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**DEMOCRATS NOMINATE GREGG/HALE TICKET:** Democratic gubernatorial nominee John Gregg played off Gov. Mike Pence's assertion that Hoosier voters faced "two futures" last weekend. Setting up his rematch with the governor, Gregg called for "responsible leadership that moves us forward" (Curry, *Howey Politics Indiana*). "I like studying the past but I do not want to live there," said Gregg told more than 2,000 delegates attending the biennial Indiana Democratic Convention late Saturday afternoon. The former House speaker called out Gov. Pence for carrying an agenda focused more on his own political gains than of the people of Indiana. "It is time for adult leadership in the Statehouse," continued Gregg, who concluded his address saying, "As your governor I will take on the solemn job of making the future better for our kids. That is the job Mike Pence has not done. Let's go make an Indiana we can be proud of." Lieutenant governor nominee Christina Hale accepted her nomination, telling the delegates that she, "Never expected to be here" when she became pregnant at 19. "I was told I was loser and I would always stay that way," she continued. Hale laid out some serious problems that she hopes the Democratic ticket will be able to solve. She cited that one seventh of Hoosiers go without food on the table and that the average Indiana worker makes \$7,000 dollars less than the national average. Hale said she and Gregg have "big bold strategic plans for Indiana that will set the state up for success." Both Glenda Ritz and Lorenzo Arredondo were nominated for state superintendent and attorney general respectively. Judge Arredondo called for Hoosiers to be better saying, "We must recognize the ideas and principles of our founders and live up to them." On Indiana's nationally low voter turnout, Arredondo said, "More people need to participate in the process. When good people remain silent, justice is dying." Supt. Ritz used her acceptance speech to tell the story of what inspired her to run for office. She described the story of her meeting a young student who said, "I don't need to check out a book because I just passed my iRead-3 test." Ritz said that kids reading only to pass a test didn't sit right with her and that she was inspired to change the way education works in Indiana.

**BUTTIGIEG REACTS TO NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT:** Writing in the *New York Times* last week, columnist Frank Bruni described Pete Buttigieg, the Harvard-educated mayor of this "Rust Belt" city of 101,000 residents, as the "perfect Democratic candidate" (Blasko, *South Bend Tribune*). The column was headlined "The first gay president?" The New York Times is hardly the first national media outlet to shower attention on South Bend's mayor, who came out in an essay published in The Tribune last year. Two years ago, the Washington Post called him "The most interesting mayor you've never heard of." GovFresh.com named him "Mayor of the Year" for 2013. New York Magazine included Buttigieg among a list of 10 young Democrats who could be the "next Obama." NPR and CNN have invited him to speak on issues ranging from the economy to gay rights. Slate invited him to live blog the recent Indiana primary. Each accolade has renewed the question of what exactly Buttigieg has in mind for his political future, and whether that includes staying in South Bend, or even Indiana. For his part, Buttigieg said in a recent interview that the Times headline was "a little awkward." "I get that headlines are written to be provocative and get clicks, but it's obviously pretty far-fetched," he said of the presidential talk. "I'm dealing with potholes and animal control, and I'm really excited about the job that I have, which is mayor." Still, he says he agreed to meet with Bruni because he saw an opportunity to introduce South Bend to a wider audience and spread the word about what he refers to as the city's "comeback." "I saw a chance to get a lot of people thinking and reading about what's going on in South Bend, so I was pleased to welcome him here," he said. Buttigieg maintains a sophisticated fundraising operation, amassing nearly \$700,000 in contributions last year alone — enough to run for re-election several times over and scare off potential opponents. Buttigieg insists he's not interested in being a "poster boy" for the gay

movement in politics, even as he understands the "historic moment we're living in. I really think we are working toward a day when this doesn't matter."

**CLINTON, DEMS RUNNING 100% OF BATTLEGROUND STATE TV ADS:** Every single 2016 presidential TV ad currently airing in a battleground state is either from Hillary Clinton's campaign or the Democratic outside groups supporting her (Murray, *NBC News*). The opposition, by contrast, hasn't spent a dime in these same battlegrounds - whether it's Donald Trump's campaign or Republican-leaning Super PACs. So far in June, Clinton and the outside groups backing her have spent a total of \$23.3 million on ads in the battleground states of Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Nevada New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia, according to ad-spending data from SMG Delta. Some of the examples: Republicans have spent \$0 in these same eight states. That's a 100 percent-to-0 percent advantage for Clinton and the Democrats in these battlegrounds. By comparison, in June of 2012, President Barack Obama and the outside groups supporting him had spent \$45 million in ads in 11 battleground states, while Mitt Romney and his allies - like Crossroads GPS and Americans for Prosperity - spent \$38 million. That was a 54 percent-to-46 percent edge for Democrats back then.

**TRUMP SAYS 'I'M A SUPER MODEL':** Presumptive GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump on Saturday compared himself to a supermodel, citing media exposure (*The Hill*). "I feel like a supermodel, except like times 10," Trump said during a rally Saturday in Arizona. "It's true. I'm a supermodel. I'm on the cover of these magazines — I'm on the cover of the biggest magazines. I don't even know about it. I can't even read the story, because if I did, I wouldn't get any work done." Trump said he had never seen anything like it. "It's not about me ... I'm doing a good job as a messenger," the candidate continued. "But I'm a messenger."

**RYAN TELLS MEMBERS TO FOLLOW CONSCIENCE ON TRUMP:** House Speaker Paul Ryan is backing Donald Trump but says other Republicans will have to make their own decisions because "it's a very strange situation" (*New York Post*). "The last thing I would do is tell anybody to do something that's contrary to their conscience," Ryan told NBC's "*Meet the Press*" in an excerpt of an interview that will air Sunday. "I get that this, this is a very strange situation. He's a very unique nominee." The comments could be seen by some Republicans as permission not to endorse the party's presidential candidate.

**TRUMP CALLS FOR RACIAL PROFILING:** Donald Trump said Sunday that in the wake of the mass shooting in Orlando, it's time for the United States to start looking at racial profiling as a preventative tactic (*CBS News*). "Well I think profiling is something that we're going to have to start thinking about as a country," the presumptive GOP nominee said in a phone interview with CBS' "*Face the Nation*." "Other countries do it, you look at Israel and you look at others, they do it and they do it successfully. And I hate the concept of profiling but we have to start using common sense and we have to use our heads." "It's not the worst thing to do," he added. "When you look at, when you look at people within the Muslim community and where people are living and they don't report, and a good example of that would be San Bernardino," he said. "I mean, they had bombs all over their apartment floor and people saw it and nobody reported them, and 14 people were killed, many injured."

**PLAINFIELD MOSQUE SIGN SHOT UP:** Local Muslim leaders are reporting cases of vandalism and threatening messages at the Islamic Society of North America Headquarters and Mosque in Plainfield (Pescovitz, *WTHR-TV*). Plainfield Police now tell Eyewitness News that the bullet holes were first noticed by a maintenance worker last week, but were not reported to police until this week. Friday prayer was the first time many members of the mosque learned about the bullet holes in their front sign. "I was a little shocked. It shakes me up. I grew up in this community so this building as a whole is kind of like home to me," Ali Kahn said. Police say the bullet holes were noticed on the sign off South County Road 750 East by a maintenance worker last Friday. "It is absolutely hurtful and it is a little bit scary at the same time. I'm just thankful that they didn't come any closer to the building," said Faryal Khatri, Communications for the Islamic Society of North America, or ISNA.

**JUSTICE THOMAS PONDERES RETIREMENT AFTER ELECTION:** Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is reportedly considering retirement from the nation's high court after this year's presidential election. The *Washington Examiner*, citing unnamed sources, reports Thomas has been mulling an exit "for a while and never planned to stay until he died." Appointed by former President George H.W. Bush and approved by the Senate in 1991 after bitter confirmation hearings, the conservative's retirement, along with the vacancy left by the late Justice Antonin Scalia, would have a big impact on control of the high court.

**SENATE TO VOTE ON GUN REFORM BILLS TODAY:** Spurred by the worst mass shooting in U.S. history, the Senate will vote Monday on a quartet of bills to prevent terrorists from buying weapons and overhaul the national background check system for firearms purchases (*Politico*). But the chamber's big gun show on Monday is expected to be just that: political theater. All four proposals are reheated versions of legislation the Senate rejected in the past. Despite a flurry of negotiations over the past week, and some movement among centrist Republicans toward a compromise that continued over the weekend, there's little indication the outcome will be any different this time. "The Republicans have to look at themselves in the mirror and they have to look at their constituents in the eye this November," Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) said on a recent conference call with reporters. "They hear the same messages we do from thousands and thousands of their constituents, just as we do from ours." The Senate will take a series of roll-call votes at 5:30 p.m. Monday. Both Republican and Democratic lawmakers are sponsoring different versions of legislation to flag suspected terrorists trying to buy guns and reform the background check system. But negotiations between party leaders on something that could actually pass with significant bipartisan support fell apart last week. The National Rifle Association backed a bill from GOP leaders that Democrats won't accept. Democrats mounted a high-profile filibuster to press for more gun regulations — a deeply politicized response, in Republicans' view.

**INDIANA JOBLESS RATE 5%:** Nearly 13,000 more Hoosiers found employment in May 2016 than the previous month while the number of unemployed dropped by more than 5,000. This positive ratio enabled Indiana's labor force, a measure of Hoosiers employed or seeking employment, to continue its positive momentum and bring total labor force growth to more than 186,000 since January 2013 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The corresponding effect of growth in employment along with a decline in unemployment lowered Indiana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to 5.0 percent. The unemployment rate, a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force, declined by 0.2 percent over the previous month. Additionally, the state's labor force participation rate increased 0.1 percent in May while the nation's rate decreased 0.2 percent for the second consecutive month. Indiana's participation rate now stands at

nearly three percent above the national average (65.4 percent vs. 62.6 percent). "Indiana's labor force participation rate is at the highest point since 2009 and continues to outpace the national average," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. Gov. Mike Pence reacted, saying, "Indiana experienced positive gains in employment accompanied by a decrease in unemployment, which suggests that many Hoosier jobseekers, including those joining the workforce for the first time in May, found success in securing gainful employment."

**HPI DAILY ANALYSIS:** Donald Trump says "I'm a super model" because he is appearing on all these magazine covers. Dang! *Politico* reports that despite wrapping up the GOP nomination in Indiana on May 3, he campaigned in his first swing state this weekend, where Hillary Clinton and the Democrats are running 100% of the current TV ads. Trump has been busy campaigning in California, where he thinks he can win, even though he trails Clinton in polls there by 20%. Trump has essentially out-sourced key campaign functions to the RNC. Fight terrorists? Arm drinkin' people in night clubs and turn to racial profiling. Meanwhile, Associate Justice Clarence Thomas is said to be pondering retirement after the election. And House Speaker Paul Ryan is telling his Members they are not beholden to Trump, that they can follow their conscience. Republicans are looking at an evolving disaster that has the potential to extend far down ballot. - *Brian A. Howey*



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## *Campaigns*

**DEMOCRATS SPAR OVER SUPER DELEGATES:** The Democratic Convention got off to a slow start but the Indiana Democrats eventually showcased their political lineup and fired up the Democratic base for the 2016 election (Curry, *Howey Politics Indiana*). Chairman John Zody stumbled through parliamentary procedure that delayed the event for nearly 30 minutes that was spurred by an inquiry into what the Resolution Committee had ruled on behind close doors. What followed was an awkward handling of whether or not they should read what the committee had voted down. One delegate stood up in frustration after several attempts to get Zody to read the resolutions and said, "The Super Delegates are taking our power." Chairman Zody claimed "my bad" for the slow down in events. But it was still an exciting night for Hoosier Democrats in what is shaping up to be a historic election cycle. South Bend Mayor Peter Buttigieg was permanent chair and oversaw the nomination process. Buttigieg gave rousing endorsements and introductions to all the candidates and was a hit with the crowd. The young mayor, who was featured in a New York Times column this past week speculating he could become the first gay president, held the mantra that was echoed throughout the Big Dem Weekend: It's the Democrat's year. U.S. Rep Andre Carson received rave reviews for his address to the delegates. Carson inspired the delegates saying, "This generation of Democrats elected the first black president. This generation of

Democrats saved our auto industry. This generation said no to RFRA. This generation of Democrats will pave the way for a brighter future." It was a powerful message that resonated well with the crowd. On presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, Carson praised him for "doing something remarkable. He pushed the conversation further to the left."

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**BRUTAL MONTH FOR TRUMP:** Supporters of Donald Trump got an unexpected plea on Saturday: a request to send the billionaire money (*Washington Post*). It was an "emergency" request, the Hill reported, representing an urgent need for an infusion of \$100,000 to put ads on the air in battleground states. Why Trump couldn't simply write a check to cover the costs apparently wasn't explained, but the missive was useful regardless: It demonstrates clearly the difficult position of the Trump campaign with only 142 days to go. We looked at Trump's sliding poll numbers on Friday, but it's worth adding a bit more context. "[T]here's no way to look at Trump's national polling that avoids the grim reality that he is at a lower ebb than any general election candidate has hit in the last three elections," the National Review's Dan McLaughlin wrote last week. Not only are Trump's poll numbers slipping, they are at a low that no one, Republican or Democrat, has seen in the past three election cycles. Looking at the window of time between 200 and 100 days before each of those elections, you can see that Trump has consistently polled worse than George W. Bush in 2004, John McCain in 2008 and Mitt Romney in 2012. He caught up briefly after clinching the GOP nomination — and then sank again. The margin by which he trails Hillary Clinton now mirrors McCain's deficit to Barack Obama in 2008. McCain rebounded after the Republican convention — but it's important to remember that we're comparing Trump to the worst Republican performance in a general election since 1996. He has indicated that he doesn't plan to increase staff, either. On Friday, the Associated Press reported that Trump intended, in effect, to outsource his campaign to the Republican Party.

**PRIEBUS PROBES ANTI-TRUMP MOVEMENT:** Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus has been quietly having conversations with state party leaders to discuss the latest push by convention delegates to nominate anyone other than Donald Trump (*CNN*). Priebus has spoken with GOP party chairmen in multiple states in recent days in part to get a better sense of how large the anti-Trump faction is among their convention delegations, according to two people familiar with the conversations. While Priebus has made clear in these conversations that he is not spearheading the latest push for a coup, his involvement sends a signal that the RNC is taking this effort to dump Trump seriously even as other movements have fizzled. One source said Priebus' ultimate goal is unclear. But some anti-Trump forces are hoping to garner enough support to press the convention's rules committee to alter the rules governing the convention and open a path for a different candidate. Sean Spicer, the RNC's chief strategist and communications director, disputed the notion that Priebus was actively reaching out to party chairmen. "This is not an accurate understanding of what's happening," Spicer said. "Lots of people have conversations and ask questions of the chairman."

**TRUMP'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH RUSSIA, PUTIN:** Donald Trump was in his element, mingling with beauty pageant contestants and business tycoons as he brought his Miss Universe pageant to Russia for a much-anticipated Moscow debut. Nonetheless, Trump was especially eager for the presence of another honored guest: Russian President Vladimir Putin (*Washington Post*). Trump tweeted Putin a personal

invitation to attend the pageant, and a one-on-one meeting between the New York businessman and the Russian leader was scheduled for the day before the show. Putin canceled at the last minute, but he sent a decorative lacquered box, a traditional Russian gift, and a warm note, according to Aras Agalarov, a Moscow billionaire who served as a liaison between Trump and the Russian leader. Still, the weekend was fruitful for Trump. He received a portion of the \$14 million paid by Agalarov and other investors to bring the pageant to Moscow. Agalarov said he and Trump signed an agreement to build a Trump Tower in the heart of Moscow — at least Trump's fifth attempt at such a venture. And Trump seemed energized by his interactions with Russia's financial elite, at the pageant and a glitzy after-party in a Moscow nightclub. "Almost all of the oligarchs were in the room," Trump bragged to *Real Estate Weekly* upon returning home. Trump's relationship with Putin and his warm views toward Russia, which began in the 1980s when the country was still part of the Soviet Union, have emerged as one of the more curious aspects of his presidential campaign. Putin said in December that Trump was a "colorful and talented" person, a compliment that Trump said at the time was an "honor." The back-and-forth has continued. In a rally Thursday night, Trump cited those comments as the reason he will not reject the Russian leader. "A guy calls me a genius and I'm going to renounce?" Trump said. "I'm not going to renounce him."

**TRUMP CITES MEDIA HOSTILITY:** Donald Trump views himself as battling an intensifying wave of "media hostility" and is "disappointed" in the growing chorus of criticism from Republican leaders (Kurtz, *Fox News*). In an interview, Trump shrugged off his slippage in the polls, boasted of his big crowds and predicted he would win "big league," even though he says the critical media attention is hurting him. Trump wouldn't admit to any mistakes, even in tone, after the Orlando massacre. And he is particularly puzzled by the way Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is chiding him. In short, even as pundits and many in his own party are clamoring for a course correction and a softer rhetorical style, the presumptive nominee made clear he doesn't plan any major changes. Trump sees a drastic shift in the media since he clinched the nomination: "When I was running against 16 Republicans, it was somewhat unfair, but at least you could see it. Now it's beyond belief. They are protecting Hillary Clinton like you wouldn't believe. I don't think it helps, but I think I'm going to end up winning."

**TRUMP SAYS SANDERS AWAITING FBI:** Donald Trump on Saturday suggested Bernie Sanders is staying in the Democratic race because of an "FBI convention" that would lead to prosecution of Hillary Clinton over her private email server while secretary of state (*CNN*). At a Las Vegas rally, Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee, implied that Sanders is waiting for Clinton to be indicted so he can then claim the Democratic nomination himself at the party's convention in Philadelphia. "Crazy Bernie," Trump said of the Vermont senator. "He's crazy as a bed bug, but he doesn't quit." "He's waiting for the FBI to do what everybody thinks they're going to do," Trump added. "I think he's saying, 'Let's hang in there because it's ultimately called the FBI... We'll see if the right thing happens. Everybody knows what the right thing is.'"

**TRUMP ACCUSES JEB OF CONSPIRING:** Donald Trump on Saturday accused former GOP presidential candidate Jeb Bush of mounting a convention coup against him, after reports emerged that Republican delegates who don't personally support Trump are looking for ways to avoid voting for him this summer (*The Hill*). "By the way, Jeb is working on the movement, just so you understand," Trump, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, said to supporters at a rally in Las Vegas. "Jeb is one of the people that's working — and the other one should be obvious," he said, though he didn't elaborate further. Earlier at the rally, however, Trump echoed the Republican National Committee (RNC) and said

the reports were a media hoax. "It's all made up by the press, folks. It's a hoax," Trump said. "This is a story — who are they going to pick? I beat everybody. I beat the hell out of them."

**GROWING REBELLION IN GOP DELEGATIONS:** Dozens of Republican convention delegates are hatching a new plan to block Donald Trump at this summer's party meetings, in what has become the most organized effort so far to stop the businessman from becoming the GOP presidential nominee (*Washington Post*). The moves come amid declining poll numbers for Trump and growing concern among Republicans that he is squandering his chance to defeat Democrat Hillary Clinton. Several controversies — including his racial attacks on a federal judge, his renewed call to temporarily ban Muslims from entering the United States and his support for changing the nation's gun laws — have raised fears among Republicans that Trump is not really a conservative and is too reckless to run a successful race. Given the strife, a growing group of anti-Trump delegates is convinced that enough like-minded Republicans will band together in the next month to change party rules and allow delegates to vote for whomever they want at the convention, regardless of who won state caucuses or primaries. The new push is being run by people who can actually make changes to party rules, rather than by pundits and media figures who have been pining for a Trump alternative. Many of the delegates involved supported Sen. Ted Cruz (Tex.) in the primary race but say they are not taking cues from any of Trump's vanquished opponents. "This literally is an 'Anybody but Trump' movement," said Kendal Unruh, a Republican delegate from Colorado who is leading the campaign. "Nobody has any idea who is going to step in and be the nominee, but we're not worried about that. We're just doing that job to make sure that he's not the face of our party."

**GOP DONORS FRET ABOUT TRUMP FUNDRAISING:** Republican donors who are still willing to give to Donald Trump are increasingly uneasy -- not just about the constant controversy surrounding the presumptive GOP nominee but also the perceived total lack of infrastructure related to his nascent fundraising operation (*CNN*). The list of problems, according to donors and party officials, is both long and not easy to fix over the course of a short period. In many ways, it's only natural. Trump rolled through the primary haranguing the donor community, including some of the party's top money men and women by name, as he pledged to self-fund his campaign. Some notable top donors, including financier Paul Singer and Joe and Marlene Ricketts, are sitting out the campaign. But interviews with more than a dozen donors, party, campaign and congressional officials make clear the concerns have moved beyond bruised feelings over personal slights -- and even beyond the top donors who simply won't give to the New York billionaire. "This isn't a triage-type of situation," said one GOP donor who backed Jeb Bush during the primary, but is planning to give to Trump. "This is a massive, full body surgery type deal and we just don't have much time for that."

**TRUMP MAKES 'URGENT' FUND APPEAL:** The Donald Trump campaign on Saturday released its first "emergency" fund-raising email, in response to an ad blitz from the Hillary Clinton campaign (*CNN*). "Right now we're facing an emergency goal of \$100,000 to help get our ads on the air. We need your contribution by 11:59 P.M. Tonight," the email from Team Trump said. "Crooked Hillary is about to invade your TV with ads attacking Mr. Trump. But we're preparing to fight back," it reads. The email promises to release ads attacking Clinton on her role in Benghazi, the integrity of her donors and reported FBI probing of her private email server while secretary of state. The urgent fundraising email is routine for most presidential campaigns. But it's particularly notable since Trump insisted repeatedly during the GOP primary season that he was self-funding his campaign, only to start asking for donations later on.

**TRUMP THREATENS TO CUT OFF GOP MONEY:** Donald Trump on Saturday claimed most of the money he's been collecting at his recent fundraisers is going to the Republican Party, but also threatened to cut the GOP off if support from the party wavers (*NBC News*). "Right now I'm raising a lot of money for the Republican Party, and a lot of beneficiaries to that, and I like doing it," Trump said. "Life is like a two-way street, right?" Trump said. "They have to [help], otherwise I'll just keep doing what I'm doing, I'll just keep funding my own campaign...for me, that's the easy way," he said.

**PUTIN CALLS TRUMP 'BRIGHT':** Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday called presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump "bright" and said his country is prepared to work with any candidate American voters elect (*CNN*). "Mr. Trump says he's ready to restore full-fledged Russian-American relations. What can be bad about it?" Putin, Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi and Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev were part of a panel moderated by CNN's Fareed Zakaria at the 20th International Economic Forum in St. Petersburg, Russia. Zakaria read from a report that had Putin calling Trump "brilliant," "outstanding" and "talented." He asked Putin what led him to that judgment and whether he still holds that opinion. But Putin told Zakaria he had changed the meaning of his comments. Zakaria said later he was reading from a translation of an Interfax news report. "I only said he was a bright person. Isn't he bright?" Putin asked. "I did not say anything else about him."

**QUAYLE COMMENTS ON HILLARY VEEP SEARCH:** In many ways, Hillary Clinton's vice presidential search mirrors that of George Bush, who already had deep relationships with major players in Washington by the time he captured the Republican nomination in 1988, Dan Quayle, his running mate, said in an interview (*New York Times*). The contenders most frequently mentioned by her advisers and senior Democrats close to the campaign include Senator Michael Bennet, from the key state of Colorado; Thomas E. Perez, President Obama's secretary of labor and a Hispanic civil rights lawyer; Representative Xavier Becerra of California; and Senators Tim Kaine and Mark Warner, both former governors from Virginia. Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts is a favorite of liberal Democrats, though an all-female ticket is unlikely. All of these candidates have relationships with Mrs. Clinton, and several have appeared with her at campaign events. "This isn't a consensus-type thing," Mr. Quayle said in a phone interview. "It's much more the feeling of the two principals, and someone she's going to feel comfortable with every day." Mrs. Clinton has made clear she wants a partner who shares her granular knowledge of policy and who she will enjoy working closely with in the West Wing.

**CONDI RICE NOT INTERESTED IN VEEP:** Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice says she doesn't want to be Donald Trump's 2016 running mate (*Fox News*). Rice, who was also a national security adviser in the Bush administration, frequently has been mentioned as a possible Republican vice president since leaving public office in 2009. "Dr. Rice has repeatedly said in past cycles as well as this one, she's not interested in being vice president," Stanford University said in a statement to reporters Friday. "She's happy at Stanford and plans to stay."



### *Sunday Talk*

**NRA ZINGS GUN BILLS:** The NRA is keeping the pressure on Republicans to hold the line. In an interview on CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday, the group's vice president and chief executive, Wayne LaPierre, called the Democratic push for new gun restrictions an intentional distraction (*Politico*). Trying to fight terrorism with gun control legislation is like "trying to stop a freight train with a piece of Kleenex," LaPierre said. "And this president, by diverting the attention to the gun control movement, that's not going to solve the problem."

**TRUMP SAYS HE CAN WIN WITH GOP SUPPORT:** Donald Trump wants remaining Republicans to get on board with his campaign, but the presumptive GOP nominee says he doesn't need them to win (*Politico*). Several prominent Republican leaders, including House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, have lined up with varying levels of enthusiasm behind Trump. But others, like former presidents George W. Bush and George H.W. Bush, have yet to throw their weight behind Trump. Some, including Mitt Romney and former CIA and NSA director Michael Hayden, have been loudly critical of their party's nominee. But Trump said in an interview that aired Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he can win in November, with or without their support. "We're going to have a great convention and I think we're going to go on to a great victory. It would be nice if the Republicans stuck together," he said. "I think that I win either way. I can win one way or the other."

**TRUMP SAID FBI HAD A 'BAD DAY' IN ORLANDO:** Donald Trump said Sunday the FBI had a "bad day" when agents investigated Omar Mateen before he attacked an Orlando, Fla. nightclub, killing 49 people (*The Hill*). The FBI said Mateen was interviewed three separate times about possible ties to terrorism, but it was determined he wasn't a threat. "I think it's very unusual, and I'm a fan of the FBI, but they had a little bit of a bad day," Trump said in an interview aired on ABC's "This Week."

**RYAN COMPELLED TO BACK TRUMP:** House Speaker Paul Ryan says it's his responsibility to support Donald Trump, even if the presumptive Republican nominee's bombast occasionally makes him uncomfortable (*Politico*). Ryan told Chuck Todd of NBC's "Meet the Press" that he feels an obligation as the leader of the House Republicans to back Trump, warts and all. To do otherwise, he said, would divide the party and ultimately lead to a third consecutive Democratic victory in November's presidential election. "I feel like I have certain responsibilities, as not just Congressman Paul Ryan from the First District of Wisconsin, but as Speaker of the House," Ryan said in an interview that aired Sunday. "And imagine the Speaker of the House not supporting the duly elected nominee of our party, therefore creating a chasm in our party to split us in half, which basically helps deny us the White House, and

strong majorities in Congress." "The last thing I want to see happen is another Democrat in the White House," he continued. "I don't want see Hillary Clinton as president. I want to see a strong majority in the House and the Senate. And I think the way to achieve those goals is to have a more unified party, than a disunified party."

**LYNCH WILL RELEASE ORLANDO TRANSCRIPTS:** Attorney General Loretta Lynch on Sunday said transcripts will be released this week of the calls between the suspected Orlando, Fla. shooter and police negotiators on the night of the attack (*The Hill*). "So it will be a partial transcript of those calls," Lynch said on *"Fox News Sunday."* "We're trying to get information out. It's our goal to be as transparent as possible in this investigation." Regarding the prior contact the FBI had with the suspect, Omar Mateen, Lynch said "we're going back and looking at that as well." "We're going to go back and look at everything we did in connection with him and be as transparent as possible about how it evolved, what developed and what changes we could have made."

**MCCAUL CALLS FOR ATTENTION ON FACEBOOK:** House Homeland Security Chairman Michael McCaul (R-Texas) said Sunday the FBI should pay more attention to Facebook when searching for possible terrorists (*The Hill*). Omar Mateen reportedly wrote in a Facebook posting that the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) planned attacks in the U.S. He later killed 49 people and left 53 more injured at a mass shooting at an Orlando, Fla. nightclub last weekend. "That is what I will be looking at is what is our capabilities when someone posts a public social media posting that says they're going to conduct attacks in the United States," McCaul said on ABC's *"This Week."* "Why can't we pick up that information and then stop that act of terrorism?"

## *Congress*

**COATS UNDER FIRE FROM TEA PARTY:** Indiana Senator Dan Coats is under fire from Tea Party members who accuse him of failing to support the Second Amendment (*WISH-TV*). It's because the Republican is working to find a compromise on gun control legislation in the wake of the Orlando shooting. Sen. Coats is a supporter of the Second Amendment but, in his first tour in the Senate in the 1990's, he voted for an assault weapons ban, a position he no longer supports. That leads some in the guns rights community to question his current position. "Senator Coats does not believe known or suspected terrorists should be able to purchase firearms," according to his spokesman, Matt Lahr. "But he also believes that due process rights must be preserved in order to protect the fundamental Second Amendment rights of law abiding citizens." Yet conservatives on Facebook are on the attack. "It's down right treason," declared one. Another said Coats should "vote like the conservative he campaigns as."

