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Quote Of The Week:

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- Allan B. Hubbard

Gregg out-manuevers Bauer in early-morning Democrat leadership dash

INDIANAPOLIS - The word out of Boonville on Election Night was that Speaker Michael K. Phillips was going down.

It was a startling development, since Democratic State Committee polls had shown Phillips with a hefty lead. "He was 22 points up a week away," Chairwoman Ann DeLaney said with an air of incredulity in her voice.

With Phillips in Boonville watching the bad news flow in (his law partner, Tony Long, would also lose his re-election bid for Warrick County prosecutor), House Majority Leader John Gregg stationed himself in the speaker's Statehouse office. The numbers filtered back to the Statehouse and Gregg knew from the returns that Phillips was in big trouble.

"Ten days out I was down in his district," Gregg said. "I was knocking on doors for him. I did not identify myself as a state representative. I was not treated rudely. All I could base things on was the polling data we saw and in conversations with Mike. I thought it would be one of two things: Mike would squeak in or she would rout him," he said of the Republican victor, Sally Rideout Lambert

"I'm still surprised he got beat," Gregg said. "He is a masterful politician and the artfulness of his abilities never ceased to amaze me."

Sometime between 8 and 9 p.m., Gregg sensed the speaker would lose and called Phillips. Acknowledging that defeat was at hand, Phillips signaled to Gregg that the next battle could commence - for the leadership of the House Democratic caucus.

State Rep. Win Moses was contacted and quickly drove from Fort Wayne to the Statehouse, where he, along with State R p. Mark Kruzan, joined Gregg in contacting the surviving members of the caucus. "We made calls all night long," Moses explained. "We were calling people at 3 and 4 in the morning. By 8 a.m., the battle was over."

"I didn't walk out of the building until 6:15," Gregg said, noting that "no one from the press called. That just goes to show how things change from when you're in the majority to the minority. That's the

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HPR Interview

Schmuhl sees end run around news media in modern campaigns

NOTRE DAME - The three Republican congressional gains in Indiana were based on three distinct uses of the "free media" - newspaper, radio and TV coverage.

In the 8th CD, John Hostettler was unable to start his TV ad campaign until three weeks before Election Day. He relied heavily on use of press conferences and news-room visits. In the 2nd CD, both Joe Hogsett and David McIntosh used a mix of direct mail, free media and traditional TV advertising.

But in the 4th CD, Mark Souder's victory over U.S. Rep. Jill Long was "subterranean." That is, he worked almost exclusively on the grassroots level, TV advertising, while using WGL talk radio for direct access to his core supporters. While Souder was open to print and electronic news interviews, he didn't seek them.

Souder's campaign and its use of the "unfiltered" media will be the wave of the future. *HPR* asked Robert Schmuhl, chairman of the Department of American Studies at the University of Notre Dame, to comment on these new campaign developments. Schmuhl recently published a book "*Demanding Democracy*" (Notre Dame Press) focusing on the "new media" and the 1992 presidential campaign.

HPR: Is this the wave of the future, bypassing traditional TV, radio and news operations for talk radio, Internet and other means of unfiltered contact with voters?

Schmuhl: There are so many different forms of political communications these days that candidates are finding news ways to get their messages out to the people. In part, it's a consequence of the larger media environment that now exists. But there's another reason and that is the mainline institutions are looked on with a certain amount of suspicion.

HPR: TV news and newspapers?

Schmuhl: Sure. Meaning that journalism is very much in the public eye and people wonder if the information coming from journalism is accurate and balanced. If there are other avenues, and that would include things like talk shows and formats that would present a candidate directly to the people, they provide this new way of getting messages out. And I think that's what you've seen in that (4th CD) race. It was the case with Perot. Unless he had to, he wasn't going to do that much with press conferences and interviews and the Sunday morning programs. He was going to hit the morning talk shows and other places where he could go on at length and deliver that message.

HPR: Is it a suspicion of the filter?

