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## Quote Of The Week:

"Webb is a good name.  
It's a lot better than Jessica  
Zuckschwerdt."

- Jessica Webb,  
challenging Sen.  
Bob Garton, on her  
maiden name

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## Th mor people Jessica Webb meets, more danger for Garton

**COLUMBUS** - There was a rare lull in Jessica Webb's day late Monday afternoon. She wandered into a place called The Quiet Bar inside the Ramada Inn.

Within 30 seconds, a burst of laughter came from the bar. Webb was seeking votes from the three men doing elbow benders.

"She told us she was a dog catcher and a prison warden," Dick Hatten laughed.

"Well, I'm the friendliest person you'll meet," said Jessica Webb, the Democrat who is challenging Senate President Pro Tem Robert Garton in the 41st Senate District.

Several minutes later, Hatten said, "Well, Webb, I'll have to vote for you."

Added Bob Perry, seated at the bar, "Yeah, if you only get two votes, you'll know where they came from."

Jessica Webb will get more than two votes.

"If she meets enough people, she can win," observed John Rumble, the 1988 Democratic attorney general nominee.

The Webb door-to-door count stands at 4,200 homes now, with a goal of 8,000.

The top two legislators in Indiana appear to be facing fierce challenges. On Sunday, an *Evansville Courier* poll showed House Speaker Michael K. Phillips in a statistical dead heat with 25-year-old Republican challenger Sally Rideout Lambert at 26 percent apiece. In that race, 46 percent remain undecided.

Webb's campaign won't release June polling results, but maintains that a Republican pollster found the Democrat challenger to be within the margin of error. And in both legislative races, the powerful incumbents have been thrust into uncustomarily early campaigns. Phillips began running radio ads on Sept. 20 and is attending campaign functions that he blew off in past years.

Drive U.S. 31 between Franklin and Columbus and the splendid autumnal panorama is jarred by numerous Bob Garton billboards (with two different themes: "Here's the future" and "A guy you can

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trust.")

While an anti-incumbency mood may have gripped the nation, it seems to have manifested itself here in the Hoosier state not so much in the 10 congressional races where GOP challengers are attacking Bill Clinton more than their opponents, but in these two top legislative races. While Phillips is beset by local issues and perceptions of arrogance, a number of statewide entities are targeting Garton, from Gov. Evan Bayh to the Indiana State Teachers Association. They see him as a Senate obstacle to education initiatives and budgetary policy.

**It wa Bayh, Democratic** Chairwoman Ann DeLaney and others who caught wind of Jessica Webb volunteering for a sheriff candidate, and approached her last May to run against Garton. Bayh told her to give him a call at the governor's mansion. She waited a few days before committing. Thus, a blonde political tornado was spawned. Said Jo Ann Cline, Bartholomew County Democratic co-chair, with a snicker, "Mutual friends have told us that Garton has said this has ruined his summer."

The case Webb is making to voters in Shelby, Johnson and Bartholomew counties is the classic case of an incumbent out of touch. "Twenty-five years is just too long," she says again and again. Webb is truly a new age vehicle to deliver that message.

On Monday, she was quoting e.e. cummings and Victor Hugo in raising an emotional case against Garton.

"e.e. cummings wrote about the Cambridge ladies who live in furnished souls," Webb explained. "Bob Garton lives in a furnished soul. I feel like he doesn't care. He, being pro tem, he's the furnished soul."

Speaking to a group of influential women at The Commons in downtown Columbus, Webb quoted Hugo: "Men have sight, but women have insight." The crowd was amused as Webb launched into the musty perceptions of the Indiana General Assembly, where fewer than 25 percent of the members are female, and few have any input into crafting the budget.

"I'd like for you to go out and talk about me," Webb said. "If you have a question, call me. Behind every great woman, there are more women."

Time and again, the personal contact Webb makes brings smiles and vows of support. After the luncheon, she began a trek in downtown Columbus to find a place to launch an ISTA phone bank. Looking for Rumble's office, she had to ask five people for directions and by their expressions, possibly won five more votes. She ran into judge candidate Dick Donnelly. Yes, he told her, he had five phone lines her campaign could use from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday until the election.