**WALORSKI WORKS WITH RYAN ON POVERTY:** Federal aid programs like food stamps are meant to help those in need, not trap them (Vandenack, *Elkhart Truth*). U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski, though, worries they can box people in, sap initiative and keep them from striving for more — a new job, for example, or a promotion. It's got the GOP lawmaker pushing to reform the federal food stamps program, formally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. And it's got her working with a task force of GOP U.S. House members, led by Speaker Paul Ryan, calling for broad reform of federal anti-

poverty efforts. New job opportunities "should bring hope, not fear and not anxiety, and that's what we're trying to change," she said in a phone interview from Washington, D.C. Last week, Walorski took part with Ryan and other House Republicans in the formal unveiling of a GOP initiative, A Better Way to Fight Poverty, that's aimed at reforming federal anti-poverty efforts and improving how the battle on poverty is waged. A Better Way, she said, is "a vision" of how to revamp anti-poverty efforts. "We're trying to reward work and not punish it. We need to give people an off-ramp from welfare, not a cliff," said Walorski, who's up for re-election this year, facing a challenge from Democrat Lynn Coleman, a retired South Bend police officer.

**CARSON BACKS OBAMA ON AFGHAN REAUTHORIZATION:** President Barack Obama approved last week new authorizations for U.S. forces in Afghanistan that loosen restrictions on airstrikes and give U.S. forces more flexibility in how they partner with Afghan troops (*Voice of America*). As NATO announced that it would keep bases in Afghanistan, the United States' role is still unclear - President Obama has not indicated whether this recent decision will change his plan to reduce the number of U.S. troops from the current 9,800 to around 5,500 by the end of the year. The president vowed to bring an end to wars in Iraq and Afghanistan when he took office, but nearly eight years later violence, conflict and instability have spread to other countries, such as Syria and Libya. His promises to bring the war to an end have been praised in the United States, and congressional leaders who propose military cutbacks often receive standing ovations. "But those of us who work in intelligence or even at the defense space, we know that it is important to have some kind of U.S. presence there to keep the region safe and push back on terroristic activity," Congressman Andre Carson, an Indiana Democrat, told VOA. "Now the question becomes how much we are willing to invest to ensure that does not happen." But Carson warns that the United States cannot be expected to fight this battle alone. "Going forward we can't pay the tab alone," he said. "We need our international partners from the gulf region, we need our international European partners to be a part of this, because I think at the end of the day we all want a safer global community."

### *General Assembly*

**NEW VAPE LAW SHUTTING DOWN COMPETITION:** When Indiana passed new regulations for the liquid used in a smoking alternative known as vaping, Brett McCullough spent more than \$70,000 to make sure his company, Hoosier E-Cig Inc., would comply with the law (Cook & Salinas, *IndyStar*). Now, he's out of luck. He says that's because his company and dozens of e-liquid producers are being shut out of Indiana by a controversial state law that effectively makes a small security firm in Lafayette the vaping industry's gatekeeper. The impact, however, would extend well beyond producers. Retailers who must now find new sources for their product say the few producers who have been approved are charging much more. Ultimately, it is consumers who will have to pay higher prices, they say. At issue are new regulations passed by state lawmakers in 2015 and revised earlier this year. The rules require any company that wants to produce e-liquid for sale in Indiana to be certified by a security firm by June 30. The catch: So far only one security firm in the entire country qualifies to perform the work under the law - Lafayette-based Mulhaupt's Inc. At this point, the company has approved only six producers, shutting out many existing competitors.

**MACER SAYS CARRIER LOSS WILL COST STATE \$100M ANNUALLY:** State Rep. Karlee Macer (D-Indianapolis) issued the following statement (excerpted) after recent announcements regarding the

state's unemployment rate and the economic impact of Carrier Corp.'s decision to close its Indiana operations, putting close to 2,100 Hoosiers out of work (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "... experts believe that Carrier's decision to shut down its operations in Indianapolis and Huntington and put 2,100 people out of work will cost our state's economy more than \$100 million a year. Those same experts also mention that the Carrier layoffs will result in additional jobs being lost by those companies that supplied Carrier and businesses that relied upon Carrier to supply them. Add those in and officials estimate that the overall number of job losses will exceed 2,700... I see the Carrier workers every day. I see the fear and uncertainty they have about the future... something should be done. We as taxpayers invested in the growth of Carrier through tax breaks. In return, we should have the assurances that these companies are just as committed to Indiana."

**NEW LAW TO SPEED VETERAN-OWNED JOB STARTUPS:** Veterans who want to start a business in Indiana could open their doors faster when a new law goes into effect next month (Hughes, *Statehouse File*). "Essentially, I wanted to eliminate the federal government from the process, and leave it up to our state," said Rep. Doug Gutwein (R-Franceville). "That way, the process of applying can be shorter and less painful." Gutwein, the author of the bill, wants to make it easier for veterans to jump back into business after returning to civilian life. He hopes that by eliminating federal government paperwork, the application process will be shorter. Even with the elimination of the federal government paperwork, Charles Hessman, a veteran and business owner in Franklin, is pessimistic about the application process. "I think it will take just as long to file. Maybe less time to receive the go ahead, but still just as long to file," he said.

**IMPERSONATING A VETERAN FOR BENEFIT NOW MISDEMEANOR:** Impersonating a veteran in order to receive a discount or any other benefit is soon to become a crime (Hughes, *Statehouse File*). "Stolen valor," as the offense is commonly referred to, will become a Class A misdemeanor in Indiana starting on July 1.



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*State*

**DEFENSE: SEC. CARTER COMING TO CRANE** - U.S. Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter will visit Naval Support Activity Crane next week (*Bloomington Herald-Times*). The announcement of Wednesday's visit was made Friday. Carter is scheduled to visit the base, located southwest of Bloomington. Carter was invited to tour the facility, which also provides services for the Army, by U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-

Ind. Crane is Indiana's largest military facility, and this year marks its 75th anniversary. Carter will be the first secretary of Defense to visit the base.

**HEALTH: INDIANA RANKS 7TH IN SMOKING** - In 1964, the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health linked for the first time smoking and adverse health outcomes. The pivotal report aimed to shift public opinion on smoking by identifying the dangers of tobacco use. The smoking rate in the United States has fallen precipitously in the last 50 years, dropping from 42.4% in 1965 to 18.0% in 2012 (*USA Today*). Nearly one in five adults nationwide report a smoking habit today — and this rate varies considerably across the nation. 24/7 Wall St. reviewed adult smoking rates in each state from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. West Virginia has the highest adult smoking rate at 26.7%. In Utah, by contrast, only 9.7% of adults smoke, the lowest rate in the nation.<sup>7</sup> Indiana: Pct. adults smokers: 22.9%; State cigarette tax/pack: \$1.00 (17th lowest); Cancer deaths per 100,000: 208.8 (9th highest); Premature deaths per 100,000: 382.4 (10th highest).

**EDUCATION: FORMER DOE OFFICIAL RAISES ETHICS QUESTION** - A former Indiana Department of Education official took a job with a company involved in a \$573,000 agreement he helped broker to develop a web app that tracks school data and distributes news releases for state schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz's office (Slodysko, *Associated Press*). Documents obtained by The Associated Press show that David Galvin, Ritz's former communications director and IT manager, took a job with N2N Services in October 2015 — two months after a \$435,000 payment was requested for AT&T and N2N Services, AT&T's software developer, in connection with the project. Galvin, who is now executive director of marketing and communications for Atlanta-based N2N Services, specifically requested the two companies be hired for the work. Watchdogs say it's another example of Indiana's lacking ethics laws, which were exposed in recent years by high-profile cases involving former schools superintendent Tony Bennett, former Indiana Department of Transportation chief of staff Troy Woodruff who sold land to the agency, and state Rep. Eric Turner, who helped kill a nursing home construction ban that could have cost his family business millions. There is no record of Galvin seeking a formal advisory opinion. Instead, an email released by Ritz's office shows he sought informal guidance. An official in the inspector general's office advised Galvin that he could work for the company because N2N was a subcontractor for AT&T and did not directly contract with the state, but suggested he seek a formal opinion "because of his extensive interaction with N2N." "I don't understand the big deal," Galvin said of his new job. "I listened to the people who do know the law and followed their guidance." In a statement, Ritz's office noted the informal advice Galvin received from the inspector general's office and emphasized that he "has no current relationship or interaction with the Department."

**EDUCATION: GOP CALLS FOR ETHICS PROBE** - The state Republican Party called for an ethics investigation of Ritz's office Friday as a result of the AP's findings (*Associated Press*). "From day one her office has put politics and self-interest before the needs of children. We are calling for a full ethics investigation from the Inspector General on this matter," David Buskill, the executive director of the Indiana Republican party, said in a statement.

**EDUCATION: IPFW DECISION PUT OFF UNTIL DECEMBER** - The trustees of Purdue and Indiana universities voted Friday to extend their IPFW management agreement for five years and put off any decision to realign the school until December (Shawgo, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). The agreement was

scheduled to end June 30. A proposal released in January, which would split IPFW into two schools based on IU and Purdue strengths, has stirred controversy on campus and in the community. A separate report in May by an IPFW task force fueled further anxiety. "Over the past three years, IPFW has been the subject of four committee processes to study the governance structure," Mike Berghoff, chair of Purdue's Board of Trustees, said in a statement. "The studies have raised some interesting possibilities that have the potential to benefit students and community stakeholders, but more time is needed to fully consider the ideas and proposals and the best path for the institution, its people and the Fort Wayne community."

**EDUCATION: IU TO ENCLOSE MEMORIAL STADIUM** - The board of trustees at Indiana University has approved a \$53 million plan to enclose part of Memorial Stadium. The enclosure of the football stadium's south end is part of a larger push to make capital improvements. The *IndyStar* reports the upgrade will add over 66,000 gross square feet of facility space to the stadium, though it's not expected to significantly change seating capacity. The project is expected to include new athlete treatment and academic support facilities, among other things. Director of Athletics Fred Glass said Friday that he anticipates construction will start after the end of the 2016 home football schedule and will be completed in time for the 2018 season.

**CRIME: HOOSIERS RALLY AGAINST HATE AT STATEHOUSE** - A crowd gathered on the statehouse lawn Saturday as the words, "Present colors!" rang out. Community members lined up holding six rainbow flags as a recording of Lady Gaga singing the national anthem played (*IndyStar*). People were gathered to stand in solidarity with victims of the Orlando shootings for the "Hoosiers Unite Against Hate" campaign put on by Freedom Indiana. People from organizations Indy Pride, LGBTQ organization Indiana Youth Group, and the Muslim Alliance of Indiana came forth to speak about their reactions to the tragic event. "We cannot let the hate of a single individual force us into silence," Jason Hinson-Nolen, president of Indy Pride said. "We are not going anywhere." Kris Posthuma, a manager at IYG, said that in the aftermath the organization tried to listen to young people's concerns. One said he was afraid he wouldn't be able to live up to his full potential, because he identified with the young victims of the Orlando massacre. Rima Khan-Shahid, executive director of Muslim Alliance of Indiana, affirmed the fear that the Muslim community lived in but encouraged groups that are hurting to validate one another.

**ECONOMY: LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION HIGHEST SINCE 2009** - "Indiana's labor force participation rate is at the highest point since 2009 and continues to outpace the national average," said Steven Braun, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (Brown, *Inside Indiana Business*). "Indiana experienced positive gains in employment accompanied by a decrease in unemployment, which suggests that many Hoosier jobseekers, including those joining the workforce for the first time in May, found success in securing gainful employment." The state added Indiana's private sector employment growth since July 2009 has surpassed the nation by nearly 1 percent. Indiana's private sector saw gains in the trade, transportation and utilities sector and financial activities sector. Those gains were offset by losses in professional & business services, leisure & hospitality, manufacturing, and private education & health services, by a total of 8,700 jobs. The national unemployment rate sits at 4.7 percent. In the Midwest, Michigan is 4.7 percent, Ohio and Kentucky are at 5.1 percent and Illinois is at 6.4 percent.

**ECONOMY: UNION HEAD NOT SURPRISED BY GE CLOSURE** - The head of the local union representing more than 300 employees affected by the planned closure of the Bloomington GE Appliances plant says he had been aware of the possibility for "quite some time" (Ober, *Inside Business*). IBEW Local 2249 President William Fairbairn says, when an operation is losing up to \$25 million per year, "you can pretty much figure out that you're not going to be complimentary to the portfolio." Fairbairn believes the plant's previous owners "kicked the can down the road" rather than making necessary investments. He says the good news is more than 98 percent of the affected union employees are eligible for a retirement package with full benefits. Fairbairn says he does not put any of the blame on Haier, which acquired GE Appliances earlier this year. The plant, which has an annual operating salary of \$23 million, is projected to lose \$25 million this year. The company and union will now begin "decision negotiations." Although nearly all of the union workers are eligible to pull a retirement pension, some prefer to keep working. He says GE Corporate has pledged "preferred placement" for affected employees that want to continue with the company.

**HOUSING: LOW INVENTORY DRIVING HOOSIER MARKET** - Inventory of homes for sale is at its lowest in decades, making for a fiercely competitive market (Brosher, *Indiana Public Media*). According to the Indiana Association of Realtors, the number of homes on the market fell nearly 15 percent from April 2015 to April 2016. While that makes the home buying process difficult, experts say it's a good sign for the state's economy. President of the Indiana Association of Realtors Nancy Smith says inventory is the lowest she has seen in her 38-year career. Smith says it's a nationwide trend that's impacting both urban and rural communities. According to the Indiana Business Research Center, Kokomo and Columbus saw the greatest increase in home sales from June 2014 to June 2015, with gains of nearly 13 and 12 percent. Bloomington and Lafayette/West-Lafayette saw a 9 percent jump in sales during the same one-year period. The competitive market can be tough on buyers, but experts say it's evidence of a strong economic rebound. "I think it's a good sign that the economy is picking up steam a bit that people have confidence to make that big home purchase," says Matt Kinghorn, Senior Demographer at the Indiana Business Research Center.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL: STATE SUES COMPANY OVER 55,000 ROBOCALLS** - Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller is suing a Florida-based company, Am-Med Diabetic Supplies, Inc., for allegedly violating Indiana's Do Not Call laws by making more than 55,000 illegal robocalls to Hoosiers (*Howey Politics Indiana*). According to the Attorney General's lawsuit, the company - also doing business as Beyond Medical USA - made more than 55,000 illegal robocalls to Indiana residents offering diabetic supplies, called more than 25,000 people whose numbers were registered on Indiana's Do Not Call list, and failed to disclose the true identity of the caller or company when contacting Hoosiers. A news release states the AG's Office received six consumer complaints about the company, which launched the investigation and uncovered the thousands of calls that were made. Also this week, Indiana joined 10 states, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the U.S. Department of Justice and several other law enforcement entities as part of a national "sweep" to halt robocall operations.

**ENVIRONMENT: STATE SEEKS INPUT ON REWRITING COAL ASH RULES** - The Indiana Department of Environmental Management, or IDEM, is writing new rules for the disposal of coal ash as part of a federal overhaul aimed at tightening regulations governing the waste product (Janzen, *Indiana Public Media*). New rules from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency set requirements for how electric utilities dispose of coal ash. But the EPA leaves it up to the states to write a plan for meeting the federal requirements. IDEM Permitting Branch Chief Jeff Sewell says the federal rules are mostly

concerned with coal ash containment. Most of the coal ash in the state is currently being held in either wet or dry pits. Some are covered on top, while some aren't, and some — but not all — have an impermeable lining to prevent leaks. The new state plan will set specific requirements for those pits. IDEM is currently taking public input on what the new plan governing coal ash should be. At a public comment meeting in Indianapolis, Sierra Club spokeswoman Jodi Perras was one of many who asked that utilities provide greater public access to company data on coal ash contamination in order to remedy a lack of trust through "transparency and honesty." The public can send comments to IDEM on the plan until June 30th.

**MISS INDIANA: DeCAMP CROWNED** - Two young women from Kendallville took home crowns as Miss Indiana and Miss Indiana's Outstanding Teen Saturday night (*Elkhart Truth*). Brianna DeCamp was crowned Miss Indiana and Jordan Axel was crowned Miss Indiana's Outstanding Teen at the competition at the Zionsville High School Performing Arts Center. DeCamp, 22, is a 2016 graduate of Miami University with a bachelor's of education degree in special education. Her local title was Miss Limberlost. Jordan Axel, 17, is a student at East Noble High School. Her local title was Miss Fort Wayne's Outstanding Teen



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**WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA CALLS FOR GUN REFORMS** - President Obama reiterated his call for gun reform in his weekly address Saturday, arguing that the U.S. needs to make it harder for people to obtain assault weapons (*CBS News*). "As I said a few days ago, being tough on terrorism requires more than talk. Being tough on terrorism, particularly the sorts of homegrown terrorism that we've seen now in Orlando and San Bernardino, means making it harder for people who want to kill Americans to get their hands on assault weapons that are capable of killing dozens of innocents as quickly as possible," Mr. Obama said. The president said it's "unconscionable" that the U.S. allows easy access to weapons of war in places like movie theaters, schools, nightclubs and houses of worship. "Time and again, we've observed moments of silence for victims of terror and gun violence. Too often, those moments have been followed by months of silence, by inaction, which is simply inexcusable," he said.

**WHITE HOUSE: OBAMA SAYS CLIMATE DAMAGING NATIONAL PARKS** - President Barack Obama said Saturday that climate change is already damaging America's national parks, with rising temperatures causing Yosemite's meadows to dry out and raising the prospect of a glacier preserve without its glaciers someday (*Associated Press*). "Make no mistake. Climate change is no longer just a threat. It's already a reality," Obama said from a podium, with Yosemite Falls, one of the world's tallest at 2,425 feet, as a

backdrop. At the California park, where Obama was spending the weekend with his wife, Michelle, and daughters Malia and Sasha, the president also talked about how a rabbit-like animal known as a pika is being forced further upslope at Yosemite to escape the heat. "Rising temperatures could mean no more glaciers at Glacier National Park. No more Joshua trees at Joshua Tree National Park," he said, adding that a changing climate could destroy vital ecosystems in the Everglades and threaten such landmarks as Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty.

**SCOTUS: DECISIONS ON ABORTION, IMMIGRATION THIS WEEK** - The Supreme Court is set this week to begin announcing decisions on roughly a dozen remaining cases, including contentious ones on abortion and immigration (*Fox News*). The rulings will be released from the bench starting Monday, with the high court typically waiting until the last week of June to announce those on the most contentious issues, in a tradition known as "spring flood" and just before the justices go on summer recess. Rulings on this season's slate of cases were complicated by the death of conservative Justice Antonin Scalia -- leaving the bench with four remaining conservative justices and four liberal ones. "Eight, as you know, is not a good number for a multi-member court," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg recent said. "That means no opinions and no precedential value; an equal division is essentially the same as a denial of review."

#### *World*

**VENEZUELA CONVULSES IN HUNGER:** With delivery trucks under constant attack, the nation's food is now transported under armed guard. Soldiers stand watch over bakeries. The police fire rubber bullets at desperate mobs storming grocery stores, pharmacies and butcher shops. A 4-year-old girl was shot to death as street gangs fought over food (*New York Times*). Venezuela is convulsing from hunger. Hundreds of people here in the city of Cumaná, home to one of the region's independence heroes, marched on a supermarket in recent days, screaming for food. They forced open a large metal gate and poured inside. They snatched water, flour, cornmeal, salt, sugar, potatoes, anything they could find, leaving behind only broken freezers and overturned shelves. And they showed that even in a country with the largest oil reserves in the world, it is possible for people to riot because there is not enough food. In the last two weeks alone, more than 50 food riots, protests and mass looting have erupted around the country. Scores of businesses have been stripped bare or destroyed. At least five people have been killed.



#### *Local*

**CITIES: CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN MUNCIE** - For months now, Mayor Dennis Tyler has had a conflict-of-interest problem (Royston & Walker, *Muncie Star Press*). Not a traditional conflict of interest for Tyler, but a problem with the conflicts of interest that some city employees create when they start or maintain a private business that also does business with the city of Muncie. The notable example, of course, is city building commissioner Craig Nichols who, in addition to his day job, has had two companies — Advanced Walls and Ceilings, and Capitol Consulting and Property Management — that have been paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for work, including demolitions, for the city and Muncie Sanitary District in the past few years. The FBI has looked at the claims paid to Nichols' companies as part of an ongoing investigation into allegations of wrongdoing. Locally, the practice for public employees who want to have their cake and eat it, too — to continue their city, town, county or school positions but also do business as contractors for their employers — has been to fill out a state-approved conflict-of-interest form.

**CITIES: PRIVATE INVESTMENT BOOM IN KOKOMO** - From Jan. 1 to June 9 this year, 173 improvement location permits worth \$39.2 million have been granted in Kokomo, compared to 352 permits worth \$46.1 million were granted in all of 2015 (Myers, *Kokomo Tribune*). While the mixed-use project being developed by Indianapolis-based Flaherty & Collins Properties at the former NISCO building boosts the 2016 numbers with a \$23.4 million expected cost, Kokomo's 2016 numbers still exceed the figures attained during the first half of 2015. "If we as a community are not willing to invest in our community, don't expect people from the outside to either," said Kokomo Mayor Greg Goodnight, who referenced the city's trail system and a remodel of City Hall done in 2014. "They recognize that. If we are investing in ourselves, at least they know we are there as partners." For Goodnight, credit for the influx of private housing can be attributed in two ways - his administration's focus on bringing commuters into Kokomo and private developers wanting to be a part of a growing community.

**CITIES: LAFAYETTE CHAMBER, SUBARU RECRUIT MILITARY** - Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc., in conjunction with Greater Lafayette Commerce, launched a program to attract soldiers leaving the military to relocate to Lafayette and begin work at SIA (Ambrose, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). The program focuses specifically on soldiers from Fort Campbell, Ky., who plan to exit the military. Recently, 18 soldiers attended a talent attraction weekend at SIA. They were able to tour the plant, explore Greater Lafayette and complete a pre-hiring assessment. Almost half of the attendees plan to accept an offer from SIA and will relocate to the area in the next couple of months. Brad Rhorer, assistant senior manager of Human Resources at SIA, said he is not surprised the program has been successful.

**CITIES: ARREST SWEEP IS LARGEST IN INDY'S HISTORY** - More than 150 officers swept across several neighborhoods on Saturday as part of the largest tactical operation in Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department's history. (Adams, *IndyStar*). Named Operation First Step, the sweep's goal was to remove some of the most violent offenders, and those with propensities for violence, from Indianapolis' streets. Officers flooded areas frequented by drug dealers, and searched for people with open warrants or parole violations, IMPD Chief Troy Riggs told IndyStar. Officers also detained people who police believe may have vital information that can help detectives solve open cases. "This is not a blanket sweep," Riggs said. "This is about making quality arrests." By Saturday's end, police had arrested 26 people. Officers also seized four handguns, 13 grams of heroin, 8.5 grams of cocaine and marijuana, \$3,500 in cash and three cars. They also disrupted a marijuana growing operation in the basement of an east-side home and brought down a bootlegger, seizing 92 bottles of gin, 23 bottles of vodka and 182 cans of beer.

**COUNTIES: HOWARD IMPROVEMENT PERMITS BELOW LAST YEAR** - While Kokomo has seen continued growth, Howard County officials are looking at a sharp decline from the investment figures of 2015 (Myers, *Kokomo Tribune*). In 2015, Howard County granted 114 improvement location permits worth \$12.7 million - \$5.4 million of which is listed as coming in the form of facility upgrades at Western School Corporation. Through May of this year, however, the county has granted 13 improvement location permits worth \$442,900. In relation to the decline, Howard County Commissioner Paul Wyman cited Indiana's slow economic growth and the irregularity of last year's large county projects, including the Western investment. Figures released this week by the Bureau of Economic Analysis show that while Indiana led the nation with 3 percent gross domestic product growth in the fourth quarter of 2015, the state's annual growth actually declined last year. "I don't know if it is troublesome, because I think about the economy as a whole," said Wyman. "The growth rate in our economy is very low. When you see the economy is not growing very fast, it is not surprising to not see construction growth. As our economy grows, I expect to see our construction numbers grow."

**COUNTIES: LaPORTE COUNTY COUNCILMAN SENTENCED FOR DEALING POT:** A member of the LaPorte County Council will not be forced to give up his seat after escaping a felony drug dealing conviction (Maddux, *NWI Times*). Matt Bernacchi was still found guilty, though, and is serving one year of probation for a Class A misdemeanor charge of dealing marijuana. He could have been sentenced to 12 months in jail, but instead received the lighter punishment under a guilty plea accepted May 9 by Porter Superior Court Judge William Alexa. A Level 6 felony charge of maintaining a common nuisance was dismissed as part of the plea. A felony conviction under Indiana law would have resulted in him automatically being dismissed from the council, said council Vice President Mark Yagelski, D-Michigan City. Bernacchi, 34, a Democratic, lost his bid for a third consecutive term in the May primary so, regardless, he'll vacate the seat at the end of the year.

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# Tsunami Watch: Indiana GOP braces

Trump campaign chaos, GOP vote suppression could have down ballot impacts in Indiana

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INDIANAPOLIS – This is the official posting of a tsunami watch for Indiana. With Donald Trump's presidential campaign at best in transition and in all probability, in a mode of outright implosion, with Gov. Mike Pence locked in a dead heat along



with sagging reelect and job approval numbers, and with Pence attaching his dinky to the political equivalent of the RMS Titanic, the potential

for severe down-ballot trauma for Hoosier GOP nominees is heightened.

If you are a nominee for the U.S. Senate, the 2nd, 8th and 9th CDs, assorted Statehouse offices, and a dozen or so Indiana House seats on competitive footing, the



potential for base suppression and widespread damage exists between now and Nov. 8. Persons in these watch areas should prepare to seek shelter, stay away from windows and doors, and watch for falling debris. Unsecured folding chairs and tables, punch bowls, derby hats, emery boards and other objects have the potential to become projectiles that can inflict reputational dam-

age and cause injuries.

This is not a test.

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## Bonfires of the inanities

By **CAMERON CARTER**

INDIANAPOLIS – This may seem like incredibly poor form, but I want to thank Omar Mateen for helping to further expose the broken politics of Washington, as a renewed and overdue debate over our civil rights took place this week. If only the deaths of 49 innocents at an Orlando night club had not had to occur for this illuminating discussion to unfold.



If having followed the news this week you do not recognize the above description, it is because a great many citizens and our elected leaders in Washington – in the Obama administration and the U.S. Senate, particularly – have failed to comprehend the true nature of



**“Donald Trump’s voice is resonating with Americans who feel their voice and the country has been lost. I look forward to supporting Donald Trump.”**

*- U.S. Rep. Marlin Stutzman, endorsing Donald Trump for president.*



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the debate in which they are engaged. And, having failed to comprehend it, they have engaged in a bonfire of inanities which has spread across the news media, cable talkshow gabblers, and so-called "social" media (which once again proves itself to be downright anti-social when controversies arise).

**The question** is not whether we want to prevent the next terrorist attack or mass shooting. Nor is it a question of whether the event in Orlando that Mateen perpetrated was a terrorist attack or a mass shooting. The obvious, inarguable (one would hope) answers to these questions is "of course, we do" and "of course, it was." The real question, as President Obama has put it, is what kind of country do we want to be?

In Orlando's wake and with Pavlovian predictability, Washington partisans went to their ideological corners, trotted out staid and mostly useless talking points, and preened for the cameras and their constituencies. As one watched the debate, it wasn't even really about how to stop the next such atrocity, as the solutions on offer weren't really solutions at all. The result: Legislative and political gridlock manifested in a series of defeated amendments to the Justice Department appropriations bill, a roused commentariat, and further polarization of the American public when we should be united on advancing both our liberty and security.

**First, President Obama** and Attorney General Loretta Lynch purposefully downplayed the Islamist nature of the Orlando attack. Ms. Lynch even went so far as to attempt the literally Orwellian move of redacting any references to Islam, or ISIS, or ISIL from the released transcripts of Mateen's 911 call to authorities "justifying" his killing spree. This is the first inanity in the political drama that unfolded.

Perhaps it should be every public servant's aim to write a little bit of history; however, this was naked political censorship, an intellectually dishonest attempt to re-write history by an Obama political appointee. And,

to change the narrative from one of Islamic terrorism (that would reveal blemishes on the FBI's efficacy and Obama's counter-terrorism policies) to one of bias against the LGBT community and the scourge of guns on American streets. It is here that Senate Democrats and their ideological fellow-travelers in the media picked up the hoped-for new narrative.

Let's dispense with the LGBT angle forthwith: We in Indiana have had our fill of unjustified bias against the LGBT community from some ideological quarters, but blood has yet to be shed. No thinking person would contend that Mr. Mateen's premeditated murder of 49 straight people at your neighborhood Applebee's would be morally sanctioned, or any less grotesque, based upon the sexual orientation of his victims. The Orlando dead and their grieving friends and families are dishonored by any such argument.