Schmuhl: All you have to do is flip on Rush Limbaugh sometime and hear him criticize the "dominant media culture" and the "liberal media elite." Not long ago I

was listening and a number of callers were repeating that last Tuesday's election was not only against Democrats, but against the media.

HPR: Do you think these younger candidates realize that the average TV news soundbite has declined from about 45 seconds in 1968 to 9 seconds in 1992?

Schmuhl: "Read my lips; no new taxes" is about the time one had available. There is also a recognition that some of these other forms allow for development of the message. If you go on a talk show and you have a goodly amount of time available, you can use it to your advantage to get your message across. Bill Clinton, Ross Perot and George Bush appeared 96 times on the following five shows: Larry King, Phil Donahue, The Today Show, Good Morning America and CBS Morning News in 1992.

HPR: Are newspapers shooting themselves in the foot by not connecting, for instance, the inner city violence to political campaigns?

Schmuhl: Print journalism is having a great difficulty adapting to this new environment. Some papers are trying to be creative in presenting political news to the public. The *Philadelphia Inquirer* devoted their entire op-ed page in the primaries several times to specific issues, specific questions and then the full statements of the candidates about the issues. That was creative. It was a way of getting the message out to the public.

HPR: The *Shelbyville News* devoted a number of its entire local section pages to a grid on the issues whereas the *Indianapolis Star* devoted much smaller space inside to the same thing. Are papers better off to lend the space to that kind of thing?

Schmuhl: Sure. They need to rethink what they're doing and how what they do might have an impact politically. If there's one lesson coming out of 1992, the citizens want more connection with their political life and right now, the primary means are popular communication.

HPR: We've seen WTHR-TV in Indianapolis investigate the Indiana House Speaker and another legislator. What's the role that local TV stations should take?

Schmuhl: They should not only investigate, but they should explain. They should tell viewers what the implications of the actions of those in public life. More and more people want to know how government functions and how they fit into that. You look around and the cry is "Less government, limited government." That's all well and good, but tell us more about what government is doing and what it might do better.

HPR: Newt Gingrich has said he will put every bill out on Internet. How will Internet change politics?

Schmuhl: The whole communications and political environment is changing, probably to the good that there will be greater availability of information. It really ends up being a question of how far do you go? Having the information is one thing. How people act on it is another. That can be risky business. Certain energized groups or factions could determine outcomes.

The Horse Races (of the future)

Of all the features in the *HPR*, our readers told us this was the one they couldn't wait to get their hands on. Plus, we loved doing it. So its status is "safe" and here's a look at what's coming up:

'95 INDIANAPOLIS MAYORAL: Red corpuscles vanished from Jeff Modisett's face on Nov. 8, but they were back on Nov. 9. And he won't be gunning for Goldsmith. Ann DeLaney and Pam Carter are other names we hear. Who will Republicans run? Sue Anne Gilroy? Toby McClamroch? Murray Clark? Anyone have a crystal ball for rent?

'95 FORT WAYNE MAYORAL: Paul Helmke will run in the GOP primary, solo. Latest word on Sheriff Joe Squadrito is he can't afford it (salary cut, pension). Joe in '99, perhaps. Democrats keep talking Steve Corona, but he's dead meat in the black community after school superintendent fiasco. Elements of Democratic Party said to be in a "panic" after Nov. 8 over looming city council losses. Someone needs to tell Brogan GOTV is not a cable racing channel.

'95 GARY MAYORAL: Dick Hatcher is happy teaching law at Valpo U. That paves the way for legislators Earline Rogers and Charlie Brown to slug it out in May primary.

'96 GOP GUBERNATORIAL: Goldsmith the 800-pound gorilla? Or could it be Early? Early press aide will need this line: "What he really meant was...." Other contenders include Bob Garton (Taxes? What taxes?) J. Patrick Rooney, George Witwer, Steve Holt, and, perhaps, Mr. Moneybags himself, Al Hubbard.

