

The economy booms: why aren't Democrats reaping this harvest?

FORT WAYNE - If there has been one phrase that has come up time and again in both the Hoosier press and political campaigns, it is Tip O'Neill's axiom: "All politics is local."

Another time-honored political rule is that people "vote their pocketbook."

But in this volatile electoral climate, these phrases ring hollow. Take the 4th CD, where three-term Democrat incumbent Jill Long is fighting for survival against Republican challenger Mark Souder. The last poll (WPTA-TV) had the race knotted at 44-44 percent; a GOP poll (10-27, 4.5 +/-) had Souder up 45-44 in a head-to-head, and up 47-43 among "most likely" voters. Using conventional logic, Long should be comfortably ahead.

Why?

Because in Northeast Indiana, factories and shops are gorged with work and orders. Outside of inner city Fort Wayne, there is virtually no unemployment. Help-wanted ads in Fort Wayne newspapers are up 100 percent over 1984. Electrical consumption in Allen County was at 132 million kilowatt hours through Oct. 26 compared to 114 million kilowatt hours for all of 1993. There has been a 20-percent increase in outbound freight at Fort Wayne International Airport. Commercial and residential building is hustling at a record pace with backlogs in steel and concrete orders. Ryder Corp. noted that Fort Wayne is the eighth most popular moving destination in the United States for cities between 100,000 and 300,000 population.

In 1993, there were 51 new projects at \$130 million in the region, compared to \$550 million on 16 projects so far this year. Going into the year, there was foreboding that things wouldn't be so rosy in this rolling land dotted with lakes. A labor dispute threatened to close the 2,000-employee Uniroyal-Goodrich plant in Woodburn, which would have created a significant economic disruption for two or three years. The region's largest employer, Lincoln National Corp. in Fort Wayne, was girding for an uncertain future in the face of Clintonian health care reform. On Feb. 14, the news began to shift

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"The president had two good weeks in foreign policy. That doesn't make up for two bad years..."

- U.S. Rep. Newt Gingrich
CNN's "Inside Politics"

GOP has chance to control Indiana House, but scenario may be different

INDIANAPOLIS - To your right is an expanded version of HPR's "Horse Race" that includes the six House seats Republicans targeted, plus the two Muncie surprise seats the GOP won in '92.

Going strictly by this list, then one can make the case that while the Democrats will lose their 55-45 seat advantage, they will still retain control of the House. HPR believes Republicans have a good chance of picking up two of the six seats they've targeted, but stand a good chance of losing one of the Muncie seats and possibly Rep. Dean Young's seat to Dick Persinger in Blackford County. The caveat here is there is little independent polling data in those legislative races.

However (and this is a mighty big "however"), HPR follows a line Jack Colwell of the South Bend Tribune espoused at the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's "Let's Talk Politics" forum last month: "If it's a big Republican year nationally, it will be an even bigger GOP year in Indiana."

The idiotic "limos-for-diapers" campaign push the Republican House Caucus opened two weeks ago (and can't back up with fact to this day) may have damaged some of their targeted chances.

But HPR senses that if the Republican "wave" materializes in Indiana, several Democratic House seats no one is really paying much attention to might get swept away. That tends to happen in big watershed years such as 1986, 1980 and 1974.

Where might the Republicans gain four more seats?

We've been watching the 80th District where State Rep.

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The Horse Race

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
SECRETARY OF STATE Jeffers (D) v. Gilroy (R)	Leaning R	Gilroy has run a terrible TV campaign. She's real lucky Jeffers doesn't have money. Jeffers getting great tree press. Should go to Gilroy, but ...
TREASURER Humphreys (D) v. Brinkman (R)	Toss Up	This is Democrats best chance to get a Statehouse office. Humphrey's TV great. Brinkman looking into lens doesn't work.
74th INDIANA HOUSE Phillips (D) v. Lambert (R)	Leaning D	MKP photoed at a Warrick County slag party in <i>Star</i> suggests he's safe. Also, why didn't GOP fund Lambert? They know.
67TH INDIANA HOUSE Goble (D) v. Duncan (R)	Leaning D	Goble should stave off Duncan to get yet another tough victory in this Dem district. But if Dems stay home...
35TH INDIANA HOUSE Eddy (D) v. Munson (R)	Leaning R	Polling suggests Munson will improve on his 185-vote victory in '92.
59TH INDIANA HOUSE Hayes (D) v. Bigley (R)	Leaning D	Hayes is pumping. Democrats feeling better about this 'un.
65TH INDIANA HOUSE Henderson (D) v. Steele (R)	Toss Up	Both Dems and Repubs think they can take this seat. No, data, so HPR says toss up.
24TH INDIANA HOUSE Frantz (D) v. McClain (R)	Leaning R	Republicans should pick up this seat vacated by Democrat John Davis.
52ND INDIANA HOUSE Sturtz (D) v. LeCount (R)	Leaning R	Dems think they have a chance to save Sturtz, but Lugar and Souder give LeCount an edge.
34TH INDIANA HOUSE Elliott (D) v. Van Leer (R)	Leaning D	This appears to be the best chance for Dems to reclaim seat they shouldn't have lost in '92.
69TH INDIANA HOUSE Lytle (D) v. Cook (R)	Leaning D	Lytle should win, but if Dems stay home, Cook looks better.