**So, now to the** issue of gun control, which is where we encounter more political inanities. At the center of this week's debate, we have two fundamental civil rights ensconced in the U.S. Constitution: The 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms, and the 5th Amendment right not to be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.

While Democrats and the left argue that the 2nd Amendment is predicated upon "a well-regulated militia," the long legislative history of individual states and, most especially, federal jurisprudence have determined that not to be the case. Sorry. Howling against this jurisprudence, as conservatives do in the example of *Roe v. Wade* in the abortion debate, does no good except to inflame controversy and drive a wedge between people of good faith that would want to see workable and effective regulation put into place.

Neither the 2nd Amendment nor the 5th Amendment right to due process have yet to be subject to arbitrary abridgment nor retroactive reinstatement, yet that is precisely what Senate Democrats proposed this week. Under an amendment offered

by Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, anyone under suspicion of terrorist sympathies or on the federal government's "no-fly" list would be unable to exercise their 2nd Amendment right. Oh, they could, but they would have to petition the federal government to get back that right which the federal government has taken away from them on a presupposition of guilt.

**See how that works?** Exactly. It doesn't in a free society. It would be unacceptable if applied to, say, the 1st Amendment, and it is here that Republicans attempted to inject a little 5th Amendment due process by having the executive branch make a probable cause argument to the judicial branch before depriving an American citizen of their 2nd Amendment right. Sen. John Cornyn of Texas suggested just such an amendment during this week's debate. Democrats objected on practicality grounds, the principles at stake be damned.

The fate of both amendments?

They were defeated along mostly partisan lines, with just one or two Republicans crossing over to vote for the Feinstein amendment and a couple of Democrats crossing over to support the Cornyn amendment, including Indiana's own Joe Donnelly (who is one of the most reasonable men you'll ever meet in one of the most unreasonable cities you'll ever visit). Even sensible proposals for more funding for background checks and expanded background checks for online firearms sales were defeated.

**As a direct benefit** of the debate, Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut got his 15 hours of fame during his Cruz-like filibuster and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid got to thunder about Republicans being "bought and paid for" by the NRA. (In the matter of purchase by political interests, Mr. Reid knows that of which he speaks and his hollow protest illuminates more about his personal modus

operandi than anything else. Good riddance, sir.)

The net result of this week's gun control debate is more gridlock and disillusionment by the American public, as well as a loss of focus on a metastasizing threat of homegrown Islamist terrorism. The folks in Washington entrusted to make sensible laws and keep them safe just aren't up to the job; in other words, the status quo ante that in part gave rise to the current Trump/Sanders grassroots rebellion.

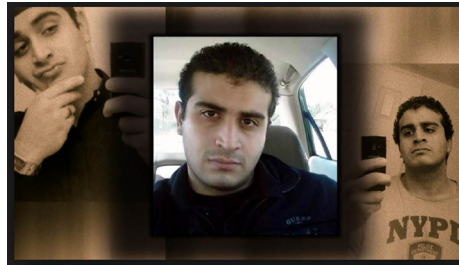
Here's one suggestion to get past partisan gridlock on gun control: A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state (one where citizens do not have their rights abridged and then reinstated), all able-bodied men and women (of any sexual orientation) should be required to perform two years of military service in exchange for room, board, vocational training, and the opportunity to learn about the "weapons of war" that are the supposed crux of the

current controversy. At least then they would know that of which they tweet, expanded background checks should be easy to pass for those honorably discharged, and the next Omar Mateen who walks into a nightclub with murder and mayhem on their mind will find it a much harder target than he or she supposes.

**That or begin** the arduous, but correct, process of repealing or revising the 2nd Amendment. We have ample precedent for passing new amendments to the U.S. Constitution which enshrines all of our rights and those of our posterity (just ask former Indiana Sen. Birch Bayh, author of the 25th and 26th amendments. He's still around and can brief you on the particulars.)

Now, that would be a serious debate worthy of the kind of country our Founders envisioned. ❖

**Carter is HPI's national correspondent.**



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### The seething rebellion

If you're a Hoosier Republican, it is unclear what factoid is the most alarming. It could be Hillary Clinton's \$42 million to \$1.3 million cash-on-hand advantage over Trump. It could be that Clinton has out-raised Trump in Indiana \$1 million to \$58,221. It could be her 100% dominance in swing state TV advertising. It could be the distinct dive in the polls giving Clinton a 44% to 38% lead over Trump before she has fully coalesced the Sanders wing

of the party and surveys have gauged the fallout from the Orlando massacre. Perhaps it is her 700 to 69 staffing advantage. Perhaps it's the fact that Trump has no communications director, though he did bring on the credible Kevin Shaw Kellems of Indiana to begin surrogate management.

Washington Post columnist Michael Gerson, a former aide to U.S. Sen. Dan Coats and Rep. Mark Souder, observed: "Beneath Trump's historically low approval ratings – 29% in a recent Post/ABC News survey – is an even more

| Battle for the White House<br>RCP Poll Averages |         |       |              |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Election 2016                                   | Clinton | Trump | RCP Average  |
| RCP Poll Average                                | 45.0    | 39.2  | Clinton +5.8 |
| 3-Way (w/Johnson)                               | 40.7    | 35.1  | Clinton +5.6 |
| RCP Electoral Map                               | 211     | 164   |              |
| Battlegrounds                                   | Clinton | Trump | RCP Average  |
| Pennsylvania                                    | 43.0    | 42.5  | Clinton +0.5 |
| Florida                                         | 45.0    | 42.0  | Clinton +3.0 |
| Ohio                                            | 43.0    | 40.3  | Clinton +2.7 |
| Virginia                                        | 43.8    | 39.8  | Clinton +4.0 |
| North Carolina                                  | 42.8    | 43.8  | Trump +1.0   |
| Georgia                                         | 40.8    | 45.0  | Trump +4.2   |
| New Hampshire                                   | 43.0    | 36.5  | Clinton +6.5 |

disturbing development. After securing the nomination, Trump's support among Republicans rose, in many polls, to the mid-80s; not spectacularly good but an indication that the GOP was rallying. In recent polls, Trump's Republican support has dropped to between 70 and 80%. Along this trend, a decisive Democratic victory might sweep away the House and Senate. If Republican politicians begin to see this dynamic in their own polling, many will suddenly rediscover their consciences and abandon Trump."

**Or it could be Gov. Pence's** potentially disastrous decision to emphatically endorse Trump at the Indiana Republican Convention on June 11, coming after two weeks of Trump's Judge Curiel lingering disaster that was reflected in 70% of Latinos opposing his candidacy and a day before he accepted "congrats" after the Orlando massacre. Multiple sources tell Howey Politics Indiana that senior Pence campaign officials thought the Trump endorsement was a savvy idea. Within a week of Pence booming out to the delegates that Indiana would be the "first on the board" for Trump on Nov. 8, a full delegate rebellion was percolating in the Western U.S. to change the convention rules to allow delegates to vote their "conscience."

David Buskill, executive director for the Indiana Republican Party, found a strange silver lining, telling the IBJ's Hayleigh Colombo that because Trump hasn't focused on Indiana money, "It's benefited us. There hasn't been that much pressure on donors." Buskill said he has "no idea" what the Trump campaign is planning going forward in Indiana.

One influential Indiana Republican source, speaking on background, told HPI, "Nearly all of the delegates I've spoken with indicate they are not fans of Donald Trump. In fact, I can only identify a few out of Indiana's entire delegation that are excited or passionate about supporting Donald Trump's candidacy. However, those opposed to him are lifelong Republican operatives and activists and it is not in their nature to confront or oppose the party leadership which has cast their lot with him. Simply put, the delegates are too scared and sheepish to vocalize to the public any sort of opposition to Trump unless GOP leadership allows it. Even if Jeff Cardwell allowed it, many would fear a backlash from Trump supporters. True leadership is lacking in the GOP's top brass."

Republican pollster Bill McInturff told the Wall Street Journal, "We had \$25 million spent in February attacking (Marco) Rubio, and none on Trump. It's like

game theory. Each Republican candidate said, 'OK, it'll be Trump and somebody. The other somebody will win, so I'll leave Trump alone and try to be the somebody else by demolishing the next guy in line.' Donald Trump sort of floated through the Republican primary, and still only has 41% of the votes cast. When it was competitive, he was in the mid-30s. But the Republicans have a winner-take-all system in enough states where mid-30s, high 30s, you become the nominee."

McInturff's Democratic polling partner Fred Yang added, "For Trump, it wasn't ideological, it was style. It didn't matter what he was saying, just that he was loud and strong and emphatic. That is what a chunk of the electorate, certainly Republicans, are looking for even if it seems to go against the party orthodoxy."

Yang, who polled for Howey Politics Indiana in

2012, continued, "The Achilles' heel is the political arithmetic. One of my favorite pollster stats is Mitt Romney defeated Barack Obama by the same proportion among whites that George Bush defeated Michael Dukakis by in 1988. Bush won the popular vote by eight points. Romney lost the popular vote by four points. The college-educated white woman is a symptom of the broader point. It's really hard for a Republican to win white voters by more than what Romney and Bush won white voters by, 20 points, 59% to 39%. The voting-age population in 2016 will be 31% minority. It's hard for me to see how the math works for Trump if he doesn't win whites

by 30 points, which would be really hard, or make inroads into that minority population."

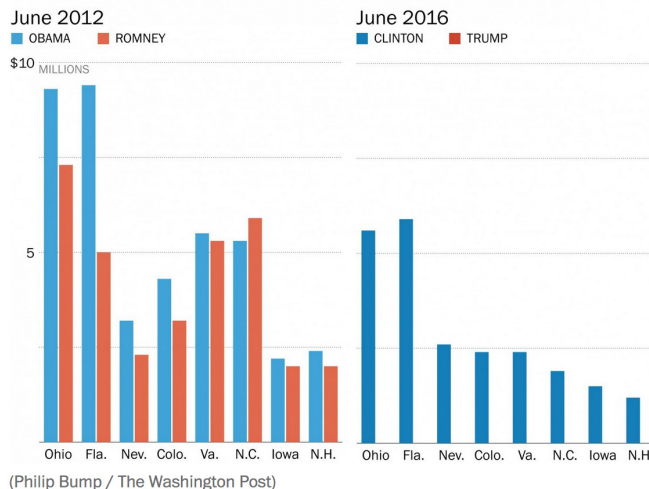
**NBC Meet The Press** moderator Chuck Todd further explained what could produce a 2016 wave. "An ABC/Washington Post poll shows 65% of Republicans viewing Trump favorably, 34% unfavorably," Todd said during his Data Download segment on Sunday. "That means a third of Republicans who don't have good feelings about their own nominee." Hillary Clinton's numbers stand 75-25% in that aforementioned poll. "So the problem isn't just how a party sees Trump. It's how Republicans see the party itself."

Todd noted that a Bloomberg Politics poll this week shows 28% of Republicans have an unfavorable view of their own party right now. On the other side of the aisle, only 4% of Democrats feel the same way. "Why is this significant?" Todd asked. "Because if it means Republicans may be less enthusiastic about voting in the fall. And that enthusiasm gap doesn't just hurt Trump, it could end up hurting Republicans up and down the ballot."

He noted a Marquette University Law School poll in battleground Wisconsin last week showing 78% of

Swing state ad spending in June of election year

Data from NBC News.



Republicans saying they will definitely vote in November. "That's a nine-point drop from March," Todd explained. "Before Trump became the presumptive nominee, when you had nearly nine in 10 Republicans fired up about this election. So, party leaders do have reason to worry that their voters might just stay home. And if that happens, a 2- to 3-point Republican advantage in Senate race X could quickly become a 2- to 3-point loss on Election Day in that Senate race. And while the GOP's House majority seems insurmountable right now, an election wave or a tsunami would end up putting the House in play. And guess how those happen? Those happen when one party simply doesn't show up to the polls. That's what Republicans have to fear."

## The Hoosier GOP leadership dilemma

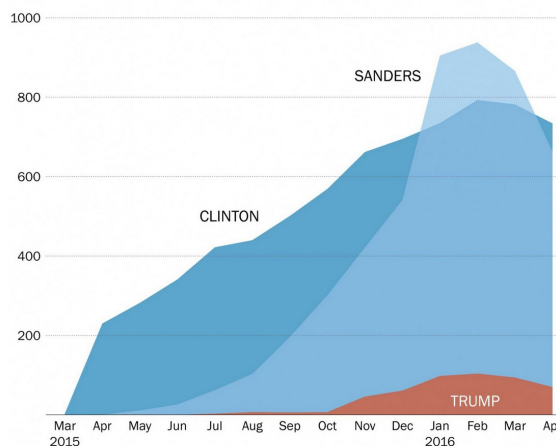
Evansville attorney Joshua Claybourn, who announced in May he would not attend the RNC in Cleveland as a delegate because he could not support Trump, told HPI, "The state GOP leadership finds itself in a tough predicament of having to oppose their own nominee or support a disastrous candidate. Yet it is hard to feel much sympathy for officials who did nothing prior to the primary to warn of the dangers of his candidacy. It's especially hard to feel sympathy for those that have since endorsed him."

Claybourn called the Trump nomination "a defining moment for the Indiana Republican Party for a generation." He explained, "GOP leaders and elected officials will have to be on record and it will be a lens through which voters and donors will judge them for years to come. Already websites like GOPonTrump.com are documenting where Republicans stand on the issue. Any of the party leadership which endorsed him, including GOP chairman Jeff Cardwell, will have to answer for that decision."

He notes that in the month after Trump became the presumptive nominee, winning the May 3 Indiana primary with 53% of the vote, and in spite of Gov. Pence's support of U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, "Trump has attacked a Hoosier-born judge for his ancestry, congratulated himself for guessing that a mass shooting had links to Islamic fundamentalism, lost control of his campaign and fired his campaign manager, and slipped dramatically in the polls."

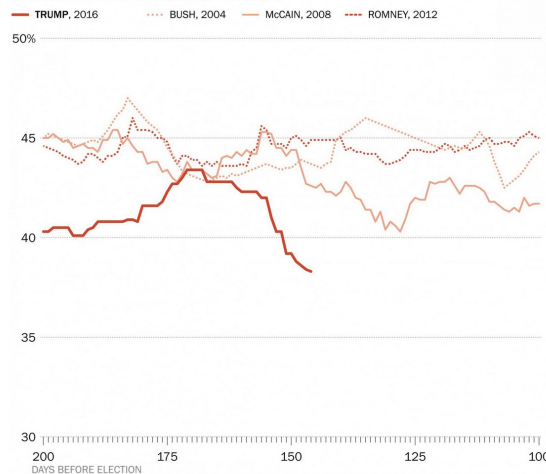
**People on campaign payrolls, by month**

Data from the FEC.



**Percent of support for past four Republican nominees**

Data from RealClearPolitics polling averages for each year.



All of that is in addition to his consistent attacks on free trade, free speech, and the rule of law. Donald Trump's campaign is an unmitigated disaster which will only get worse. All of the officials who support and endorse him will, by extension, be tied to that disaster."

## Mitch as a dark horse

Through all the smoke and debris, Washington Post columnist George Will floated the notion of a Mitch Daniels dark horse presidential bid should a ditch Trump movement take hold in Cleveland. But former campaign consultant Mark Lubbers, who played a key role in the Purdue president's 2010-11 presidential ramp up, simply told HPI, "There is no 'draft Mitch' movement."

Former congressman and HPI columnist Mark Souder observed, "The Mitch Daniels thing is a fantasy. He's qualified for certain, but his style is not populist: Too intellectual and pragmatic. He overcame that in Indiana through incredible hard work and luck on the mobile van idea. He could possibly duplicate (RV1) in the sense of recognizing another tactic if one presented itself, but that doesn't

always happen. In other words, his chances are between 0 and 1%."

"But," Souder added, "There has to be a caveat: Trump makes things unpredictable. However, I do not sense that more than half of the party would even begin to tolerate dumping Trump – possibly not even 10% – after his primary wins. Even those who don't like him would be scared to death of such a precedent. It would be similar to using impeachment as a political weapon."

## A history of waves in Indiana

In the television era of Hoosier politics, there have been national wave years of 1964 (LBJ defeating the "extremism is no vice" GOP nominee Barry Goldwater) that resulted in a 70-seat Democratic Indiana House; the 1972 George McGovern catastrophe that produced similar GOP gains in the Indiana House; the 1974 Watergate fallout that gave Democrats control of the Indiana Senate for two years; the 1980 Reagan Revolution that washed out U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh and House Majority Leader John Brademas; Reagan's 49-state 1984 Morning in America

landslide reelect; the 1994 GOP wave reaction to Clinton health care and gun control; the 2006 mid-term reaction to President George W. Bush's Iraq War fiasco that flipped three congressional seats and the Indiana House to the Democrats; and, finally, 2010 when the Tea Party reaction to Obamacare pushed U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh out of a reelection bid, and Republicans picked up three U.S. House seats and retook the Indiana House 60 to 40 seats.

Some potential waves don't materialize, such as 1998 when Republicans marched toward President Bill Clinton's impeachment that backfired, allowing Democrats to retake the Indiana House and successfully defend the open 9th CD.

All waves have different characteristics.

■ President Johnson played off Goldwater's perceived extremism and sympathy following President Kennedy's 1963 assassination.

■ The 1972 wave was set in motion when liberal reaction to the disastrous 1968 DNC in Chicago produced George McGovern and running mate Sen. Thomas Eagleton, who was subsequently bounced from the ticket after it was revealed he had received electric shock therapy.

■ The 1974 wave was set in motion with the pending impeachment of President Nixon, subsided when he resigned, revived when President Ford pardoned Nixon, and finally reinforced with Ford's disastrous WIN (Whip Inflation Now) proposal. Richard Lugar's challenge to Sen. Birch Bayh that year was, in his words, like a yo-yo, with Bayh pulling away late.

■ In 1980, Ronald Reagan's challenge to President Jimmy Carter was within the margin of error until the final weekend, "Likely" to "Leans" Democratic when an overwhelming number of undecideds broke Republican over the final weekend, propelling Dan Quayle over Birch Bayh and John Hiler over Brademas.

■ The 1994 wave began taking shape in late summer, with U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton telling Democrats at French Lick that he felt like "a curtain" had been pulled between him and his constituents. Souder, who upset U.S. Rep. Jill Long, explained, "The Democrats were worried earlier but missed my race until about three weeks to go. I realized it by late August when she wasn't doing

enough and we were building a base. At the Contract with America signing in late September there was some excitement but the Republicans did not realize the extent of the wave. There is a difference between the base being fired up – Clinton did that in 1993 – and spreading to the swing vote." U.S. Rep. Frank McCloskey and Joe Hogsett in the open 2nd CD also fell to Republicans John Hostettler and David McIntosh.

■ In 2006, there was a long crescendo developing against the Iraq War. It brought then-U.S. Sen. Barack Obama to Indianapolis that fall to campaign for Democrats Baron Hill, Brad Ellsworth and Joe Donnelly, who would go on to oust U.S. Reps. Mike Sodrel, John Hostettler and Chris Chocola.

■ The 2010 wave uncorked in the winter, prompting Sen. Evan Bayh's abrupt exit in February, setting in motion victories by U.S. Rep. Todd Young over Hill in the 9th, Larry Bucshon in the open 8th CD, and Dan Coats' return to the U.S. Senate.

## Epilogue

This is a Tsunami watch. It is not a warning.

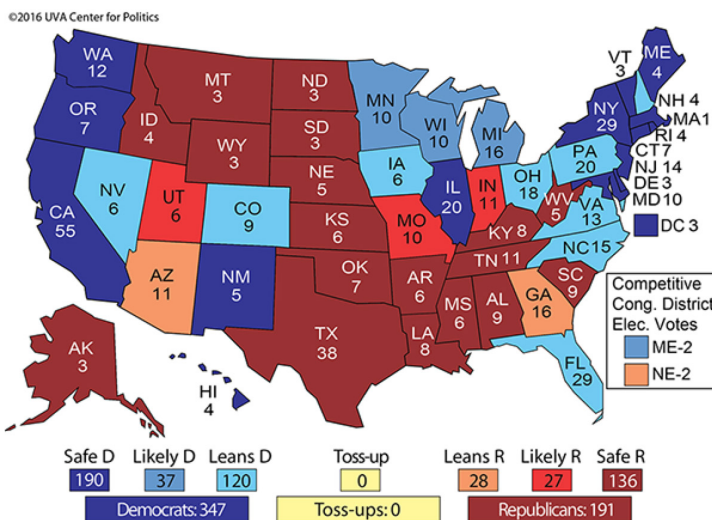
Perhaps Trump will see the light, organize his campaign and find an opening against "Crooked Hillary." Perhaps she will be indicted. Perhaps Gov. Pence will find traction on his economic message and neutralize John Gregg's social issue leverage.

Souder notes that when some waves develop early, like the McGovern debacle of 1972, down ballot campaigns can effectively separate. "It is a question of whether the rest of the ticket in swing to lean Republican races can separate themselves enough," Souder explained. "My prediction would be October, like 1994 and most other elections (21-30 days), for determining big wave/small wave and how big possibly in the final 10 days. Unless Trump collapses earlier.

Sometimes an early collapse can ironically make separation early."

Claybourn agrees, saying, "The best result for Republicans opposed to Trump is to swallow the bitter pill of his nomination and let him crash and burn on his own. Republicans can hope to hold on to Congress and isolate Trump's failures to his own race. From the ashes the GOP can hope to rebuild a stronger and wiser Republican Party devoid of the misguided leaders who supported his candidacy." ❖

Map 2: Updated *Crystal Ball* Electoral College ratings



This is Prof. Larry Sabato's *Crystal Ball* updated projected Electoral College map released this morning. Indiana is a "Likely" Republican state. Other changes include Arizona and Georgia moving from "Likely" to "Leans" Republican, Utah from "Safe" to "Likely" Republican, and Pennsylvania from "Likely" to "Leans" Democratic.

# Trump misses key campaign lessons

By CHRIS SAUTTER

WASHINGTON – It may seem quaint now, but there was a time in American presidential politics when Labor Day marked the unofficial start of the fall campaign season. These days, the fall campaign begins whenever the candidates win enough delegates to secure the nominations of their respective parties, if not before.



Thus, the 2016 campaign is fully engaged now in June. The fundamental dynamics of this campaign will be set this summer, maybe even before the conventions. Those dynamics can be changed after Labor Day only by some dramatic event such as scandal, the specter of war or a looming economic catastrophe.

Mitt Romney learned this lesson the hard way. In June 2012, Romney was hit with a series of tough television ads that defined him as a heartless corporate raider who enjoyed firing people and whose private equity firm, Bain Capital, destroyed the lives of ordinary working people. Romney reinforced that image himself when he was captured on video at a private campaign event disparaging the “47%” of Americans, Obama voters, as lazy freeloaders. Romney, though competitive in the polls to the end, never recovered.

Donald Trump seems not to have learned the lesson. Hillary Clinton is using the Obama playbook, though Clinton’s approach takes the message much further. Not only is Trump, according to Clinton, a self-serving vulture capitalist who exploits working Americans, Trump is dangerously unfit for the office because he is unstable and reckless. In short, Trump cannot be trusted with the nuclear codes because he might blow up the world – shades of Lyndon Johnson’s 1964 campaign against Barry Goldwater and the famous “Daisy” commercial.

**And, as Romney did for Obama,** Trump is helping make Clinton’s case with his own words. Indeed, the Clinton Super PAC, Priorities USA, put up an ad with a sample of Trump’s more demeaning comments about women made during the Republican primaries. Another Priorities ad shows Trump mocking a disabled reporter.

Trump nailed down the Republican nomination with his convincing win in the Indiana primary on May 3. That was the time for him to pivot to a more moderate general election message. Instead, Trump doubled down on his racially charged message by attacking a Hoosier-born federal judge based on the judge’s Mexican heritage and calling for the profiling of American Muslims. As a result, Trump’s unfavorable ratings, already at a record

high, have climbed even higher.

Is it too late to pivot when 70% of voters don’t like you? That is the daunting question facing the Trump campaign in the wake of its firing of campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, who is said to have been a Trump enabler.

**Trump claims that** the campaign won’t really start until the parties hold their conventions in July. But many Republicans fear that it may be too late already, that Trump has already lost too much time to make his case against Hillary Clinton and that he has dug himself too deep a hole to dig out. Just as troubling, Trump’s anemic fundraising points to a campaign that will be incapable of competing with Clinton’s sophisticated air and ground campaign.

Trump is apparently taking comfort in knowing that despite a disastrous six weeks, Clinton leads him by only 5%, according to the latest CNN/ORC poll released June 21. More encouraging, Trump is tied with Clinton in Ohio and trails her by only one point in Pennsylvania.

The reason the race is still close is clear. Many voters, still struggling under a sluggish economy and fearing that the war on terrorism has come to America, want change. To them, Clinton is more of the same, while Trump represents change. Trump leads Clinton in the new CNN poll on the question of who will better lead on the economy. And, even with all the doubts raised about him, Trump is still viewed as generally more trustworthy than Clinton.

Clinton’s lead is based on doubts about whether Trump has the temperament or judgment to be president, something that might be corrected with a disciplined message and restrained behavior. The Trump controversies have overshadowed Clinton’s own considerable vulnerabilities. The race is currently a referendum on Trump and his erratic behavior and repugnant views rather than a choice between change and more of the same, as Trump needs it to be to win.

In a sense, in the minds of many voters, the case against Hillary Clinton has already been made. Republicans needed only to nominate a reasonable alternative, something Trump so far has failed to convince voters he is. Meanwhile, as Trump struggles to adjust after locking up the nomination, Clinton now shows signs that she will be a much better general election candidate than in Democratic presidential primaries. She still struggles with communicating a unifying message. But Trump has given her new energy and focus.

**It is not completely clear** what Trump’s crumbling campaign means for Indiana. No elected Indiana governor seeking reelection has ever been defeated (Dr. Otis Bowen was the first Indiana governor permitted by law to seek reelection 40 years ago). But Gov. Mike Pence has still not moved past the fallout from last year’s RFRA debacle, while John Gregg is running a smart, aggressive campaign. Trump is expected to carry Indiana, but a narrow margin for the Republican presidential candidate could

enable Gregg to make history.

Democrats face a tougher challenge in House and Senate races in Indiana. To show how difficult it is for Democratic congressional candidates, no Democrat has unseated a sitting Republican member of Congress in a presidential election year since Lee Hamilton did it in 1964. That is because most of the additional people in Indiana who turn out to vote in a presidential election year tend to vote Republican.

**The last public poll showed** Trump winning Indiana by 7%. But if Trump's campaign continues to stumble nationally, his margin in Indiana is likely to nar-

row. Then Democratic candidates like Baron Hill, who faces Todd Young in an open U.S. Senate race, could overcome his early deficit in the polls. And, Shelli Yoder, who is currently tied in polling with Republican Trey Hollingsworth, would stand an excellent chance of winning in the 9th District.

**The five months until** the election is a lifetime in politics. Nonetheless, we should have a good idea of where this election is heading by Labor Day. ❖

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## Indiana Democrats sense a cycle in favor

By THOMAS CURRY

INDIANAPOLIS – Democratic gubernatorial nominee John Gregg played off Gov. Mike Pence's assertion that Hoosier voters faced "two futures" last weekend. Setting up his rematch with the governor, Gregg called for "responsible leadership that moves us forward."



"I like studying the past but I do not want to live there," Gregg told more than 2,000 delegates attending the biennial Indiana Democratic Convention late Saturday afternoon. "I want to be your next governor to look forward, not back. To make history, not just read about it. And to ensure our next 100

years start off with a bang. My friends, I want to serve all Hoosiers. All Hoosiers. I want to make a positive difference, not a political point. And I want to pursue an Indiana agenda, not a personal one. An agenda for Indiana, not on Indiana."

The former House speaker called out Gov. Pence for carrying an agenda focused more on his own political gains than of the people of Indiana. "It is time for adult leadership in the Statehouse," continued Gregg, who concluded his address saying, "As your governor I will take on the solemn job of making the future better for our kids. That is the job Mike Pence has not done. Let's go make an Indiana we can be proud of."

Gregg outlined several issues he'll be talking about. "A Gregg/Hale administration will be lean, clean but not mean," Gregg said. "It will be welcoming to all, Hoosier Hospitality. And it will be centered on creating opportunities for all. Raising wages. Attracting, developing and sustaining a skilled workforce. Creating an entrepreneurial atmosphere where small business and startups can grow. Improving the quality of life for our citizens in communi-

ties large and small. Working with our teachers to make our public schools stronger. Finally implementing pre-K for every 4-year-old in Indiana. Making higher education more attainable and affordable. Investing in our roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure that has been neglected for so long. Bringing real broadband connectivity to all of corners of Indiana. Tackling the state's water crisis. Making sure our veterans are getting the care they earned and make it a priority to get them back into the workforce. We owe them a debt."



