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## “QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“It is only us, who sit here locked in winter’s cruel embrace and fear the theft of spring....”

- Tom Tuley of the Evansville Courier  
on the lingering baseball strike

# Lugar... in granite

## Key weekend in presidential sweeps as senator gauges New Hampshire

One of the biggest Hoosier political stories of the year takes place this weekend...and it isn't happening in Indiana.

Sen. Richard Lugar makes his way to Manchester, N.H., where he will join eight other Republican potential presidential candidates in a Republican Party-sponsored dinner. Indiana cable TV subscribers will be able to watch the dinner at 7 p.m. Sunday on C-Span and CNN, and possibly a roundtable discussion on WMUR-TV, Manchester, from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday on C-Span.

At stake is whether Lugar's fledgling presidential campaign will ignite as he tries to draw a contrast between himself and the so-called heavyweight contenders - Sens. Bob Dole and Phil Gramm, and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander.

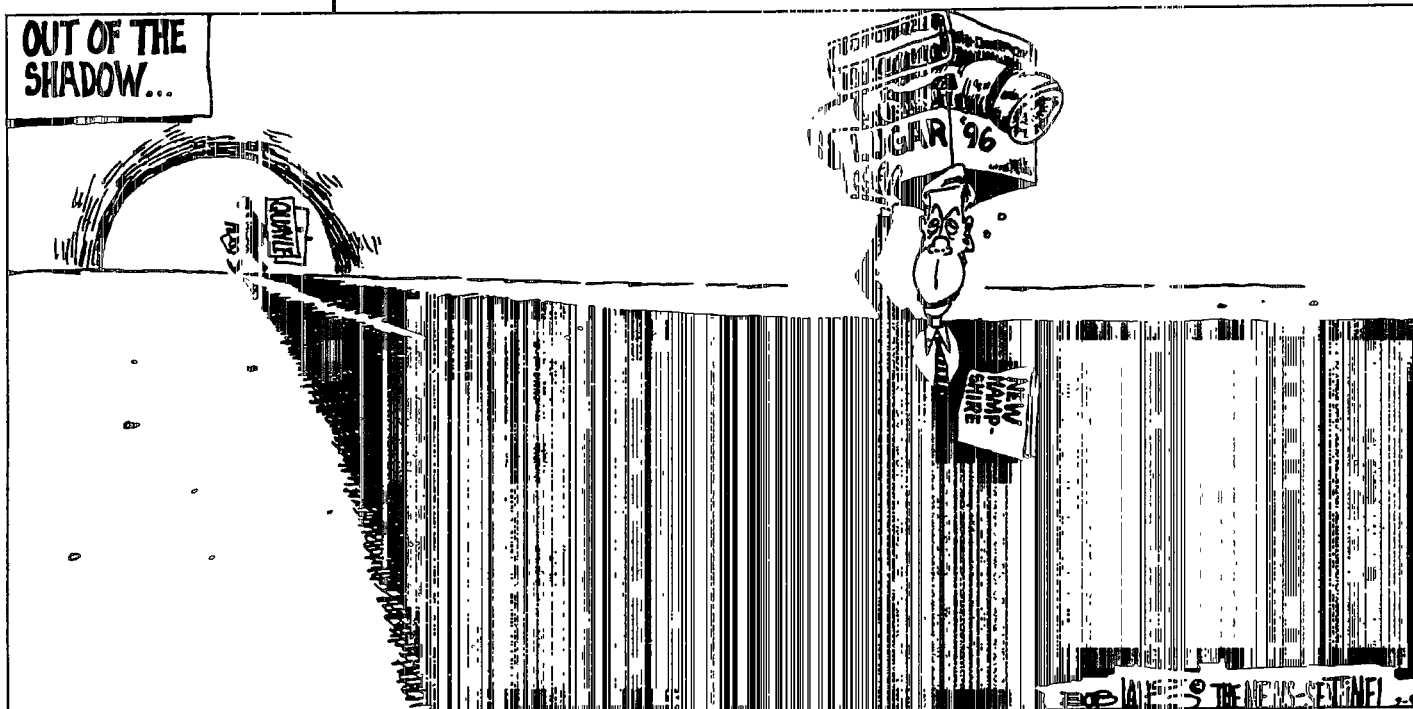
Lugar said on CBS's "Face the Nation" last Sunday that a decision would come within "weeks." He added, "I'm specifically I focused on the meeting in New Hampshire next Sunday as an opportunity to tell my supporters - and I would hope that would become a larger and larger group - that I would like to run, I'd like to have them financially and organizationally and this offers a focal point for that campaign."

