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ELECTION 2007 RESULTS SPECIAL

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CHANGED LANDSCAPE
Fine Gael got it right, Fianna Fáil was abandoned by HQ



GEOGRAPHICAL BATTLE
An analysis of how the seven electoral areas voted



ALSO THE EMOTION OF IT ALL; BALLINA GETS ITS TD; COWLEY BOWS OUT GRACIOUSLY; CHAMBERS' PARTING SHOT

TAKING CENTRE STAGE

BEVERLEY STEALS SHOW AS SHE AND CALLEARY COURT MINISTRY

MICHAEL DUFFY AND MICHAEL COMMINS

NEARLY 40,000 Mayo people gambled last week that the result of Election 2007 would see the delivery of a Mayo Taoiseach, but this week it is an Independent TD, whose political career looked in tatters just 18 months ago, who is sitting down to negotiate a programme for government.

The Flynn family must have a patent on headline-grabbing, as Beverley Flynn's ability to hold on to her seat, coupled with a sensational performance from her former employers, Fianna Fáil, nationwide, means she is now in 'the balance of power' situation which Independent deputies crave.

Fine Gael's historic performance in taking the first three seats in the Mayo constituency - with party leader Enda Kenny, Michael Ring and John O'Mahony

all exceeding the quota - has been somewhat overshadowed by Flynn's amazing turnaround in fortunes.

Sources close to Flynn confirmed to *The Mayo News* that she had held preliminary discussions with representatives of the Taoiseach on Monday with regard to supporting a new Fianna Fáil/PD coalition. It is expected that more in-depth discussions will be held later in the week.

The same sources have ruled out, however, the possibility of Flynn accepting the position of Ceannt Comhairle in the new Dáil. There had been growing speculation over the weekend that the position may be offered to her as part of the arrangement for the new government.

"It would be hugely attractive for Fianna Fáil if Beverley was to accept the Ceannt Comhairle job.

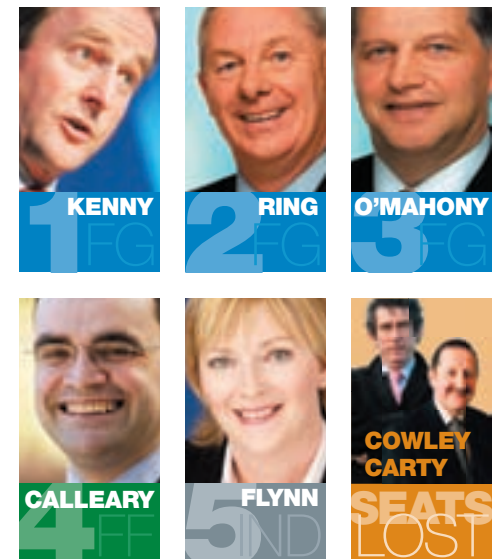
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▲ IMPENDING TALKS
Bertie Ahern TD



▲ HOLDING COURT
Beverley Flynn addressing the crowd at the TF Royal Theatre following her election on Saturday morning. Now she looks set to be Mayo's most powerful TD. Pic: Michael Donnelly



↑ FINE GAEL
Three out of five seats
54% of the first preference vote

JOHN O'MAHONY
Claims third spot
Huge transfer from Mulherin

DARA CALLEARY
Elected at first attempt
Third generation TD

↓ JERRY COWLEY
Loses his seat
Vote plummets in Erris

JOHN CARTY
Last man standing
O'Mahony squeezes him out

GERRY MURRAY
Finishes in tenth spot
Ballina vote disappoints

STATE OF PARTIES FIRST PREFERENCES



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