A few minutes later she was in Rumble's office. Cline had preceded her there and as Rumble sat patiently, Cline explained, "Jessica, he knows what you want."

"You want phones," said Rumble.

"We got the people faster than we got the phones," Webb said.

"We've got nine lines," Rumble said.

In 15 minutes, 14 phone lines became reality.

~~Garton~~ ~~Hale~~, the ISTA liaison attached to the Webb campaign, was jubilant. The key to the campaign, Hale said, is to underscore Webb's attractive looks and vibrant personality with serious talk. "They need to know that there's depth there," Hale said. The phone lines were her windfall.

"Isn't this wonderful?" Webb told a smiling Rumble, and added, "You can always call me, but I'm never home."

Hale needled Webb. "You were taught to never talk to strangers and never give out your phone number and now you're doing it every day," Hale said.

Watching Webb, the feeling is that the more she campaigns, the closer she'll get to Garton. She has to break even in Republican-leaning Johnson County (where she lives) and get a plurality in Bartholomew, where her home town is. "I'll win Johnson by 100 votes," Webb says.

That is unless Garton can successfully make the case that Webb would be a pawn of the ISTA, voting tax increases and against school choice.

"You know, people say to me quite often as an education advocate, 'I'm sure you want to raise taxes,'" Webb said, "and I say, 'No I do not. I want to reprioritize our budget for education.' We spend quite a bit of money on education in Indiana. I question how wisely it's being spent."

As for Garton, Webb accuses him of tying up education and property tax relief legislation into death by Senate committee.

Judging chances for success prior to election day is tricky, so one looks for intangibles, such as incumbents campaigning early, attending events they never would

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have in less threatening years, and the viability of the challenger. Webb maintains she will run ads in the expensive Indianapolis TV market through the rest of the campaign, including a new ad that started Wednesday. She is getting both manpower and funding from the ISTA, but adds, "I'm getting help from a lot of other groups."

Another intangible signal occurred at the Johnson County Democratic headquarters in downtown Franklin. It was like a beehive. A central committee meeting was taking place in the back room, while in the front several old-timers, ISTA activists and members of the Webb entourage drank coffee, laughed and mingled prior to the day's campaigning.

"This place hasn't been like this in years," observed Stan Orezak, who was committed to brewing a perfect pot of coffee. "It's so much busier now."

Said Hale, "You know, when I left last night, it was the same scene. A committee meeting in back and people hanging around with Jessica up in the front."

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## The Horse Race

2ND CD	STATUS	COMMENTS
Hogsett (D) v. McIntosh (R)	Toss Up	McIntosh seems warmer to the camera these days. But new dangers emerge in running v. Clinton: Haiti successes and chicken with Saddam. Quayle to spend a day in the district.
4TH CD Long (D) v. Soud r (R)	Toss Up	Long camp cries foul repeatedly over Souder "misrepresentations." Long campaign running on Stan Greenburg plan - distance from Clinton, leave DC, talk constituent service.
5TH CD Beatty (D) v. Buyer (R)	Leaning R	Ouch! Buyer congressional office called on campaign work. Give me the fax, ma'am. But didn't Beatty do the same thing? Allegations of dumpster diving in City of Firsts. When it rains...mud.
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>		
J ffer (D) v. Gilroy (R)	Leaning R	Jeffers emerges as Statehouse candidate getting attention. GOP advocacy of less government seem milquetoasty in defending SoS office. Lugar handing Gilroy paperwork in ad seems sexist.
8TH CD McCl sky (D) v. Hostettl r (R)	Toss Up	Hostettler poll (Fabrizio-McLaughlin) shows him leading 46-43 percent (5.5 +/-). DNC brands Hostettler top 10 "radical right." Foreign policy talk helps Frank. Hostettler looks rested.
<b>41st INDIANA SENATE</b>		
W bb (D) v. Gart n (R)	TOSS UP	ISTA gearing up for Garton, big time. Webb is powerful in person. Needs to back that up with "Iron Lady" perception. Where's Ann? Can Jessica chip away at BG's Gibraltar - Johnson Co?
<b>74TH INDIANA HOUSE</b>		
Phillips (D) v. Lamb rt (R)	TOSS UP	<i>Evansville Courier</i> poll reaffirms what many of us thought: MKP is in trouble. Deadheat at 26 percent. Poll might mobilize Warrick County Dems. Still Phillips' race to lose.