'96 GOP LT. GUBERNATORIAL: Witwer an interesting bet if he doesn't catch on in the big show. And then there's former congressman John Hiler, now residing in South Bend. Still young, studied under Arthur Laffer at U. of Chicago, a tough campaigner. He would be great in Dept. of Commerce. A geographical blender. Others? Sue Anne Gilroy for gender balance, but a geographical obstacle if Early, Rooney or Goldsmith top the ticket. If GOP needs a warbling throat, how about Mike Pence?

'96 DEM LT. GUBERNATORIAL: Who blends well with Frank O'Bannon? Jill Long for gender and geographical balance. Plus she's run statewide before and "defied gravity" in tough 4th CD. Her '94 loss will always have an asterisk (* Tsunami victim), although it steals some luster. South Bend Mayor Joe Kernan's stock is at a premium - nice guy and a war hero. Offers geography. Baron Hill appealing to labor. And what about Frank McCloskey? Get him up north!

Upcoming HPR Publishing Schedule:

Nov. 30 - Legislative reorganization, issues

Dec. 15 - Best & Worst of 1994

Jan. 12 - Legislative, municipal election coverage

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Newt's "revolution" by-passes Myers

To say that staffers in U.S. Rep. John Myers office were stunned on Wednesday would be an understatement.

A 15-minute meeting with Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich left the 28-year House veteran without Gingrich's endorsement as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

"He's disappointed and concerned about what's happening with the committee restructuring," Myers' press aide Chris Jones told *HPR*. "He's reviewing all his options. He's undecided about what to do. He's talking to members."

Jones added that new majority members are "either starting from scratch or scratching their heads."

Myers will still chair the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee.

"There is tremendous uncertainty on the Hill now," Jones said. "There is no question this institution needs reforms. But in the process of reforming it, do you eat your own? You have members who have worked hard, learned the issues at the subcommittee level who now find their experience is for naught. It creates a tremendous anxiety."

But Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, suggested on Thursday that in Newt's revolution, being chairman of Appropriations won't mean handing out the goodies, but would be a merciless position for cutting back "the welfare state."

Others have observed that Myers' standing with Gingrich fell after he was one in a handful of House Republicans who refused to sign the A to Z discharge petition during the last session of Congress.

Columnists

Margaret Ankenbruck, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* - Now the game is not to find fault, but to advance empowering conservative ideas and programs in a positive way. I have every confidence that the new GOP majority can meet the challenge. If Mark Souder is any indication, the new majority (in Congress) is a group of thoughtful individuals who care deeply about the future of this country and its citizens. They believe in the ability of Americans to make responsible decisions for themselves. They want to foster equal opportunity in all aspects of American life. They know that a strong, growing economy does more to help the poor and middle class people than any government program. They are capable of leading us out of our current backwash of socialism and victimhood.

Russ Pulliam, *Indianapolis News* - The Republican takeover of the House will mean quite a boost for the Opportunity Project, run by Bluffton newspaperman George Witwer. Witwer is a potential candidate for governor or lieutenant governor in 1996 and his conservative organization supported a number of last week's winning Republicans with campaign contributions and ideas. House Republicans, to their credit, made specific pledges in a contract signed by more than 60 candidates during the campaign. They promised to support opening up voting records, limiting the amount of time people can be on welfare and adopting a state spending cap. They also pledged to endorse market-based health care reform, an idea promoted by a potential Republican candidate for governor, Indianapolis businessman Pat Rooney.

Robert Schmuhl, *Chicago Tribune* - After a campaign season when the so-called dance of democracy more often resembled a street fight, contrary voters on Tuesday expressed themselves with clarity and consistency. In race after race across America, the cry "Washington isn't working" rallied the electorate, resulting in a demand for divided government. Clearly, what's seen as the stasis of status-quo politics is not what the public wants in the future. Instead of gridlock, voters on Tuesday seemed to be saying: We've deliberately balanced power, and we expect divided governing to lead to working together. To a certain extent, the electorate collectively pushed Democrats and Republicans together to a common, middle ground in the hope that co-equality of standing will result in acceptable action rather than constant positioning for political advantage. In this sense, the burden of performance is shared, and each side will ultimately bear responsibility.

Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette* - For 40 years, the role of the Republicans in Congress has been to criticize, whine, agitate, and bad-mouth. That's an important function in a democracy - somebody's got to announce that the emperor has no clothes - but it's a far cry from

actually getting things done. As Mark Souder said the day after the election when asked how his party would lead now that it controls both houses of Congress: "We don't have a precedent." That's not to say the GOP can't do it. But it does mean the Republicans will have to do a lot of gear-switching, and do it soon. Being waylaid by investigations will only distract the GOP from its objectives. And the electorate certainly showed it's in no mood for fooling around.

George Stuteville, *Indianapolis Star* - Wherever I stopped - at a Mennonite diner in LaGrange, at a Shell station outside Fort Wayne, the Lakeview Truck Stop near Haubstadt, the police station in Columbia City, a food mart in Seymour - I talked to people. Everyone, I mean *everyone*, I talked with spoke on and on about their disgust with Congress and President Clinton. This was the first time I ever encountered voters who were aware and confident of the power, the duty and the honor of their single vote on Election Day. Usually, all you hear are the expressions of the meaninglessness of voting. This time, there was none of that.

Mary Dieter, *Louisville Courier-Journal* - The legacy of Gov. Evan Bayh's two terms in office now lies in the hands of an overwhelmingly Republican legislature, a brutal fate for the first Democrat to be elected governor in Indiana in 24 years. After six years of tinkering around the edges, pushing programs that carried no funding and doing whatever it took to keep the state's financial head above water, Bayh was poised to leave his mark on Indiana in a meaningful way. Until now, his claim to fame has been that Indiana is one of only two states in the nation to have avoided a state tax increase. While that has kept Bayh popular, it is a fleeting, intangible accomplishment, not the substantive, weighty undertaking of which true legacies are made.

Brian Howey, *HPR* - In watching the events in Washington over the past week, I feel a discomfort over the spate of retaliatory comments coming from the new Republican majority. U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm sees no reason to work with President Clinton. There have been warnings for Democrats not to destroy paperwork. There will be Whitewater hearings. The Clintons are perceived to be enemies of "normal" Americans by these Republicans as opposed to the misguided, unwitting political figures they really are. Traveling across the state I found Hoosiers who were looking for change. They want government to bring economic stability and security. What they don't want are Salem witch hunts and vindictive spectacles. If that is what Republicans have in mind, then I have no doubt that come 1996, the manic depressive electorate may make equally unwise choices.

'96 Presidential

National media just doesn't know what to make of Dan Quayle

The national news media just don't know what to make of a Dan Quayle '96 presidential bid.

Dave Yepsen of the *Des Moines Register* reported on CNN earlier this week that Quayle was in Iowa - site of the first presidential caucus - only once this year, for a book signing. "I don't see early signs of support for him compared to other candidates," Yepsen said.

Added John King, "With Dan Quayle, you have a lot of image makeover. If (Sen. Robert) Dole doesn't run, Dan Quayle might try for the Christian right."

One only has to rewind the campaign '94 VCR tape to hear CNN's John Schneider explain that if Oliver North were to win the Virginia Senate seat, "He would immediately become a national figure and a hero to the right."

North lost, and many observers believe Quayle is well positioned to inherit the passion of the Christian Coalition. Which gets us back to Iowa. There's a state where the Republican Party is dominated by the Christian Coalition. It is a caucus state, which means it tends to be dominated by groups such as the Christian Coalition.

Then there was a *Newsweek* focus group of 12 New Hampshire Republicans, moderated by GOP pollster Frank Luntz. The "ideal" candidate would be, the group said:

"A moderate conservative in his 50s, committed to jobs and deep cuts in government spending, but flexible enough in his views that he'll listen to others. He won't raise taxes, but also won't insult voters with another 'read my lips' pledge. He's held major elective office, as a vice president, governor or senator. He's served in the military, and achieved some business success, but not so much that his wealth puts him out of touch with those who struggle. He's a parent, with a spouse more interested in charitable good works than in public policy. He might have smoked some marijuana in college, even inhaled, but never touched cocaine."