Since Lugar announced on Jan. 30 that he would attend the dinner, he has appeared on "Larry King Live," and CBS "Face the Nation." On Wednesday, David Broder writing in the Washington Post called Lugar "the interesting new possibility" in the presidential sweeps and added, "What does set Lugar apart is the seriousness with which he has thought about the presidency and the set of experiences he would bring to the job."

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# TICKER T A P E

**U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer** engaged in a friendly debate with House Majority Leader Dick Armey over the vital issue of Valentine's Day. Armey told Roemer that the House would be adjourned early enough "to have a lovely dinner with a lovely person" on Tuesday. Roemer: "And if we don't, you're buying the roses to get all of us out of that deep stew?" Said Armey, "Sir, I understand the point..." A few minutes later, Roemer asked, "Will the distinguished Majority Leader yield for one final question about Valentine's Day?" When it was granted, Roemer said, "Would he just whisper in my ear or tell me now if he has a reservation, what time his reservation is Tuesday night?" Armey responded, "I have just checked with Dan Cupid" and "it will be 7 p.m."

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In New Hampshire, Lugar will attempt to draw a contrast with the perceived front-runners over national security, where Gramm has no experience and Lugar believes Dole blundered last December on a suggestion that the U.S. unilaterally end the arms embargo against the Bosnian Muslims.

The immediate payoff for Lugar could well come in the form of a poll or polls, following his three-day trip. It's likely that at least one major news organization will poll New Hampshire voters on their preference. To date, Lugar has not shown up in any national polling, but that could change. Earlier polling conducted by Frank Luntz showed former Vice President Dan Quayle with good support. Lugar and Gramm are expected to make a hard push to gain some of that support.

Sources close to the four-term Indiana senator believe Lugar is a good match for Granite Staters. He is a fiscal conservative, down to earth, anti-isolationist, straight forward and a no-nonsense truth teller. He has been close to former Sen. Warren Rudman, a popular New Hampshire politician.

The New Hampshire dinner will

wide national and Indiana coverage. At least two Sunday morning news shows, NBC's "Meet the Press" and ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley" will broadcast live from there. Reporters and TV crews from Indianapolis and Fort Wayne are expected to journey to Manchester to size up Lugar's chances.

"This is an excellent opportunity to send a message," said a source close to the senator. "This will be a national forum that presents wide exposure. It will be an opportunity not only to highlight issues and themes, but to test support, both collectively and individually."

Lugar is expected to line up possible New Hampshire campaign staff during his itinerary that begins on Saturday and extends through Monday.

The dinner hasn't been without controversy. On Tuesday, there were squabbles about the speaking order of the dinner format. A memo from New Hampshire Chairman Steve DuPrey stated a "protocol order" that included "incumbent senators, congressmen, then formers. Buchanan b----- over this and is threatening not to show unless the order is changed. Folks should be pretty drowsy by the time St. Pat ascends the podium. On the other hand, he'll be a big hit in the PST."

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## Asleep at the wheel in Fort Wayne

Last month, a man named Leslie Crosby filed for mayor of Fort Wayne as a Democrat. His phone is disconnected and Brian Stier, who has become the de facto Allen County Democratic chairman, knows only that Crosby lived in Fort Worth, Tex., until about 18 months ago. Party officials even went to his house to try and track him down with no success.

As of late Wednesday night, Fort Wayne Democrats were trying to talk someone they know into running for the right to face two-term Republican Mayor Paul Helmke.

In a normal situation, Democrats could slate a candidate this summer, but not with Crosby in the race. "I thought we'd have a known candidate, but I'm less sure tonight than I was two weeks ago," Stier said.

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Not only are Democrats in disarray, but so is the Fort Wayne news media. No one has done a background check into Crosby. In fact, going into the final week before Friday's filing deadline, none of the media had even bothered to get up to speed on where the mayoral race was headed.

"You have to wonder where the media has been," Stier said "We haven't been able to check this guy out."

It's a far cry from the days when Ivan Lebamoff and Win Moses commanded great strength in Indiana's second largest city.

