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Quayle becomes first Internet victim

E-mail flubs doom him in Iowa

"It would be hard to go from a life of state dinners and exotic travels to doing Republican Lincoln Day dinners at Nelson's Golden Glo Port-a-Pit Hall in Wakarusa."
- HPR Publisher Brian A. Howey, *Newsweek*, Feb. 20, 1995



By **BRIAN A. HOWEY** in Indianapolis

Dan Quayle has become the first political victim of the Internet. Once every three or four weeks, I get e-mailed to me the list of Quayle gaffes and misspeaks, dated 1988-91. The 1988 Model of Dan Quayle has become the albatross around his neck.

Quayle finished - by virtually all accounts - an embarrassing 8th place out of 9 candidates in the Ames, Iowa, straw poll last weekend, with only 916 of the \$25 votes, bettering only U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch (558 5 votes). Texas Gov. George W. Bush won the most votes with 7,418, or 31.3 percent, followed by Steve Forbes, who spent \$2 million to successfully woo 4,921 (20.8 percent) of the votes, Elizabeth Dole, who had 3,410 of the votes (14.4 percent), and Gary Bauer with 2,114 or 8.9 percent of the you know whats.

The *Cedar Rapids Gazette* quoted Drake University political analyst Dennis Goldford saying, "Quayle's in big trouble finishing behind (Alan) Keyes. I talked to a lot of people who said they love Dan Quayle, but he's damaged goods. They think Quayle is the right message, wrong horse."

The huge political miscalculation Quayle made came in 1995 when he decided against running for governor of

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Beginning Our Sixth Year!

"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

'Frankly I was outraged. He used his campaign funds to pay himself. This is exactly what people don't want politicians to do....'

- Donna Kavanagh, who filed a complaint against House District 20 Democratic nominee Tony Underly, who paid himself about \$9,500, to the Michigan City News-Dispatch



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Indiana school boards expelled 129 students for taking firearms to school in 1997-98. Another 369 were kicked out for possessing other deadly weapons (Associated Press). "The data is some reflection on the school and the community," said Steve Davis, student services director of the Indiana Department of Education. "To ignore it is to be in denial about what is going on." The AP said the state only reported 62 gun and firearm expulsions to the U.S. Department of Education.

A Newsweek Poll (753 adults, 298 gun owners, Aug. 12-13, +/-4 percent) shows 68 percent favor "banning the manufacture, sale and possession of

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Indiana. Four years of executive servitude back home in Indiana could have erased the retreaded e-mail jokes. Quayle essentially acknowledged to Paul Gigot of the *Wall Street Journal* last Friday that it was perhaps "a mistake" not to run for governor and that he has miscalculated the level of his image problems.

CNN analyst Charlie Cook said of Iowa that it was "a disastrous showing, by any means" for Quayle. *USA Today's* Susan Page said on CNN's *Late Edition*, "Quayle is clearly the surprise loser."

Quayle's showing stunned some of his closest Indiana supporters and prompted four members of his South Carolina staff to bolt to Sen. John McCain on Tuesday. "He needs to figure out an extrication strategy so can keep himself viable down the road," said one close Hoosier Quayle ally.

Quayle insisted he was not leaving the race, as former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander is expected to do. "The No. 1 rule in politics is to peak on Election Day," Quayle said Sunday on CNN's *Late Edition*. "Well, Election Day in Iowa wasn't yesterday. Election Day in Iowa is

going to be on a snowy, wintry night in January when the caucuses go to tell us how we're doing. That's when the real vote takes place, and we are in a strong position to do very well and perhaps win in January."

If anyone had had the oxygen sucked away by the Bush juggernaut, it has been Quayle, President Bush's loyal vice president who has seen a number of what could have been allies in the former administration back the ex-president's son. Quayle said on CBS's *Face the Nation*, "It was a good night for Gov. Bush, but I still think it's going to be messy."

Asked if he would continue, despite a down-sized staff and potential for deep debt, Quayle said, "Look, I think I have a lot to offer the party. I believe I am the only one that can put together the Reagan coalition and the Reagan coalition is this: the social conservatives, the economic conservatives, and the national defense conservatives."