While none of the probable GOP presidential contenders was deemed the "ideal" candidate, the group had strong opinions about those who are running. Asked to choose one of the probable nominees, seven of the 12 chose Quayle. Two chose Jack Kemp, and one each chose Massachusetts Gov. William Weld, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm and California Gov. Pete Wilson.

One in the group said she had met Quayle and was "surprised at how intelligent he was." Others cited his role as vice president as having been there. And others admired Quayle for his "resilience" in the face of a hostile news media.

As for polling, a *Boston Herald* survey of regis-

tered Republicans in New Hampshire placed Quayle fourth, behind Colin Powell, Dole and Kemp. In a *Wall Street Journal*/NBC national survey, Quayle finished second. And Luntz told *Newsweek* he was struck by the intensity of Quayle's support. "He's got a core constituency that's as hard as nails," Luntz said.

Now, back to Indiana, a WISH-TV poll of 900 Hoosiers conducted in the last week of the '94 campaign showed Sen. Richard Lugar besting President Clinton in a head-to-head 58-26 percent. Quayle led Clinton 43-37 percent.

The obvious impact there is that Lugar had just dumped \$2 million into the Indiana TV market, which would have an impact on that poll. Still, Quayle running only 6 percent above the wildly disliked president seemed odd.

Senate Watch

Lugar's run a record-setter

The Nov. 8 numbers U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar posted allowed him to establish several senatorial records. The obvious one is that Lugar is the first four-term senator in Indiana history.

His 67 percent victory over Democrat Jim Jontz in an off-year election bettered Dan Quayle's previous record - a 61-39 percent victory over Jill Long in 1986. And it was just 1 percent below the all-time record, Lugar's 68 percent against Jack Wickes in 1988.

As in 1991, Lugar carried 91 counties. "What's important to note is that it was an entirely positive campaign, substantive about his record," said Kevin Shaw Kellems, Lugar's press aide. "He didn't run against President Clinton. He went up front on foreign policy."

Kellems added that the Lugar campaign resisted a chance to win all 92 counties. "We could have won Lake County if we had attacked Jontz on Chicago television," he said.

There was additional icing on the cake when a WTHR-TV poll on job approval ratings had Lugar finishing first with an "excellent or good" rating with 66 percent, U.S. Sen. Dan Coats second at 44 percent, Gov. Evan Bayh with 39 percent, and President Clinton at 28 percent.

State Chairman Allan Hubbard added this interesting twist in his *Indianapolis Business Journal* column: "Who says there aren't coattails? Despite Evan Bayh's best efforts to disprove the coattails theory in 1992 (his landslide that year couldn't even pull his superintendent candidate through), Dick Lugar proved that a strong candidate at the top of the ticket can still be a force.

"Lugar has coattails while Bayh doesn't for one simple reason: Lugar stands for something and Bayh doesn't," Hubbard said.

Musings and Meanderings

Allen County Democrats nervous about chairman

FORT WAYNE - Allen County Democrats are getting antsy about their prospects for the 1995 city elections following the Nov. 8 election.

Gone are the 4th CD seat occupied by Jill Long, State Rep. Ben GiaQuinta, and a county council seat held by black Democrat, DeLois McKinley. The Republicans have initiated a recount for the Wayne Township trustee where David Essex won by less than 100 votes.

Said one Democratic officeholder, "There will be changes by the end of January." Added another central committee member, "We need someone who can box with Steve Shine. And I think you'll see it."

The target of this ire is County Chairman Don Brogan, who has already been challenged once before to the state committee. Brogan met with party hierarchy Wednesday night to begin planning the the 1995 municipal elections.