The Democratic ticket of John Gregg, Christina Hale, Supt. Glenda Ritz, Baron Hill and Lorenzo Arredondo speak to more than 2,000 delegates at the Indiana Democratic Convention in Indianapolis last Saturday, (HPI Photos by Mark Curry)

Gregg added that he would be "working with state and local law enforcement to address the scourges of crime, drug abuse and sexual assaults in every community across this state. And, on joining with our Republican colleagues to balance budgets, keep taxes low and to stop wasting your precious tax dollars on unnecessary state agencies, million-dollar statehouse doors, state-run news services, politically motivated lawsuits and expensive PR contracts to clean up this governor's messes."

Lieutenant governor nominee Christina Hale accepted her nomination, telling the delegates, "Until Mike Pence came along, Indiana was moving forward. Now, thanks to Gov. Pence's compulsion to tell people who to love, what to do with their bodies, and even where to go to the bathroom, he's embarrassed our state, damaged our reputation and scared off the very economic opportunity and young talent we need to be successful today and in the future. But my friends, we are Hoosiers, and we won't let one man's personal ideology destroy our reputation or define our future."



South Bend Mayor Peter Buttigieg speaks to delegates on Saturday. (HPI Photo by Mark Curry)

Hale laid out some serious problems that she hopes the Democratic ticket will be able to solve. She cited that one seventh of Hoosiers go without food on the table and that the average Indiana worker makes \$7,000 dollars less than the national average. Hale said she and Gregg have "big bold strategic plans for Indiana that will set the state up for success."

### Super delegate showdown

The Democratic Convention got off to a slow start but the Indiana Democrats eventually showcased their political lineup and fired up the Democratic base for the 2016 election. Chairman John Zody stumbled through parliamentary procedure

that delayed the event for nearly 30 minutes, spurred by an inquiry into what the Resolution Committee had ruled on behind closed doors.

What followed was an awkward handling of whether or not they should read what the committee had voted down. One delegate stood up in frustration after several attempts to get Zody to read the resolutions and

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said, "The super delegates are taking our power." Chairman Zody claimed "my bad" for the slowdown in events.

But it was still an exciting night for Hoosier Democrats in what is shaping up to be an historic election cycle. South Bend Mayor Peter Buttigieg was permanent chair and oversaw the nomination process. Buttigieg gave rousing endorsements and introductions to all the candidates and was a hit with the crowd. The young mayor, who was featured in a New York Times column this past week speculating he could become the first gay president, held the mantra that was echoed throughout the Big Dem Weekend: It's the Democrats' year.

U.S. Rep Andre Carson received rave reviews for his address to the delegates. Carson inspired the delegates saying, "This generation of Democrats elected the first black president. This generation of Democrats saved our auto industry. This generation said no to RFRA. This generation of Democrats will pave the way for a brighter future." It was a powerful message that resonated well with the crowd.

On presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, Carson praised him for "doing something remarkable. He pushed the conversation further to the left."

Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate Baron Hill used his address to call out his Republican opponent Todd Young. Hill said he would "make Young accountable" and "will make him to answer to Donald Trump's claims."

Glenda Ritz and Lorenzo Arredondo were nominated for state education superintendent and attorney general respectively. Judge Arredondo called for Hoosiers to be better saying, "We must recognize the ideas and principles of our founders and live up to them." On Indiana's nationally low voter turnout, Arredondo said, "More people need to participate in the process. When good people remain silent, justice is dying."

Supt. Ritz used her acceptance speech to tell the story of what inspired her to run for office. She described meeting a young student who said, "I don't need to check out a book because I just passed my iRead-3 test." Ritz said that kids reading only to pass a test didn't sit right with her and that she was inspired to change the way education works in Indiana. Ritz and Gregg released their ambitious education plan Thursday that would start Indiana on the path of a universal pre-K program.

Indiana Republicans responded with a press release saying, "Indiana Democrats are disparaging our state's growth and success in a desperate attempt to distract Hoosiers from Hillary Clinton and John Gregg's history of failed leadership and disastrous plans for our future." GOP Executive Director David Buskill continued on, say-

ing, "The fact is, under the leadership of Gov. Mike Pence, record amounts have been spent on children's schools, Indiana's first ever Pre-K program was created, more Hoosiers are going to work every day than ever before, and personal income is on the rise. Indiana's economy is firing on all cylinders and Hoosiers understand that progress will stop under the liberal, job-killing agenda of Hillary Clinton and John Gregg."

## Saturday morning caucuses

Indiana Democrats spent Saturday morning and afternoon circulating between meetings focused on issues for specific congressional districts and caucuses of the party. The gubernatorial ticket as well as minority leaders Scott Pelath of the House, Tim Lanane of the Senate and Supt. Ritz were on constant rotation giving speeches to the various meetings.

Gregg told Democrats that they expect to spend more than \$600,000 a week on TV ads across the state to spread the Democratic message. Gregg also encouraged party delegates to speak to and convince their more moderate Republican neighbors to vote Democrat. "Talk to the people who voted for Dick Lugar, Evan Bayh," Gregg said. "These are Republicans who value good leadership over ideology."

During the caucus meetings, Gregg and Hale discussed LGBT rights with the Stonewall Democrats. Gregg said that "what Gov. Pence did to the LGBT community started a fire in people. It's about human dignity and equal rights." Hale told the Stonewall Democrats, "Everybody counts or nobody counts. Everybody counts. We will fight for that until the end."

Gregg and Hale continued on to the African American Caucus, calling it a cornerstone of the party. Hale explained, "We need to make our government look like our communities." Hale cited that there are only "12 African Americans, one Asian American, no one out of the closet and only one fifth of us are women" in the Indiana Statehouse. Hale added, "It hurts my heart" in reference to the poor minority representation in Indiana's state government.

Ritz went to the various meetings to continue to set up support for her ambitious education plan that was released with Gregg on Thursday. Ritz again accused Pence of caring more for ideology than the children of Indiana and said that she will put children first.

Minority leaders Pelath and Lanane spent the day drumming up support for various statehouse candidates throughout Indiana. They called for the need to fund raise and campaign to take back the Indiana House. Pelath called it the "Democrats' year to make a change."

## Hoosier Hospitality Dinner

A short video message by presumptive presidential nominee Hillary Clinton was shown, where she urged the



House Minority Leader Scott Pelath during the Pledge of Allegiance at the Democratic Convention. (HPI Photo by Mark Curry)

delegation to realize that "Trump would be a dangerous commander-in-chief." Clinton also praised the work of the party and hopes that they will help to carry her to victory in November.

Donald Trump was a common talking point by all the speakers at the dinner. Baron Hill expressed concern that "Trump wants to fundamentally change the country" and that a Trump presidency would not be beneficial for Indiana. Keynote speaker U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Michigan said Trump would send the country backward and literally laughed at Trump's lack of foreign policy experience. Stabenow also called Trump out for his failed business record, citing the failures of Trump University and various other companies. Throughout the evening Trump was also bashed for being racist, homophobic and sexist.

Gov. Mike Pence was also the butt of many comments. During Gregg's address, he called for "common

sense, competence and inclusion" in Indiana and said that RFRA hurt the state economy significantly. Gregg accused Pence of caring more for his ideology than the people of Indiana. Stabenow identified Pence and Trump as being the same ilk, saying, "We know what Trump will be like, our governors have the same playbook," in reference to putting big business above the needs of the poor and middle class.

U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly also received praise for his effort in last week's Senate filibuster on weapons and called the legislation that needs to be passed "common sense." Donnelly voted for all four Republican and Democratic bills that came up for a vote on Monday. Many speakers supported the Senate filibuster and said that work is needed to protect citizens throughout the country and in Indiana. ❖

## Cline Avenue bridge could boost Democrats

By RICH JAMES

MERRILLVILLE – Political campaigns come and go, but one thing has stayed the same over nearly a decade in Northwest Indiana. Yes, Virginia, can you say Cline Avenue Bridge? And, rightly so, the local Democrats continue to turn the bridge to their political advantage.



The bridge was a major link between the Chicago Skyway and Northwest Indiana, particularly the casinos and area steel mills and other industries. The state closed the elevated bridge in 2009, citing structural deficiencies.

Although former Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels said the structure would be rebuilt by the state, he quickly washed his hands of the issue. The state then contracted with a private firm to rebuild the structure, although not to its original size. United Bridge Partners has started work on an operations and maintenance building in East Chicago. Work on the bridge, however, hasn't started and it likely won't be completed until 2019.

**Just the other day**, Munster Democrat Mara Candelaria Reardon, who is seeking to regain the House District 12 seat she lost two years ago, brought up the bridge issue. Reardon (pictured) is seeking to oust Republican Rep. Bill Fine, the man she narrowly defeated in 2012 and barely lost to two years ago.

Fine wasn't in the legislature when the decision was made to hand over the bridge to the private sector that will convert it to a toll road. Nevertheless, Reardon is hoping that the construction delay will fall at the feet of all Republicans and help her win back her seat. Reardon this week said the Republican super majority in the House "has chosen in the last three budget cycles to ignore Northwest Indiana and their transportation needs, impeding commerce and stunting access to vital job markets for almost a decade."

**Reardon added**, "The empty promises of one governor and the blatant disregard by our current governor have brought us to where we are today, mortgaging our assets and passing the buck to the local, the private sector and the people who will now have to pay a toll to get to their jobs." The casinos in East Chicago and Gary, which relied heavily on Cline Avenue to bring their customers, took a hit when the bridge closed and haven't gotten back to normal.



While Fine may not have been in the legislature when the major decisions were made about the bridge, he may have to pay the price. None of the Northwest Indiana Republican legislators had much to say as the state delayed reconstruction and then turned it over to the private sector.

The Cline Avenue Bridge also is a favorite issue of Democratic governor candidate John Gregg when he is on the stump in Northwest Indiana. ❖

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# Hollingsworth says Hoosiers want outsiders in D.C.

By THOMAS CURRY

INDIANAPOLIS – Ninth CD Republican nominee Trey Hollingsworth seemed to come out of nowhere last fall, had more than \$2 million spent by him and on his behalf, and won the primary against a formidable field that included the incumbent attorney general and two state senators.



HPI first caught up with Hollingsworth at the Indiana Republican Convention earlier this month and he promised an interview. On Tuesday, Hollingsworth stopped by Howey Politics Indiana's Indianapolis office for the

first in-depth interview of his political career. He believes that he has harnessed some of the same energy that has propelled presumed Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and to a lesser extent, Democrat Bernie Sanders. Hoosiers are looking for new voices and players to correct what they perceive to be a broken system.

We learned more about Hollingsworth's extensive Indiana business holdings. At one point, he asked for our perspectives and advice, to which HPI responded that he might have commenced his conversation to the voters, Republican Party officials and the press by explaining his Indiana background and his family's desire to live near Louisville.

Hollingsworth faces Democratic Monroe County Councilwoman Shelli Yoder in what appears to be, at this stage, a close race. The 9th CD is a Plus 9 Republican district on the Cook Partisan Index.

Here is our interview with the 9th CD Republican nominee:

**HPI:** Your primary was a close one with some quality candidates. What do you think pushed you over the top and what did voters see in you that they didn't see in the other candidates?

**Hollingsworth:** What I think makes me different comes down to two things. The first is business experience. Voters really understand the struggle small and medium

businesses have to be able to create careers that Hoosiers and Americans want. They want someone who has business experience developing products and knows what it's like working in that heavily regulated environment; business experience to know what it's like to create careers and what the government is doing to stop creation of careers for people. It's that business experience that people want in Washington, and people want real change, but that real change isn't coming from people who are architects of the existing system. They don't want more politicians. They want to get back to public service. I think it's a shame that too many people fear the government and don't believe that the government serves them. I want to get back to a government that genuinely serves the people. Signing the term-limit pledge that I brought around to 13,000 homes – that said I was not going to serve more than eight years and you can kick me out every two – made a difference and helped people understand that my interests are their interests. Our interests are truly aligned and I won't be bought off with better titles or offices while in Washington or by promises of leadership; I am genuinely there to serve their interests, not to promote my own career.

**HPI:** It was sort of a rough primary. You were called names by your opponents that stuck: "Carpetbagger, Tennessee Trey."

**Hollingsworth:** People forget goodlooking guy.

**HPI:** Have you talked to your primary opponents since and have they come around to supporting you yet?

**Hollingsworth:** Look, the reality is that we had great candidates in the primary. Frankly, southern Indiana was lucky to have all of them and was given a real opportunity for choices since we weren't all the same. The unfortunate part is, only one of us could win. But I have spoken to many of them, not all of them, and I think they are coming around, and people are understanding this is a very important election in insuring that southern Indiana not only sends a Republican to Washington but genuinely sends a mandate that conservative change is important. Winning by one vote sends the signal that we want a Republican in Washington; winning by a large margin is what people want to see because it sends the message to Washington that we demand conservative change in Indiana's 9th. I want to insure that this is the genuine start of the conservative movement to get this country back on track.

**HPI:** Did you do a lot of



Republican 9th CD nominee Trey Hollingsworth during his Howey Politics Interview on Tuesday. (HPI Photo by Brian A. Howey)

research on your Republican opponents before the race? Obviously you weren't intimidated to get in.

**Hollingsworth:** It was a very impressive field and I got to know each of them and to respect them in their respective fields and what they bring to the table. What we really tried to do in the primary was to focus on our message and what makes us different. Other campaigns' goal was to bring others down. Our goal and our mandate was to show why we were different and could make a big difference in Washington. We were going to be different not only in a campaign but in Washington, and I think that resonated with voters. As you said frequently in your columns, it was a tossup. It wasn't ever a certainty, but something we worked really hard at. We believe in voter contact; we knocked on doors and made phone calls, taking that difference to individual voters. Other campaigns will tell you things they don't like about us. What made a difference was, people liked hearing a story and a future painted for them, rather than just hearing negative things.

**HPI:** When did you decide to run in the 9th, and are reports true that you looked into other openings in other states?

**Hollingsworth:** My wife is from Louisville, born and raised. She's the middle daughter of a small business owner (Pat's Steakhouse). He has owned that restaurant for the past 60 years. We got married about 20 months ago and she told me, "I want kids and it's really important

that we live near my family." I had been working in Indiana for 10, 11 years before that. I bought my first building in Westfield and renovated it 11 years ago and have since added eight companies here in Indiana. I was always commuting between the various places where we had to live for education and for her work and for my work, and so it made sense that when we wanted to start a family, that it would be close to my work and close enough that we could raise our kids close to their grandparents.

**HPI:** Talk a little about your Indiana business. You talked about how you refurbish warehouses; how much have you done of that in Indiana?

**Hollingsworth:** I own nine different companies in Indiana that do everything from aluminum remanufacturing, to renovating abandoned industrial buildings, to leasing offices to small business out of their homes. I have been fortunate to work in Indiana and the largest of my holdings are right here at home in Indiana.

**HPI:** How many communities do you work in? Are they in one place or are they all over?

**Hollingsworth:** They are scattered from Fort Wayne to Jeffersonville. Certainly there are some around Westfield and Greenfield. In a lot of areas, we felt we could make a difference in the communities and in the businesses. The fortunate thing is that Indiana is a great state to do business in and I hope that that continues.

**HPI:** Do you think you could have avoided some

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of the carpetbagger stuff if you had a press conference saying what you just said right now? It's a compelling narrative.

**Hollingsworth:** I am a business guy at heart. I am not a politician. I have never run for office anywhere before. I am sure that I made mistakes; probably one of those was not more clearly saying that it would come as a great surprise to my wife's family, to my customers who are Hoosiers, to my vendors who are Hoosiers, to my employees that are Hoosiers and to my tenants that are Hoosiers; a great surprise that "he is from somewhere else" or "we don't think he is one of us." I think the biggest mistake I made was not directly answering that. We really tried to focus on the future, because elections are about what we want in our future and who do we want to be. Maybe that was a mistake.

**HPI:** Part of that primary was you spending a lot on TV ads. You blanketed the air waves and got good name recognition. But it cost around \$2 million dollars. Are you getting the sense that the House Republican Campaign Committee will help finance your general election campaign?

**Hollingsworth:** I have gotten the sense that enthusiasm is high and that Republicans are really rallying around the entire ticket; that we have a unique opportunity to push back against the liberal agenda that has been devastating small and medium businesses and families who are trying to operate or start their own businesses. Republicans get the sense that this a unique moment in history and a unique time for the ideas that we all know worked to make this country great for 230 years. That is what people are rallying around. I am excited to be part of the team and I am going to do everything I can to be of service to Republicans. I know other Republicans are excited to do whatever they can to be of service to my campaign as well.

**HPI:** What are the key issues you are going to make in your campaign against Shelli Yoder? What are you going to contrast against her?

**Hollingsworth:** There is a vast ideological chasm between Shelli Yoder and myself. Our focus is going to be on a choice between two futures, a choice between

two outcomes. We can choose to get back to focusing on business and job creation, creating a more vigorous free market that helps people get better wages, letting them pay for what they want today as well as saving for retirement, for a home, or to start a family. Or, we can continue to devolve into this socialist state with more Obamacare, with more regulations and higher tax rates, where Washington takes not only a bigger slice out of their wallets, but also a bigger slice of the freedoms they should have as Americans and that are endowed to them by the Constitution. I think this is going to be about pushing that vast ideological chasm and helping people understand that this isn't really a race between Trey Hollingsworth and Shelli Yoder, this is a race between conservative constitutional future of America and more liberal socialist policies of the Obama administration.

**HPI:** The phrasing you use, a choice between two futures, is very similar to what Gov. Pence said at the state convention. Have you met the governor and Todd Young and other Indiana Republican leaders?

**Hollingsworth:** Many times on the campaign trail Todd Young and I ran into each other, and the governor and I ran into each other. At his Jeffersonville rally where he was doing his kickoff tour, I had met with him earlier that day for 20 to 30 minutes. As I said, Republicans are rallying around the ticket because this election and the outcomes really matter. What we do here in Indiana sends a signal to Washington on what we want for our future.

**HPI:** What are your thoughts on Donald Trump? Have you met him? Do you think some of the comments like the episode with Judge Curiel go too far?

**Hollingsworth:** I think people understand that change is necessary in this country. People understand that we can no longer have more of the same, that the status quo is no longer acceptable. People have the great sense, the smart sense, that the people who built this system, the Clintons of the world, the dynasties of the world, that that system isn't working for Hoosiers. It's not working for Americans. It's certainly working for insiders in Washington and from what I hear they are doing great. But it's not working for us out here. It's not working for business owners and those people seeking jobs, and people are finally mad enough to say we need change and that change isn't going to come from the inside but from the outside. I certainly am a big believer that we need business experience in Washington.



Hollingsworth (left) leaves the Indiana Republican Convention earlier this month in Indianapolis. (HPI Photo by Mark Curry)

**HPI:** During the campaign you certainly used that against Greg Zoeller and obviously it resonated. Talk about how that message resonated in the primary.

**Hollingsworth:** I think it's exactly that. People have been extending the status quo for a long time thinking that it would get better. Choices were between politician A and politician B and individuals rising in the ranks and trying to go from local level to state level to federal level without any real outside experience. People have come to the conclusion that outside experience is necessary. The founding fathers envisioned that people who had outside experience would take it to Washington to make an impact and then end their service so other people could come to make an impact. I'm not just in favor of sending business people to Washington. I'd love if it a teacher says I know a lot about the education system, I have struggled in it, I've tried to figure it out and I am going to go out there and fix it. They know more about the education system than I do. A doctor who has struggled with health care may think they have the right path forward to take that experience to Washington. We don't need more people in Washington whose only experience is in politics, because what we are tired of as Americans is politics. What we want more of is genuine public service. A big part of that is having outside experience that you can take and make an impact and then come back raise your families and continue your careers under the laws that you helped create. It's kind of like what my grandmother said about cooking: You have to eat your own cooking to make sure that you have done it right.

**HPI:** For your commercials you made a lot of footage and you did release some B-Roll. Was that planned to be used later for the Super PAC ads?

**Hollingsworth:** I can assure you that there are countless hours of B-roll and some of which I don't know how it was released. Certainly a lot that was used against me. There was a lot of B-roll footage that we didn't use because I looked bad or it just didn't fit with how we were trying to come across. I guess that's the nature of the world that everything created digitally never goes away.

**HPI:** Didn't your campaign release a lot of B-roll? We saw it in a lot of TV ads and in the SuperPac ads.

**Hollingsworth:** Our campaign didn't release any B-roll. It may have been the producers or Jamestown Associates. A lot of time was spent making sure we put out the right message of who we are. I wanted to give people a sense of not only the vision I believe this country is capable of, but also that I was a responsible bearer of that message; that I both had the business experience and the focus on public service. I wanted people to get that

sense, whether that be through commercials or Facebook or through me in person. I wanted this campaign to be reflective of me as much as possible. That got hijacked by others who sought to deride me. The reality is, I do believe in this country and that we can solve these problems together. Betting against the American people has always been a losing proposition. We will solve these problems and I will be a part of those solutions.

**HPI:** Is there anyone else in that Super PAC who is supporting you besides your father, and do you understand how that may look to a cynical person?

**Hollingsworth:** You would have to look at the SuperPac or what the record on their finances are and what they spend and what they take in. We are focused on our campaign. I think it's a misnomer to say that my father is the only one supporting me because we found a lot of support from the district, the people that got a phone call from me, the people who met me, the people who got a signed letter from me. We were able to build support, just like every other campaign tries to, for a message that is important to the voters and also a message that we believe in.

**HPI:** As you're knocking on doors and meeting people of the 9th district, what are the major issues for them and how do they affect your positions?

**Hollingsworth:** People ask me all the time: Tell me the three or four biggest issues. The biggest issue we face is people don't have a sense of optimism. People don't believe that we can genuinely change this country, they aren't confident about the direction we are going forward. People don't believe that their elected leaders in Washington are up there for them, they think they are out for themselves. When I go door to door, what makes me sad is how many people don't feel like they can achieve the future that their parents had, that they can't achieve the American dream, that they can't own that white picket fence house and have the two kids and save for retirement. What we need to change right now is get people back to where it is possible to come together and take away the regulations and solve all the deficit problems. We can start to build a future that we both really believe in and all be excited about and participate in. I want this country to feel great about its future again. We have faced many problems in our country before and have always overcome them.

**HPI:** One of the issues that has the most people upset about the future are our serious drug addiction problems, meth, heroin, opioids. What are your plans to start fixing these issues? Have you been to Scott County? That's the epicenter of it.

**Hollingsworth:** Yes, I have been to Scott County. I met with Hundley farms and talked to a lot of local officials about this issue. We knocked on a lot of doors in



Scott County. I think this is part of the same epidemic. When you are in your late teens and early 20s and feel like you can't achieve anything, or get a real job, or that the American dream is dead to me; that is the vacuum when pessimism and drug addiction begin to take root. I want to build a compelling future for younger Americans that says you can do better and there is opportunity for all of us. This country certainly guarantees opportunity. We have got to get back to the basics of these opportunities. That is enhancing personal freedoms so that the government doesn't reach into our boardrooms and bedrooms and lives to make our decisions for us, rolling back regulations so that we can allow businesses to create jobs for the American dream. That is finally solving all these problems that our government has dithered about for so long and people have suffered because of that dithering.

**HPI:** We have had a parade of massacres from Newtown to Aurora to Orlando. How would you address this issue?

**Hollingsworth:** I won't address it by abridging the freedoms that Americans are entitled to in the Constitution. I don't believe that we should make law-abiding citizens guilty of mass murders or crimes terrorists commit. One of the first pieces is assuring that America stays and remains involved in the rest of the world. America has always been a principled force around the world; it needs to remain that way. I want to get back to where our enemies abroad fear us and know that we will cause them harm if they seek to cause us harm. I am tired of American families worried about their safety; I want terrorists around the world fearing for their safety. The answer isn't to pull back, it's to remain engaged. That doesn't mean put a boot on the ground. It means continuing to use our vast ally networks, using our technological advantage or the hard work of the men and women of the service to make sure that there is information on who's doing what and where. We have to empower them to take steps to protect America. I believe that it is a safer world when America is involved.

**HPI:** The NRA seems to take this stance of any kind of regulation is an abridgment of Constitutional rights. Yet, as a journalist, the 1st Amendment is my life blood but there are limitations. I can't go to a movie theater and yell "Fire!" How do you view putting some responsibility on gun ownership?

**Hollingsworth:** There is a lot of responsibility that gun owners have. The gun owners I know take a lot of responsibility and hold it to high esteem. We have to continue to preserve the rights afforded to us in the

Constitution; the 2nd Amendment is certainly one of the most important. I want to continue to see an America that wants to focus on enemies that want to do us harm, that to those who come from around the world and demonize our freedoms we send a clear message that we will do harm to them if they seek to do us harm.

**HPI:** The Constitution Preamble talks about domestic tranquility. With all of these massacres, it seems domestic tranquility gets lost in the balance. Any thoughts on that?

**Hollingsworth:** I certainly believe our threats come from abroad in a world where America creates a leadership vacuum. I want to get back to where we are a leader in the world and not this weak foreign policy propagated by Obama. What I want to see is an America that is principled strong and stands up for what is right. We are not seeing that. We are enabling enemies abroad and encouraging them to find people here who are sympathetic to their cause.

**HPI:** Are there any political figures that you look at as a role model?

**Hollingsworth:** People ask me that all the time. That's a challenge. If I throw a name out, you might say, "What about that vote in 1997?"

**HPI:** We were thinking more along the lines of Lincoln, Churchill or Reagan. We're just looking for what has helped shape your political career.

**Hollingsworth:** I believe the fundamental tenets of Trey Hollingsworth for Congress are to focus on the core issues that challenge us and get them resolved. People don't want more talking, they want results. Second is about public service that's right for their country and district, not to advance what is right for their career. When I'm done with my business, I'll put down my mantle and let someone else carry the baton forward. I want Congress to be reflective of the great fabric of this country and all of the different experience and educations. That's what made this country great. What we have in Washington is people getting elected over and over again and not getting the reflection of what makes America great. That's what I want to be like.

**HPI:** You had an address that was the same as the Senate Conservative Fund. That makes a lot of people think the 9th is just a step to the U.S. Senate seat in 2018. Is it?

**Hollingsworth:** The pollster that we used was poached to go to the NRSC. That was it. He was in American View Point and retained me as one of his clients.

**HPI:** How many terms will you stay in Congress then?

**Hollingsworth:** Eight years max and I can be kicked out every two if the voters don't think I have been holding up to the picture I painted in the primary and in the general. ❖



# Baseball, beer, bourbon & whine

By MARK SOUDER

FORT WAYNE – While I am more of a beer guy, or bourbon, Donald Trump has driven me to whine. If I'm not careful, between now and the fall election I could become sort of a political alcoholic filled with constant whine, whine, whine. But the only way to avoid the addiction is to totally abstain from politics, or at least have long dry stretches of Trump withdrawal while focusing on baseball.



Some days Trump makes me angry, as do Hillary and the President, but in today's context of everyone being angry, mine hardly reaches that threshold anymore. When I raise my voice, my face slightly reddened, and make declarations, it sounds like Trump when he's in a good mood. Or Hillary, when she's whispering. At least the President just smirks.

To be considered angry today, you really have to haul out some big verbal guns. Or threaten to use a real gun. Speaking of liberal hysteria, they holler at Trump (correctly) for turning terrorism by an Arab American into an "I told you so," yet every shooting becomes the same for liberals. Primarily another notch on their gun control ban advocacy belt.

If the guns are doing the shooting, why isn't it happening evenly among all groups and in all locations? Why isn't it different when cities like Chicago and Washington ban guns – I mean, it is different, they have more violent crime – but why if controlling the guns is the solution, does it not work?

I'm partly just whining. I've heard every variation of excuse. I understand that income, opportunity and education can help (at least theoretically) control violence. When will liberals acknowledge that two-parent families and moral goals – not perfection but the acknowledged point that there are moral standards we should try to achieve and are promoted – are at least as important as a college degree?

**Do not liberals see** that the more random violence, not to mention domestic violence, is directly correlated with the collapse of having moral standards as a goal? Moral relativity leads to, well, moral relativity.

We don't even want to stress character education even with no specific Christian message because even "Western standards" are too exclusive and could suggest a Judeo-Christian framework. The risk is too high that people might think Jesus is behind it.

Indiana University President Myles Brand many years ago became enthusiastic when we discussed supporting character education for kids. He was excited about an example of teaching kids not to bang their car door into other people's car doors. Now, I'm not for dinging other people's cars – it actually leads me to whine – but that wasn't precisely what I was focused upon.

But he and I stopped communicating after I said some rather pointed things about the Kinsey Institute being celebrated, bragged about, by IU. What's with that? All sorts of coaches and presidents of universities are fired and shamed for having allowed abuse to happen on campus of the type at the core of Kinsey's research.

**Anyway, back to guns.** I am not a violent person. I confess that I was sent home for giving Dickie Reed a black eye in second grade at Leo Elementary. He gave me one too, and I probably did hit first. If you are in a fight, and you are the little guy, you'd better hit first because otherwise you will be the only one with a black eye. (I know that isn't in 2 Corinthians.)