**TRENDLINE: Did the GOP wave crest too early? Perhaps. Haiti won't be a positive, but it's no disaster either. Iraq may help Clinton stature, which will help Dems.**

## Congress Watch

## 8th CD debate press coverage

**BLOOMINGTON** - Here's a sampling of the press coverage of Sunday night's 8th CD debate between U.S. Rep. Frank McCloskey and Republican John Hostettler:

**John Lucas,**

*Evansville Courier* - "In their first and probably only televised debate, Hostettler pounded on McCloskey's congressional voting record, hoping to prove he is out of touch with the voters of Southwestern Indiana. McCloskey, though, punched back, saying he had won six previous elections for the post with margins of victory from a slim four votes up to 62 percent of the votes cast. With those wins under his belt, McCloskey said, 'I think I'm representing somebody out there.'

"The most heated topic was abortion. 'I essentially endorse Roe v. Wade,' McCloskey said. 'I believe in a woman's right to choose.' On at least four occasions, McCloskey challenged Hostettler to say whether he supported a human life amendment and whether he wanted to ban all abortions. Hostettler would say only he opposed federal funding of abortions."

**Kurt Van der Dussen,**  
*Bloomington Herald-Times* - "In a spirited exchange that produced more heat than light, 8th CD candidates Frank McCloskey and John Hostettler engaged Sunday night in what will apparently be their only face-to-face debate. It was a remarkable affair both for what never arose once as a question - the huge national debate over health care reform - and what did come up: how the two stood on teaching creationism

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## Congress Watch

### Hogsett r/McCloskey, from page 3

versus evolution in schools. (Both said they did not think either, or any, view should be excluded from presentation). Neither came close to a knockout, and afterward, both did what political candidates always do after a debate: claim success and profess themselves to be pleased by their performance."

Ted Birdis, *Associated Press* - "Congressional challenger John Hostettler hit Democratic Rep. Frank McCloskey on every buzzword issue: taxes, gay rights, gun control, the environment, prayer in school. McCloskey yesterday suffered through the role of an incumbent facing a political newcomer. It was an uncomfortable defense of his voting record as McCloskey shifted behind his podium. McCloskey's own offensive against Hostettler was over a 'human life amendment' supported by abortion opponents. He continually asked whether Hostettler will support it but never received a direct answer. McCloskey conceded one point during the debate that a ban on assault weapons he supported...was a mistake. He called it 'problematic to enforce and predicted it will be overturned."

### Long hits Souder on 'misrepresentations'

FORT WAYNE - This race is getting increasingly acerbic. Republican Mark Souder said in an Oct. 2 debate that incumbent Rep. Jill Long voted June 9 to send troops to Haiti. Long twice called it a "misrepresentation" during the debate. She later released paperwork showing her May 24 vote on a resolution stating the president should take no military action unless there was clear and present danger to citizens or if U.S. interests were at stake.

Long called Souder's stance on the issue "dishonest" and said of his overall campaign: "I believe it is a campaign based on misrepresentation."

The Long campaign has been critical of Souder using footage from the Oct. 2 debate in a TV ad, in violation of an agreement. Souder said the image is a photo and not videotape.

On a potential Department of Agriculture nomination, Long told *HPR*, "I am not seeking that position and have not been contacted by the administration. I am very honored that the press has included my name on that list, but this is a press-generated story."

### Hogsett, McIntosh talk about the presidency

INDIANAPOLIS - Secretary of State Joe Hogsett and Republican David McIntosh appeared jointly on Eric Miller's "Inside Indiana Government." On each of the eight topics discussed, McIntosh blasted the Clinton administration. After the taping, McIntosh explained, "The real issue is going to be who is going to be the next congressman. The real issue is that I will go there and fight against the Clinton agenda. Joe will go and be an ally of Bill Clinton just by the first vote he will cast for speaker of the House

and the committee chairmen."