## TICKER T A P E

**U.S. Sen. Dan Coats** will address both houses of the Indiana General Assembly on Monday and Tuesday of next week. He will appear before the Senate at 1:45 p.m. Monday and the House at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. The topic will be "New Federalism" and how Indiana is a prime model to begin assuming some of the burdens previously held by the federal government.

A political hearbreak? Jasonville Mayor and Elvis impersonator **Bruce Borders** is not seeking a third term in this Greene County city of 2,200. Borders was the city's first Republican mayor in 48 years.

**Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon** has come out in support of the I-69 extension from Indianapolis to Evansville. He told a Monroe County Positive Progress luncheon, "I hope the future's bright" (Kurt Van der Dussen, *Herald-Times*). O'Bannon added that "I consider it a big insult" the moniker "road to nowhere." And O'Bannon noted that progress was vital prior to 1996, since the "Mid-Continent Corridor" highway runs through Arkansas and Tennessee, home states of **President Clinton** and **Vice President Gore**.

*Michigan City News-Dispatch* readers by an 84-4 tally in an InfoCentral poll opined that Congress had no business dealing with the baseball strike,

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## Lugar, from page 2

In that format, the speaking order would be: Dole, Gramm, Lugar, Sen. Arlen Specter, Rep. Bob Dornan, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, former Labor Secretary Lynn Martin, economist Alan Keyes, and Buchanan. Gov. Steve Merrill is expected to play a prominent role at the dinner and writer P.J. O'Rourke will make the closing remarks.

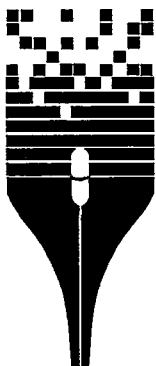
While Lugar made two trips to New Hampshire last spring that were widely interpreted as a presidential test, sources close to the senator say a recent Godfrey Sperling breakfast with a number of members of the national press corps in early January helped push him toward

making the run.

Wrote Jack Colwell of the South Bend Tribune, "Many of the prominent Washington journalists at the breakfast, despite their reputation as a cynical lot, were very kind to Lugar in their remarks and in their evaluation of him as a potential president.

Colwell said Lugar called it "an unusual situation" in which "these professional scoffers at presidential pretenders seemed to be actually encouraging him to enter the race."

Lugar sources told HPR, "You could tell by the nature of the questioning and then the follow-up comments that people were very intrigued and thought he had something substantive and positive to offer."



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# TICKER T A P E

**Charles Deppert**, president of the Indiana AFL-CIO, is warning that last month's "massive peso devaluation in Mexico" has become increasingly clear that, one way or another, workers will be forced to pick up the tab." He cited a report by the Pueblo, a Mexican economic group, that the Mexican economy is polarizing. Deppert said, "U.S. workers can now expect accelerated job losses, as a rising tide of cheap Mexican imports are sent north to help keep the Mexican economy afloat."

Speaking of labor, the move by Indiana General Assembly Republicans to cut the prevailing wage may be the beginning of a renewed interest in the Democratic Party by organized labor. In some areas of the state, such as Allen County, labor has become indifferent interest in the local party.

This was to be the week that conservative Indiana General Assembly freshmen Republicans were going to lean on **Speaker Paul Mannweiler** to move the informed consent bill out of **Rep. John Keeler's** Judiciary Committee, where he had threatened to kill any "nuisance" legislation. But a similar bill - SB 311 - got a hearing in **Sen. Patricia Miller's** committee on Wednesday. Word is that if it gets out of the Senate, it will go to State **Rep. Robert Alderman's** House Public Policy Committee, where it has a good chance of getting to the floor for a vote.

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## Indiana's hottest mayoral primary races abound on Lake Michigan rim

When it comes to mayoral politics in May, look no further than the southern rim of Lake Michigan.

If you're looking for yawners - both in the primaries and the general elections - look to Indiana's four biggest cities where incumbents in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Evansville and South Bend face only mild to token opposition.

There will be major Democratic primary donnybrooks in East Chicago, Gary and Michigan City, highlighting the May primaries. In those three cities, winning the Democratic primary is tantamount to winning the election.