And I did get removed from being a safety patrol officer in fifth grade for fighting, but there were no black eyes. My mom even told the story about my compassion when killing ants with a hammer. "Poor ant, I'm sorry but I'm going to smash you with this hammer" was what she overheard. But I don't hunt. I don't even own a gun.

My A+ rating from NRA was a constitutional and philosophical position, not a passionate gun owner position. I do not believe the way gun violence will be stopped is by banning guns. I remember visiting the largest Washington, D.C., juvenile detention center with Jerry Regier when he headed the Juvenile Justice Department. None of the young men in their late teens and early twenties thought they'd live to 25. When you asked them questions, their framework doesn't match that of all the commentary babble.

**Around that time** Washington Post published an interview of a bunch of kids who had been convicted of violent gun crimes. None purchased their guns at gun shows. They got them on the street. Only one even got their gun from gun store. He had robbed it.

I was the point person in Congress on fighting the D.C. gun ban. Their bright idea was to limit crimes of passion by locking up the gun, disassembled, and with the bullets in another location. Actually passionate people were still murdering at record rates in Washington, but if a rapist or murderer entered your home, you had to find the key for the gun, assemble it, and then go unlock the bullets and load the gun. Assuming you were still alive.

I realize that some pro-gun people are as fanatical as those opposed to guns. Frankly, I find some of them theoretically scary. But I see little or nothing but efforts to restrict law-abiding citizens in proposals. Hardly any of those committing these tragic, horrible killings aren't committing many crimes already. Gun limitations will be worthless until there is also a fundamental agreement that

it is primarily about the people who pull the trigger.

Certainly terrorists are part of that character problem, and better screening is needed.

**Mental health can be** conveniently defined for political purposes but is worth discussion. But so is how to promote stronger families rather than undermining them, and how to strengthen community and religious institutions that are the critical intermediaries rather than consolidating more power in governments.

The conservative Republican opportunity could not be greater. Only we have Trump, who is at least as bad as Clinton. So back to baseball, beer, bourbon, and whine for me. ❖

**Souder is a former Republican congressman from Indiana.**

## Mayor Milo is running (for Indiana's health)

By JACK COLWELL

LaPORTE – When Blair Milo, elected mayor of LaPorte at age 28, won a second term last fall, with Democrats choosing not even to oppose her, she was viewed as a potential Indiana Republican superstar, likely to run for higher office.

Milo is running. For sure. But not for higher office. At least not yet. Nor is she running a political course in accord with current Hoosier GOP political wisdom.



She doesn't endorse Donald Trump. She does support a wheel tax, saying it's vital to fix crumbling streets in her city.

Milo is running. The course she ran in May was in "toughman" competition, running a half marathon, 13.1 miles, biking 56 miles and swimming 1.2 miles.

"My two goals were to finish and not die," Milo laughs. She achieved both goals.

She is used to challenges – a couple of marathons and in more serious matters in five and a half years of active duty in the Navy, including stationing on a vital Iraqi oil platform protected by the Navy and being sent to a dangerous part of Pakistan in "what was not my favorite time in the Navy." Other assignments included officer on a destroyer and special assistant to the director of surface warfare.

**Milo still is a lieutenant** commander in the Navy Reserves. Does she outrank another area mayor in the Navy Reserves, South Bend's Pete Buttigieg? "I do," she said with a mock tone of superiority. "We joke about that. I try to make him give me pushups." Buttigieg is a lieutenant.

"Pete and I are friends," Milo says. They both have fulfilled Navy Reserve requirements at Great Lakes Naval

Training Center. Both were elected mayor in 2011, she at age 28, he at the much older age of 29. Milo sees similarities in how she and Buttigieg have sought to change the attitude of their cities from "how we can't do it" to "believing in ourselves; to seeing a brighter future."

While Milo doesn't bring up Trump, she doesn't tap dance around the subject or carefully weigh words about somehow supporting the presidential nominee. She made no endorsement in the presidential primary. Is she endorsing Trump now? "I am not." Is she going to the Republican National Convention as a delegate? "No. I was asked . . . I did not feel comfortable with the requirement." The requirement was that the delegate slot was for a Trump-pledged delegate due to the Indiana primary results.

**Milo is not endorsing Trump**, she says, because Trump has been "offensive and alarming" in attacking a judge born in Indiana, in comments about women, in attitude toward immigrants and in failing to provide details about promises and threats.

Quickly, Milo makes clear she is no fan of Hillary Clinton. She says that improper handling of email in the Navy would bring "15 to 30 days in the brig," not a chance for promotion.

Milo supports Indiana Republicans, Gov. Mike Pence, Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb and Senate nominee Todd Young. She was state co-chair of Holcomb's initial campaign for the Senate. After he was named lieutenant governor, Milo joined Young's primary campaign.

Would she consider seeking the Republican nomination in 2018 to run against Democratic Sen. Joe Donnelly? "That's a few years off," she responds, explaining that she has no set game plan and never thought of running for any elective office until she determined that LaPorte, where she was born and raised, faced fiscal problems she thought she might be able to remedy.

She is a Purdue University graduate and obtained a master's degree from George Washington University. While at Purdue, Milo was a summer intern for Sen. Richard G. Lugar. She considers Lugar "a tremendous role model" and was a recent "Lugar Series" speaker in Indianapolis, urging women in the program to consider government and the possibility of running for office. Milo certainly is into running, maybe in the future for higher office. ❖

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**Michael Gerson, Washington Post:** Donald Trump's whole campaign now consists of a pathetic irony. He ran attacking the Republican "establishment" at every turn. Now, since he has neglected to construct his own national campaign, he is completely dependent on the "establishment" to provide his political ground game. First he vilifies the GOP, then he complains that it lacks enthusiasm for his cause. Republican convention delegates are sophisticated enough to see what is happening. The Trump campaign claims to be lean; in most of the country, including the battleground states, it is nonexistent. ❖



**Dave Bangert, Lafayette Journal & Courier:** If George Will asks Mitch Daniels often enough, will the Purdue University president and former Indiana might finally cave and make a run for the White House? In a Wednesday column in the Washington Post, Will – an unabashed fan of Daniels and his work – wrote: "Purdue has the president the nation needs." Will picked up on the commencement speeches Daniels delivered in May to the Class of 2016, when the Purdue president told graduates that they were products of hard work, not dumb luck. Will put Daniels' speech up against one President Barack Obama gave earlier in May, in which he told Howard University graduates: "Yes, you've worked hard, but you've also been lucky. That's a pet peeve of mine: people who have been successful and don't realize they've been lucky." This isn't the first time Will has confessed his allegiance to all things Mitch Daniels. It's also not the first call for Daniels to jump into the fray. When some Indiana GOP delegates traded on "Never Trump" to float "Draft Mitch" talk ahead of the state's May primary, Daniels brushed off the recruiting effort. Is this George Will column – one that reads more like a lament for this year's election than it does a recruiting plea – that changes Daniels' mind? Probably not. ❖

**Tim Ethridge, Evansville Courier & Press:** Gun rights, terrorism, religion, freedom: We must find a safe balance. The first emailed letters to the editor and the first voice mails arrived, literally, before the blood was dry last Sunday morning. There had been an overnight shooting in Orlando, the city that serves as a family escape for many of us with amusement parks built, in essence, to allow people to escape reality. The shooter had a Near Eastern name, worked as an armed security guard, easily purchased his guns, and had spent time on terror watch lists (but had been removed). The majority of the victims were gay, as the nightclub, Pulse, was a welcoming place for the LGBT community. In one carefully planned night by one certainly troubled man, our nation's most divisive subjects — ISIS-influenced terror, gun control, religion, sexual preference, national security and, always, politics — collided. So the letters and calls came, here and to many other newspapers. Why, said one, are guns so readily available?

What will it take to make it more difficult to acquire semi-automatic weapons and large amounts of ammunition? What if, said another, one patron had been carrying a gun? It's time, said one, that we follow Donald Trump's lead and not only build a wall blocking out Mexico but put further restrictions on immigration from countries with largely Muslim populations. This is another example of failure by President Obama and the likes of Hillary Clinton, another added. People are going to tie this to immigration, said another, but that is what America was built on — and if you can change that welcoming attitude, then why shouldn't you restrict guns, too? Lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders reap what they sow, said yet another. And another: Constant legislative attempts in Indiana to curtail LGBT rights — the failed RFRA attempt, fixation on bathroom issues, same-sex marriage — only served to fuel hatred and distrust on both sides of the issue. ❖

**George Will, Washington Post:** Yes, as Republicans should remember when their convention opens in less than a month, on the one-year anniversary of Donald Trump's disparagement of John McCain as unheroic because he was "captured." McCain was captured (with a broken leg and two broken arms) when North Vietnamese shot down his plane. He chose extra years of torture, refusing to leave when his torturers wanted to release him because he was an admiral's son. Trump says, however, that he, too, has been "very brave" by ignoring the danger of venereal disease during his sexual adventures: "It is a dangerous world out there — it's scary, like Vietnam. Sort of like the Vietnam era. It is my personal Vietnam, I feel like a great and very brave soldier." He was serious; irony is not in this narcissist's repertoire. ❖

**Rebecca Berg, Real Clear Politics:** Republican donors, still dubious of Donald Trump's prospects in the general election and annoyed by his taunts during the primary, are keeping their wallets closed en masse even as the celebrity businessman has begun to court them. The collective skepticism of the party's most active donors was reflected starkly in Trump's campaign finance report released Monday, which showed just \$1.3 million on hand as of the end of May — nearly one month after he locked up the Republican nomination. Hillary Clinton, for her part, has amassed a \$42 million war chest for the general election, in spite of a primary contest that dragged on until this month. Republican consultant Ed Rollins, who co-founded the pro-Trump Great America super PAC, said the anemic fundraising suggests Trump's candidacy is in "big trouble." "Being perfectly honest, I used to be chairman of a congressional committee, and if I had a House race today that basically came in with that kind of figure in June, I'd take them off the target list." "Fundraising is a problem," another Trump ally acknowledged to RealClearPolitics. "Who gives money to a billionaire?" ❖

## House GOP's ACA alternative

WASHINGTON — House Republicans are unveiling new proposals to repeal and replace President Barack Obama's health care law, as Speaker Paul Ryan seeks to showcase a GOP governing agenda amid the tumult of the presidential campaign (Associated Press). The plan, revealed Wednesday, relies on individual tax credits to allow people to buy coverage from private insurers, and includes other largely familiar GOP ideas such as medical liability reform and expanding access to health savings accounts. It proposes putting \$25 billion behind high-risk pools for people with pre-existing conditions and for others, and transforming the federal-state Medicaid program for the poor by turning it into state block grants or individual per-capita allotments to hold down spending. But the 37-page white paper falls far short of a full-scale replacement proposal for "Obamacare" and leaves key questions unanswered, including the size of the tax credits, the overall price tag of the plan, and how many people would be covered. "The purpose of this agenda is to show a better way on the big issues of the day," Ryan said.

## Councilor Adamson accused of rape

INDIANAPOLIS — Metro Police are looking into an allegation of rape against City-County Councilman Zach Adamson (D-Indianapolis). The alleged incident happened in September 2015, but was just reported Monday, according to IMPD Capt. Rick Riddle. "I've only recently become aware of accusations against me, which are completely untrue and without merit," Adamson said in a written statement to WTHR.com. "Unfortunately, it appears I've become a

target of ridiculous accusations. These allegations of impropriety are false. I can't say that any more strongly." Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry said he will seek a special prosecutor to review the allegations.

## Carson joins House sit-in

WASHINGTON — Rep. Andre Carson joined many of his Democratic colleagues Wednesday in staging a sit-in on the House floor to demand votes on gun control legislation (Groppe, IndyStar). "Congress must not leave Washington, D.C., without voting on common-sense gun violence prevention legislation to save lives," the Indianapolis Democrat said in a statement. "It's simple: No bill, no break."

## Sec. Carter calls Crane a 'treasure'

CRANE — An invitation from U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly brought U.S. Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter to Crane Naval Station for "a first-hand look at how Hoosiers help the United States Armed Forces remain the most powerful fighting force the world has ever known" (Bloomington Herald-Times). "This is a national treasure," he said, thanking Donnelly "for knowing the importance of this place." He called Crane's military reach "so wide and deep." And he said the base will continue to serve a role in battling terrorism. "Our job is to destroy ISIL in Iraq and Syria," he said. "It is essential to destroy the idea there could be a state based on this ideology."

## Man arrested with explosive vest

GOSHEN — After a Goshen police officer saw 45-year-old Sherman Fuller behaving suspiciously near the Elkhart County Courthouse early Wednesday morning, the officer followed Fuller's white pickup truck and

pulled him over, citing a false license plate (Blake & Sheckler, South Bend Tribune). But the traffic stop took a dangerous turn when the officer saw what Fuller was wearing: A makeshift explosive vest comprised of two homemade pipe bombs strapped to the Goshen man's body. Hours later, Fuller was arrested on suspicion of unauthorized possession, manufacture or distribution of a destructive device, a Level 5 felony. In a statement, Elkhart County Prosecutor Curtis Hill said no evidence suggested Fuller "specifically intended harm to other persons," adding that it appeared he was acting "independently."

## Buncich upset about DNC snub

WASHINGTON — Sheriff John Buncich, Lake County Democratic Party chairman, remained bitter over the selection of Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. by the Hillary Clinton campaign last week as one of the Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEO) with a secure spot as a national delegate, a spot traditionally awarded to the county's party leader (Napoleon, Post-Tribune). One candidate for two open male Clinton delegate spots bristled at the creation of a District 1 slate, while another said the at-large delegate selection process was unclear at best. Buncich said it has been "many, many years" since a sitting county party chairman who wanted to attend the national convention was not given a PLEO spot on the national delegation. He opted out of an opportunity to run for one of the two male delegate spots. He said he was pleased with the remaining Lake County delegation that will be heading to Philadelphia. "I think it's a good choice all except for one," Buncich said, referring to the selection of McDermott, the previous county Dem chairman. State Rep. Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, and Julia Sadia Ramos-Harris of Crown Point were elected to the remaining two District 1 Clinton delegate spots.



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**CLINTON BLASTS TRUMP OVER BREXIT COMMENTS:** Citing her experience with foreign leaders, time in the Senate and her time doing charity work, the presumptive Democratic Nominee for President, Hillary Clinton on Sunday attempted to win over the nation's mayors at the annual United States Mayors Conference in downtown Indianapolis (Curry, *Howey Politics Indiana*). Clinton opened her remarks to the over 200 mayors attending by speaking for the first time about the Brexit vote that has spun the international economy into chaos. Clinton called it a "reminder that what happens around the world has consequences," pointing out that Americans lost more than \$100 billion in their 401K accounts since the Brexit took place last week. Taking a shot at presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump, Clinton said, "bombastic comments make the situation worse in tumultuous times" and added the country needs "steady leadership in troubled times." She added, "We need leaders ... who understand how to work with other leaders to manage risks, who understand that bombastic comments in turbulent times can actually cause more turbulence and who put the interests of the American people ahead of their personal business interests. We have got to be clear about this: No one should be confused about America's commitment to Europe -- not an autocrat in the Kremlin, not a presidential candidate on a Scottish golf course." Clinton also told the mayors what she plans to do once she takes office to start fixing some of the serious issues that effect the country and it's cities. Clinton cited her record in the Senate that shows she has the ability work with Republicans to pass legislation. She brought attention to the inability of the current Senate leadership to have a hearing on the vacant Supreme Court position and said that it is stopping the country from moving forward, as seen in the 4-4 vote on President Obama's immigration measures. Following Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, Clinton addressed the subject of gun reforms, saying, "No person should be gunned down while learning, teaching, praying or dancing. It is time for us to come together to strengthen our gun laws and keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of dangerous people." Clinton concluded her remarks to the gathering of mayors by saying, "I will never plan for you but will work with you" to solve the nation's problems. She said that the country works better when local governments are involved in addressing issues nationwide. Clinton said she will take the smart solutions of mayors and "bring them up to size" to implement them on the federal level.

**ABC/POST POLL SHOWS CLINTON UP 10%:** Support for Donald Trump has plunged as he has alienated fellow Republicans and large majorities of voters overall in the course of a month of self-inflicted controversies, propelling Democrat Hillary Clinton to a double-digit lead nationally in a new *Washington Post-ABC News* poll. The survey finds sweeping unease with the presumptive Republican nominee's candidacy — from his incendiary rhetoric and values to his handling of both terrorism and his own business — foreshadowing that the November election could be a referendum on Trump more than anything else. Roughly two in three Americans say they think Trump is unqualified to lead the nation; are anxious about the idea of him as president; believe his comments about women, minorities and Muslims show an unfair bias; and see his attacks on a federal judge because of his Mexican American heritage as racist. A slimmer majority say they disapprove of the way Clinton has handled questions about her use of a personal email server while she was secretary of state, and half of Americans are anxious about the prospect of a Clinton presidency, underscoring the historic unpopularity of the two major-party candidates. In fact, so strong is many Americans' opposition to Clinton and desire for a change in Washington that even some registering their disapproval of Trump say that as of now they feel compelled to vote for him. Nevertheless, in a head-to-head general election matchup, Clinton leads Trump 51 percent to 39 percent among registered voters nationwide, the poll found. This is Clinton's largest lead in Post-ABC polling since last fall and a dramatic reversal from last month's survey,

which found the race nearly even, with Trump at 46 percent and Clinton at 44 percent. When the two most prominent third-party candidates are mentioned, Clinton leads Trump by only 10 points, 47 percent to 37 percent, with the Libertarian Party's Gary Johnson at 7 percent and the Green Party's Jill Stein at 3 percent.

**NBC/WSJ POLL HAS CLINTON UP 5%:** Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton widened her lead to 5 points over Donald Trump in a national poll released Sunday morning (*The Hill*). Clinton now leads Donald Trump among registered voters, 46 to 41 percent, in the new *NBC News/Wall Street Journal* poll. In May, Clinton led the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, 46 to 43 percent. The race for the White House is much closer when pollsters expand the race to four candidates. Clinton has a 1-point lead in that scenario, with 39 percent. Trump has 38 percent, Libertarian Party nominee Gary Johnson has 10 percent and the Green Party's Jill Stein has 6 percent. Pollsters also found Clinton has the edge over Trump among African-Americans, Latinos, young voters and women, while he leads among whites, men and independents. Clinton also enjoys the support of 85 percent of Democrats, while 79 percent of Republicans back Trump.

**INDIANA INCOME TRAILS NATION:** Indiana's income growth was 0.7 percent during the first quarter, trailing the national average of 1.1 percent and neighboring Illinois's 1 percent growth in income, according to newly released Bureau of Economic Analysis data (Pete, *NWI Times*). The state's first-quarter income growth ranked 39th nationally and seventh out of the 12 Midwestern states. Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota all fared worse. Indiana residents made an average of \$38,812 last year, or about 2.3 percent more than the previous year, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis data. The average income nationally rose 2.6 percent to \$44,543 over the same period. Indiana's income was 38th nationally. The Hoosier state once had the 21st highest income nationally during the 1950s, but it's been declining steadily since as good-paying manufacturing jobs have disappeared because of automation and outsourcing. Manufacturing makes up a higher percentage of the workforce in Indiana than in any other state, but that's not the sector where incomes are growing. The Bureau of Economic Analysis found that health care, construction, and professional services were the biggest contributors to growth in personal income during the first quarter.

**GREGG WANTS REVIEW OF NEW VAPING LAW:** Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Gregg said, if elected, he would seek to change new laws governing the e-cigarette liquid industry, which some vaping retailers and manufacturers have called monopolistic and corrupt (*IBJ*). Indiana Senate leaders are also looking at the issue and impact of the law, which takes effect July 1. *IBJ* reported last week that the state has essentially allowed a single private security company to decide who can manufacture e-cigarette liquids to be sold in Indiana. Everyone else will be shut out of the market as of June 30. Supporters say the law, which also bans e-liquid sales to minors and sets rules for ingredients, is meant to protect consumers. But critics say some parts of the law are so restrictive that even major national players in the vaping industry won't be able to do business in Indiana. Gregg said a review of the law "is in order." "Recent media reports about this apparent monopoly are more than a little disturbing," Gregg told *IBJ*. "While everyone supports oversight and reasonable safeguards on the industry, the Legislature should re-evaluate this law and the system it created to ensure greater fairness, competition and transparency." Republican Gov. Mike Pence, who is seeking a second term and signed the changes into law, is staying silent. The vaping rules are currently being challenged in state and federal court. "Given the pending litigation surrounding this issue, we will not be commenting," Pence's spokeswoman Kara Brooks told *IBJ* in an email. But Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, said through a

spokesman that the chamber's leaders are "looking into the issue with the intention of getting all the facts surrounding the legislation and its actual impact on the marketplace." Long declined to be more specific about the Senate's review.

**DARK MONEY DOMINATING POLITICS:** It's getting harder to know who is funding political advertising at the state level as more money becomes anonymous or is filtered from one political action committee to another, a new study finds (*Associated Press*). In 2014, the last year in which statewide elections were widespread across the country, only 29 cents of every \$1 of independent political spending could be tracked easily to its original individual donor, according to the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law. The center found that dark money and what it calls "gray" money are rising even faster in state elections than in federal races. In places where the costs of elections can be cheaper because word is distributed by direct mail rather than television ads, the spending can have a larger impact. "Dark money can outspend all," said Larry Norden, deputy director of the Brennan Center's program on democracy. Dark money comes from nonprofit advocacy groups that spend on political purposes but are not subject to campaign finance disclosures. Its rise is one of the effects of the U.S. Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United ruling, which removed caps on how much corporations, unions and interest groups can spend on advocacy communications that do not specifically call for the election or defeat of candidates. That category of spending grew from less than \$600,000 in 2006 to nearly \$22 million in 2014 in the states the study evaluated.

**CONGRESS QUIETLY CHIPS AWAY AT MARIJUANA LAWS:** Don't break out the bong just yet, but Congress is quietly chipping away at the federal ban on marijuana. It's not happening with a sweeping national law, but through modest provisions slipped into spending bills in recent weeks (*Politico*). For example: Bills funding the Veterans Affairs Department have a line that lifts a prohibition on medical marijuana. The Senate Appropriations Committee has adopted provisions barring the federal government from interfering on pot enforcement where medical marijuana is already legal. And there's movement in both chambers to make sure banks don't get penalized for handling money from legal pot businesses. None of these will bring overnight change on the federal level. But each little measure shows that Congress, following the lead of the states, is moving in the general direction of legalization, advocates say. "We can kind of look at this as the end of prohibition, or at least the beginning of the end of prohibition," said Sen. Jeff Merkley, an Oregon Democrat who backed his state's 2014 ballot initiative to legalize recreational marijuana and is helping lead efforts to soften federal restrictions. Attitudes around the country and on Capitol Hill have changed so quickly that even advocates of rolling back pot restrictions have been surprised. It was only a few years ago that even the most modest reform proposals were rejected in the House and Senate, said Michael Collins, deputy director of the Drug Policy Alliance. Now? "We just win all the time," he said, sounding not unlike a certain presidential candidate.

**HPI DAILY ANALYSIS:** We now have two major media polls taken since the Orlando massacre showing Donald Trump trailing Hillary Clinton, though the margins vary. The big question is why the race is being portrayed as a two-person contest with the generated headlines not including the Libertarian nominee Gary Johnson, who will be in Indianapolis this morning. Any credible poll must include the Libertarian nominee. We put more cred in the state by state polls, and Trump is running closer in key swing states, which is amazing given the past couple of troubled weeks for his campaign. - *Brian A. Howey*



## *Campaigns*

**VANDERBURGH CORONER SAYS REPUBLICAN IS A 'LIAR':** The Vanderburgh County coroner called the Republican coroner candidate a liar after hearing the announcement of him running. Coroner Annie Groves said Brian Claspell, a former deputy coroner, lied to her while he worked at the Vanderburgh County Coroner's Office and that resulted in him being asked to resign from the coroner's office. During his time at the coroner's office, Claspell told a family that he gave personal possessions of their loved ones that died to someone else in the family, Groves said. "Then he lied to me about the personal property," Groves said. "He didn't secure the personal property and when I starting backtracking everything ... he threw it away. Some loved one's personal property and he threw it away." Claspell, a 48-year-old Evansville native, told the Courier & Press a family requested a bloody helmet that the coroner's office had of a family member who died.



## *Presidential 2016*

**THIRD OF REPUBLICANS DON'T SEE TRUMP QUALIFIED:** Nearly one-third of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents say Trump is unqualified for office in the latest *ABC/Washington Post* Poll, and 18 percent say he does not represent their beliefs, exposing deep fissures in the GOP base as Trump struggles to unite conservatives going into next month's national convention in Cleveland. The poll found that 62 percent of Republicans or Republican-leaning independents want GOP leaders to speak out against Trump when they disagree with his views, while 35 percent think they should avoid criticizing him. Although Trump leads Clinton among white voters overall, 50 percent to 40 percent, he trails her badly among nonwhite voters, 77 percent to 15 percent. His is the smallest Republican advantage with whites for a Republican presidential candidate since 1996, when Bob Dole lost to Bill Clinton in a rout.

**INDIANA GOP 'GREET'S' CLINTON:** The Indiana Republican Party "welcomed" Hillary Clinton to Indianapolis on Sunday where she addressed the U.S. Conference of Mayors (*Howey Politics Indiana*). "The Clinton-Gregg machine continues down the beaten warpath against Republicans. The Democrat ticket is desperate to hide the past mistakes of their candidates," said Indiana Republican Party Chairman Jeff Cardwell. "Hoosiers can't be fooled. Hillary has stood behind her comment that she wants to put our coal industry out of business and John Gregg continues to be silent on her attacks, despite lobbying for Peabody Coal. John Gregg is refusing to denounce Clinton's liberal, extremist energy and regulatory agenda. Hoosiers deserve to know where he stands."

**CLINTON LEADS IN SWING STATES:** Hillary Clinton holds a slight lead over Donald Trump in several battleground states, according to a new *CBS News* battleground tracker poll (*The Hill*). Clinton leads Trump in Florida, 44 to 41 percent. In Colorado, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee has a 1-point lead over Trump, 40 to 39 percent. In Wisconsin, Clinton holds a 5-point lead over the presumptive GOP nominee, 41 to 36 percent, and in North Carolina, she has a 2-point lead, 44 to 42 percent. Respondents said Clinton is more prepared to be the country's commander in chief. But Trump is seen as being more likely to bring change to Washington and to be able to fix the economy. In Florida, 51 percent of respondents said Clinton is prepared to be commander in chief, whereas only 38 percent of respondents said the same about Trump. Still, 65 percent said Trump would bring about change, while just 33 percent said the same of Clinton.

**CLINTON AD EXPLOITS TRUMP BREXIT REACTION:** Hillary Clinton's campaign is out with a new ad slamming Donald Trump's response to Britain's historic vote to leave the European Union (*NBC News*). "Every president is tested by world events, but Donald Trump thinks about how his golf resort can profit from them," intones the 30-second ad released Sunday while showing coverage of Friday's vote and the reaction in world markets. "In a volatile world, the last thing we need is a volatile president." The ad entitled "Tested" fits into a narrative the Clinton campaign is pushing on how Trump is a craven businessman in politics only for himself. Clinton herself has yet to respond to the "Brexit" vote on-camera or by phone, although aides say the presumptive Democratic nominee would probably address the issue later on Sunday when she returned to the campaign trail.

**TRUMP HAS BAD WEEK:** Donald Trump said last week he hasn't really started campaigning in the general election. It shows in his poll numbers (*Politico*). After weeks of blistering news coverage, the latest round of national and battleground-state polling underscores the hole in which Trump now finds himself: trailing Hillary Clinton by a significant margin with fewer than 100 days remaining until early voting begins in the key swing states of Ohio and Iowa. Two new, major national polls released Sunday morning — surveys from ABC News/Washington Post and NBC News/Wall Street Journal — differ to some degree, but both are consistent with the broader trend: Clinton holds a reliable lead over Trump, an advantage that occasionally swells to double digits. Trump now trails Clinton by 6.3 points in the latest RealClearPolitics polling average, and by 6.6 points in the HuffPost Pollster model. In the key states in the Electoral College, POLITICO's Battleground States polling average shows Clinton ahead by 4.3 points. And perhaps even more important, Trump is lagging behind on a number of other key indicators, including candidate favorability. At this point four years ago, Mitt Romney was essentially tied with President Barack Obama, trailing by just four-tenths of a percentage point. With the exception of 1988, no candidate in modern presidential history who trailed by this much in June has come back to win.

**TRUMP MUDDLES MUSLIM MESSAGE:** Donald Trump once again muddled the points of his Muslim ban, telling reporters Saturday on the 14th hole of his Aberdeen course that it "wouldn't bother" him if a Scottish Muslim came into the United States (*NBC News*). But he later revised his past remarks that the proposed prohibition would be a blanket ban and is more a question of proper vetting — with extra emphasis placed on certain countries. "I don't want people coming in — I don't want people coming in from certain countries," Trump clarified to The Daily Mail while also telling several passing golfers to play through the 18th hole. "I don't want people coming in from the terror countries. You have terror countries! I don't want them, unless they're very, very strongly vetted." When asked which countries constitute the "terror countries," Trump said: "They're pretty well-decided. All you have to do is look!"