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<u>2ND CD</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Hogsett (D) v. McIntosh (R)	Toss Up	Frabrizio-McLaughlin's latest poll gives McIntosh 45.7-37.3 lead, 17 undecided. Mason-Dixon poll (10/19-21, 405 sample) gives Hogsett 43-35 percent lead. <i>HPR</i> senses wild finish. Call it in the air.
4TH CD Long (D) v. Soud r (R)	Toss Up	Newt in Fort Wayne Election Eve. Campaign in gutter with Long calling Souder "tax evader." Souder puts Mom on air. GOP poll (10/28, 4.5 +/-) has Souder up 45-44 in head-to-head; 47-44 among likelies.
5TH CD Beatty (D) v. Buy r (R)	SAFE R	Buyer releases Hill Research Poll (10/19-20, 300 sample, 4.5 +/-) showing Buyer with a 60-24 lead over Beatty. Half hour debate (how?) in Lafayette Tuesday mattered little.
7TH CD Harmless (D) v. Myers (R)	Safe R	This is the other CD that just never materialized into a race. But there's ominous news for Dems. The 7th CD suggests voter anger isn't geared toward incumbents, but Dem incumbs.
8TH CD McCloskey (D) v. Hostettler (R)	Toss Up	Frabrizio-McLaughlin (10/29, 300 sample, 5.5 +/-) gives Hostettler a 46.4-42.3 percent lead. It came a few days after Hostettler's abolish minimum wage stance. Gore to give Frank a bump.
U.S. SENATE Jontz (D) v. Lugar (R)	Safe R	Key question here is, will Lugar get 70 percent. <i>HPR</i> predicts he will. CNN and ABC air Jontz TV ad for laughs.
41ST INDIANA SENATE Webb (D) v. Garton (R)	LEANING R	Dems have right candidate in Jessica Webb, but this is probably the wrong year.
1ST INDIANA SENATE Mrvan (D) v. D mpsey	LEANING R	If minority vote stays home, Mrvan is in big trouble.
26TH INDIANA SENATE Craycraft (D) v. Weng r (R)	LEANING R	Craycraft watching the water circling the drain on this one. GOP stands to gain a couple seats in Indiana Senate.

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Ben GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne, has a rematch against Republican John Becker. GiaQuinta should prevail, but there are a couple of elements that make this race worth keeping in your periphery: GiaQuinta's son, Mark, has been an attorney for the controversial Adams Center Landfill; plus the resurgence of the Allen County Republican organization.

If minority voters stay home on Election Day, Republican Irene Heffley might give State Rep. Paul Cantwell, D-Indianapolis, a run in the 97th District. Same for State Rep. John Day, who is facing Republican Martha Womacks in the 100th District.

Another race to watch might be Republican Stevan Speheger's challenge to State Rep. Sheila Klinker, D-Lafayette. This is a race the Tippecanoe County Christian Coalition has targeted.

HPR believes House Speaker Michael K. Phillips and Senate President Pro Tem Robert Garton are leading their races. However, in 1986, no one predicted that House Speaker J. Roberts Dailey would be upset in the last "wave" year. Garton's Democratic challenger, Jessica Webb, insisted in Edinburgh last Friday that she would win, noting that a number of Republicans were posting her yard signs.

Several other Senate races have taken on the appearance of tightening up. State Sen. Maurice Doll, D-Vincennes, has expressed concern about his challenge from Republican John Waterman. Up north, State Sen. Richard Worman, R-Leo, has asked for state GOP funds to ward off an energetic challenge from Woodburn Councilman Bruce Rosswurm.