Democratic Election Board member Mike Downs didn't anticipate the departure, although he did acknowledge the "system of accountability."

"If your candidates win, you get the credit, if your candidates lose, you take the blame," Downs said. "The question can be argued whether that's a fair system. If you fired every Democratic county chair this year, there would be a wholesale firing. It's not practical to get rid of them all."

NORTHPORT SENATOR AIRS IN INDY: Sen. Joseph Harrison, R-Attica and Northport, was so irate about Nuvo's claim that he spends more time in Northport, Mich., than in Attica that he bought radio advertising on Q95 and WIBC in Indianapolis. It was an odd buy since neither station dominates Harrison's western Indiana district.

CLEANING HOUSE: Not only did House Speaker Michael K. Phillips lose, but his law partner and Warrick County Prosecutor Tony Long was also defeated for re-election. It underscores how that election was truly locally driven. Folks there apparently believe there was too much power concentrated in one place.

DELANEY TO BREAK: "Maybe I should start a political newsletter," quipped Democratic state Chairwoman Ann DeLaney about what her future plans might be. "I still don't know what I'm going to do. I'll wait and reflect." The tone in her voice seemed to indicate that four years as the state chair is long enough, but she said "there's a chance" she might return. How about a run for the mayor of Indianapolis? "I have promised my husband, in terms of thinking about the future, to give it some thought." And as for the Nov. 8 GOP tidal wave, is there

anything DeLaney would have done differently? "I'm not sure what we could have done," she said. "The only thing I would have done is save money."

CHAIR REPLACEMENTS: Should state GOP Chairman Al Hubbard decide to step down, look for his replacement to be a potential early read on the jockeying for the 1996 gubernatorial race. Flexford Early still carries a lot of loyalty from the Central Committee. Selection of someone such as Mike McDaniel would be a choice Early could live with. Other names surfacing are John Earnest of Grant County, Jim Bopp of Vigo County, current Chief of Staff Devon Anderson, William Cook or former Notre Dame AD Dick Rosenthal. Or how about Curt Smith of Sen. Dan Coats' staff? On the Democratic side, should DeLaney step down, there seems to be a dearth of names. The one that has come up was unsuccessful secretary of state candidate Tim Jeffers, who has served on Gov. Bayh's staff. While he ran an innovative campaign, there wasn't a lot of money and the key question there is whether Jeffers could excel in raising the all-important cash.

SHERIFF FOR MAYOR: Henry County Sheriff Vaughn Reid Jr. has declared his candidacy for mayor of New Castle as a Democrat. That puts him on a collision course in the primary with first-term Mayor Sherman Boles. Former Mayor Bud Ayers, whom Boles defeated in the 1991 Democratic primary, is also pondering a run.

ROEMER, VISCLOSKY SEEK COOPERATION: Rep. Tim Roemer called the Nov. 8 election a "stunning historical event" and added that he was optimistic President Clinton and the Republican Congress can find ways to compromise. "The American people are sick of gridlock," Roemer said (Sara Hebel Michigan City News-Dispatch). "They're sick of it from both the liberal left and the conservative right. They want to see action." Both Roemer and Rep. Pete Visclosky expressed confidence in working with key Hoosier Republicans. Roemer said that Sen. Richard Lugar as chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee will benefit the 3rd CD. Visclosky anticipates working with Rep. John Myers, who will head the House Appropriations Committee. "Republicans have a responsibility to govern and I anticipate that, in good faith, they will exercise that responsibility," Roemer said.

ZAKAS CONSIDERING 3RD CD RUN: State Sen. Joe Zakas, R-Granger, is putting feelers out about a 1996 run against Roemer. Zakas is fresh off a 66-percent victory on Nov. 8. The key question is whether Zakas can find a united party behind such a run. GOP leaders think Roemer is vulnerable after under-funded Rich Burkett polled 41 percent last week. Another potential (but largely unknown) GOP candidate is Matt Mangold, who was defeated by Burkett in the May primary.