Why not at Ames?

When CBS asked the former vice president why he wasn't able to do that at Ames, Quayle responded, "Look, this is a

straw poll. You know the sound bite and the most memorable thing of this straw poll is probably going to be Steve Forbes flying in those French doors for his air-conditioned tent."

The *Arizona Republic* reported that "even before the vote was taken" Quayle aides sought to "downplay its importance and send the message that the candidate had strategically avoided pouring too much money into it." Said spokesman Jonathon Baron, "We were not going to be goaded, we were not going to be fooled into spending a significant amount of resources in August."

Former Quayle White House aide Bill Kristol said on ABC's *This Week*, "I don't know if he can sustain that. He'll make his own decision. I guess I almost hope he does. I think that would be a shame. He's a good man and he served his country well, and to sort of soldier on in eighth place, I don't know what the point of that is."

The Associated Press reported that while "Quayle spoke bravely, there was talk from some of his top aides that his campaign also was short-lived."

That differed from Mary Beth Schneider of the *Indianapolis Star*, who called Quayle's showing "a total, colossal failure" but added that interviews with Quayle's Iowa and New Hampshire staffs "were upbeat. All were dismissive of the persistent political speculation that his campaign would not long survive."

Quayle's dilemma

The dilemma for Quayle is that by staying in against Bush (with more than \$30 million cash on hand) and Forbes' unlimited spending account, it's hard to imagine any scenario of him rising up to finisher higher than either of them or Elizabeth Dole. If he does stay in the race, he risks becoming a 1990s version of former U.S. Sen. John Glenn, who is still paying off debts from his embarrassing 1984 presidential campaign.

The man in denial

David Yepsen of the *Des Moines Register* put it like this on NBC's *Meet the Press*: "I think those at the bottom of the pack are facing some tough decisions here today. The function of Iowa in his process is to winnow the field. That happens in straw polls and that happens in caucuses next year. So I think that some candidates, particularly Lamar Alexander, Dan Quayle, may not be able to raise the money to continue in the race."

George Stephanopoulos commented on ABC's *This Week*, "The man who is in denial is Dan Quayle. A former vice president finishes eighth - didn't even get a thousand votes. He said he is going to stick it out. Maybe he is looking for a time further down the road where he can get out in a dignified way."

Buying votes, elections

Yepsen's analysis that Iowa is the state that winnows the field is startling in that he includes an August 1999 straw poll where votes are bought as a strategic part of that process. What has prompted that is the front-loaded primary schedule that has the field gasping for any advantage in a process that will likely end by mid-March 2000.

A cornerstone of Quayle's presidential strategy was to use his Midwestern roots to solidify his status at the beginning of the primary season, then use that strength crucial to the GOP in the fall campaign to bolster him down the home-stretch. Instead, he received nothing less than a rebuke from Dubuque.

Where does Quayle go from here? He is not a viable presidential contender. Marilyn Quayle's acid remarks that G.W. has been given everything makes a cabinet post seem unlikely. He has no political future in Arizona.

Quayle is close to U.S. Rep. David McIntosh. You have to wonder if a move back home and a relaunching of his political career here is a ponderable thought between the two. ❖

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semi-automatic assault guns" and 37 percent favoring banning handguns. The poll said 93 percent favored the establishment of a mandatory waiting period for background checks. The poll showed that 35 percent of gun owners agreed with Republicans and 28 percent agreed with Democrats.

Democratic fundraiser Johnny Chung told Reuters that "Democrats told him how to plead the Fifth Amendment before he testified to Congress in 1997." Chung said Democrat staffers on the House Government Reform Committee "sent a package to my office, not my attorney's office" and said that package "tried to teach me how to plead - to take the fifth." Said committee chairman U.S. Rep. Dan Burton, "If Mr. Chung's allegations are true, this is one of the most outrageous and partisan actions by a member of Congress and staff that I have ever seen."