**JOHNSON TO SPEAK TO MAYORS THIS MORNING:** Former New Mexico Governor and Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson will address the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Indianapolis on Monday (*WTHR-TV*). Johnson's remarks are expected to take place around 11:15 a.m. Monday at the JW Marriot. The former New Mexico Governor won his party's nomination for president late last month.

**CLINTON MARCHES IN NYC GAY PRIDE PARADE:** Earlier Sunday, Hillary Clinton walked the final four blocks in New York's Pride parade, in a symbolic show of her support for same-sex marriage and other LGBT rights (*Washington Post*). Clinton was joined by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and the Rev. Al Sharpton. Also on hand were actress Cynthia Nixon, best known for her "Sex in the City" role, as well as her partner, Christine Marinoni, and celebrity chef and Cuomo girlfriend Sandra Lee. Clinton joined the route near the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village where rioting in 1969 was instrumental to launching the gay rights movement and that was recently named a National Historic Landmark.

**CILLIZZA PREDICTS KAINE WILL BE CLINTON VEEP:** If Hillary Clinton had to pick her running mate today, I think she'd pick Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia (Cillizza, *Washington Post*). Here's why. The defining trait of Clinton's political career is caution. She doesn't ever leap before she looks — and looks and looks. Part of this is a function of the fact that Clinton doesn't have great natural political instincts — which she has repeatedly acknowledged during this campaign. It's also the result of being enemy No. 1 (or, at worst, No. 2) for Republicans for most of the past two-plus decades. You'd probably be pretty wary of what you said and did if you had been at the center of that storm since 1992. Now, consider the state of the presidential race from Clinton's perspective. Her near-certain opponent (Donald Trump, you may have heard of him) is viewed unfavorably by 7 in 10 voters, had \$1.3 million in his campaign account at the end of May and continues to war with a not-insignificant bloc within his own party. Clinton will never say this, but looking at those factors there has to be a belief within her campaign that if she simply blocks and tackles effectively in the next five months she will win. As a result, she will aim to do very little to fundamentally alter the race. Combine Clinton's natural caution with the state of the 2016 race and all signs point to her settling on a vice presidential pick who a) cannot possibly do any harm and b) is regarded as a governance pick — a person who has the résumé and knowledge to help Clinton run the decidedly complex federal bureaucracy. That's Kaine — a former mayor of Richmond, a former Virginia governor, a former Democratic National Committee chairman and now a senator. That he was a very early endorser of Clinton's 2016 campaign (he announced his support in May 2014!) and hails from a swing state doesn't hurt, either. Kaine's big downside? He doesn't exactly light up the party base — or many others. "I am boring," he acknowledged in an interview with NBC's Chuck Todd on "Meet the Press" that aired Sunday.

**TRUMP, RNC SEEK TO DERAIL DELEGATE REVOLT:** The Trump campaign and the Republican National Committee are moving quickly and aggressively to head off the fledgling effort to stage a revolt at their convention next month in Cleveland, hoping to spare the party an embarrassing spectacle that could deeply wound the presumptive nominee (Peters, *New York Times*). They are employing hard-nosed tactics, warning delegates that attempting to undermine Donald J. Trump's claim to the nomination violates party rules, and threatening to deny speaking slots to Republicans they deem disloyal for not backing him. "If there's no endorsement, then I would not invite them to speak," Mr. Trump said in an interview, adding that former rivals like Senator Ted Cruz of Texas and Gov. John Kasich of Ohio should not expect to address the convention if they continue to withhold their support. The R.N.C. and the Trump campaign are also installing loyal party stalwarts in key party positions to help ensure that they maintain control of the convention if rogue delegates attempt a disruption. And they are trying to discredit Republicans who are advocating an interpretation of party rules that would allow delegates to vote for anyone they want on the first ballot.

**INDEMS ANNOUNCE DELEGATES:** The Indiana Democratic Party on Tuesday released its list of 99 delegates for the Democrats' national convention in Philadelphia in late July (Kelly & Francisco, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). The delegates were selected last weekend at the party's state convention. Michelle Chambers and state Rep. Phil GiaQuinta, both of Fort Wayne, will be national convention delegates from northeast Indiana's 3rd Congressional District who are pledged to support presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Mary Pat Leonard and her son, Ben Schoch, and Misti Meehan, all of Fort Wayne, are delegates from the 3rd District who are pledged to support presidential candidate Bernie Sanders. Carmen Darland, chairwoman of the 3rd District Democratic Party, is a party leader/elected official delegate who is pledged to support Sanders. Forty-nine of Indiana delegates are pledged to Sanders, and 43 are pledged to Clinton, reflecting Sanders' victory in Indiana's May 3 primary election. Nationally, Clinton has 2,811 delegates, and Sanders has 1,879, according to The Associated Press.

**DOBSON SEES TRUMP AS A 'BABY CHRISTIAN':** Has Donald J. Trump become a born-again Christian? That is the suggestion of James C. Dobson, one of America's leading evangelicals, who said Mr. Trump had recently come "to accept a relationship with Christ" and was now "a baby Christian" (*New York Times*). Dr. Dobson, the founder of Focus on the Family and one of the country's most prominent social conservatives, gave his account at a meeting Mr. Trump had in New York on Tuesday with hundreds of Christian conservatives. In an interview recorded at the event by a Pennsylvania pastor, the Rev. Michael Anthony, Dr. Dobson said he knew the person who had led Mr. Trump to Christ, though he did not name him. "I don't know when it was, but it has not been long," Dr. Dobson said. "I believe he really made a commitment, but he's a baby Christian."

**GEORGE WILL LEAVES GOP:** Conservative columnist and commentator George Will is no longer a Republican, and he says Donald Trump is the reason (*Associated Press*). During a Friday speech to the Federalist Society in Washington, Will told the crowd "this is not my party." In an interview with conservative online outlet PJ Media after the speech, Will said he had changed his party registration in his home state of Maryland from Republican to 'unaffiliated', and he urged conservatives to not support Trump's presidential campaign this year. "Make sure he loses. Grit their teeth for four years and win the White House," was Will's advice to GOP voters.

**TRUMP CALLS WILL 'OVERRATED':** Donald Trump is firing back at "overrated" conservative columnist George Will, days after the *Washington Post* writer said he left the Republican Party because of its presumptive GOP nominee (*CBS News*). Trump tweeted out his attack of Will early Sunday, saying the Pulitzer Prize-winning commentator had "lost his way long ago."

**PAULSON TO VOTE FOR CLINTON:** There goes another one. Hank Paulson, chairman of the Paulson Institute and a former Treasury secretary in George W. Bush's administration, will neither vote for Donald Trump in November nor abstain, he wrote in an op-ed published Friday in The *Washington Post*. "I'll be voting for Hillary Clinton with the hope that she can bring Americans together to do the things necessary to strengthen our economy, our environment and our place in the world," Paulson wrote. "To my Republican friends: I know I'm not alone."

**SEN. KIRK RUNS ANTI-TRUMP AD:** Sen. Mark Kirk, R-Illinois just became the first Republican incumbent in the Senate to run an ad attacking presumed GOP nominee Donald Trump (*CBS News*). The 30-second ad, titled "Even More," follows his decision earlier this month to rescind his endorsement of Republican presumptive nominee Donald Trump. "...Mark Kirk bucked his party to say Donald Trump is not fit to be commander-in-chief," the ad proclaims.

### *Sunday Talk*

**TRUMP TAKES SOLACE IN BREXIT VOTE:** In the face of dispiriting new poll numbers and fundraising woes, Donald Trump and his supporters took solace Sunday in last week's stunning Brexit vote as the latest evidence of an anti-establishment mood that's also seen in the presumptive Republican presidential front-runner's meteoric rise (*Politico*). Paul Manafort, senior adviser to the Trump campaign, told NBC's "Meet the Press" that Brexit was about "people taking back control," which he says are "the same issues that cause the angst in America today," and will be driving themes in the 2016 election. "And the issues, the promises that globalism is the solution, the promise that government's going to make your life better if you just give up your freedoms, the promises that we know better than you on how to make your lives better, have been rejected," Manafort said. "That's what Donald Trump has identified, that's what Brexit identified, and that's what's going to be the basis for the election in 2016."

**KAINE CRITICAL OF TRUMP BREXIT COMMENTS:** Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) on Sunday chastised Donald Trump's response to the Brexit vote, saying the presumptive Republican presidential nominee always puts himself first. "It's always got to be about him," Kaine, who's been rumored as a possible running mate to presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, said on NBC'S "Meet the Press." "He said, 'Hey, the British pound is taking a beating now. That could help my hotel out. Your loss, Britain, is my gain.' This is a guy who will always put himself first." Trump said Friday during an opening of one of his golf courses in Scotland that the dropping value of the British pound would benefit him financially. "Look, if the pound goes down, they're going to do more business. When the pound goes

down, more people are coming to Turnberry," Trump said. The pound plunged to its weakest level against the U.S. dollar since 1985 in the hours after Britain voted to leave the European Union.

**PEREZ MUM ON VEEP TALK:** Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez on Sunday avoided directly answering a question about whether he'd be interested in serving as presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's running mate (*The Hill*). "I'm interested in making sure we continue ... to work to build an economy that works for everyone," Perez said on ABC's *"This Week."* "And I want to make sure that Hillary Clinton is the next president of the United States, because we need Secretary Clinton's focus on 'we' and making sure that we build an America where our values of inclusion and opportunity for everyone are the values that bring us together." Clinton is reportedly considering Perez as a potential running mate. CNN reported last week the candidate's shortlist may include the Labor secretary.

**PEREZ CALLS TRUMP 'CHAOS CANDIDATE':** Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez said Sunday that presumptive GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump is unqualified to be president (*The Hill*). "He's a chaos candidate," Perez, who's included in talk about presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's running mate, said on ABC's *"This Week."* "The differences between Secretary Clinton and Donald Trump in terms of temperament, in terms of judgment, in terms of values, couldn't be more stark." Perez said the differences have been on display over the past few weeks, "whether it's the Brexit aftermath, where he talks about how great his sprinkler systems are, or whether it's the aftermath of Orlando, where he's once again dividing America, or in the aftermath of the Supreme Court cases." Perez said Clinton is about "we," while Trump is about "me."

**RUBIO SAYS HE WON'T BE VEEP:** Marco Rubio is running for reelection to the U.S. Senate, and he definitely isn't interested in suggestions that he would be a good choice to be Donald Trump's vice presidential running mate, he said in an interview airing Sunday (*CBS News*). "Yeah, well, it's too late for that," Rubio told CBS' "Face the Nation" Saturday in Miami. "I'm running for the United States Senate from Florida. And you can't run for two offices at once, so." Pushed again on the question by moderator John Dickerson, Rubio repeated that he wouldn't be able to share a ticket with Trump. When Rubio was still a presidential hopeful, the two men frequently clashed on the campaign trail. "That's not for me a viable option. And I said that months ago," he said. "The differences in policies that me and Donald have had are too big for something like that to work. It would be a distraction quite frankly to his campaign."

**McCONNELL DODGES QUESTION ON TRUMP LEADERSHIP:** Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) early Sunday did not answer directly when asked if he thinks presumptive GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump is qualified to be president, saying the "American people" will decide. McConnell said on ABC's *"This Week"* that although Trump has "made a number of mistakes" in recent weeks, his campaign is "beginning to right the ship." "It's a long time until November," McConnell said when asked about poll numbers that show a majority of Americans don't think Trump is qualified to be president. "And the burden, obviously, will be on him to convince people that he can handle this job," he added. McConnell said recent changes to the Trump campaign are a "good step in the right direction." "He's beginning to use a prepared script more often, which I think is absolutely appropriate for any candidate, whether you're a long-time politician like [presumptive Democratic presidential nominee] Hillary Clinton or whether you're new to the game like Donald Trump," he added.

**McCONNELL WORRIED ABOUT TRUMP FUNDRAISING:** Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said Sunday that Donald Trump can't win the White House with the fundraising numbers he had in May (*The Hill*). "He needs to catch up, and catch up fast," the Kentucky Republican said on ABC's "This Week." "Can he win with that kind of money deficit?" asked host George Stephanopoulos. "No, but I hope he won't have that kind of money deficit come fall," McConnell said. "There's a lot of work to be done to turn the campaign in a different direction. And one of those obvious flaws at the moment is cash on hand."

**SANDERS NOT READY TO ENDORSE CLINTON:** Bernie Sanders is telling Hillary Clinton to "stand up" and "be bolder" on policies involving education and healthcare if she wants to win over his supporters (*The Hill*). "We are trying to say to Secretary Clinton and the Clinton campaign, 'Make it clear which side you are on,' " Sanders said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union." Sanders, who said Friday he would likely vote for Clinton, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, in the general election, hasn't suspended his presidential campaign or formally endorsed her. He is waiting for Clinton to make major concessions on policy issues, including on the minimum wage, healthcare and education. "I think, right now, what we are doing is trying to say to the Clinton campaign: 'Stand up, be bolder than you have been,' and then many of those voters in fact may come on board," he said.

**O'MALLEY CALLS TRUMP A 'RACIST' AND 'BIGOT':** Former Democratic presidential candidate Martin O'Malley on Sunday called presumptive GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump a racist and a bigot who appeals to the worst instincts in people (*The Hill*). "Donald Trump is a bigot. Donald Trump is a racist. Donald Trump is in fact making fascist appeals," the former Maryland governor said in a heated panel appearance on CNN's "State of the Union." Since endorsing Hillary Clinton earlier this month, O'Malley has campaigned for the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee while slamming Trump as unfit for the presidency. "Donald Trump is an unstable charlatan who is appealing to the worst instincts in people, and I believe ultimately, the American people are going to reject that," O'Malley, who ended his own campaign in February, said on Sunday. "That's why many self respecting Republicans are not supporting Donald Trump for president." Panel member former Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer shot back, saying "every time you disagree with [Democrats] you're a bigot or you're a racist." "Dang it, I get fed up that we hear over and over and over again from the president of the United States that every time someone wants to support the Constitution and the rule of law that we are out there because we are racists and bigots."

**ZANDI DOWNPLAYS BREXIT:** Global markets tanked over the weekend as a result of the United Kingdom's vote to leave the European Union--but one American economic expert doesn't think the move will have a major impact on the U.S. economy (*CBS News*). "For us here in the United States, I don't think this is a big deal--I really don't," Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, on a Brexit-related panel for CBS' "Face the Nation." "If this doesn't lead to a broader splintering of Europe--that would be a problem for everybody, including us--but barring that, if what we're seeing now is what we're going to get, I think the U.S. economy is going to be just fine." Zandi added that the UK is "going down the rabbit hole," and that the immediate aftermath of the vote is "going to be really tough for them." "I think a recession's likely for them over the next six, 12 months," he said. Still, the impact on the EU might not be as acute: "For the European Union this is going to hurt but I think they can digest it ... I think the EU's big enough to take it down and not go into recession."



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## *Mayors*

**ORLANDO MAYOR RECALLS 3 A.M. PHONE CALL:** Two weeks after the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history struck his city, Orlando, Fla., Mayor Buddy Dyer on Sunday warned a gathering of his fellow mayors that they need to be prepared for terrorism (*IndyStar*). "I struggled with whether or not to leave Orlando and come to the conference," Dyer said in an afternoon address to the U.S. Conference of Mayors' annual meeting in Indianapolis. "... I'm here with you because it's clear to me that we live in a new world. A world that any one of our cities could be the site of this kind of intentional mass-casualty event. A world where each one of our cities needs to be better equipped to respond." He said relaying that news to the public was the hardest moment he faced of the entire ordeal. "I had to take a very big gulp and say it's 50, not 20," Dyer said. "And you could hear a collective gasp from the reporters at that point."

**CLINTON BLAMES GOP FOR PARALYZED CONGRESS:** Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton chastised Republican lawmakers on Sunday for a "paralyzed" Congress, saying they've fueled populist anger by refusing to "do their job" (Carden, *NWI Times*). Clinton ticked off a list of items that GOP congressional leaders have refused to schedule for a vote. They include a proposed immigration overhaul, holding confirmation hearings to fill a Supreme Court vacancy, and strengthening background checks and banning firearms sales to people on the government no-fly list. Her remarks come as voter unrest has fueled the outsider candidacies of presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, as well as her Democratic primary opponent, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. "Leaders in Congress refuse to act on a wide range of issues that really matter to American working families," Clinton said during an address to the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Indianapolis. "I know we can respect the Second Amendment and make common-sense reforms," she said. "Yet Congress is paralyzed. Not a filibuster in the Senate, not a sit-in in the House could convince the leadership to move forward. I really believe the American people deserve better."

**BUTTIGIEG TALKS WITH U.S. MAYORS:** At this weekend's U.S. Conference of Mayors in Indianapolis, leaders from cities big and small are brainstorming ways to collaborate on economic growth, rather than competing. That approach is already catching on in Indiana (*South Bend Tribune*). Outside a session with the mayors of Boston and New York, South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg says his city of 100,000 is just big enough to have all the problems of a major metro area. "But we're small enough that you can get your arms around it — try new approaches, and be nimble about some of the solutions," Buttigieg says. For him, that's meant partnering with Notre Dame University and joining one of Indiana's

Regional Cities Initiatives in an effort to make North Central Indiana's economy sustainable. "We've got to band together with places like Elkhart or Marshall County or LaPorte around us and act as an economic unit," he says. "That's already how the business world sees us — it's just that local officials don't always think that way because our imagination sometimes stops at the city limit."

**JARRETT QUESTIONS INCARCERATION:** Sitting onstage at the JW Marriott ballroom in front of local government leaders from across the country, Senior White House Adviser Valerie Jarrett echoed a familiar sentiment — one that many in Indiana support (Guerra, *IndyStar*). "It is ridiculous to lock people up when there's an alternative," Jarrett said at the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Downtown Indianapolis on Saturday. Jarrett discussed efforts to move away from mass incarceration, which she said, has resulted in \$80 billion in annual spending and an "unsustainable" criminal justice system. Jarrett said the Obama administration's plan focuses on three "buckets": early childhood education, reduced sentences for nonviolent offenders and re-entry programs. A day before Jarrett's visit to Indianapolis, the White House announced a series of programs that officials said would provide job training and education programs for convicted felons. One initiative would use Pell Grant funds to enroll about 12,000 inmates in educational and training programs at 67 two- and four-year institutions. Under the U.S. Department of Education's Second Chance Pell Pilot Program, 141 federal and state correctional facilities will partner with public and private colleges and universities, which will offer in-person and online classes, or a combination of both.

**GAGA JOINS DALI LAMA:** Kindness and compassion can't solve all of the world's problems, but the Dalai Lama and Lady Gaga say they can set the stage for those solutions (*WRTV*). The Tibetan leader and the Oscar-winning singer/songwriter appeared on stage together during the Sunday morning session of the U.S. Conference of Mayors at the J.W. Marriott Grand Ballroom. The panel discussion that also featured businessman Philip Anschutz and former NBC journalist Ann Curry followed a short speech by the Dalai Lama, virtually a miniature version of the speech on compassion he gave at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum on Saturday. "Kindness is the water that puts out the fire," said Gaga, a retort to the old 'you can't fight fire with fire' adage. The Buddhist leader spoke to the crowd for more than two hours, covering several topics including terrorism, the mass shooting in Orlando, gun control and the way toward peace. "If basic human nature is anger, then no hope. But, if basic human nature is compassionate, therefore is you make attempt there's real possibility to create a compassionate world," he shared.

*Congress*

**STUTZMAN ENDS LOSING STREAK (IN BASEBALL):** Rep. Marlin Stutzman, R-3rd, will leave Congress as a winner — on the baseball field, anyway (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Stutzman, who lost the Republican nomination for a Senate seat in the May primary election, played third base for the victorious Republican team in Thursday night's Congressional Baseball Game at Nationals Park in Washington. The GOP beat the Democrats 8-7 to end a seven-game losing streak; Stutzman had played in the last five of those contests. Stutzman's wife, Christy Stutzman, offered more details on her Facebook page. She wrote that her husband drove in two runs, scored a run, hit a single, stole two bases and was involved in "a sweet double play" as a fielder. His office added that Stutzman ended the game

with a force-out play at third base after the Democrats had loaded the bases. Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., played for the Democrats' team.

### *General Assembly*

**NEW LAW EXPECTED TO HELP FARM TAXATION:** Greentown farmer Bryan Kirkpatrick knows well the predicament long faced by Indiana farmers, one that's resulted in diminished returns and increased tax rates (Myers, *Kokomo Tribune*). It's a plight defined largely by a 63 percent increase in farmland taxes since 2007, a previously ballooning rate many attributed to an inequitable farmland tax formula. Following the passage of Senate Enrolled Act 308 in this year's Indiana General Assembly session, however, farmers like Bryan Kirkpatrick are now expressing optimism about a new "fairness" in tax distribution, largely due to a modernization of the oft-criticized formula. "When the market goes down, the yield goes down and the income isn't very good, the income is much less than it has been, [taxes] take a lot out of the pocket of the landowner, the farmer," said Kirkpatrick, the author of, "Faith of a Farmer," a book about his experiences here and abroad. "There has to be a balance somewhere," he said. "This bill will help with that balance, I hope. [The Legislature] realized what they put in [previously] didn't work like they thought it would, so this corrects some oversights." Specifically, the new formula provides stability to the base value by adding capitalization rates that range between 6 and 8 percent, depending on certain factors, according to the Indiana Farm Bureau. SEA 308 also freezes soil productivity at the 2011 levels.



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### *State*

**EDUCATION: SNYDER ENDING IVY TECH TENURE** - President Tom Snyder was an unconventional choice to lead Ivy Tech when he was named president in 2007 following the retirement Gerald Lamkin. Clearly, Snyder had strong leadership skills given his background as president and CEO of Delco Remy, but he did not have a background in education. Nevertheless, some business people encouraged him to apply for the position (Hirsch, *Anderson Herald-Bulletin*). "I was working with Chuck Staley on new business startups, and some people suggested that with my international experience and the span and width of Ivy Tech, the college could be well served by bringing somebody in with some global experience," Snyder said. "I started to do a little investigating, and I could see this was a hidden jewel that nobody really knew much about." In the nine years Snyder has been president, according to the college:

- Enrollment at the nation's largest singly accredited community college has grown 56 percent.
- The number of campuses has grown to 33.
- Many old buildings have been replaced with new ones,

including here in Anderson. • A robust dual credit program that allows Indiana students to earn college credits while still in high school has been created. • Transfer credits between Ivy Tech and four-year institutions have been implemented. • More than 110,000 students have earned an associate degree or certificate. Over the past year, however, state lawmakers and members of the Indiana Higher Education Commission have become increasingly concerned about declining enrollment and low graduation rates at Ivy Tech. Less than one-third of Ivy Tech students complete a degree in six years. Snyder, however, argues that traditional graduation expectations used for four-year institutions should not be used with Ivy Tech students, who are generally older, and working and raising families in addition to taking classes. In fact, only 6 percent of Ivy Tech students attend school full time. "I think the new president, Sue Ellspermann, who I have great admiration for, can be a bridge to bring the two sides together," Snyder said.

**EDUCATION: PURDUE AIMS AT STUDENT DEBT** - Purdue University is enrolling the first round of students in a program that aims to combat student debt for those who promise to pay a share of their future earnings for a certain number of years after they graduate (*Associated Press*). Students who opt to participate in the program, called "Back-a-Boiler," enter into income-share agreements rather than taking out a traditional college loan. The university sets the repayment amount based on the anticipated earnings of a student's area of study, *The Indianapolis Star* reported. The student's monthly payments under the program would go down if they're unsuccessful or don't earn what they anticipated. "I always point out to people that it shifts the risk that things work out, or won't work out quickly, from the student to somebody else, mainly the investor," Purdue President Mitch Daniels said.

**GAMING: CASINOS PUMP \$1.4B TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS** - While most Region residents probably have lost a few bucks at the boats over the past 20 years, ultimately they still are way ahead, thanks to taxes and other distributions paid by the casinos to local governments (Carden, *NWI Times*). How much? Between admission taxes, wagering taxes, property taxes and local development agreements, Lake County governments have reaped a whopping \$1.4 billion in payments from the four casinos since 1996, according to state records. "It's been wonderful for Hammond," said Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. "It's kept our city alive." And Blue Chip Casino, in LaPorte County, has pumped \$302 million into Michigan City and the rest of that county's local government coffers.

**PARKS: ROTTING TREE CREATED MT. BALDY HOLE** - Mysterious holes that forced the closure of a massive dune at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore after a 6-year-old boy fell into one and nearly died were caused by sand-covered trees that left cavities behind as they decayed over the years, researchers have found (*South Bend Tribune*). Fungi on the covered trees formed a sort of cement that allowed the sand to keep its hollowed out shape as the wood decayed and collapsed inward, leaving holes more than 10 feet (3 meters) deep in the dune known as Mount Baldy at the national park, according to a study published in December by Erin Argyilan, who heads Indiana University Northwest's department of geosciences. She said the phenomenon likely explains similar holes found in migrating dunes in Oregon and Michigan. Although she determined the holes to be more of a nuisance than a hazard, Argyilan said they could present an unseen geological hazard in heavily visited natural places like Mount Baldy. The popular dune has been closed except for small ranger-led tours since the July 2013 rescue of the Illinois boy, who was trapped under sand for more than three hours. The question facing the National Park Service is whether to keep Mount Baldy closed to the unsupervised public or to find a way to safely reopen it, at least partially.

**MEDIA: BECK MANAGING EDITOR OF ELKHART TRUTH** - Hall of Fame sports editor Bill Beck, a familiar face around Elkhart County, is moving up to the top newsroom position at The *Elkhart Truth* this week. Faye Murry, Truth publisher, named Beck managing editor effective this week. In his new role, Beck will manage the newsroom, reporters and content both online and in print. After spending 36 years chronicling high school athletes around Elkhart County, moving out of sports reporting full time was a tough decision, Beck said. But he is excited to take on new responsibilities and lead The Truth newsroom through its next chapters. "It's been an honor to be able to live through as well as share the stories about Elkhart County's community sports scene for more than 30 years," Beck said. "I'm just as excited now to share even more about our communities."

### *Nation*

**SCOTUS: ABORTION RULING COMING TODAY** - The Supreme Court on Monday is poised to once again enter the fray on the abortion issue, an already divisive subject complicated by election-year politics and a split bench that may lack the votes to rule definitively (*Fox News*). The high court will wrap up its work for the summer by issuing a judgment on how far Texas can go to regulate abortion clinics in the state, and whether those provisions have the effect of limiting first-trimester abortions guaranteed by the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling. Texas reproductive clinics are asking the justices to keep their facilities open in the face of the state restriction. Activists on both sides of the issue are expected to rally outside the court when the ruling is announced. A 4-4 tie would sustain the lower court's ruling, meaning a default victory for Texas, and likely for similar laws in other nearby states, including Louisiana and Mississippi. But no legal precedent would be established, leaving continued uncertainty nationwide. The Supreme Court could later hear new arguments in the case, when a ninth justice has been sworn in to replace the late Antonin Scalia.

### *World*

**BREXIT LEAVES BRITAIN IN TURMOIL:** The political fallout from Britain's stunning decision to leave the European Union sharply escalated Sunday, with debate growing inside the governing Conservative Party over choosing a successor to Prime Minister David Cameron and a coup attempt emerging against the leader of the opposition Labour Party (*Washington Post*). The day was marked by a succession of fast-moving events against the backdrop of a leadership crisis in the aftermath of Thursday's Brexit vote. The political maneuvering came as Britain and other nations prepared for more potential financial shocks when markets open on Monday after Friday's worldwide sell-off. The turmoil here underscored the degree to which the decision to break with Europe — an action seen widely here as the most significant event in the postwar history of Britain — has left the country politically divided, deeply unsettled and in uncharted territory on multiple fronts.

**GLOBILIZATION UNDER FIRE:** The economic story of the past quarter century was the rapid advance of globalization, the unleashing of trade and commerce among countries rich and poor -- a McDonald's in every European capital, "Made in China" labels throughout Toys R Us. The Brexit vote on Thursday ends that story, at least in its current volume (*Washington Post*). Voters will soon tell us what sort of sequel they'd prefer. Even before the burst in anti-globalization sentiment, a slowdown in trade growth had already gripped the globe over the past several years, according to data from the World Trade Organization. Prospects now look bleak for completion of major new trade agreements, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership and a new accord between the United States and the European Union, no matter who wins the U.S. presidential election in November. Political factions in other European countries are now clamoring to follow Britain out the door of the European Union. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is promising to levy the highest set of tariffs in the last century for America, against China, Mexico and other key trading partners. His presumptive Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton, has vowed to renegotiate existing deals such as the North American Free Trade Agreement. These developments come at the hands of an anxious working class across the West, whose members feel left in the cold by many developments of the rapid integration of foreign products and people into their lives. It is clear from the results of the British vote, and from Trump's rise in American politics, that there is a large backlash against the results of globalization so far.