Musings and Meanderings

PEARSON WINS: 1992 GOP gubernatorial candidate Linley Pearson polled 6,698 votes as he ran unopposed for Clinton Circuit Court judge. Pearson was Indiana attorney general for 12 years before 1992.

MODISETT EYES MAYORAL RUN: Less than 24 hours after his stunning upset as Marion County prosecutor, Jeff Modisett was sounding like a candidate for mayor of Indianapolis. "I'm not ruling it out," Modisett said (Gerry Lanosga, Kathleen Johnston, Indianapolis News). "My supporters are encouraging me to consider it and I promised to do that." Modisett's loss to Scott Newman was attributed to a lack of votes in Marion County's Center Township. When Modisett ran in 1990, 45 percent of the voters in Democratic precincts turned out, compared to 25 percent on Nov. 8. Some attribute the lack of black voter turnout to Modisett's prosecution of former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson on a rape charge.

AND ON THE GOP SIDE: *HPR* remains convinced that Mayor Steve Goldsmith will forego a 1995 mayoral run and seek the 1996 gubernatorial nomination, particularly after the Nov. 8 election. We believe the darling of conservative urban mayors (who didn't outright endorse a Democrat) will want to ride what's left of the GOP wave into the Meridian Street manse. Plus, Goldsmith's ego would have a tough time watching someone else get eight years of gubernatorial glory. So, that being said, the Republican successors we keep hearing about include incoming Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy (remember, she never promised to serve a full term), newly elected State Sen. Murray Clark (who's well liked by John Sweeney) and Council President Toby McClammroch.

EARLY, WITWER TIMETABLES: "I'm gonna go for it," Rexford Early told listeners of Network Indiana's *Mike Pence Show* earlier this week. He will be filing his papers in January. Meanwhile, Bluffton newspaperman George Witwer is polling and told Pence to expect "news" by mid-December.

DEMOCRAT DEFECTION IN WABASH: Defeated Wabash County Sheriff Bill Wheatley blamed, in part, his loss on the defection of Dallas Winchester, the county's most prominent Democrat. "I think he's totally unethical and a man without principle. I think he's totally a disgrace," Wheatley said just after his loss to Republican Tim Roberts. As to what he would say to Roberts, Wheatley said, "I can't think of a thing he would want to hear that I would say to him."

HARPER IN '96: If State Sen. John Sinks retires, as planned, after his current term, expect former State Rep. Mitch Harper to seek that seat. Harper is sporting buttons reading "Harper-Becker in '96." Harper was John

Becker's campaign manager.

GARTON FUND-RAISER: "Citizens for Garton" will hold a \$1,000-per-couple fund-raiser at the Columbia Club Nov. 22. The host committee reads like the who's who from corporate Columbus. This kind of fete doesn't seem to be the type to retire old campaign debt, but more like gearing up for a run for governor. Rex Early received an invitation.

BUCKS DON'T MEAN WINS: Steve Kukolla of the *Indianapolis Business Journal* writes in this week's "Media and Marketing" column that the big TV spenders aren't necessarily the winners. He notes that Secretary of State Joe Hogsett outspent Republican challenger David McIntosh \$363,920 to \$315,880 in the Indianapolis TV market. Marion County Prosecutor Jeff Modisett outspent his victorious opponent, Scott Newman, by a \$437,210 to \$276,660 margin. It prompted this great line from Kevin Flynn of the Caldwell VanRiper advertising agency: "It didn't work for Ross Perot, either." *HPR* ads a big ol' ditto for Michael Huffington out in California. The biggest spending discrepancy occurred in the U.S. Senate race, where Richard Lugar doled out \$533,525 compared to just under \$50,000 for Jim Jontz. And here's another trend: Republican media buyer Bill Perkins, president of Perkins-Nichols Media, noted that Newman's approach of looking directly into the camera during his spots helped cinch the race. Mayor Goldsmith did the same thing in his endorsement, as did Republican victor Mark Souder in the 4th CD race.