Dan Quayle was asked on Fox News Sunday if he was "going to go after George W. Bush" over his alleged wild days and rumored cocaine use. Said Quayle, "Well, I'm not going to do that. I have too much respect for his father. I served his father very loyally. I'm not going to get into personal attacks. I'm not going to get into this poli-

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tics of personal destruction. I am not going to run a negative campaign. I think people are sick of negative politics. I think they're sick of scandals. I have an upbeat, positive, optimistic message that I want to take to the Republican voter."

Republicans are leading the congressional generic polling by a 41-38 percent margin, according to GOP pollster John McLaughlin & Associates. A mid-July CNN/Gallup/USA Today survey had Democrats leading 42-37 percent. That compared to December 1998 figures showing Democrats leading 41-30 percent. A CBS News poll shows the public's approval of Congress has gone from 55-36 percent negative during President Clinton's impeachment trial to 43-41 percent positive at the August recess.

Sen. Richard Lugar's effort to strengthen America's energy security received a boost last week when President Clinton issued an executive order to step up federal research in turning plants, trees, grass and agriculture residue, or "biomass," into fuel. Clinton announced the order in a press conference with Lugar at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Lugar outlined his biomass proposal in a January/February Foreign Affairs article he wrote with former CIA Director F.

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Dems in center of tax debate

Bayh, Roemer, Hill would be conservatives in different era

By MARK SCHOEFF Jr.
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WASHINGTON - In a different era, tax proposals offered by several Hoosier Democrats might have been defined as conservative. But in the late 1990s polity, being conservative means fighting for large tax cuts while being a moderate Democrat means battling to hold the middle.

The tax bout has only entered the middle rounds, with the Republican majority Congress passing a \$792 billion 10-year tax cut before adjourning earlier this month. President Clinton has vowed to veto the package while calling for more temperate tax cuts, in the range of \$250-\$300 billion, and deriding the Republican plan as a threat to Social Security and Medicare.

Three Hoosier Democrats - Sen. Evan Bayh and Reps. Tim Roemer (CD-3) and Baron Hill (CD-9) - are burnishing their New Democrat credentials in the battle over how to allocate record surpluses. In the next 10 years, the federal budget is estimated to be \$3.3 trillion in the black. Democrats and Republicans generally agree to dedicate all but \$1 trillion of the largess to Social Security. What to do with the remaining trillion creates stratification within and between the parties.

Bayh, Roemer and Hill each think that the \$792 billion price tag is too high. Bayh, whose first bill focused on promoting fatherhood through moral suasion more than through government spending, is starting to make a mark in the tax debate. He joined a group of bipartisan senators who proposed a \$500 billion tax cut. The effort landed Bayh prominently on the pages of the *Wall Street Journal*. The plan was shot down, but could bob back to the surface during negotiations between Capitol Hill and the White House.

Roemer, co-chairman of the 63-

member New Democrat Coalition, backs a smaller cut. His group offered a \$300 billion proposal. Hill played a central role in crafting the Blue Dog Democrat plan, which would cut taxes by \$250 billion over 10 years. The common thread running through the proposals is the focus on

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reducing the \$3.6 trillion debt. The Blue Dog plan would dedicate 50 percent of any surplus that materializes to paying down the debt. "My preference is to shore up Social Security and Medicare," Hill said. "I don't know how we can offer nearly \$1 trillion in tax cuts when we're not sure if the surplus is going to be there. We're not cooking the numbers."

Roemer extolled the virtues of paying the piper in an Aug. 5 letter to Clinton, which was signed by 17 members of his coalition. "We believe that continued debt reduction is the best tax cut for all Americans and should be the first priority of any budget plan," the letter stated. Among the three possible uses of the surplus - tax cuts, bolstering entitlements, or reducing the debt - Bayh favors the latter. "For the long-term wellbeing of the economy, we have to pay down the debt," he said.

The green eye-shade approach of Bayh, Roemer, and Hill follows in the traditional definition of conservative. But the modern conservative is embodied by one of their Republican colleagues in the Hoosier delegation - Rep. David McIntosh (R-CD 4).

McIntosh, head of the Conservative Action Team in the House, is a standard-bearer for the \$792 billion congressional tax package. Under that plan, 75 percent of the surplus would be allocated to strengthening Social Security and Medicare and paying down the debt. The

remaining 25 percent would be used for tax relief.