State Sen. Tom Wyss, R-Fort Wayne, is expected to defeat Democrat Janet Bradbury despite a late TV blitz.

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with the announcement of the Steel Dynamics plant on the DeKalb-Allen County line. By October, Lincoln National reported the best quarter in its history with \$107 million in income, up 12 percent.

The Steel Dynamics plant will be a boon. It is estimated that it will pump \$13.67 million in personal annual income and \$10.33 million in retail income. The company estimates the plant will be a \$20 million boost in the Fort Wayne area economy, with 80 percent of that staying in DeKalb County. Already three supplier companies have announced plans to build nearby with an additional 140 jobs and \$50 million in investments.

Throughout the region, companies are expanding. In Columbia City, Dana Corp.'s Weatherhead Division has added 100 employees, Fort Wayne Foundry 30, Preferred Coupled Hose, up 60. In Kendallville, late arrivals James River Corp. and Budd Corp. are expanding. Decatur is benefiting from a \$3 million expansion and 125 new jobs by Fleetwood Enterprises. Berne will get another 150 to 200 new jobs at United Technologies' plastic injection molding and painting plant.

The Fleetwood expansion will bring in higher-paying jobs (average salary \$20,000 annually) and will contribute to a number of spin-off suppliers. In DeKalb County, Auburn Gear will be adding 50 new positions after a major retooling. Auburn Foundry will add 120 new employees once its second plant is constructed. Dana Corp.'s Spicer Clutch has brought in 100 employees.

"You look at every economic indicator from freight heading out of the airport to electrical consumption," said Lincoln Schrock of the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, and "things have not been this good in Northeast Indiana - ever. We are matching almost all pre-existing highs."

So, if all politics is local, and people vote their pocketbook, why isn't Jill Long leading in the polls? Why is Secretary of State Joe Hogsett - with a proven record of fiscal conservatism and personal integrity - in a dead heat with Republican David McIntosh? While the economy isn't as robust in the 8th CD, it shouldn't be a drag on U.S. Rep. Frank McCloskey. Why is he struggling?

The answer can be found at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

There is the reason Hogsett felt compelled to accuse McIntosh of "pulling a Bill Clinton" during one of their debates. The reason that Bill Clinton and the Democrats aren't reaping the benefits of a thriving economy and claims of a reduced deficit is that people simply don't trust the man leading the world's lone super power. While unemployment levels are at near historic lows, family incomes have not risen in corresponding fashion. A Census Bureau report revealed that in 1993, average household real income declined by \$300.

One Democratic strategist after watching Clinton's

1992 campaign claims slump into 1994's perceived reality, told *U.S. News & World Report*, "People have gone from being very high to being very low - it's almost manic-depressive."

At stake is the most basic Baby Boomer concept - sharing in the "American dream." It is under serious erosion, and completely out of the hands of earnest public servants such as Long, Hogsett and McCloskey.

There was no World Series this year. There is talk of closing down Pennsylvania Avenue after last Saturday's attack on the White House. Die-hard Clinton haters see him as an infidel, not only in marriage but in political ideology (i.e. New Democrats) as well. Author and political analyst Kevin Phillips noted on CBS's *Face the Nation* that Americans have seen a series of modern presidencies damaged or succumbing to such disasters as

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Vietnam Watergate, malaise, trickle-down economics and fraud. "Eill Clinton is getting the blame, but it may be the straw that broke the camel's back," Phillips observed. "People haven't done well in the White House. People sense things getting away from the United States."

"Americans seem very upset with the inability to get good-paying jobs," explained former New Hampshire Sen. Warren Rudman. Added former U.N. ambassador and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, "All our football teams are losing and there was no World Series. Don't underestimate the role of sports."

In more normal times, Long, McCloskey and Hogsett could fall back on their records of service and conservatism. But not this year. "Having a record today seems to be equated to how we use the term for prisoners," observed Don Foley of the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee.

Fred Yang of Garin-Hart Research Group told the Associated Press, "People, frankly, are sick of politicians. In one respect, saying, 'This is what I've done for you,' reminds people that this person has been in office for a long time."

In the last week, Democratic leaders in Indiana and nationally were citing a recent ABC/*Washington Post* poll that showed Democrats taking a 49-44 percent lead in the generic national congressional question: Would you vote for a Republican or a Democrat?"