**IRAQ SAYS FALLUJAH FULLY LIBERATED** - A senior Iraqi commander said the city of Fallujah was "fully liberated" from Islamic State militants on Sunday, after a more than monthlong military operation (*Associated Press*). Iraqi troops have entered the northwestern al-Julan neighborhood, the last area of Fallujah to remain under IS control, the head of the counterterrorism forces in the operation, Lt. Gen. Abdul-Wahab al-Saadi, told The Associated Press. Al-Saadi said the operation, which began in late May, "is done and the city is fully liberated." The Iraqi army was backed by U.S.-led airstrikes and paramilitary troops, mostly Shiite militias. "From the center of al-Julan neighborhood, we congratulate the Iraqi people and the commander in chief...and declare that the Fallujah fight is over," he told Iraqi state TV, flanked by military officers and soldiers. Some of the soldiers were shooting in the air, chanting and waving the Iraqi flag. He added that troops will start working on removing bombs from the city's streets and buildings.



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*Local*

**CITIES: INDY TRANSIT CENTER OPENS** - The \$25 million Julia M. Carson Transit Center opens Monday morning for its first full weekday in operation (*WTHR-TV*). The new bus hub is expected to be a hub of activity. It officially opened Sunday and riders had the opportunity to checkout the new facility, which includes a large indoor waiting area, canopies to protect passengers from the elements and other amenities. "The building is really great," said IndyGo rider Aunyah Ingram. "It's wifi accessible, there are

restrooms back there for us. It's air conditioned. It's actually very nice. I'm surprised what the city had done. I love it actually." Security is a priority at the new transit center. In addition to more than 60 surveillance cameras, there are also armed security officers.

**CITIES: JEFFERSONVILLE GAY PRIDE PARADE SEEN AS MILESTONE** - Evan Stoner's vision of bringing a Pride festival to his hometown of Jeffersonville came to fruition Saturday with hundreds coming to the inaugural Jeff Pride Fest and parade to celebrate and show support (Ricket, News & Tribune). "History was just made in Jeffersonville," Stoner said. "It is truly heartwarming to see the community unify like this." Even in the sweltering heat, hundreds of people from all over the region took part in the festivities early in the day, including those who participated in or watched the parade that marched from Spring and Seventh streets to Big Four Station. Bands played throughout the day and a drag show closed the evening. There were more than 50 booths, which included LGBT organizations from other areas, local vendors, churches and political groups and animal advocacy organizations.

**CITIES: REGION WARNS RESIDENTS OF ZIKA** - Northwest Indiana health officials are warning residents to protect against mosquitoes amid an outbreak of the Zika virus in the southern part of the Americas, though the types of the insect that carry the disease have yet to be identified here (*NWI Times*). Gary Health Commissioner Roland Walker said the city's health department sprays regularly for mosquitoes while keeping some of the chemicals in reserve in case of an outbreak. "There's no way you can stop the spread of the mosquito," he said. "You can try to mitigate the risk."

**CITIES: RICHMOND BLIGHT PROGRAM ON TARGET** - In the coming months, the city of Richmond anticipates that the 138 properties targeted by its Blight Elimination Program will be demolished (*Richmond Palladium-Item*). City Planner Sarah Mitchell said 107 already have come down. The 100th property, at 903 Sheridan St., was razed in March. The city is receiving more than \$3.34 million in U.S. Treasury Department funds through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority for the Blight Elimination Program.

**CITIES: RALLY FOR MED POT IN VALPO** - Beth Wilson paused Saturday during a marijuana legalization rally outside the Porter County Courthouse, suddenly able to feel the electric pulses generating from a pacemaker-like device beneath her skin (Cross, *NWI Times*). The device goes off every five minutes, helping control the 53-year-old Hobart resident's epileptic seizures. "I hate this thing. They've got me on all kinds of medications," said Wilson, adding she also self-medicates with cannabis use. Moments later, the pulses subsided and Wilson rejoined the nearly two dozen others yelling out "Legalize marijuana!" on the corner of Washington Street and Indiana Avenue in downtown Valparaiso. As songs like Bob Marley's "One Love" played from the group's stereo speaker on the sidewalk, many cars honked. Others gave thumbs up in support. At one point, an officer in a police cruiser even threw the crowd a peace sign. Saturday's rally was hosted by The Higher Fellowship, a Beech Grove-based civic organization that advocates for marijuana legalization for medical, industrial and agricultural uses.

**COUNTIES: 64 ARRESTED IN 3 COUNTY DRUG SWEEP** - 64 arrests were made in a massive three-day drug sweep by several law enforcement agencies (*WRTV*). What became known as Operation Blue

Thunder took place between June 22-24. It involved Indiana State Police, the Miami County Sheriff's Department, the Logansport Police Department, the Peru Police Department, the Fulton County Sheriff's Department, the Cass County Sheriff's Department, the Wabash County Sheriff's Department, and the Rochester Police Department. The goal, Indiana State Police said, was to catch people who transport and distribute illegal drugs on U.S. 31. It was chosen because police say the highway is frequently used by drug traffickers. "As the summer kicks off, we want to send a message that Indiana roads are closed to those who transport illegal drugs," stated Indiana State Police Sergeant Daniel Prus, who organized and oversaw the patrols. "Indiana police officers will utilize all of the resources at their disposal to catch and arrest the few who transport illegal drugs."

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**HILLARY OVER TRUMP 49-39 IN LATEST FOX POLL:** After the conventions, the Clinton-Kaine ticket leads the Trump-Pence ticket by 10 points (49-39 percent) in the race for the White House (Blanton, *Fox News*). Clinton's advantage is outside the poll's margin of error. A month ago, Clinton was up by six points (44-38 percent, June 26-28). This is the first time the Fox News Poll included running mates. Trump announced his vice presidential pick of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence July 15. Clinton told supporters she'd picked Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine July 22. Since last month, Clinton's position is improved with most groups, as she gained ground among men, women, whites, Democrats, young voters, and seniors. Trump is the choice among whites by 10 points (49-39 percent), men by 5 (45-40 percent), white evangelical Christians by 50 (69-19 percent), and whites without a college degree by 16 (52-36 percent). Right now he's underperforming his 2012 counterpart. Romney won whites by 20 points (59-39 percent), men by 7 (52-45 percent), white evangelicals by 57 (78-21 percent), and whites without a degree by 26 (62-36 percent). Trump bests Clinton among veterans by 53-39 percent.

**POST-CONVENTIONS, POLLS SHOW DEAD HEAT AMONG INDEPENDENTS:** Independents are still split between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton in the presidential race, and almost a quarter are undecided, according to two polls released after both party's conventions (Smith, *Roll Call*). Independents are still split between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton in the presidential race, and almost a quarter are undecided, according to two polls released after both party's conventions. Slightly more self-identified independents would vote Republican for president, according to a new Public Policy Polling survey with 41 percent picking the GOP and 39 percent going Democratic. Twenty percent of independents said they're still undecided. The question did not specifically identify the two nominees. In a similar PPP survey from the end of June, independents favored a Democrat over a Republican by one percentage point and 29 percent were still undecided. In a CBS News poll taken before the conventions, Trump, the GOP nominee, led his Democratic rival Clinton 33 percent to 22 percent among independents, with Libertarian Gary Johnson's support at 21 percent. But that 11 percentage point lead has almost evaporated following the conventions. The most recent CBS News poll now has the real estate mogul leading Clinton by just 2 points with independents, 33 percent to 31 percent. Johnson's support fell to 15 percent. Both polls give Clinton a five point lead over Trump among registered voters.

**PENCE ENDORSES RYAN, BREAKS WITH TRUMP:** As Donald Trump holds off endorsing House Speaker Paul D. Ryan in Wisconsin's Republican primary, his running mate enthusiastically endorsed Ryan on Wednesday, calling him a "longtime friend" and "strong conservative leader" (Johnson, *Washington Post*). "I strongly support Paul Ryan, strongly endorse his reelection," Indiana Gov. Mike Pence said during an interview on Fox News on Wednesday afternoon. "I believe we need Paul Ryan in leadership in the Congress of the United States to rebuild our military, to strengthen our economy and to ensure that we have the kind of leadership in this country that will make America great again." In an interview with The Washington Post on Tuesday, Trump praised Ryan's underdog opponent, Paul Nehlen. Pence said that he discussed his endorsement of Ryan with Trump on Wednesday morning. "He strongly encouraged me to endorse Paul Ryan in next Tuesday's primary," Pence said, "and I'm pleased to do it."

**U.S. SENT \$400M IN CASH TO IRAN:** The Obama administration secretly arranged a plane delivery of \$400 million in cash on the same day Iran released four American prisoners and formally implemented the nuclear deal, US officials confirmed Wednesday (*CNN*). President Barack Obama approved the \$400 million transfer, which he had announced in January as part of the Iran nuclear deal. The money was flown into Iran on wooden pallets stacked with Swiss francs, euros and other currencies as the first installment of a \$1.7 billion settlement resolving claims at an international tribunal at The Hague over a failed arms deal under the time of the Shah. A fifth American man was released by Iran separately. US officials said cash had to be flown in because existing US sanctions ban American dollars from being used in a transaction with Iran and because Iran could not access the global financial system due to international sanctions it was under at the time. The details of the how the transaction occurred were first reported by The Wall Street Journal. CNN reported in January about the transfer of funds and the arrangement.

**GOP POUNCES ON IRAN CASH REPORT:** Details of the cash delivery drew fresh condemnation of the Iran deal from Republicans (*CNN*). They charged that the administration had empowered a major sponsor of terrorism because the nuclear agreement enables Tehran to re-enter the international economy and gives it access long-frozen funds. In addition, they said the cash delivery amounted to a ransom payment that violates long-standing US practice not to pay for hostages. As such, they argued, it encourages Iran to hold onto its remaining Americans prisoners until they can get more money for them. Critics on Wednesday were further incensed by Iranian claims that the cash amounted to a ransom payment for the four prisoners. "That sort of ransom payment as part of the Iran deal is an outrage," said Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida. While the cash transaction took place the same day as the release of Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian and the other Americans, administration officials insist the payment did not constitute ransom and that there was no quid pro quo for the payment.

**PENCE SAYS IRAN CASH 'PUT A PRICE' ON U.S. LIVES:** Gov. Mike Pence (R-IN) says President Obama has attached a monetary value to Americans's lives by secretly shipping \$400 million to Iran (Hensch, *The Hill*). "Just this morning, we found that this administration transferred \$400 million in cash on a pallet in an airplane heading to Iran," the vice presidential candidate said Wednesday during a campaign rally in Colorado Springs, Colo. "It was Hillary Clinton that instigated the president's disastrous agreement with the radical mullahs in Iran," Pence added of the Democratic presidential nominee. "Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have essentially put price on the head of every American traveling abroad. This is judgment this country cannot stand for four more years." The money was part of a settlement with Iran concerning a 1979 arms deal, which occurred before the Middle Eastern nation experienced a regime change. The White House later Wednesday denied the transaction amounts to a ransom for the freedom Americans in Iranian captivity. "No, it was not," press secretary John Earnest said when asked if it constituted a ransom. "It is against the policy of the United States to pay ransom for hostages."

**HPI DAILY ANALYSIS:** Media reports suggest significant numbers of Trump supporters do not care about, or even know of, the candidate's recent snafus that have generated the current media frenzy. And, with independents split between Hillary and Donald, it seems reports of the Republican campaign's demise are greatly exaggerated. Yet numerous high-visibility defections from the GOP ranks to the Democratic campaign indicate serious trouble for the Trump-Pence ticket. Our governor has done a decent job of attempting to turn attention away from his running mate's stubborn streak, but it will take more than a few successes to fully right this ship. - *Mark Curry*



## *Campaigns*

**PENCE GIVES HOLCOMB CAMPAIGN \$1.25M:** New Indiana Republican gubernatorial candidate Eric Holcomb has received his first big infusion of campaign cash (*Associated Press*). A state disclosure report filed Wednesday shows that Gov. Mike Pence's state campaign committee gave nearly \$1.25 million to Holcomb. The money is important as Holcomb must quickly ramp up a statewide campaign against Democratic candidate John Gregg with the November election just about three months away. Holcomb had expected a boost from Pence's \$7 million campaign fund, but transferring that money has been complicated by federal rules that now apply to Pence since he is Donald Trump's vice presidential nominee. Gregg had about \$5.8 million in campaign money at the end of June and has kept raising money and running television commercials while Republicans spent three weeks reshuffling their gubernatorial ticket.

**YOUNG HONORS KAHN IN TERRE HAUTE, AVOIDS TRUMP ENDORSEMENT:** Republican U.S. Senate candidate Todd Young praised the Gold Star couple who has come under sustained attack by Donald Trump, but pointedly sidestepped questions about endorsing his party's nominee for president (Hedrick, *Terre Haute Tribune-Star*). Young weighed in on the growing Trump controversy Wednesday during a campaign swing through Terre Haute. He also criticized his opponent in the Senate race, Evan Bayh - without naming him - for living outside Indiana, comparing his name recognition with a family of reality television stars. Young, a retired Marine Corps intelligence officer, said it's important for all Americans to honor the service and sacrifice of soldiers like Khan and his family. "One of the reasons I served in the Marine Corps was to ensure that regardless of political differences we would honor our servicemen, and one of the reasons that Marines fight is to protect people's right to have political differences," he said during a stop at the Grand Traverse Pie Company. "So my hat goes off to the Khan family, and my heart is with them and certainly my family's prayers," Young added. While agreeing with Trump's message about a "rigged" political system where politicians elected to Congress ultimately forget about their constituents, Young didn't specifically say whether he's endorsing him. "My focus, of course, has been on the United States Senate race, and making sure that we don't have another four years of these Obama/Clinton policies," he said.

**HALE TOUTS SMALL BUSINESS PLAN DURING MUNSTER VISIT:** As Indiana Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Gregg and his running mate State Rep. Christina Hale blaze the campaign trail visiting Hoosier cities across the state leading up to the general election, Hale stopped off in Munster

to get a taste of conditions small businesses are facing in Northwest Indiana (Anderson, *Post-Tribune*). Hale toured the Three Floyds Brewery in Munster on Wednesday afternoon and consulted with the owners and employees about the economic needs and potential work force issues that small businesses face. "Northwest Indiana, the region, the economy is so important to the overall fiscal health of our state," Hale said. Hale, a Michigan City native, said because of her local roots she has an affinity for the region and wants to see it thrive economically. She said Gregg's economic growth plan would eliminate the 21st Century Research and Technology Fund and redistribute its \$40 million to create the Hoosier Growth and Opportunity Fund, or GO Fund, to assist Indiana-based business startups.

**HALE KEYNOTES VANDERBURGH J&J TONIGHT, ALSO IN PETERSBURG:** Democratic lieutenant governor candidate Christina Hale will serve as keynote speaker at the Vanderburgh County Democratic Party's Jefferson Jackson Day Dinner at the Tropicana Evansville this evening (*Howey Politics Indiana*). This afternoon she will tour the Petersburg Generating Station in Petersburg.



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**TRUMP & RNC COLLECT \$82M IN JULY, CLINTON & DNC \$90M:** GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump was buoyed an enthusiastic base of small donors in July, helping him raise \$82 million in conjunction with the Republican National Committee, the campaign announced Wednesday (Gold, *Washington Post*). Of that, \$64 million came in the form of donations contributed online and through direct mail solicitations, the campaign said. Another \$16 million was raised through 20 pricey fundraising events held in conjunction with the RNC. In addition, Trump personally contributed \$2 million to his campaign, for a total monthly haul of \$82 million. By comparison, Hillary Clinton pulled in \$90 million with the Democratic National Committee last month, including \$63 million for her campaign. In July Trump saw a surge in small-dollar contributions, a phenomenon that campaign officials say persisted throughout the month. Both candidates have to file detailed reports about their July fundraising and spending with the Federal Election Commission by Aug. 20.

**HILLARY OPERATION WOOS PROMINENT REPUBLICANS:** A Hillary Clinton campaign operation to target prominent Republicans who may be primed to defect and support the Democratic nominee is accelerating in the wake of Donald Trump's repeated missteps and continued intraparty feuding (Epstein & Talev, *Bloomberg*). Clinton and campaign chairman John Podesta already have been directly involved in reaching out to potential Republican recruits, as has Leslie Dach, a former Wal-Mart executive who held positions in the last two Democratic administrations and also is involved in contacting business leaders.

Some Republicans who've made the switch say they've been consulted for their views on how to make the outreach effective. The aide said the campaign expects to have a more formal operation up and running after the Labor Day holiday, when voters begin paying more attention to the general election race. The prospects for a meaningful Republican for Hillary movement have exploded in the past week as Trump refused to endorse House Speaker Paul Ryan and other veteran Republican lawmakers facing primaries, suggested he might recognize Russia's annexation of Crimea and tangled with a respected retired Marine Corps general and the Muslim-American parents of a fallen war hero who spoke at the Democratic convention.

**GALLUP FINDS AMERICANS MORE POSITIVE ABOUT DEM CONVENTION:** Americans are evenly divided on whether they view the Democratic Party more favorably (44%) or less favorably (42%) after the party's national convention last week (Jones, *Gallup*). However, their ratings of the Republican Party after the GOP convention two weeks ago were significantly worse, with 35% saying they viewed the party more favorably and 52% less favorably. The results are based on Gallup polls conducted in the days immediately after each party's convention - the Republican convention in Cleveland from July 18-21 and the Democratic convention in Philadelphia from July 25-28. Americans' assessments of the effect of the conventions on their image of each party largely mirror their assessments of how the convention will affect their vote in the 2016 election. By 45% to 41%, Americans say they are more rather than less likely to vote for Hillary Clinton based on what they saw or read about the Democratic convention. In contrast, many more Americans said they were less likely (51%) rather than more likely (36%) to vote for Donald Trump as a result of what they saw or read about the Republican convention.

**GOP REACHES 'NEW LEVEL OF PANIC' OVER TRUMP:** Turmoil in the Republican Party escalated Wednesday as party leaders, strategists and donors voiced increased alarm about the flailing state of Donald Trump's candidacy and fears that the presidential nominee was damaging the party with an extraordinary week of self-inflicted mistakes, gratuitous attacks and missed opportunities (*Washington Post*). Trump's top campaign advisers are struggling once again to instill discipline in their candidate, who has spent recent days lurching from one controversy to another while seemingly skipping chances to go on the offensive against his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton. "A new level of panic hit the street," said longtime operative Scott Reed, chief strategist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "It's time for a serious reset." Trump allies on Wednesday publicly urged the candidate to reboot, furious that he has allowed his confrontation with the Muslim parents of dead Army Capt. Humayun Khan to continue for nearly a week. They also are angry with Trump because of his refusal in an interview with The Washington Post on Tuesday to endorse two of the GOP's top elected officials - House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (Wis.) and Sen. John McCain (Ariz.) - ahead of their coming primary elections.

**TRUMP TRIES TO STOP THE BLEEDING:** Donald Trump is facing a whirlwind of criticism from Republican leaders - including some of his closest allies - as he fends off reports of a staff shake up, another intervention and even rumblings that he could be urged to step aside as the party's nominee (Stokols, *Politico*). On Wednesday, Paul Manafort, Trump's top strategist, flatly denied a report that Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus, Newt Gingrich and Rudy Giuliani are planning an intervention after a stunning streak of unforced errors: the Republican nominee's combative response to a Gold Star family that criticized him during last week's Democratic National Convention; his apparent lack of knowledge related to Ukraine and Russia; and his purposeful snubbing of GOP stalwarts Sen. John McCain and House Speaker Paul Ryan. Mike Pence, Trump's running mate, did a bit to mend fences Tuesday, saying he endorsed Ryan and that Trump had encouraged him to do so. "These two men are

gonna do great things to restore this country at home and abroad," Pence said on Fox News. But the level of alarm among top Republicans is mounting. Even Priebus, who has tried to gently coax Trump to help unify Republicans around his campaign, abandoned his softer demeanor when he spoke with senior Trump staff on Tuesday afternoon. "He lit into him [Trump] pretty good," said a source with knowledge of the conversation. "It was basically him saying, 'Do you realize how badly you're fucking this up?'" Manafort attempted to dismiss the "turmoil" as "another Clinton narrative that's being put out there." But sources close to the campaign tell a different story of dysfunction and dismay inside Trump Tower.

**LIBERTARIAN VP WELD SAYS TRUMP HAS 'A SCREW LOOSE':** Donald Trump is not only a "huckster," but he also has a "screw loose," according to Libertarian Party vice presidential nominee William Weld (Lima, *Politico*). Making the case for their third-party candidacy at a CNN town hall Wednesday night, Gary Johnson and Weld, Libertarian presidential and vice presidential nominees respectively, panned the polarization they say has consumed the 2016 campaign, saying either major party's nominee would only result in continued political stagnation. "If either Trump or [Hillary] Clinton are elected, things will be more polarized than ever," said Johnson, a former New Mexico governor and member of the Republican Party. "I think it might be refreshing to have a party that was not terribly partisan holding the White House. And we would hire the best people from the Democratic Party that we could find. The smartest people from the Republican Party that we could find. The best people of the Libertarian Party," Weld said. Weld, a former Massachusetts governor who previously took particularly sharp aim at Trump by labeling him a "huckster," took the critique a step further Wednesday. "I think he is a showman, a pied piper, the music man," he said, mocking the former reality star's style. "More recently, it has gotten more serious and the noun that comes to my mind is a screw loose."

**'I DON'T KNOW WHY WE'RE NOT LEADING BY A LOT,' TRUMP SAYS:** Donald Trump said he's puzzled as to why he's not leading Hillary Clinton by large margins at a rally Wednesday night, making no mention of the controversies that have mired his campaign all week (Lima, *Politico*). Speaking to a large crowd at Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena in Florida, Trump boasted about the turnout at his events, citing it as an indicator of his support. "We go to Oklahoma, we had 25,000 people. We had 21,000 people in Dallas. We had 35,000 people in Mobile, Alabama. We have these massive crowds," the Republican nominee said. "You've got thousands of people outside trying to get in [today], and this is one hell of a big stadium." Trump then mocked the Democratic nominee's use of scripted speeches, marveling at his own improvisational style even in large venues. "Do you ever see Hillary Clinton? If she speaks in front of 24 people she's got the teleprompter," he jested. "If she came here tomorrow - so look at this place, packed, thousands outside, we actually put screens outside - so, Hillary, if she came here, if she had 500 people I'd be surprised." Trump then questioned how the attendance at his rallies hasn't been reflected in the polls. "I hear we're leading Florida by a bit," he said. "I don't know why we're not leading by a lot. Maybe crowds don't make the difference."

**ILLINOIS GOP REP. KINZINGER WILL NOT SUPPORT TRUMP:** Republican Rep. Adam Kinzinger of Illinois said Wednesday that he doesn't see how he can endorse his party's nominee, Donald Trump, in the wake of the week's events (*CNN Wire*). "I'm an American before I'm a Republican," he told CNN's Wolf Blitzer on "The Situation Room." "I'm saying for me personally, how can I support that? Because he's crossed so many red lines that a commander in chief or a candidate for commander in chief should never cross." Kinzinger, who has openly hesitated to embrace Trump as his party's standard-bearer, said he went to Cleveland hoping to "at least mildly endorse the Republican front-runner." But in the aftermath of Trump's comments about Russian President Vladimir Putin and the parents of fallen Muslim

American soldier Capt. Humayun Khan, the third-term Illinois congressman said that he doesn't "see how I get there anymore." "I'm a Republican because I believe that Republicanism is the best way to defend the United States of America," Kinzinger said, adding that Trump "throws all of these Republican principles on their head." But Kinzinger said he would not support Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and was contemplating writing in a candidate on his ballot come November 8.

**GUN CEO WORRIES ABOUT HILLARY PRESIDENCY:** Gun manufacturers are facing a "unique time in our history" because a presidential candidate is "actively campaigning" against the gun industry and criticizing a Supreme Court ruling on guns, the CEO of Sturm Ruger said (Smith, *CNNMoney*). Michael Fifer was referring to Hillary Clinton's campaign which wants an expansion of background checks and restrictions on military-style assault weapons among other things. "Certainly, this is a unique time in our history, because for the very first time ever, we have the nominee of a major political party, one with a very reasonable likelihood of winning the presidency, overtly stating that the Supreme Court got it wrong... and actively campaigning against the lawful commerce in arms," Fifer said in an earnings call. "That's unprecedented, and it will be hard for any of us to believe that didn't have some impact, but it can't be measured," Fifer said. One way of possibly measuring the impact is Ruger's 19% spike in sales. Chris Killoy, chief operating officer for Ruger who will succeed Fifer as CEO next year, said the increase in Ruger's sales is "fueled in part by the current political climate." Killoy said that manufacturing can't keep up with demand, even though employees are working overtime. The company, based in Newport, New Hampshire, added a third factory in North Carolina in 2014.



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**YOUNG SAYS IRAN CASH 'BEYOND SHOCKING,' IS 'DANGEROUS':** U.S. Rep. Todd Young (R-IN), the Republican candidate for U.S. senator and lead author of legislation to establish a House Select Committee to conduct oversight of the Iran nuclear deal, responded to reports that the Obama administration concealed an airlift of \$400 million in cash to the Islamic Republic of Iran that coincided with the January release of four detained Americans (*Howey Political Report*). "Using unmarked cargo planes to funnel hard cash into the hands of the world's largest state-sponsor of terrorism is beyond shocking, it's dangerous," said Young in a news release. "An undisclosed transfer of this amount invites Iran to dispose of the cash at-will toward whatever illicit activity the regime chooses. The Obama administration orchestrating this secret airlift was the same administration negotiating the release of innocent Americans detained in Iranian prisons. That both occurred on the same day is no coincidence and leaves no plausible interpretation besides a quid pro quo ransom rewarded to Iran. This entire debacle, from start to finish, lends unprecedented legitimacy to the illegal detention of dual nationals and incentivizes bad actors to imprison more Americans - which the Iranian regime subsequently has done. The White House and State Department promised a thaw in relations with Iran, yet we continue to

uncover dangerous capitulations that reward the rogue actions of this terrorist regime. As a nation, we must move beyond this administration's foreign policy of denial and deception."

**WALORSKI DESCRIBES IRAN CASH PAYMENT AS 'REPREHENSIBLE':** U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN) yesterday released the following statement on the Obama administration's reported cash payment of \$400 million to Iran in January amid the release of four detained Americans and the implementation of the nuclear agreement (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "The Obama administration has continually hid the facts surrounding the Iran nuclear deal and misled the American people in order to reward the world's leading state sponsor of terror. Their decision to secretly pay Iran a \$400 million cash ransom for the release of illegally detained American citizens is reprehensible."

**BUCSHON CALLS FOR EXPLANATION OF IRAN CASH PAYMENT:** U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon, M.D. (R-IN) echoed House Speaker Paul Ryan's call for accountability and an explanation regarding the Administration's reported \$400 million cash ransom payment to the Islamic Republic of Iran in a press release posted online yesterday (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "The Obama Administration should immediately provide an explanation to the American people and Congress regarding reports that it paid \$400 million in cash as a ransom to the world's leading state-sponsor of terrorism and should be held accountable if those reports are true," said Bucshon.

**STEELWORKERS, DONNELLY, CARRIER WORKERS TO DISCUSS OFFSHORING TODAY:** This afternoon United Steelworkers International President Leo W. Gerard and AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka will host a conference call to highlight the growing consequences of Carrier Corp. shifting 2,100 manufacturing jobs from Indiana to Mexico (*Howey Politics Indiana*). A USW news release stated that U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN), as well as Chuck Jones, President of USW Local 1999 at Carrier, and another Carrier employee will also join the discussion. The call will focus on how decisions like Carrier's to prioritize higher profits over American workers damage families and communities. They will discuss the need for policies that penalize corporations for offshoring jobs and encourage companies to keep jobs in America, while remaining competitive in the global marketplace.

**NEW OPIOID LAW TOPIC OF DONNELLY, ESKENAZI, IEMS MEETING:** On Friday morning, U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN) will meet with Eskenazi Health leadership and doctors, as well as leadership from Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services (IEMS), to discuss the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, which recently became law, as well as innovative efforts to prevent and treat opioid and substance abuse addiction (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act includes Donnelly's bipartisan provision that will encourage first responder units to use outreach coordinators or teams to connect individuals who receive naloxone with treatment or other necessary services, according to an announcement. IEMS and Eskenazi are currently pursuing a similar outreach strategy. For more than two years, Donnelly has been working to address the opioid abuse and heroin use epidemics in Indiana and across the country. He has listened to Hoosiers, introduced bipartisan legislation, partnered with federal, state, and local officials, and brought together stakeholders. Donnelly introduced bipartisan legislation with Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) in June 2014 and held two roundtables with U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN) on the opioid abuse epidemic.

