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AS WE HEARD IT

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Supervisor of Elections Pam Iorio informed us that 247,185 people, 65.4 percent of the registered voters, went to the polling precincts in Hillsborough County last Tuesday. This is the highest turnout ever for a gubernatorial election.

Political consultant Mary Rep-

per lost several races in Hillsborough County this year. Her candidates included Ron Glickman, Judge Dan Perry, Joe Elena Weachter, Sam Horton, Joelle Ober and Steve Gavalas. She did win big with Victor Crist.

Rumor has it that some friends of Dick Greco are encouraging him

to hire Ms. Repper for his mayoral campaign.

Rumors are floating in the County Courthouse that County Commissioner Joe Chillura is thinking about switching parties.

We called Commissioner Chillura, and he said he has heard the same rumors and has been asked by some to switch. He said that he is a conservative Democrat and has not entertained thoughts of switching parties.

Political consultant Todd Pressman had a hand in two of the three big Republican wins in Hillsborough County last Tuesday, with State House candidate Rob

Wallace and County Commission candidate Chris Hart.

In last week's column about the November 8 election, we offered our predictions, endorsements and comments on the various races that would appear on the ballot. We noted at the offset that many of the races would be close.

However, we underestimated the gains and victories that the Republicans would score here.

As has been our practice for more than 40 years, we'll recap last week's column and compare our predictions with the results.

U.S. Senate

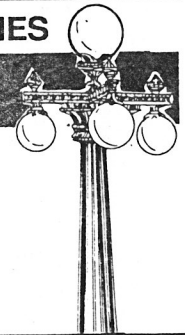
We voted for the loser, Hugh
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