Said Hogsett, "I don't go to Washington to follow any one particular agenda, whether it be Bill Clinton, or Dan Quayle or Newt Gingrich. I hope to go to make the decisions the best I can regardless of party affiliation. That is what is wrong with the country today. Everybody is looking at everything in purely partisan terms."

Hogsett said the same would hold true if he returned to Washington after the 1996 election with a Republican in the White House. "I would not go to Washington to simply be a naysayer and negate whatever a Republican president wanted," he said.

Hogsett also chided McIntosh for the TV ads attacking Clinton. "As I told David last night, I was somewhat surprised by his ad campaign. I'm very proud of him for wanting to run for president, but he should wait two years and save his money."

### Buyer's 'fax pas' and Beatty's lack of leave

KOKOMO - U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer was to reprimand his chief of staff, Kelly Craven, for sending campaign material over the congressional office fax machine. Fifth CD chairman John Kocher called for the release of Buyer's congressional phone records and official staff management records.

Hinton maintains that Buyer's office has reimbursed the government \$10.90 for the faxes and another \$50 toward the national debt "to err on the side of propriety and good judgment."

*The South Bend Tribune* reported that Beatty admitted making about 60 campaign related phone calls from the sheriff's office. A Sept. 11 *Kokomo Tribune* article also quoted Howard County Commissioner David Griffey as suggesting Beatty take a leave of absence since he was spending half his time campaigning. Beatty said he can justify not taking the leave because the county owes him overtime pay.

And the *Hammond Times* editorialized on what it called a "fax pas," saying Buyer's campaign activity "does not at all qualify for that terrifying appellation ending with the four-letter word 'gate.'"

On Tuesday, Beatty stood beneath a Wabash statue of what his campaign called the "grandfather of political debate" - Abraham Lincoln - and issued a debate challenge to Buyer.

"Steve Buyer has the wrong priorities," Beatty said. "He would rather hide behind his press secretary, his fax machine, and his media consultant approved press releases than appear in public and defend his record."

Beatty has called for a debate in each of the 5th CD's four television media markets. To date, he has accepted only one debate, at WLFI-TV in Lafayette on Nov. 1 plus a forum in Peru on Nov. 2. Buyer press aide Pat Hinton said that equalled the joint appearances in the '92 campaign between Buyer and Jim Jontz.

## Legislature Watch

## Health care reform will be hot topic in '95 Legislature

**KOKOMO** - "Health Care Reform for the 21st Century" was the topic of a community forum at IU Kokomo last Wednesday, but health care reform in the 1995 General Assembly kept popping up.

Panelists were Jerry Payne, secretary-treasurer of the Indiana AFL-CIO; Charlotte MacBeth, Indiana Hospital Association director of government relations; and Keith Faller, executive vice president of The Associated Group, the state's largest health insurance organization.

The panelists agreed health care reform is needed, that everyone should have access to health care, and that costs must be contained. MacBeth and Faller spoke in generalities on those issues; Payne was outspoken in favor of a single-payer system such as that in place in Canada.

Payne also maintained that House Bill 1324 introduced in the '94 legislative session by Rep. Charlie Brown, D-Gary, addressed many of the state's Medicaid problems but failed in the legislature because Gov. Evan Bayh exerted no pressure in its favor. Brown's bill passed the House, but didn't get a committee hearing in the Senate.

Payne said Senate leaders said they would schedule a hearing if the governor asked for it. He didn't, Payne said.

Brown told HPR that "conversation in the state house corridors" backed up Payne's contention, but that he had no first-hand information that was true.

But the bill will be back in the '95 session, he said. It still is modeled on the Canadian single-payer plan, but a

proposal by Dr. Jonathon Javors, a Schererville physician, to include an IRA provision has been added.

Brown said he has met with state Senate leaders, and representatives from the governor's office, the hospital association, the Citizens Action Coalition, AARP, the medical association, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, manufacturers, the disabled and the poor.

"What we need," Brown said, "is to have town hall meetings around the state to tell the public what we plan."

He said there will be four such regional meetings before the legislature convenes in January.

Speaking in Columbus, State Rep. Bob Hayes agreed that health care reform will be high on the agenda. "Last year, it was 'let's wait and see what the federal government does,'" Hayes said. "Now they can say nothing is going to happen."

