Hoosiers should expect the next four years to look much like the last four with the re-election of Democratic Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

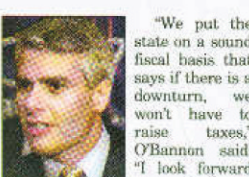
Education will continue to be his top priority, with a focus on high standards for students and increased attention for professional development for educators.

"Things need to be done in Indiana schools to build them up," he

said during his victory acceptance speech shortly after 9 p.m. Tuesday. "We have changed the direction of education."

O'Bannon focused on the state's fledgling community college program, calling for campus sites to be "all over Indiana" in the next four years.

The governor also pointed to the state's strong fiscal status and high credit rating, which he said will protect Indiana in the future.



McIntosh: He gave up safe U.S. House seat to run ana.

O'Bannon defeated opponents Republican David McIntosh and Libertarian Andrew Horning.

Opponents vanquished
McIntosh gave up a safe U.S.

House seat in east-central Indiana to run for governor, saying he felt "called" to the office. With 98 percent of precincts reporting, he received 42 percent of Hoosiers' votes. Locally, 53,401 people voted from him in Allen County; 5,781 votes also came from Whitley County.

Horning wanted to affect the candidates' political discussions during the campaign, focusing on lower taxes and smaller government. Statewide, he pulled 2 percent of the votes. Of those, 2,375 came from Allen County voters and 301 from Whitley County.

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Coming Thursday

Erosion, farm herbicides and untreated sewage threaten the St. Joseph River, the source of Fort Wayne's drinking water and a home to endangered species.

Learn what's being done about it in "Troubled Waters," a 12-page special report in The News-Sentinel.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

JERRY SEINFELD, comedian

Seinfeld and his wife, Jessica, on Tuesday became parents of a baby girl — Sascha Seinfeld. Jerry, 46, and Jessica, a 29-year-old public relations executive, married in December.

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