In McIntosh's view, the GOP should hold firm and force Clinton to come up to the \$550 or \$600 billion tax-cut level before talks begin. "He'll have to do something like that to get to serious negotiations because there is so much momentum on our side," said McIntosh, who is running for governor. "The president will have to choose between giving us an issue and signing this bill. In the end, he'll probably look at the polls" and decide to support a large tax cut to help Vice President Al Gore's presidential campaign.

In the early stages of the tax tussle, the Democrats have the edge, according to one analyst. "The Democrats have the better sales pitch," said James P. Pinkerton, a lecturer at George Washington University and former policy official in the Bush administration. "(Republicans) won't necessarily win - they can't override a Clinton veto and maybe can't even get a majority in the polls - but they will energize their base and buy some political 'I-told-you-so's' in case a recession comes along between now and November 2000."

The lines of demarcation between Hoosier Democrats and Republicans are not always bright and clear. Rep. Mark Souder (R-CD 4) hailed the provision of the \$792 billion package that would allow tax cuts only if a surplus exists after money is set aside for Social Security, Medicare and paying down the debt.

When it comes to targeted tax cuts, members from both sides of the aisle stand on a wide swath of common ground. McIntosh has championed eliminating the marriage tax since 1996. Killing that tax is a main provision in Bayh's and Roemer's proposals. The GOP and Democrats also generally support reducing estate taxes and capital gains taxes and providing a health insurance deduction for the self-employed. But the Democrats focus more on spending some of the surplus on government programs. The Republicans devote more to tax cuts.

Republicans and Democrats alike must make their tax entreaties to a languorous audience. Rep. Ed Pease (R-CD 7) said he doesn't see much passion in the electorate on any issue. "It is a reflection of the times," he said. "People are generally satisfied. When you go through (the congressional tax package) point-by-point, people will say, 'Yeah, I agree with that.'"

Some of the tax-cut appeal is reduced by the fact that the total tax break for most Americans will amount to only a few hundred dollars a year. In addition, there's some question about the stability of the surplus. Congress has a penchant for breaking the spending caps set by the 1997 budget agreement - which produced the surplus - and dipping into the surplus to fund any "emergency" it decides to declare.

In addition to tax relief, Pease also said he senses strong support for paying down the debt and protecting Social Security and Medicare. "All of these things are going to end up on the negotiating table in September," he said. "This has to be viewed as a comprehensive package."

Determining which part of that package will be emphasized depends on the support different groups can generate. Although acknowledging the need to reduce the debt, business will weigh in more heavily on the side of tax cuts. "Within the bounds of reason, the larger, the better. It should be substantial," said Kelly Stanley, CEO of Ontario Corp. in Muncie and a new vice chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "To capitalize on opportunity requires investment and that leads right back to the issue of taxation. Given an opportunity, government will find a way to spend money. The discipline that might come from a tax cut is good." Stanley said the business community is engaged and advocating its agenda. But so is Roemer. The \$300 billion New Democrat tax cut is "not a bid up, but firmly puts a marker down. These are not prayed for projections, these are paid for plans. ❖"

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James Woolsey.

Kelly Stanley, CEO of Ontario Corp. in Muncie, has been named a vice chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Sen. Richard Lugar and Rep. David McIntosh, who credited Stanley as being one of the people who inspired his public service, feted Stanley at a Washington dinner in July.

Monroe County Sheriff Randy Williamson's trial is under way for misusing \$7,000 for public funds.

State Rep. Paul Mannweiler has been elected president of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The Indiana Election Commission is reconsidering campaign finance rules on candidate compensation after dismissing a complaint against House District 20 Democrat Tony Underly (Erin Carey, Michigan City News-Dispatch). Underly received about \$9,500 from his campaign finance fund as compensation for lost wages from 1996 to 1998. The complaint was filed by Donna Kavanagh, who lost the Underly in the '98 Democratic primary. "Frankly, I was outraged," said Kavanagh. "He used campaign funds to pay himself. This is exactly what people don't want politicians to do." Underly said he served

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as his own campaign manager. "Some people spend thousands of dollars on campaign managers," he said. Election Commissioner Bradley King presented the board with a draft that suggests if candidates are going to use funds for salary reimbursement they must say so in a contract with their campaign manager. King expects the commission to take action in September or October.