In two races, incumbent mayors are expected to face stiff challenges. In East Chicago, Mayor Robert Pastrick is being challenged by former Lake County Sheriff Stephen R. Stiglich. In Michigan City, incumbent Mayor Robert Behler is challenged by Councilwoman Sheila Bergerson.

■ **EAST CHICAGO:** The most intriguing of these races will occur in East Chicago, where Pastrick has held power since 1972. He is also the Lake County Democratic chairman and was unsuccessfully challenged by Stiglich for mayor in 1983 and for the party chair in 1992.

The Times of Munster editorialized that, perhaps, "It is time for a clean break from the past, time for new faces."

Its Feb. 10 editorial notes: "Pastrick's stranglehold on the Democratic machine in the county and the mayor's job in East Chicago have increasingly turned from a semi-blessing into a full-blown bane. His focus seems more on what power can do for him and his cronies than on what he can do for the people."

As for Stiglich, the Times wrote, "He has been a credible candidate, with the potential to defeat Pastrick. But that potential was never realized and it was not just because of Pastrick's control of a vast patronage army ready to march

at even his most indirect behest and crush a common adversary who posed a threat to their power, perks and jobs. Stiglich, with impressive credentials in law enforcement, just did not click in politics."

■ **MICHIGAN CITY:** Observers believe Bergerson has a real shot at upsetting Behler. She has support from State Rep. Tom Alevizos, council President Evelyn Baker, to name a few. Republicans were trying to find a candidate as of late Wednesday night.

■ **GARY:** Former City Judge Charles H. Graddock has been endorsed by several community and political leaders, including Calumet Township Trustee Dozier T. Allen and pro baseball player Lloyd McClendon (Tom Inkley, Times of Munster). Graddock is facing a primary battle with State Sen. Earline Rogers, Steve McMath and Scott King. Former Mayor Richard Hatcher was waiting until Friday to announce whether

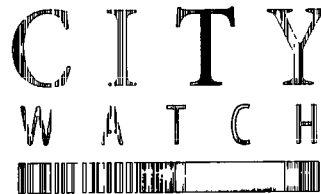
he would attempt to reclaim his old job. Graddock told a cheering crowd of 500, "We don't need much in Gary. We just need leadership."

■ **EVANSVILLE:** Mayor Frank McDonald II acknowledged he

made a mistake four years ago when he said he would not seek a third term (Patrick Wathan, Evansville Courier). "Circumstances change. People change," he said. "There is no other job I'd want right now." McDonald said that "the city is faced with the challenge of riverboat gaming and all the pluses and minuses that come with it. Never before have we been faced with a prospect that brings such controversy, such risks, and so many potential benefits." On the Republican side, political consultant and columnist David Scott Coker filed for mayor on Wednesday.

■ **SOUTH BEND:** Two Republicans, neither of

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## Early awaits Quayle(s) gubernatorial decision as fund-raising dries up

Now, Indiana awaits Dan Quayle's second shoe to drop: will he or won't he run for governor? Or, will Marilyn Quayle run for governor?

"Dan has got to say what he's going to do," said Rex Early, a leading contender for the 1996 GOP nomination until Quayle's bombshell hit last week. "He owes it to everybody. People will sit on their checkbooks."

It has been an exasperating week for Early. He's lined up 20 Lincoln Day dinner speeches and was doing well on the fund-raising circuit until the Quayle announcement. He proceeded with Lincoln Day speeches in Tippecanoe, Warren and Ohio counties over the weekend, working the theme that "I'm a guy with common sense and real-life experiences" and that kind of person will be needed as the Gingrich revolution spins New Federalism (and burdens) to empowered states.

"They're going to let the states reinvent government," Early said. "I don't want to put myself in a position of drawing the line in the sand. If he's not going to do it, he's got to let us know. Any delay would help Goldsmith. And that's not his bag. He's not going to use himself to let any of us have an advantage."

Perhaps the biggest clue to date that Quayle won't run for governor is Dick Freeland, a close Quayle confidant who is chairing Early's gubernatorial campaign. "Freeland called him three weeks ago about being my chairman," Early said. "If he was thinking about governor, you'd think he would have discouraged Dick."

Quayle has done little to put out any gubernatorial fires. On NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday, Quayle said of an Indiana race, "I need time to reflect to decide whether I will run for governor. One thing's sure: If Marilyn runs, I will support her."