Hayes favors a single payer plan, similar to the Hawaiian model. "It's lowered the cost by half to businesses," Hayes said. "It's what we do now with Medicaid."

### When you fear the president, turn to the next best thing: Evan Bayh

Gov. Evan Bayh will be administering the video push for Democratic legislative candidates who fear a negative impact from President Clinton.

The *Evansville Courier* reports that Bayh has taped TV ads for 25 Democratic candidates, including House Speaker Michael K. Phillips. Bayh's approval rating has been as high as 69 percent.

Said Democratic strategist Bill Shreiber, "The party of the president always suffers in an off-presidential year." He added, Bayh is "absolutely" the best thing Hoosier Democrats have going for them.

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## Columnists (on Indiana)

**Sylvia Smith**, *Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette* -

"Contempt for the use/abuse/misuse of incumbent privilege was a regular theme in Steve Buyer's 1992 campaign for Congress. At least some voters who chose him no doubt thought they were electing a man who would never cross the line between the ethical and unethical and would tolerate no slip-ups among his staff. We learned last week the line was awfully blurry. Buyer's staff regularly did campaign business during working hours and use the congressional office fax to conduct it. Perhaps the most eye-opening element of this sorry episode is that the main culprit was Buyer's chief of staff, a woman who ran his campaign two years ago and who, presumably, helped orchestrate the I'm-for-integrity/incumbency corrupts theme."

**Harrison Ullman**, *Nuvo* - The Indiana secretary of state's office "is good for politicians on their way to somewhere else, but good for nothing else. There is no work for the incumbents to do as secretary of state; there are no responsibilities for them to fail. There isn't even any useful money they could steal nor any useful favors they could sell for bribes. Whether it's a Republican or a Democrat, the secretary of state holds an entirely useless office that wastes the money we spend for it. Whether we elect Jeffers or Gilroy, we should get rid of it."

**J.K. Murphy**, *Columbus Republic* - "As part of The Republic's election coverage, readers were invited to send us questions they would like to 'Ask the Candidates.' The idea was to provide a forum wherein voters could raise the issues important to them, rather than allowing the politicians to direct the course of the campaign. We were not bowled over by the response. After publishing the invitation five times, we received 50 responses. Of those questions, half were rejected. Some were duplicates. Some asked questions of such a limited focus that they were deemed to be of little interest to the public. Guess what issue was raised most? Taxes - specifically property taxes."

**Jerry Miller**, *Johnson County Daily Journal* - "As we approached our destination on one of Anderson's back roads, it seemed more like something from a movie we all still remember. Rising up beyond the cornfield beside the road like a highly polished promise were the bright track lights, standing tall and flushed with blinding candlepower. I had seen some sterling horses up close, which is more than most of the night's audience did, enjoyed finding some with colorful and memorable names, even backed three winners, which is generally more than you get with, say, a Colts season ticket. And I didn't have to dig into the kids' milk money to do it. That would be the potential sin, if there is one to Hoosier Park, wagering more than you can afford to lose. But that issue seems to have faded

away, too, judging from an illuminated sign in front of a church across the road, as we drove out of the track. It suggested good-naturedly, 'Trot on over to God's Place.'"

**Mike Dooley**, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* - "Ever since he made his first bid for public office, Gov. Evan Bayh has faced complaints by some Democrats that he isn't much of a Democrat. Speaking to reporters in Washington last week, Bayh seemed to lend some credence to the allegation. First, the governor told Deborah Barfield of our Washington bureau that incumbent Republican Sen. Richard Lugar is 'very popular' and has scored some points with his expertise on foreign policy. Then, in practically the same breath, Bayh said former Republican Vice President Dan Quayle has a better chance of being elected president 'than most people give him credit for' and noted Quayle has an ability to shake off negative publicity."

**John Krull**, *Indianapolis News* - "A television commercial cooked up by the campaign of congressional candidate David McIntosh caused a ruckus a few days ago. The spot, which features footage of two dark-skinned males being led in shackles, accuses President Clinton of being soft on crime because he wants to establish some racial balance to executions. My complaint is that the McIntosh spot demeans human life, regardless of race. Think about it. In order to garner a few votes, McIntosh is pledging to execute people more quickly than the next fellow. In his spot, McIntosh chides Bill Clinton for not being vigorous enough about putting people to death. The irony is painful. This is the same Bill Clinton who - in one of the more stunning displays of moral cowardice that have earned him the nickname Slick Willie - allowed a severely brain-damaged black man to be executed during the 1992 presidential campaign."