Lobbyists spent a record \$15.7 million to influence legislation during the Indiana General Assembly - a 19 percent increase (Associated Press). The report said \$13.9 million was spent on salaries, \$400,000 on receptions and other entertainment.

The Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service said northern and southern parts of the state are at near drought conditions with pastures dry. It said 56 percent of the corn crop has reached the drought stage and 13 percent of the corn crop has entered the dent stage. The soybean crop is rated only 34 percent good to excellent, compared to 69 percent last year. Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan said at the Indiana State Fair last week, "I don't think there's any good news" (Susan Dillman, South Bend Tribune). Kernan said statewide agricultural losses are estimated to be \$350 million and

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Dave Kitchell, Logansport Pharos-Tribune - As he sits in a hospital bed, Robert Ferrell is struggling with vision problems at age 78. His vision for vice presidential timber is another matter. He clearly sees the evolving political process that just over a year from now will select the first president of the 21st century. The IU history professor emeritus who authored 17 books and has focused on many vice presidents of the 20th century sees a limited future for Sen. Evan Bayh as a candidate for Democratic presidential front-runner Al Gore. "My guess is that he has no great ideas," says Ferrell, a Democrat, who admires Bayh's father, Birch. "Bayh does not strike me as a reformer. I don't think his governorship was at all distinguished." What Ferrell says Bayh needs is not a good five-cent cigar, but a good agenda. "The vice presidency, despite efforts to dress it up, is still pictorial," he says. "Television, whether you like it or not, is big." But Ferrell adds that Americans have largely become "fat and happy" because of their growing personal wealth and it will be difficult to connect them to larger issues, particularly foreign policy." Ferrell says if Gore is the nominee, he should consider doing what he probably will not - selecting Gore's opponent, Bill Bradley, as his running mate. ❖

Ben Smith, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette - Here is what some people think will go through America's head when it steps into the voting booth for Decision 2000 or Coin Flip 2000 or Blindfold Me And Hand Me The Pinata Stick 2000: "Daggone, but that boy's pretty." The boy in question being George W. Bush, the next president of the United States, the man with the laughing eyes and wind-blown hair and impish frat-boy grin, and,

oh, by and by, about a gazillion dollars in campaign money. He looks like a guy you could buy a beer for, George Dubya. He looks like a guy who ought to be president because... well, he looks like a guy who ought to be president. And so never mind his stand on the issues, if in fact he has one. And never mind his record as governor of Texas, which features mollycoddling major corporate polluters, supporting a \$250,000 slash in kindergarten funding and siding with utilities who wanted to pile 70 percent of their \$9 billion debt on the back of consumers. ❖

Kevin Merida, Washington Post - Dan Quayle is ready to talk about his predicament. Which tumbles into a discussion about the Bushes. Which gets complicated. "I think Republicans have a real guilt complex when it comes to the Bush family," he says. "They feel that perhaps they should have worked harder for his father and that there's some sense of feeling that they let his father down. So this is payback time." George W. Bush, beneficiary of the Big Payback? This is the Quayle theory on why the party elite and the party regulars have embraced Bush the Younger. Oh, they like Quayle, all right, but they don't think he's electable. He's got an image problem, plain and simple. Bumbler, lightweight, Maestro of the Malaprop, whatever. It's unfair, they say. It's wrong, they say. But that's the way it is. And so it's hard for Quayle to raise money, and it's hard for him to persuade voters they should invest their hopes in him. And it's doubly hard to watch the relatively untested son of a president he served so loyally being cooed at and crowned before his eyes. "Of course it's frustrating, but it's reality," he says. "So there's not much I can do about it." ❖