That has occurred because Congress has been out of session and Democrats such as Long and McCloskey have been able to return to their districts and talk about their legislative accomplishments. They cite Sen. Edward Kennedy's late big lead and better news for Maric Cuomo in New York, Diane Feinstein in California, and the tightening gubernatorial races in Texas and Florida as reasons for people to take a second look at Clinton and

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Democratic leadership.

But Washington political analyst Stuart Rothenberg notes that it is only natural that the huge GOP wave that developed in late August and through September would diminish somewhat. "If it hadn't, the Republicans would have won 300 House seats," he said.

Later generic polls by CNN/USA Today give Democrats a 3-percent edge, but among registered voters, Republicans have a 10-point lead. A Times-Mirror survey gives Republicans an 8-point lead. And in Tuesday's *Wall Street Journal*, White House pollster Stanley Greenburg is telling Democrat incumbents not to feel safe without at least a 4-point lead.

HPR asked McIntosh if he had noticed any perceptible shift in the electorate over the last two weeks. "Not that much," McIntosh said after his debate with Hogsett in Edinburgh. "Our polling showed that the president's unpopularity came down a little bit, but it's still very high, around 50 percent. I think, more importantly, people aren't going to look at it not as a personal thing, but what are the issues that are going to come up in the Congress. It's a vote on the tax plan that Alice Rivlin put out. It's a vote on the next crime bill."

Long: Souder is a tax cheat Souder responds with his Mom

FORT WAYNE - Never in her public life has Jill Long gone so negative. A TV and radio ad campaign calls her Republican challenger Mark Souder "a tax evader."

It stems from a *News-Sentinel* article last month that detailed a mis-mailed tax bill to the candidate's cousin, also named Mark Souder. Souder quickly paid the taxes on the family businesses, a point Long's radio ad points out, but her TV ad doesn't.

Souder responded with an ad featuring his mother, who criticizes Long for besmirching the Souder family.

U.S. Rep. Newt Gingrich will visit Fort Wayne the day before the election. "I've been running a pretty local campaign and all of a sudden we've become a national focus race," Souder said.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle raised more than \$51,000 on Halloween. Souder has made a \$60,000 TV buy for the final week.

Keys to this race: Fort Wayne school board races may help bring out the Democrat city vote so vital to Long. Souder may benefit from a reinvigorated Allen County GOP.

Gore coming to Evansville for McCloskey; Minimum wage haunting Hostettler

EVANSVILLE - Vice President Al Gore will campaign for U.S. Rep. Frank McCloskey on Sunday here.

The other key news is Republican challenger John Hostettler's proposal to abolish the minimum wage to spur job creation. "Studies show minimum wage is a

Hogsett hasn't seen much shift either. "I think David, in his focus on President Clinton, hasn't been as effective as it has been elsewhere. At least I'm told that in other districts and Senate races the bottom has literally dropped out of Democratic candidates. I don't think the president has been as much a factor in this race as it has been in others.

"This race is still too close to call," Hogsett said in Edinburgh. "I don't think Democratic prospects will be as bad as they appeared, or had appeared. But clearly I think Republicans will make gains in the House. I just want to work very vigorously to make sure one of those gains isn't in the 2nd House District."

What this means is that Clinton's foreign policy triumphs have brought only a bump in his ratings and that the overall mood hasn't shifted much.

Had it changed, voters might have been ready to go into polling booths looking to reward Democrats such as Long, Hogsett and McCloskey for the service they've provided.

But if voters go to the polls seeking to "send a message," those three Democrats will be in for a tough night.

deterrent to job creation," Hostettler said. (Doug Sword, *Evansville Courier*). McCloskey called the stance "profoundly unusual."

Added Chris Sautter of Sautter Communications, "It underscores how out-of-step Hostettler is."

This race will come down to turnout. Hostettler will rely on the core of church supporters who helped him win in a crowded primary field. McCloskey will attempt to resurrect huge phone banks that brought out the black vote in 1984 and 1986. Sautter also added that black ministers upset by the minimum wage issue "will be preaching for us on Sunday."

McIntosh signs tax return pledge; campaign won't release returns

EDINBURGH - In the final 2nd CD debate, Joe Hogsett would not sign David McIntosh's "Contract with America." But McIntosh did sign Hogsett's pledge to release tax returns.