**Jack Colwell**, *South Bend Tribune* - Writing on Gordon Durnil's "W" theory: "Most voters these days don't vote a straight-party ticket. So after voting for a big favorite in one party - in this case U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar - they look down somewhere along the list of Democratic candidates, making the first dip in a 'W' to find a Democrat. Then, the Republican tendency of Hoosier voters, they'll move up to vote for more Republicans before taking the second dip of the 'W' to find some other Democrat at the local level. They then complete the 'W' by returning to the Republican candidates. Both state chairmen respond immediately when asked which Democrat has the best chance of benefiting from a 'W.' They pick Katie Humphreys, the Democratic nominee for state treasurer. DeLaney says Humphreys 'is well positioned' in ballot placement and campaign funding. Hubbard says Humphreys clearly will be the best funded of the Democrats running for Statehouse offices."

## Campaign prognosticators

### Chamber panel makes '94 campaign predictions

**INDIANAPOLIS** - A panel of experts gathered by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce matched wit and predictions last week at the Westin Hotel.

The panel included Steve Bell, a former ABC News correspondent and current professor of telecommunications at Ball State University; Bernadette Budde, senior vice president of the Industry Political Action Committee; *South Bend Tribune* political analyst Jack Colwell; Tom McDermott, former mayor of Hammond and president of Northwest Indiana Forum, Inc.; Dan Miller of the Indiana AFL-CIO; Ed DeLaney of Barnes and Thornburg; Jim Shella, Statehouse reporter for WISH-TV; West Lafayette Mayor Sonya Margerum; and Bill Stuart, director of political affairs, Indiana Association of Realtors.

**Bell:** Is there a single hot button issue?

**Stuart:** I would say on a national level, the hot button issue is Washington.

**Shella:** The one word I would use to describe voters is apathetic. A number of predictions are that the turnout will be lower than it has been for sometime. Two rounds of polling this fall has found that the number one issue with voters in Indiana is *don't know*.

**Miller:** I'll ditto the apathy. I think that is reflected in the low turnout in the special election in Texas where Kay Bailey Hutchison was elected by 9 percent of the people eligible to vote. That's something that's become increasingly worse in this country. The hot button? Polling our members, their number one concern is job security.

**McDermott:** I think anything goes, throw the rascals out, anyone can go. I think there are people who are in trouble who people never would have possibly imagined. I think this election is up for grabs.

**Margerum:** There is a lot of apathy and very little political apathy taking place at the local level. The hot button issues are trust and taxes.

**DeLaney:** I think the mood is confused. I think the press and Republicans are basically telling everybody they're unhappy and the public is going along with it. I don't think people know what to make of the economic success we've had; a lack of confidence it will continue. That stirs them up. I think they're worried about the long-term future. On foreign policy, I think the public and politicians are unprepared to deal with the end of the Cold War. They want instantaneous victories everywhere, now at no

cost. They are continually disappointed.

**Colwell:** The hot button is Clinton. You find Republicans trying to mention his name whenever possible, even when someone says that it's about a dogcatcher and they'll say it's part of the Clinton agenda. Democratic candidates don't use Clinton very much. To sum up the mood, I would liken it to something that happened a few years ago in South Bend. A man...was running unopposed, and he lost. That's a true story. He took ill the night before the election and he couldn't vote. They say his wife did vote. There is a happy ending to the story; he was appointed to fill the vacancy. We've heard about apathy, apathy. I thought I'd mention the ultimate apathy.

**Budde:** I'm surprised no one has spoken the word that's most obvious across the country and it's *omery*. It started across the country in 1990, was more reflected in 1992. The hot button is privilege - the notion of insider or the ability to take advantage of things ordinary people aren't able to do. Summing up what that means, voters are saying to the candidates, we know who you are, we know what you've done and we've had enough of it.