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INDIANA MAYORAL RACES 1999

Anderson Mayoral: **Republican:** Lani Czarniecki. **Democrat:** Mayor Mark Lawler. **Independent:** Linda Haynes. 1995 Results: Lawler (D) 9,411, Graham (R) 8,817. **1999 Forecast:** Haynes qualifies for the ballot. Prosecutors are mum on their investigation into Lawler's corruption allegations. **General Status:** *Tossup.*

Hammond Mayoral: **Republican:** Mayor Duane Dedelow. **Democrat:** Tom Philpot. **1995 Results:** Dedelow (R) 11,099, Philpot (D) 10,578. **1999 Forecast:** This is another close race shaping up. Philpot ran extremely competitive in 1995 and then defeated Lake County Commissioner Fran Dupey in the '99 primary, 4,526 to 3,758. Democratic polling shows Dedelow leading 43-35 percent. This race is very much in play. **General Status:** *Tossup.*

Indianapolis Mayoral: **Republican:** Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy. **Democrat:** Bart Peterson. **Our Party:** Rev. John Gibson. **Libertarian:** Andrew Horning. **1995 Results:** Goldsmith (R) 64,209, Jimison (D) 39,539, Dillon (L) 7,175. **1999 Forecast:** Informed GOP sources say Gilroy has about a 6-point lead. Peterson went off the air, presumably to poll and gauge his summer TV campaign's effectiveness. Goldsmith administration delayed final exit interview with State Board of Accounts to Aug. 25. SBA is apparently seeking additional documentation. The delays have been on-going since June and the ramifications are that the first audit results will hit the media after Labor Day. If there is bad news, it would have been beneficial to Gilroy to have that hit during the summer dog days. The first audit results will include reports on Oscar Robertson/Smoot's construction management program. This is where Gilroy is at greatest risk, since she has called Indianapolis the "best run city in America." Gilroy's trump card is her willingness to report her campaign finances on a monthly basis. Peterson's refusal will almost certainly be portrayed as "politics as usual" in fall TV spots. Gilroy reported \$578,000 raised between April 20-July 30, with 80 percent of her 1,502 donors living in the city. "I hope that this unprecedented disclosure will go a long way toward restoring public confidence in the political process," said Gilroy - almost certain to be a fall TV soundbite. AFSCME endorsed Gilroy. **General Status:** *Tossup.*

Muncie Mayoral: **Republican:** Mayor Dan Canan. **Democrat:** Ralph Smith Jr. **1995 Results:** Canan (R) 9,718, Carey (D) 6,521. **1999 Forecast:** Canan announced a tax rate 20 cents under the current one. "We have tried to hold the line on spending," Canan told the *Star Press*. "We presented a budget that adequately funds all operations of the city." Democratic Council President John Rust called the rate cut almost "unbelievable." Rust added, "I think we have to go along with it. I have no problems with it." Obviously, this is not a good development for Smith. The indictment of former Delaware County Democratic Chairman Phil Nichols on a campaign forgery charge doesn't help Smith and takes the sting out of Canan's controversial letter on behalf of a convicted felon earlier this year. On the indictment, 2nd CD Chairman Ray Scheele observed, "It's very unfortunate, but I don't think it translates into people changing their votes." **General Status:** *Leans Canan.*

INDIANA 2000 RACES

Governor: **Republican:** U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, George Witwer, John Price. **Democrat:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon. **1996 results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** Jim Huston became McIntosh's campaign manager. Steve Austin moved from the CD office to head up director of grassroots development. McIntosh campaign phone number is 765-286-1994. Formal "bunting & balloons" statewide fly-around will come Sept. 28 with a big fund-raiser a few days later. O'Bannon still can't shake Muscatatuck, where an investigation is under way on sexual abuse allegations. This could add

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the ripple effect could be \$1 billion. "That's what's not being spent on Main Street in small towns all over Indiana," said Kernan. Said Purdue agricultural economist Chris Hurt, "We are going to have another year where the market price is just simply not sufficient enough to even begin to cover the costs that producers are going to have in Indiana."

The Lake County Council is faced with a \$13 million deficit and may resort to employee salary cuts and possible layoffs (Rick James, Gary Post-Tribune). "What this really is begging for is staff reductions," said council financial administrator Dante Rondelli. "But everything will be gravy after next year." Council President Bobbi Costa replied, "You are telling me the solution to this is cutting the work force? Cutting salaries sounds better than cutting people." The county spent \$2 million more than it took in last year.