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whom had consulted with party leaders, have filed for the right to challenge two-term Democratic Mayor Joe Kernan (Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune). The two are Larry M. Scott and James W. Philson. A third Republican, Michael C. Waite was "testing the waters." Scott raised eyebrows when he wrote a letter to Kernan that began, "You little WEASEL!" Scott said he was "very insulted" when Kernan noted that Republicans were seeking a "formidable challenger."

■ **KOKOMO:** Republican Howard County Commissioner Dave Griffey has announced for mayor. He will face his friend, City Councilman James Trobaugh, in the GOP primary. Griffey challenged incumbent Mayor Bob Sargent four years ago, losing by a 59-41 percent margin (Steve Jackson, Kokomo Tribune)

■ **CONNERSVILLE:** Fayette County Council

President Dave Devor, a long-time Democrat, filed for mayor as a Republican, acknowledging certain criticism because "this is a drastic change." Also filing was 74-year-old Republican Floyd Nutty, who was defeated in the 1991 primary.

■ **INDIANA ROUNDUP:** Warsaw Republican Mayor Jeff Plank is seeking a fourth term. He is unopposed....In Logansport, Republican Gil Thomas withdrew from the mayor's race after Cass County Auditor Chod Gibson filed....Rochester Mayor Ed Fansler will face a primary challenge from Donovan Peterson... Crown Point Mayor James Metros ended speculation about his future when he filed for a second term. He is expected to face Republican James Wirtz in the November election.... In Hobart, director of public works Wayne Snider surprised observers by filing in the Democratic Party. He joins Linda Buzinec, former Police Chief John Clemmons and political newcomer Dan Dolan in the May primary.

## TICKER T A P E

Last Sunday was a day for Hoosiers on the news shows. NBC's "Meet the Press" featured **Dan Quayle**. CBS's "Face the Nation" had both Indiana **Sens. Richard Lugar** and **Dan Coats**. Coats is spearheading the opposition against **President Clinton's** surgeon general nominee, **Dr. Henry Foster**, saying the White House has botched the nomination. "I find it ironic that the president was the one who made the number of abortions the issue," Coats said. "I would have certainly gone through the nomination process if they had been candid and forthright and come out and said, 'Yes, he has performed some abortions.'"

Former Indiana House Speaker **Kermit Burrous** told Robert Bryan of the *Wabash Plain Dealer*, "I was probably the last of the speakers that had the control there used to be." Burrous also views the larger legislative staffs as mixed blessings. On the good side, he said, is that the bright energetic staffers serve a legislator's constituents better. But, on the downside, they don't have enough to do between sessions other than to justify their own jobs and perpetuate their bosses' tenure in office. He called them "of questionable value" in a time of government downsizing.

Fort Wayne **Mayor Paul Helmke** and Allen County **Sheriff Joe Squadrito**, at odds last fall, have patched things up to the point that they announced a metro crime squad to target crime kingpins.

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## INTERVIEW



## Mike McDaniel's election as state GOP chair finds a lot to sort out

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**- Mike McDaniel**

Mike McDaniel has been a political activist since the days when then Indianapolis Mayor Richard Lugar was stumping Marion County looking for support for the controversial "Unigov" legislation.

He's wanted to be chairman of the Republican Party for the past dozen or so years. It finally happened Wednesday when the 20 state district chairs and vice chairs gathered above the Spaghetti Factory in Indianapolis and chose him over four other candidates.

McDaniel inherits a political situation not unlike the spaghetti downstairs. His predecessor, Alan Hubbard, steered the party through a great 1994 election cycle, which will be hard to top. Additionally, he finds numerous controversies at hand - the 1996 gubernatorial race and the Goldsmith and Quayle factors; and a state school superintendent who has aligned himself with the Democratic governor.

HPR conducted this interview with McDaniel minutes after his victory:

HPR: What was the gist of the presentation you made before the Central Committee?

McDANIEL: My presentation wasn't much different than the others. We all agreed we need to spend a lot of time building up the organization. We can do that in 1995 and try to win back some mayor races, then hit the ground running hard in 1996. So the real emphasis is going to be on organization building in 1995.

HPR: Where are the areas that you need to build up?

McDANIEL: You have to come to a consensus with the county chairmen as to what exactly they should be doing to help win elections. And once everybody decides what the basic responsibilities are, to train those county organizations who need help to make them better so that we can be even stronger in 1996.