**Bell:** Listening to your comments, there's a conflict here between apathy and throw the bums out, because one implies you sit on your hands and do nothing and the other implies I'm mad as hell and I'm going to do something about it.

**Colwell:** I think that one thing that's happening is that people are turning against the system itself, instead of a particular candidate. I ran into a woman who was bragging that she had always voted but she was not going to vote this time. She was going to show them.

**DeLaney:** I think that's the Republican strategy. Instead of passing campaign reform, you choke it, bottle it up, thereby increasing the hatred of Congress in hopes that that hatred will fall on the Democrats. That's their strategy. Now that's a high-risk strategy because you're playing with institutions. I don't know why Congress is any different than any other institution. I think that people who belong to most institutions no longer respect them. Congressmen are joining in that strategy. Back to your theme, the hope is that Democrats vote with their feet and the expectation is that the apathy will fall more heavily on the Democratic side, the *omerness* will fall more heavily on the Republican side and our people will stay home. In 1974, we won everything because of Watergate and Republicans stayed home. We may get what we want, Newt Gingrich as speaker of the House, and after 10 years or 12 years of that and we'll win forever.

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Musings and Meanderings

# Expect Charlie Brown to join Rogers in Gary mayoral primary

**GARY** - It's going to be a busy Democratic primary in Gary next spring. Two-term Mayor **Thomas Barnes** has decided not to seek re-election. When first elected, he said he wanted only two terms. He wouldn't mind a third, those in the know say, but decided against facing a buzzsaw of public opinion telling him he failed to produce for the city. Four hats already are in the ring for the primary. They belong to **Charles Graddick**, a former city court judge; attorney **Scott King**; **Steve McMath**, an employee of the Calumet Township trustee's office and a precinct committeeman; and State Sen. **Earline Rogers**. Expect another hat to be tossed in sometime after Nov. 8. State Rep. **Charlie Brown** told *HPR* he is interested in making the race, but can't make a public pronouncement until after the November election because he is running for re-election. "If I am a candidate," Brown said, "I am almost certain to have the backing of former Mayor **Richard Hatcher**." Brown quashed a rumor that Hatcher would be a candidate again, saying, "I understand he's very happy being a law professor at Valparaiso University."

Here's a travel advisory from the desk of the *Chicago Tribune's* **Mike Royko**: the Chicago Skyway, which connects the Indiana Toll Road to I-94, can be a very dangerous place to be. Royko is reporting numerous rock-throwing at vehicles on the Skyway, and little if any reaction to the attacks from Skyway officials and the Chicago Police Department. *HPR* recommends taking I-94 from Indiana into downtown Chicago.

**Baron Hill** sees light at the end of the tunnel for Democrats this fall. Speaking to Miami County Democrats in Peru, Hill said, "I have a firm belief that the real Americans are going to say that 'we're not so dissatisfied with the Democrats after all.'" (**Lauren Bitner**, *Peru Daily Tribune*). Hill also said Democrats are "a people not settled yet."

Fort Wayne Mayor **Paul Helmke's** ties with the Clinton administration may be finally paying off. The city will receive about \$2 million to fund 30 new police officers for the next three years. Helmke was severely criticized by some Republicans for cooperating with the Clinton administration. He told *The Journal-Gazette's* **Sylvia Smith**, "Getting \$2 million to hire 30 officers will be a significant help in fighting crime. If it does that, it's worth any flak I took."

An Indianapolis investment firm, South Trust Estate, is gobbling up a lot of land in Clay County. The firm spent \$132,000 of \$139,600 at the Clay County auction last week. A day before, three out-of-state investment firms purchased \$1.37 million of the total \$1.44 million spent there (**Caryn Shinske**, *Brazil Times*). Said Clay County Treasurer **Nellye Schopmeyer**, "I like everything to stay in our county as much as possible."

U.S. Rep. **Jill Long's** office has confirmed that the Fort Wayne National Weather Service office will be studied independently to see if it will qualify for a NEXRAD radar site.

**John Marburger** of Peru has been elected Republican chairman of Miami County.

The **Lugar** campaign has confirmed that the dog in the TV ads is not **Magnum**, but a double. Magnum refused to fly back to Indiana on anything other than first class, so the senator was forced to find a double.

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