Former Delaware County Democratic Chairman Phil Nichols and his sister, Cathy Stonecipher, have been indicted on forgery charges (Muncie Star Press). The two have been charged with creating a bogus document in February 1998 that withdrew Paul Buckles from a precinct committeeman race. Buckles

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said he did not authorize the document and told the Star Press that Nichols "suggested" he leave the race before a county Election Board meeting. Asked for comment, Nichols told the Star Press, "I don't know very much about this situation."

HPR Publisher Brian Howey will join pollster Fred Yang in analyzing the Indiana 1999 political scene from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday Aug. 28 at the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association convention at the French Lick Springs Resort. ❖

more fuel to Republican allegations that O'Bannon has underfunded the state's mental health system. Republicans see Auditor of State Connie Nass as dogging O'Bannon on this issue because she has a relative at Muscatatuck. That could give Nass the best position to get the LG nomination. **General Status: Leans O'Bannon.**

Congressional District 2: Republican: Mike Pence, State Rep. Jeff Linder, Andrew Phipps, Brad Steele, State Rep. Jack Lutz, Fred Wenger, Bill Fraizer. Democrat: Joe Hogsett, State Rep. Tiny Adams, State Sen. Tim Lanane, Troy Liggett, J.D. Lux. Geography: Muncie, Anderson, Richmond, Shelbyville, Columbus and East Central Indiana. 1994 results: McIntosh 93,592, Hogsett 78,241. 1996 Results: McIntosh 122,288, Carmichael (D) 83,478, Zimmerman (L) 4,662. 1998 Results: McIntosh (R) 99,584, Boles (D) 62,426, Federle (L) 2,236. 2000 Forecast: DCCC polling spent half its time gauging a Hogsett-Pence race. CD Chair Ray Scheele told the Star Press, "I don't expect anybody even announcing until we have the results of our survey." Many Republicans are assuming Hogsett will be the foe. Huston and Columbus Councilman John Brown are out on the Republican side; Linder and Fraizer are in for the GOP. Linder can count on support from the House caucus. TeleResearch Poll on behalf of Wenger shows him leading in Delaware County with 44 percent, compared to 19 for Pence (who is not on the radio there) 9 for Steele and 8 for Phipps. Pence leads in the female 18-34 age group. Bill Smith from the Indiana Family Institute is scouting for Pence. **General Status: Leans R.**

Congressional District 6: Republican: U.S. Rep. Dan Burton. Democrat: Darin Patrick Greisey. Geography: Greenfield, Franklin, Tipton, Indianapolis collar counties. 1994 results: Burton 136,876, Bruner 40,815. 1996 Results: Burton 189,461, Dillard-Tramell (D) 58,362, Peterson (L) 5,295. 1998 Results: Burton (R) 135,169, Kern 31,472 (D), Hauptmann (L) 21,015. 2000 Forecast: Greisey enters the race. He lost to State Rep. Jim Atterholt in 1998 by a 13,084-6,942 margin. Danny looks safe. **Status: Solid R.**

Congressional District 9: Republican: Kevin Shaw Kellems, Michael Bailey. Democrat: U.S. Rep. Baron Hill. Libertarian: Open. Geography: New Albany, Jeffersonville, Madison, Nashville and SE Indiana. 1994 results: Hamilton 91,459 (D), Leising (R) 84,315. 1996 Results: Hamilton (D) 128,885, Leising (R) 97,747, Feeney (L) 2,315. 1998 Results: Hill (D) 92,477, Leising (R) 87,278, Feeney (L) 2,397. 2000 Forecast: Hill kicked off a 140-mile walking tour in Jeffersonville. "I really enjoy it," Hill said, following a path similar to his 1998 House campaign and 1990 Senate run. Kellems railed against the death tax with McIntosh. "I'm from a farming family. We lost a significant portion of our farm through estate taxes," said Kellems (*New Albany Tribune*). **General Status: Leans D.**

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