On Tuesday, a Hogsett campaign staffer sat in McIntosh's Muncie headquarters awaiting the returns. "He's been here all day," said McIntosh campaign manager Chris Wilson. "We gave the guy lunch. He has way too much time on his hands."

Wilson initially said the returns are available in the Library of Congress. By late Tuesday, Wilson said that McIntosh would release his returns on Wednesday.

Said John Koenig, Hogsett's spokesman, "Why would you sign a pledge like that if you didn't intend to stand by it? This could be the defining day of this campaign."

Columnists (on Indiana)

Harry McCawley, *Columbus Republic* - "Just when I was about to poke my sinking head out of Bartholomew County's sea of political signs - prepared to admit defeat and go under for the last time - I was tossed a life preserver by Gerald Perry. Gerald has ratted on all Bartholomew County politicians - save two - who have insisted on besmirching the landscape with their 'Elect Me' signs. They're illegal. The only legitimate yard signs to be found in Bartholomew County are those belonging to Bob Hayes and Jessica Webb. Everybody else has committed a misdemeanor. In Indiana Code 3-9-3-2, Section C, requires candidates to identify the source of money used to pay for their messages. That's the teeny-weeny type you see that begins, 'Paid for by....'"

Tom Tuley, *Evansville Courier* - "Although election issues can become fairly muddled, and usually do, there can be little confusion between the choices voters have in the 8th CD - Frank McCloskey and John Hostettler are as unlike as any candidates you'll ever find. There is McCloskey, the Democratic incumbent, far to the left of the political spectrum; and there is young Hostettler, the Republican challenger, far to the right. Neither candidate is what the other likes to portray in political rhetoric. McCloskey is not a socialist; Hostettler is not a proponent of a nuclear bomb in every home. Most 8th District voters would probably prefer someone somewhere in between. But that is not one of the options they'll have in the booth on Nov. 8, because neither candidate appears to have any interest in gravitating toward middle ground."

Morton J. Marcus, *syndicated* - "My old classmate, Larry Luzer, called, collect, just as I sat down to write this column. 'Moron,' he said, intentionally leaving the 't' out of my first name, 'What is Indiana doing to this nation?' What are you talking about, I asked. 'Well, lately I've been sitting on a bench in the park here chatting with Alan Greenspan and he....' Wait, Alan Greenspan? 'Yes. Alan and I were wondering if the Midwest, and Indiana in particular, is the source of inflation. We hear Elkhart, Noblesville and other places have labor shortages. What's going on there? Is this a Hoosier economic miracle like West Germany and Japan in decades gone by? If so, Indiana may be responsible for inflation and forcing Alan to raise interest rates.'"

David Mannweiler, *Indianapolis News* - "A gaggle of Republican legislators and GOP legislative wannabes convened on the Statehouse steps in early October and signed a 'contract with Indiana.' They said they'd 'return to teaching honesty, respect and other societal standards' in Hoosier schools. Curious, then, that the House Republican Caucus' campaign committee is mailing fliers to voters about diaper-limo trips that apparently don't exist. Some of the Democrat House candidates and legislators targeted

by the Republicans say the limo-to-get-diapers fliers go beyond distortion. They call it a lie. Those Republicans on the Statehouse steps said they'll come through on their pledges in their contract with Indiana if they get elected and win a GOP majority in the House. Until then, lying must be OK."

Lee Schelling, *Michigan City News-Dispatch* - "Sometimes a person can bump into some interesting bits of information along the way while working a news beat. Among those: It seems many people are still trying to figure out what is in the crime bill passed in Washington almost two months ago. Well, join the club. One item just coming to light is that people who are under a court order restraining them from contacting a former spouse...cannot 'lawfully receive or possess any firearms.' A police officer is getting a divorce. The soon-to-be ex-spouse has a restraining order issued. Is that police officer going to have to give up his or her weapon? It appears so. How about military personnel? No one seems to know those answers. Meanwhile, the politicians will continue to do whatever it takes to get re-elected, even if it means passing bad laws, unconstitutional laws, pork-laden laws."

Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune* - "Dick Lugar will be back in the U.S. Senate for a fourth term, as Indiana voters want him to be, despite the term limit gimmick so many of his fellow Republicans have been proposing for their own political gain. If term limits had been in effect, Lugar would not be running for re-election. He would not even be in the Senate now. He would not have been there to push successfully for sweeping reform of the Department of Agriculture or to sponsor the Nunn-Lugar Program that has led to dismantling of some 1,600 strategic nuclear warheads in the old Soviet Union once aimed at us. Jim Jontz would pull an upset by getting over 40 percent of the vote."