SHARP HEADED FOR HARVARD: Outgoing U.S. Rep. Phil Sharp has accepted a position with the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in February. He will teach graduate students and mid-career professionals classes on Congress, energy and the environment.

Humor Mill

Wendellisms, by Wendell Trogon, Indianapolis News

Don't bury Bill Clinton yet. The man's already made more comebacks than George Foreman.

Voter: What caused your defeat?

Loser: Trickle-down Clintonism.

The Devil's Dictionary, by Ambrose Bierce

Destiny, n. A tyrant's authority for crime and a fool's excuse for failure."

Radicalism, n. The conservatism of tomorrow injected into the affairs of today.

Twice, adv. Once too oft n.

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ebb and flow of power. It was obvious that it was gone."

Meanwhile, State Rep. B. Patrick Bauer, believing he had a base of the House black caucus and northern Indiana Democrats, was making phone calls seeking support as he drove down U.S. 31 to he caucus the following morning, according to caucus members *HPR* spoke with.

Once his status of minority leader was secured, Gregg quickly put together leadership, where State Rep. Ed Goble was also defeated. State Rep. Chet Dobis would be assistant minority leader. State Rep. Dale Grubb would be caucus chairman, ousting State Rep. Dennis Heeke.

Th "urprise" in the majority caucus was State Rep. Brian Bosma's ascension to Majority Leader, ahead of State Rep. Jeff Espich. Jeff Linder was named caucus chairman.

New House Speaker Paul Mannweiler is bringing back his former chief of staff, Roger Schmelzer, to be counsel to the speaker. That's a signal to some observers that Mannweiler won't be shaking things up in Indianapolis as Newt Gingrich is doing in Washington.

Perhaps Win Moses' rise in power is the most interesting. The former two-term Fort Wayne mayor will be "elevated" to the Ways and Means Committee, although

Bauer will still maintain minority leadership.

Moses was on a gubernatorial track until campaign finance violations forced him out of office for 10 days in 1985. He was promptly re-elected by Democratic precinct officials, then lost to Paul Helmke in a vicious campaign in 1987. Moses returned to public life in 1992, defeating former Fort Wayne city councilman Charles Redd in an urban district (which is home to the state's poorest census tract) without spending a dime. Moses was easily re-elected last week.

As a Fort Wayne city councilman and mayor, Moses gained a national reputation for challenging utilities over rates and regulations. He was a so mayor during the dramatic and devastating flood of 1982.

"He has broad experience as mayor of the state's second largest city," Gregg said. "Because of his experience with running a major campaign, having contacts all around the state, and his business success, I put him on Ways and Means."

Moses bided his time as a freshman in seat No. 99 on the back row of the chamber. "It seemed improper and impossible to have a dramatic impact as a freshman," Moses said. "After two years, I'm better informed and better able to perform. Now, I want to know where the money goes. Clearly a new wave is coming."

OPI counts 11 winners in 19 races

BLUFFTON - They raised \$120,000 and dumped almost \$70,000 into 19 campaigns.

And the Opportunity Project of Indiana counted 11 winners on Nov. 9. "In a broad sense, we were able to advance issues in many campaigns," said Administrative Director Jim Pfaff. "In another sense, we brought money to the table that hadn't previously been there before."

Of the winners, OPI donated \$3,000 in Dean Young, \$6,000 to Eric Turner, \$4,000 to Jim VanLeer,

\$3,000 to Jim Buck (who upset Brad Bayliff in the primary), \$6,000 to John Kimmel, \$6,000 to David Lohr, \$4,000 to Brent Steele, \$5,000 to John Becker, \$2,000 to Tom Wyss, \$5,000 to David Ford and \$2,000 to Johnny Nugent. The OPI also contributed \$6,000 to Dick Hamm, who lost his race by 55 votes.

Lohr attributed his race to OPI's input. "My campaign was like a puzzle, everything fell into place," said Lohr, who defeated State Rep. Vern Tischer in a heavily Democratic district.

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