HPR: You have a couple of ticklish situations at hand, first of which is the Quayle for

governor thing. How will you sort that out?

McDANIEL: I don't see me playing a role in sorting that out. I think it will sort itself out in the near future. And we're still a year or so out from that primary, so if it does sort itself out in a relatively short period of time - the next couple of months - it will be fine.

HPR: Some of the announced candidates have told me they'd rather see it resolved in a period of weeks because the fund-raising has frozen up.

McDANIEL: I'm sure they would. Now whether they want me to come and play a role in that is another question. Right now, that thing's got to sort itself out.

HPR: Then there's the Goldsmith situation. There has been a lot of turmoil in the Marion County organization. How important is it to the state party to get everybody on the same page there?

McDANIEL: Once again, Steve is running for mayor and he's working hard at being mayor. He's already announced he's seeking another term. I think that one is going to take care of itself eventually. He's been very straightforward; he's not going to make any commitments on 1996 yet and that's probably the only way it could go. I have to be honest with people about that.

HPR: There has been so much emphasis in the media and with the party pros about 1996, even before last year's election ended. Do you think people have been racing out ahead of what they should be talking about?

McDANIEL: I don't think there's any question the governor's office is the major prize for the Indiana organization in 1996. But from what I heard from the state committee today, they are eager to win back as many mayor's offices as possible in '95. The idea is to train the organization to do things well, use the 1995 election as kind of a test of that training and then go

into 1996 so we can hit the ground running to try and win back the governor's office, hang on to both houses in the legislature and our congressional delegation, if not make some progress.

HPR: The other controversy brewing comes with the IPASS issue and Supt. Suellen Reed's association with Gov. Bayh. How do you proceed there?

McDANIEL: I don't know. I know there are some people sensitive to that issue. But I know that Suellen in her heart is doing what she thinks is right for education. But she's going to have to be sensitive to the perceptions within the party because she is in a convention situation. Any time you're in a convention situation, you better pay attention to what the party feels or you're going to have a problem.

HPR: Will you want to sit down with her and go over everything and find common ground?

McDANIEL: I may at some time. Suellen and I get along fine, so that may happen down the line.

HPR: The more I think about it, you've inherited all kinds of problems.

McDANIEL: These aren't problems, these are opportunities.

HPR: The informed consent legislation and the freshman class in the legislature have been kind of antsy. What role do you see yourself playing there?

McDANIEL: I don't. I don't see myself playing a role in a lot of those issues areas. I think the state chairman's role is what Al Hubbard did so well in his role as chair: bring parties together, get them to agree on common agendas, then go out and help them get those agendas accomplished. Al did a great job doing that prior to the last two legislative sessions. If I can do that, I'm not going to meddle in specific legislation. We have a lot of capable people who can sort that out themselves.

HPR: The Lugar presidential bid, what are your thoughts on that?

McDANIEL: Dick Lugar would be an unbelievable president. He would be a fantastic president. He's clearly one of the most competent people in the United States Senate. He's

one of the reasons I got involved in politics back in 1969; traveling all over Marion County trying to convince people of a new program. Unigov was not a real popular program when he first started out. I can remember being a senior in high school and was so intrigued by this very young mayor doing this that I borrowed by father's car and drove to Lawrence Township to see Dick Lugar in a public forum with a very unruly crowd, explaining his idea. And by the time the evening was over, he had converted most of the crowd into believing that was a good idea. And I will never forget the power of that night in that room where I watched Dick Lugar do that. And that is one of the reasons that I've always been interested and worked so hard in politics is because I feel there are some good people out there doing things. He's certainly one of those people. I agree with those people who say we're tired of politics by news release; we want governing by competence. If so, Dick Lugar will be a great president.

HPR: In the 1996 congressional races, are you going to be looking at the 3rd and the 9th CDs?

McDANIEL: We're going to look hard at both of those. I think Jean Leising worked her heart out in the 9th. I haven't talked to Jean yet, but I think she's eager to give that another shot. She'll be even more prepared next time around as compared to this time. I also think the 3rd will get a good look.

HPR: You're going to have to try and hold on to some tough legislative seats - Lohr, Kimmel, Heffley, Becker to name a few. Any thoughts on how you go about doing that?