Steve Hammer, *Nuvo* - "I'm not afraid to admit it: I voted twice, once. The year was 1986 and the reason was simple: Dan Quayle. Back then people thought he was just a hayseed, trailer-trash senator instead of the hayseed, trailer-trash vice president he later became. Also, I had a crush on Jill Long, who was that year's Democratic sacrificial lamb candidate for U.S. Senate. Plus, if she won, I could try and hit her up for a job. And my motive? It was opportunity, plain and simple. I was covering the '86 Senate race for the *Indiana Daily Student* and I was living in Bloomington although my permanent address was in Indianapolis. I registered to vote in Bloomington and somehow my name wasn't struck off the voting rolls in Indy, which made me able, if not actually eligible, to vote twice. How did it feel to vote twice? Not as good as I thought, actually. I didn't get as big a thrill from breaking the law as I'd hoped and, worse, nobody really cared when I told the story later."

Musings and Meanderings

Quayle brings out the crowds, and the television news crews

Former Vice President Dan Quayle can draw crowds, as he has done twice for David McIntosh, for Mark Souder on Halloween, and on Thursday for John Hostettler. But the real value in a Quayle visit isn't just simply pumping flesh. He brings out the TV news crews and print reporters. In Fort Wayne, Quayle brought out about 350 people plus all three TV affiliates that hardly have been covering the campaign. When Jill Long brought in Gov. Evan Bayh a week before, there was no TV coverage. Conversely, Vice President Al Gore can be expected to give Frank McCloskey a nice bump in Evansville this Sunday. And Quayle is using pretty much the same stump speech, which is: vote Republican in this district and if we win, it will put the district on the map nationally and disappoint Dan Rather.

□ **UGLY LIE:** Erma Souder is telling Jill Long and a regional TV audience: "quit lying about my family." It reminded *HPR* of a Bob Dole retort to George Bush.

□ **DEMS FIRE UP HENRY COUNTY:** Secretary of State Joe Hogsett, Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon, State Rep. Doug Kinzer and State Sen. Bill McCarty appeared at a rousing rally in Henry County last Friday. Kinzer, in responding to Bill Hussing's WTHR-TV report on a potential conflict of interest with Henry County Memorial Hospital, told the crowd, "I've always tried to do simply the best for you. No more. No less." Hogsett was coaxed to the podium shortly after arriving from the Edinburgh debate. He noted the WTHR-TV poll that showed him with an 8-point lead. "I don't want anyone in this room to listen to the polls," Hogsett said, adding, "because they're after us." Hogsett also noted, "I've never seen so many Republican VIPs in my life. And I've lived here all my life." Finally, O'Bannon urged the crowd: "Don't let the Republicans define us." (Delora Hartsock, *The Courier-Times*).

□ **AFL-CIO ENDORSES HAMILTON:** Chuck Depert, president of the Indiana AFL-CIO, led a coalition of labor leaders to endorse U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton. "I'm immensely pleased about it," Hamilton said.

□ **NORTH COULD CLIP QUAYLE:** CNN political analyst Bill Schneider sized up what various presidential contenders have at stake next Tuesday. On Dan Quayle, Schneider explained: "He is looking for a Christian conservative victory at the polls on Tuesday in states like South

Carolina and Minnesota. He wants to become the Christian conservatives' favorite son. But, Oliver North is also the Christian conservatives' favorite son. Would a North victory be good news for Quayle? If North gets elected to the Senate, he would immediately become a national figure and a hero to the right. To conservatives, North is red meat next to Quayle. The conservatives' ultimate fantasy is to go to bed Tuesday night and wake up to find Ted Kennedy out of the Senate, Mario Cuomo is out of the Statehouse, Tom Foley is out of the speaker's chair, and Oliver North is going to Congress."

□ **GONZALEZ PAYS BACK TAXES:** 4th CD Republican Mark Souder isn't the only one who has had to deal with back taxes this fall. Democratic auditor candidate Elmo Gonzalez paid \$2,852.13 in back taxes on a furniture store he co-owns. On Oct. 14, LaPorte County Treasurer Christine Brady was ordered to garnish the LaPorte mayor's wages after Gonzalez had been notified of the delinquency on Sept. 28.

□ **HUBBARD HEEDS LOU'S PLIGHT:** State GOP Chairman Allan B. Hubbard told the AP's Thomas Wyman that he isn't getting too optimistic about the Nov. 8 election. "All my friends and enemies tell me we're going to win come Nov. 8. These same people were telling the same thing to Lou Holtz."

□ **MIDWESTERN TRENDS:** There appears to be a Midwestern trend toward Republicans. In Ohio, a Gallup Poll shows Lt. Gov. Mike DeWine leading Democrat Joel Hyatt 51-41 percent for Howard Metzenbaum's U.S. Senate seat. In Michigan, CNN reported that Republican Spence Abraham leads U.S. Rep. Bob Carr for the open Senate seat, 42-36 percent.

□ **JEFFERS GETTING GOOD PRESS:** Secretary of State candidate Tim Jeffers doesn't have much money to spend on TV, but he's been getting great press. For instance, he was the subject of an above-the-fold page 1 story in the *Frankfort Times* on Oct. 26, with the 48-point headline reading, "You don't know Jeffers, but..." The Democrat also received the endorsement of the conservative *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*.

□ **MYERS-HARMLESS DEBATE:** The 7th CD race has kind of fallen out of the limelight, but Greencastle Mayor Mike Harmless and U.S. Rep. John Myers met for a debate in Terre Haute on Oct. 26. "I want to be a budget cutter," Harmless told the South Rotary Club. Myers told the gathering that his latest grandchild - born seven weeks ago - has been "given a debt he had nothing to do with creating." Also, both candidates are against term limits.

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Musings and Meanings

□ **WILSON HIDES DELANEY:** McIntosh campaign manager Chris Wilson offered several verbal barbs at Indiana Democratic Chairwoman Ann DeLaney. "She's been having all these rallies out front here. I think she's r living her protest days in the '60s, and with DeLaney, I mean the 1860s."

□ **HITTING THE 8TH CD TREE:** Chris Sautter, who handles communications for Frank McCloskey, Jill Long and Michael Harmless, felt that Republican John Hostettler handed the Democrats an issue over his calling for a abolition of the minimum wage. "As they say in Southern Indiana, he may have hit a tree," Sautter said, a reference to Joel Decker, who ended his public life after driving while intoxicated before he hit a tree. Sautter also commented on Jill Long's uncharacteristically harsh "tax evasion" ad against Mark Souder: "Jill has always played tough when she had to. She had tough spots against (Dan) Heath in 1989 and (Rick) Hawks in 1990 and only after they attacked first. You can't sit back and do nothing."

□ **DELANEY FILES WITH FEC:** Hogsett campaign spokesman John Koenig said that DeLaney officially filed a complaint against the McIntosh campaign with the Federal Election Commission on Monday. The Democrats charge the McIntosh campaign with evading spending limits over a recent mailing. The McIntosh camp claims it is exempt because it was handled by volunteers. And Chris Wilson has called on Marion County Prosecutor Jeff Modisett to investigate Hogsett on seven "questionable" phone calls the candidate made from the secretary of state's office." This is the result of Hubbard's "fishing expedition" in September. Koenig denies any impropriety.

□ **PLANE CRASH ALTERS BEATTY PLANS:** U.S. Secretary of Transportation Federico Pena was to tour U.S. 24 - the Hoosier Heartland Highway - with 5th CD

challenger J.D. Beatty, but cancelled after the American Eagle air disaster in Newton County Halloween night.

□ **BAYH STUMPS FOR BEATTY:** Gov. Evan Bayh, stumping in Kokomo for Beatty, told 175 supporters, "We have a rare opportunity in this election to send somebody to Washington who has been on the front lines of fighting the battle of criminal activity. All too often their (Republicans) answer to crime is to run a Willie Horton commercial."

Humor

Wendellisms, Wendell Trogdon, Indianapolis News

"Look for Dick Lugar to hold an after-election garage sale. He won't need those plaid shirts for another six years."

"Lugar didn't use all his Senate expense budget, causing liberals to accuse him of a lack of imagination."

"Elections are conducted every two years so the Ann DeLaney-Rex Early television show won't be cancelled."

Devil's Dictionary, Ambrose Bierce

Vote, n. The instrument and symbol of a free-man's power to make a fool of himself and a wreck of his country.

Washingtonian, n. A Potomac tribesman who exchanged the privilege of governing himself for the advantage of good government. In justice to him it should be said that he did not want to.

Saint, n. A dead sinner revised and edited.

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