McDANIEL: One of the smartest things I've seen going on in the legislature within the Republican Party is in the House. They have developed a mentoring program. They've assigned a mentor to them and are really trying to help those freshmen coming along a lot faster than if they were just out there on their own. I think that's going to go a long way to make them veterans before the end of their first terms, instead of being rookies all the way through. Those people who won in those tough areas are blatantly aware of how tough those areas are. They will be prepared.

# HUMOR

## M I L L

### Wendellisms, by Wendell Trogdon, *Indianapolis News*

"When folks in New Hampshire say the sap is running it's not certain they're talking about maple trees or presidential candidates."

"We haven't heard much about Hillary Rodham Clinton this year...not that anyone is complaining."

"It is still possible, though, for anyone to grow up to be president...as long as he or she can raise \$25 million."



*Times of Munster* columnist Phil Wieland writes that the city of Gary can't put riverboat casinos on Lake Michigan because of an obstinate cement company. The other option is Burns Ditch. "It was enough of a misnomer that Lake County was going to have riverboats when they were on the lake. Now, instead of lakeboats we are going to have ditchboats? Maybe Gary should go with canoes until things are a little more settled. And no tipping."



### Devil's Dictionary, by Ambrose Bierce

Presidency, n. The greased pig in the field game of American politics.



# COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

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Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune - For Dan Quayle, it was now or never. It will be never. For Dick Lugar, could it be now? The two questions oft asked recently about the two most prominent Hoosiers on the national political scene had been why Quayle would do and whether Lugar will do it - run for president. In Indiana, even among those who know Quayle is the victim of an undeserved image of lacking smarts, there were suggestions that Quayle run for governor, not president. Such suggestions were based on a faulty theory that Quayle somehow could emerge from a term or two as governor to become a heavyweight on the national scene. Maybe he will be governor some day. Maybe a very good one. But it was now or never for president.

David Broder, Washington Post - After his disquisition on the (budget deficit), Lugar said something I guarantee no one else in the field would have said: "There are many other important issues - welfare reform, crime, the devolution of power to the states, and so on. But fortunately, we have many talented people in Washington and around the country to work on those problems. Only the president can deal with the two challenges on which our future really depends - nuclear security and fiscal sanity."

John Krull, Indianapolis News - Dan Quayle's withdrawal from the 1996 presidential race demonstrates just how sinister our political process has become. Just to stay competitive, a candidate likely will have to have \$25 million socked away by the end of this year. Suppose there are four serious challengers on the Republican side. Together, they will spend more than \$100 million - before the general election campaign even starts. The problem might not be so bad if it were confined to the presidential race, but it isn't. Money influences and corrupts every level of our political process. Candidates in Indiana's next gubernatorial campaign will spend more than \$10 million. The two candi-

dates in the 8th Congressional District race last fall spent nearly \$1 million apiece. It's time to consider providing complete public financing of political campaigns. When the money in politics closes the door on someone as powerful as Quayle, it shuts a lot of the rest of us out, too.

Mary Dieter, Louisville Courier-Journal - The ultraconservatives are on State School Supt. Suellen Reed because they're convinced there's something evil about IPASS. More disturbing is the undercurrent of anger coming from Republican stalwarts who are furious that she would align herself with Bayh, their nemesis. Former state GOP Chairman Rex Early, who is traveling the state in a gubernatorial bid, confirmed that "there is some concern that Suellen Reed has been rolled by the governor. He has heard of at least two people who are already thinking of challenging Reed for the party's nomination in 1996. The current chairman, Al Hubbard, paused before addressing the matter. "I don't think I want to get into it," he said. When pushed, he said, "there's been concern expressed about Suellen Reed's activities, and I would encourage her to work closely with the Republican legislators."

Tom Tuley, Evansville Courier - It is one of the foremost joys of our upbringing - not the game itself, perhaps, but the rites of renewal, the annual ritual of assurance that there is a tomorrow, there is another chance, there is, indeed, a bright and beautiful spring at the end of every dark and cold winter. All too often, we need reminding, and reinforcing, that hope really does spring eternal. But this reminder is in danger this year, so much so that even President Clinton stepped in last week and tried to break the stalemate. He failed. So what is left? It is not players, or owners, or the game, or even the institution that will suffer. It is only us, who sit here locked in winter's cruel embrace and fear the theft of spring.