**DONNELLY THROWS FIRST PITCH, WORKS TINCAPS GAME:** U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN) visited Fort Wayne, completing his latest "Donnelly Day" at the Fort Wayne TinCaps game (*Howey Politics Indiana*). According to a news release, Donnelly collected tickets from fans attending the game, worked with the grounds crew to prepare for the game, threw out the first pitch, served food at a concession stand, and helped the play-by-play announcer in the broadcast booth at Parkview Field as the TinCaps took on the Lansing Lugnuts. The hometown team won 6-3, ending the two-game series 1-1.



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**STATEHOUSE: JPMORGAN SETTLES WITH STATE'S REGULATORS** - JPMorgan Chase & Co. has reached a settlement with Indiana regulators related to its asset management business, and now other states are expressing interest in how Indiana built its case (*Bloomberg News*). JPMorgan agreed on July 28 to pay \$950,000 to settle claims by the Indiana secretary of state that the bank failed to disclose conflicts of interest to wealthy clients. Andrew Lang, a spokesman for Secretary of State Connie Lawson, said the settlement prompted officials from other states to ask how Indiana had pursued its claim. He wouldn't identify the states. "Investors have the right to know all the facts and to receive complete information when deciding to invest," Lawson said in a written statement last week. "This right extends to a seasoned accredited investor or a novice investor." The Indiana settlement involves what the state described as JPMorgan's failure between 2008 and 2014 to tell clients that its investment model was designed to guide them into JPMorgan's own investment products. The state said that as a result of the disclosure lapses, the bank was operating "outside the standards of honesty and ethics generally accepted in the securities industry."

**HEALTH: REASSESSMENT REVEALS 23 CASES OF ZIKA IN STATE** - The number of Hoosiers who have brought the Zika virus back to Indiana is far more than previously believed - nearly 50 percent more (Kelly & Williams, *WRTV*). It was previously believed there were 15 cases of Zika that had been brought back to Indiana from abroad. Now the Indiana Department of Health says there have actually been 23 cases. The Indiana Department of Health says that number of 15 that was reported wasn't correct simply due to some data issues. And it's important to note, some of these new cases didn't necessarily happen last month: Some occurred as far back as last year. But even with what's happening in Florida right now with the spread of Zika, health officials say your risk here in Indiana has not increased.

**CRIME: OBAMA COMMUTES SENTENCE OF COLUMBIA CITY MAN** - President Obama commuted the 52-year prison term of a Columbia City truck driver sentenced on nine drug-related offenses in 2000,

the White House announced (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Asher Adkins' sentence is now set to expire Dec. 1, the White House said in a statement. He will have five years on probation. Adkins' commutation was one of 214 the White House announced yesterday. He was accused of masterminding a drug distribution ring in northeast Indiana, but after four days of testimony at his November 1993 trial, he failed to appear for the last day of the trial, according to Journal Gazette archives. A jury found him guilty even though he wasn't present. U.S. marshals tracked Adkins to Mexico, but failed to apprehend him. He was captured at a South Carolina grocery store in March 1999, and was sentenced to the 52-year term in January 2000. He had faced a sentence of up to life in prison plus 265 years.

**STATEHOUSE: ZOELLER, COLTS HOST CONTEST TO FIGHT RX ABUSE** - Attorney General Greg Zoeller is teaming up with the Indianapolis Colts to invite Indiana's middle school and high school students to enter the #kickRxabuse video challenge to help combat teen prescription drug abuse (*Statehouse File*). To enter the contest, students must create and upload a 30 second YouTube video highlighting the dangers of abusing prescription medications, using #kickRxabuse. Videos must be submitted by Oct. 1, and the winner will be based upon impact, creativity and number of views. The contest is being led by Colts kicker Adam Vinateri, and the winner of the contest will get to meet him. The winner will also receive a tour of the Colt's complex, four VIP Colts tickets, dinner at the Colts Grille and a limo ride to and from dinner. In addition, the winner's school will receive a \$5,000 cash prize donated by the Indianapolis Colts.

**UTILITIES: LAW PROMPTS IPL TO SEEK PRICE HIKE** - Electricity prices could be going up in 2017 for Indianapolis Power and Light customers (Janzen, *Indiana Public Media*). The potential hike relates to a state law requiring the five major Indiana utilities to implement energy efficiency programs. IPL is seeking to raise monthly rates for residential customers by up to \$3.25. The increase would allow the company to recover costs associated with an energy efficiency requirement the Indiana General Assembly passed into law in 2015. The law affects Duke Energy, Indiana-Michigan Power, NIPSCO, Vectren and IPL, requiring the investor-owned electric utilities to implement an energy saving program. The state leaves it up to the utilities to determine the specifics of their individual plans, which must be approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission once every three years.

**POLLUTION: BP WHITING REFINERY DUMPS WASTE INTO LAKE MICHIGAN** - The BP Whiting Refinery discharged about five times more total suspended solids of industrial waste into Lake Michigan than allowed after an operational issue Friday (Pete, *NWI Times*). The refinery has been dealing with an upset at its wastewater treatment plant since Friday. BP notified the Indiana Department of Environmental Management that it discharged 8,932 pounds of total suspended solids on Monday; it is allowed to discharge only 5,694 pounds per day. BP did another test on Tuesday, and discovered total suspended solids rose to 26,621 pounds, or about five times the limit. "The BP Whiting Refinery is responding to an upset at the refinery's wastewater treatment facility," spokesman Michael Abendhoff said. "BP has notified the Indiana Department of Environmental Management that this upset has resulted in exceedances of BP's daily permit limit for total suspended solids. This is a wastewater issue; there has been no leak or discharge of any hydrocarbons into Lake Michigan." Abendhoff said the company is working to return the refinery to normal operations as soon as possible.

**IMMIGRATION: HOOSIER GROUP JOINS PUSH FOR REFORM** - Groups across the country Wednesday pushed for immigration reform. (Gherardi, *WTTV*). The movement is called The Right to Reform campaign, organized by the group, the New American Economy. The group released the findings of a new study Wednesday, which argue immigrants play a huge role in Indiana's economy. "Immigrants play a key role in the Indiana economy, contributing to industries such as manufacturing, construction," said Mark Fisher, Vice President of Policy Development for the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. This group, comprised of the Indy Chamber, the Indiana Restaurant and Lodging Association, the Indiana Builders Association, the Indiana Latino Institute, and the Indiana Farm Bureau, argued laws in the U.S. make it hard for people to hire hard-working immigrants. That's why they and hundreds of others across the country have joined the Right to Reform campaign, comprised of a collection of groups looking to overhaul the U.S. immigration system.

**ECONOMY: CALUMET-MADE FORD EXPLORER SALES DOWN 22%** - After six straight years of rising sales, the party may be ending soon for U.S. automakers (Pete, *NWI Times*). Sales of the Calumet Region-made Ford Explorer plunged by 22 percent to 16,615 in July, down from 21,361 the previous July. Total Ford sales fell 3 percent to 216,479 in July, while the Dearborn, Mich.-based automaker missed analyst estimates by 8 cents per share in the second quarter. "Trucks and vans continue to be market strengths for Ford," said Mark LaNeve, Ford vice president, U.S. marketing, sales and service. "Van customers rewarded us with another strong year-over-year gain, and F-Series had its best retail sales this year." Locally, Ford makes the Explorer, the Taurus, the Police Interceptor Utility and the Police Interceptor Sedan at the Chicago Assembly Plant at 126th Street and Torrence Avenue in Hegewisch.

**TRANSPORTATION: ALASKA AIR TO OFFER DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM INDY** - The executive director of the Indianapolis International Airport Authority says a new daily nonstop to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport has wide implications for the airport and the Hoosier business community (McGowan, *Inside Indiana Business*). Mario Rodriguez says the agreement secures Alaska Airlines as the newest carrier in Indianapolis, sending travelers to a tech-rich destination that has not been served well by the state's largest airport. He says Alaska Airlines "is not starting service here for just one destination." Rodriguez says more nonstops now fly from Indy than any other time in the last decade. The total is now up to 43 and Rodriguez says officials are targeting more destinations domestically and abroad. One major push is for a nonstop from Indianapolis to London Heathrow International Airport. Already this year, IND has announced new nonstops to cities including Philadelphia and Savannah. The flights to Sea-Tac will begin next spring on a Boeing 737. The announcement also included a new nonstop between Seattle and Wichita. The average cost of a flight from Indianapolis has dipped 8 percent over the last quarter.

**EDUCATION: SHORTAGE OF FIRST-TIME TEACHERS** - The crop of first-year teachers across Indiana decreased by almost a fifth in the past five years, leaving school districts hard-pressed to find educators as a new school year begins (Turner, *IndyStar*). School officials said it's been increasingly difficult to fill open positions with newly minted teachers — particularly for special education, math and science. In some cases, schools will have to start the year with substitute teachers to temporarily fill vacancies until they find a suitable candidate. In many other instances, experts say, schools have to be less choosy when hiring teachers - and that can affect the quality of instruction. Schools, even those located in affluent areas, struggled to increase teacher salaries and people considering going into education took note, said Dennis Costerison, executive director of the Indiana Association of School Business Officials, which lobbies on behalf of public schools. "One of the things that is an issue now is we

went for four years with meager (funding) increases after the Great Recession," Costerison said. "There wasn't much money there, and young people looked and saw teachers weren't getting any raises.

**EDUCATION: PURDUE OPENS MANUFACTURING INSTITUTE** - More than 300 people and about 20 Indiana composite materials companies celebrated the opening of the \$50 million Indiana Manufacturing Institute, based in the Purdue Research Park of West Lafayette (*Indiana AgriNews*). The institute will house the Center for Composites Manufacturing and Simulation where Purdue researchers and graduate students from the Purdue College of Engineering and Purdue Polytechnic Institute will conduct research and development on composite materials to increase energy efficiency for the vehicle production, wind, aerospace and other industries. Purdue's Product Lifecycle Management Center and the Indiana Next Generation Manufacturing Competitiveness Center, or IN-MaC, also will be located in the institute. The three centers will occupy 30,000 square feet of the 62,000-square-foot institute. The institute's remaining 32,000 square feet will be used for public or private enterprises interested in collaborating on composite materials research with Purdue University. The center is part of a \$250 million U.S. Department of Energy initiative to support President Barack Obama's National Network for Manufacturing Innovation.

**CONNECTIVITY: RURAL ISPs LAG BEHIND PACE OF URBAN GROWTH** - Indiana already ranks among the bottom 10 states for Internet access (Ropeik, *Indiana Public Media*). In 2014, only 71 percent of Hoosiers had access to broadband internet, according to census data. About 12 percent had no Internet access at all, and about one percent were still using dial-up. But the forthcoming study, which was provided in advance to Indiana Public Broadcasting, says rural areas are adding new Internet providers more slowly than urban places. Between 2012 and 2013, the report says rural counties added an average of 0.64 residential broadband providers, compared to almost twice as many, an average of 1.18, in urban counties. The study also says only 44 percent of rural residents have access to download speeds of 25 megabytes per second, which the FCC began recommending last year. That's compared to more than 95 percent of urban residents. Bo Beaulieu, the director of Purdue's Center for Regional Development and a co-author of the new report. He noted it can be expensive for providers to set up Internet service in places with less infrastructure and fewer people. But he said the problem isn't just about access - it's about usage. " His report says urban counties tend to have at least 60 to 80 percent of their households online, compared to 30 to 60 percent in rural places. It means rural Hoosiers are less likely to subscribe to the Internet that's available to them - whether or not it's high-speed.

**CONNECTIVITY: MAGAZINE NAMES SMITHVILLE FIBER TO TOP 100** - Ellettsville-based Smithville Fiber is again being recognized with some of the biggest names in the telecommunications industry (McGowan, *Inside Indiana Business*). Along with companies like Google Fiber, AT&T and Verizon, Smithville has been named to the annual Top 100 by Broadband Communities magazine. The company has been on the list eight consecutive years and is the only Indiana-based business to be included. The publication says recipients help transform local economies or improve quality of life, introduce potentially game-changing innovations or provide other outstanding performance factors. Winners are selected by a group of fiber-in-the-home editorial and technical experts. The company says it is planning to expand its GigaCity fiber service throughout the state this year. It completed the launch of its first 100 gigabit fiber ring in April in Jasper.

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**HEALTH: ZIKA FUNDING GONE BY END OF SEPTEMBER** - The Obama administration on Wednesday pushed back against congressional criticism that available funding to combat the Zika virus is not being spent fast enough, claiming all the money on hand for domestic Zika efforts will be exhausted by the end of September (McCrimmon, *Roll Call*). In a letter to senior health and foreign appropriators in both chambers, Sylvia Mathews Burwell, the secretary of Health and Human Services, provided further details of how the department is spending its share of the \$589 million that the administration reprogrammed in April to fight Zika. Roll Call has reported recently that much of that total has yet to be spent, according to information from the Office of Management and Budget. Burwell's letter also highlights the need for additional funding to be provided by Congress, a case the administration has struggled to make while Republicans have accused Obama of sitting on the initial batch of money. A conference report that includes additional Zika response funds is stalled in Congress. Available funding for the major HHS agencies involved in the Zika response will be fully spent by the Sept. 30 end of fiscal 2016 or sooner, Burwell wrote, and a funding lapse at that point would put crucial anti-Zika efforts on hold.

**HEALTH: 41 SERVICE MEMBERS HAVE CONTRACTED ZIKA** - At least 41 American service members, including one pregnant woman, have been diagnosed with the Zika virus while on active duty overseas, a Pentagon spokesperson said (*FoxNews*). The Pentagon said that seven family members of those servicemen and women also have contracted the virus, which usually leads to mild symptoms, but can cause severe birth defects in children and has been linked to paralysis. The Pentagon told Fox News that all of the troops contracted Zika overseas, and are being treated at undisclosed locations, citing privacy concerns. The two types of mosquitoes known to carry the virus - including its primary vector, the *Aedes aegypti* - are found at nearly 200 stateside installations ranging from Texas and Florida to New York, Military.com reported. "DoD is actively testing mosquitoes for Zika and other mosquito-borne diseases in the U.S. as part of our ongoing integrated vector control and surveillance programs at bases and installations," said Army Maj. Roger Cabiness, the spokesman from the Department of Defense (DoD), according to Military.com.

**SCOTUS: RULING ALLOWS SCHOOL TO BLOCK TRANSGENDER TEEN FROM BATHROOM** - A Virginia school board can block a transgender male from using the boys restroom when school starts next month, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Wednesday (*Associated Press*). In a 5-3 decision, the high court put on hold a lower court ruling that ordered the Gloucester County School Board to let Gavin Grimm use the bathroom that matches his gender identity. The school board is expected to ask the justices to further intervene in the case later this month. The decision means Grimm will be barred from using the boys bathroom for at least the first half of his senior year, said Josh Block, an attorney with the American

Civil Liberties Union who's representing Grimm. The school board says it plans to formally ask the Supreme Court to review the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision in Grimm's case by the end of August and then it will be months before the justices decide whether to do so.

### *Local*

**CITIES: NEW CASTLE OKS 'INCENTIVE PAY' FOR CITY EMPLOYEES** - New Castle's emergency responders - police, fire and EMS personnel - are getting a pay increase following action by the city council (Green, *New Castle Courier-Times*). Monday, the city council passed Ordinance 3748 on third and final reading. It calls for a \$1,000 bonus to be paid in the month of September and another \$1,000 bonus to be paid in the month of December for employees of the New Castle Police Department, New Castle Fire Department and New Castle EMS. The ordinance refers to the \$168,584 in bonuses as "incentive pay" and stipulates the funds being used come from the Public Safety Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) that was passed late last year during a joint meeting of city and county elected officials. The council also passed Ordinance 3750 on first reading. This measure is designed to use revenue from the state's riverboats to provide a one-time \$500 pay increase for the city employees who belong to AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) and a one time \$750 pay increase for non-union full-time city employees and a non-union permanent part-time public safety officer and judicial assistant. These incentive pay increases total \$49,565.

**CITIES: MICHIGAN CITY OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL GRADS** - Michigan City is now offering casino-funded college scholarships to high school graduates here as part of the city's efforts to attract new residents and encourage current ones to stay put (Maddux, *South Bend Tribune*). The city council Tuesday night voted 9-0 to allocate \$2.5 million in casino proceeds for the first year of the program. Each qualifying student will receive \$5,000 annually toward the cost of his or her secondary education. Students in the parochial schools and whose parents rent and live outside the city limits are not eligible. According to city officials, the idea is to entice people to move into the city and to keep those considering going elsewhere. Another goal is to promote home ownership and increase property values. Saying as many as one-half of the graduates from Michigan City High School could be ineligible, city resident Sheila Burkhart urged the council to include children of renters whose property taxes are part of their monthly payments be included. The scholarship effort was tailored after the award-winning scholarship program in Hammond that was started 10 years ago with similar eligibility requirements. The \$7,500-a-year scholarships have since increased to \$10,000.

**CITIES: WEAPONS BAN REMAINS AT CLARKSVILLE TOWN HALL** - Plans for a barrier within the town hall that would lift the weapons ban placed last May could be on hold until it's determined whether the building is ready for such construction (Rickert, *News & Tribune*). Clarksville Town Court Judge Jimmie Guilfoyle placed a court order over the town hall in May 2015, and has said that it was in the interest of securing his court. Due to the layout of the building, it is not separated from the council chambers or other parts of the building. Early in the year, a committee comprised of Guilfoyle, Clarksville resident and former congressional candidate James R. McClure Jr. and several council members - Tim Hauber, John Gilkey and Jennifer Voignier - worked together for solutions to keep the court secured from weapons while allowing residents to carry into the rest of the building. It was decided that the least-intrusive and least-costly option was to construct a wall between the court and other main parts of the

building. That way, visitors to the court could still be screened for weapons and not permitted to bring them in, while people using other services in the building could carry legal weapons.

**CITIES: LAFAYETTE IMPROVES WABASH RIVER QUALITY** - Lafayette is making big improvements to the quality of the Wabash River, and they're taking out E.coli, ammonia and pathogens left and right (Moberger, *WLFJ-TV*). "Currently we are treating at 99 percent removal of suspended solids," said Water Pollution Control Superintendent Brad Talley. "And nearly 100 percent of ammonia." They're treating at such a high quality it exceeds the EPA's minimum requirement of 85 percent. Something Talley said is a big accomplishment. "We're one of the peak performers throughout the state," said Talley. But being a peak performer means thorough water testing. Talley describes the testing as finding a balance between toxic and too clean. "There's just a variety of tests that are done along the river to help continue the health of the river," said Talley. The storm water project and the CSO project, which will stop 900 acres of waste from going into the Wabash, are big contributors to the quality. That's in addition to the city's water plant, which was updated 16 years ago.

**CITIES: INDY DEMANDS \$8.3M REFUND ON PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM** - The city of Indianapolis wants a refund of \$8.3 million on a public safety system never delivered as promised (Sanchez, *WRTV*). The project pushed by then-Public Safety Director Frank Straub was riddled with delays and failures involving a contract signed back in 2012. The legal team for Colossus Incorporated and N. Harris Computer Corporation filed paperwork on Friday July 29 asking a federal judge to take over the case, after the city filed its complaint in Marion County Superior Court 1 on July 5. Per court documents, the city was looking for a replacement to the software systems which supports 911 dispatchers and public safety with up-to-date records. The old system was to expire in December of 2014, so a contract was reached with North Carolina-based Colossus Incorporated also known as Interact Public Safety Systems. The contract called for Interact to implement the system between September 2013 and September 2014. Court records show that Interact pushed back delivery dates several times, promising the system would be ready by October 1, 2015. That day would never come, after Interact disclosed it was having financial difficulties.

**CITIES: FORT WAYNE MAYOR HENRY LEADS BUSINESS WALK** - Mayor Tom Henry lead a business walk through downtown Fort Wayne in an effort to support local business ( *WANE-TV*). The walk served as an opportunity for Mayor Henry and City of Fort Wayne staff members to talk to, and get feedback from several businesses. Mayor Henry says he wants to get residents thoughts and opinions on various issues. "What we are trying to do is to let all of the business owners know that we appreciate them being here and that we are here to serve them," said Henry. Mayor Henry participates in the walk multiple times a year.

**CITIES: HAGERSTOWN AIMS TO REPLACE UTILITY LINES** - If the Hagerstown Town Council has its way, downtown will get new utility lines within three years ( *New Castle Courier-Times*). Engineer Doug Kramer shared a preliminary cost estimate of \$631,000 for replacing 2,000 feet of cast iron water line through the downtown when the council met Monday. Town council member Brian Longbons asked Kramer to return with a plan that also includes burying electric lines and repairing storm and sanitary sewers at the same time. Longbons and other council members said it makes sense to have all the utility

work done before the state replaces Ind. 38, which is Main Street. That work is scheduled in 2019, they said.

**CITIES: MITCHELL TO STUDY TINY HOUSES CONCEPT** - Growing in popularity, the tiny house concept has grabbed the attention of consumers who seek functionality, design as they downsize their lives (Shetler, *Bedford Times-Mail*). Mitchell volunteer and businessman Joe Stewart wants the city to explore the option of creating a city-owned and operated tiny house community - a project he believes will draw people into Mitchell and raise the dying tax base. Stewart, during Monday night's city council meeting, asked elected officials to appoint a study committee to explore the project. He said current city ordinances prohibit the construction of tiny houses, which typically range from 100 to 400 square feet. But, after studying the project, he believes the city could operate the housing addition on city-owned land by seeking "lot rent" where the "mobile" houses are constructed. "What I've learned is that other cities have come up with similar plans to build these tiny home communities, and they brought in laundromats, hair salons, barbers and restaurants," Stewart said. "In a 200-square-foot home, you don't have room for washing machines and dryers. You don't have space for extra food, so you're shopping more. It brings fresh money in."

**CITIES: 60K EXPECTED AS GEN CON OPENS IN INDY** - Don't be surprised If you see a lot of people in costume downtown in Indianapolis over the next four days. Gen Con is taking over the convention center (Monroe, *WISH-TV*). "It's Disneyland for some people for four days," said Stacia Kirby, a spokeswoman for Gen Con. The convention, one of Indianapolis' largest is billed as "The Best Four Days in Gaming." Over 60,000 people are expected to pack into the convention center over the next four days. "Part of it is just tradition, it's a good time, we enjoy ourselves. There are friends we only see out here every year," said Robert Schneider, a gamer in town with his family from Kansas City. Organizers said gamers will come from all 50 states, and several countries.

**CITIES: THOUSANDS TO ATTEND ELKHART'S MIDWEST RV SUPER SHOW** - From the simplicity of pop-up campers to the luxury of motorhomes, there's a product line for everybody as hundreds of recreational vehicles go on full display this weekend for the annual Midwest RV Super Show (Household, *Elkhart Truth*). "The cool thing is there is something out there for everybody," said event organizer Matt Rose. "We go from a pop-up camper all the way to a quarter of a million dollar Class A motorhome and everything in between." The show begins Thursday at the RV/MH Hall of Fame & Museum near C.R. 17 and the Indiana Toll Road. The event goes through Sunday and will feature more than 300 units, Rose said. Rose, the director of recreation vehicles for the Indiana Manufactured Housing Association and Recreation Vehicle Indiana Council Inc., said nine dealers will be providing the display units and he expects thousands to turn out to sample the current RV market. The show caters to browsing, educating and purchasing over the four days.

**COUNTIES: VANDERBURGH PUSHES DEPT. HEADS TO CUT BUDGETS** - The Vanderburgh County Council plans on slicing at least \$3.5 million from the general fund and more from other funds before it adopts the 2017 budget this fall (Evans, *Evansville Courier & Press*). The council will send letters to department heads pushing them to review and slim their budgets ahead of contact from council in the next month. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the council heard budget requests from more than a dozen department heads. The property-tax-fueled general fund is budgeted at \$53.3 million, a 5-percent jump

from 2016. The overall proposed 2017 budget, which includes income tax revenue, is \$91.4 million. County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey, R-at-large, said department heads need to know that more cuts are coming. "There were some concerns last year with some departments maybe not quite understanding that, yeah, we're going to have to reduce some line items," Lindsey said.

**COUNTIES: BARTHOLOMEW CONSIDERING PUBLIC SAFETY TAX** - Bartholomew County Council will be taking a serious look at a new income tax to raise money for public safety ( *WCSJ*). Council members have been told that the tax would raise about \$5 million for public safety efforts in the community, with revenues spread between the county, city of Columbus, the various small towns and the townships in the community. At a work session earlier this week the council members said they were interested in establishing interlocal agreements that would have the towns and city of Columbus return the money they would receive to pay for operations at the Emergency Operations Center. County income taxes would increase from the current 1.25 percent to 1.5 percent. The Council will hold a special meeting on Aug. 11 to hear presentations on the issue from Ed Reuter, the director of the Bartholomew County Emergency Operations Center, and officials from Plainfield and Clark County who have made similar arrangements in their communities.

**COUNTIES: HENRY BEGINS 2017 BUDGET PROCESS** - Members of the Henry County Council, staff from the Henry County Auditor's office and leadership from each of the county's departments have started the process of hammering out a budget for the coming year (Green, *New Castle Courier-Times*). Tuesday was the first of what could be three full days of discussion as those involved go over the assorted budgets line by line. "As a starting point, we're rolling everything back to 2016 across the board for all departments," council president Nate LaMar said at the outset of Tuesday's meeting. LaMar also said he was thankful the county had the Indianapolis-based accounting firm of Umbaugh & Associates prepare a revenue forecast and long-range budget plan that he said would be used as a template as discussions progressed. "I'm glad we have that tool which will serve as a guideline, because some tough decisions are going to have to be made," he said.

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**8TH CD RECOUNT ENDS AS DRAKE LEAD HOLDS:** A team from the Indiana Board of Accounts has finally wrapped up the recount of ballots for the Democrat nomination for the Eighth District Congressional Seat. The team went to Pike County to conduct the final county count on Tuesday (Grant, *Washington Times-Herald*). Dr. David Orentlicher had sought the recount after losing to Sullivan attorney Ron Drake in the primary by 68 votes. A group of 20 auditors reviewed the ballots in all 19 counties in the district. The next-to-last stop came Monday evening in Washington. There the team met in the training room of the Daviess County Security Center to review the votes. "I think it went well," said Daviess County Clerk Janice Williams. "They really didn't give me a lot of details." The audit of the ballots began late on Monday afternoon and wrapped up around 7 in the evening. "It went pretty fast," said Williams. "They said everything was well organized, but other than that they gave me no report. They didn't say if they changed any results or not. They just said that everything was well organized." Williams said most of her work during the recount was observing. "They asked a few clarifying questions at the start," she said. "I didn't know what to expect. I guess it went smoothly." The ballots remain impounded. The Indiana Secretary of State has indicated there will be a three-day hearing in Vincennes next week to allow the candidates to argue over any questioned ballots. A State Board of Accounts spokesman said the auditors had found just a handful of ballots in the stops previous to Daviess County that were changed, but not nearly enough to change the 68-vote difference.

**INTERNAL DEM POLL SHOWS GREGG UP 46-39%:** An internal Democratic poll obtained by *Howey Politics Indiana* shows Democratic gubernatorial nominee John Gregg leading Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb 46-39% with 6% backing Libertarian Rex Bell and 9% undecided. The poll by Expedition Strategies and pollster Pete Brodnitz conducted last week also shows Democrat U.S. Senate nominee Evan Bayh with a 58-32% lead over U.S. Rep. Todd Young with 9% undecided. Howey Politics Indiana and WTHR-TV will be conducting three non-partisan polls between now and the Nov. 8 election. Since Holcomb was nominated by the Indiana Republican Central Committee on July 26 and Bayh was nominated by the Indiana Democratic Central Committee in late July, there has been no independent polling on either race. In the memo of this partisan poll, Brodnitz writes: "Gregg's name ID is up 13% since we polled in June (48% had an opinion of Gregg in June, but now 61% do). Gregg's favorability has also increased – in June, 34% viewed him favorably, while 14% viewed him unfavorably. Now, 42% view him favorably, while 19% view him unfavorably." As for Holcomb, Brodnitz observes, "39% rate Holcomb's performance as lieutenant governor as fair/poor, while 28% rate his performance as excellent/good. A third (33%) of voters are unable to rate his performance, which suggests there is room to define his record with voters." A majority (50%) say they want change that represents a significantly new direction, while 43% say they want change that builds on the current direction established by Governor Pence. The Gregg campaign released the polling memo to HPI, but not the top lines or cross tabs.

**LUGAR MONITORING PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN:** With a significant portion of the Republican national security establishment vowing not to vote for presidential nominee Donald Trump, former Indiana U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar is keeping an eye and an open mind on the campaign (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Asked by HPI if he would vote for Trump, Lugar responded, "I will just continue to watch closely and listen carefully as the Presidential campaign progresses." Lugar is a former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and co-authored the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction

program, which worked with Russia to secure nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. Lugar was a candidate for the presidency in 1996 and wrote a series of "Letters to the next president" where he offered foreign policy advice in incoming presidents.

**TRUMP SUGGESTS 2ND AMENDMENT PEOPLE ACT, CITES 'HORRIBLE DAY':** Donald J. Trump on Tuesday appeared to raise the possibility that gun rights supporters could take matters into their own hands if Hillary Clinton is elected president and appoints judges who favor stricter gun control measures to the bench (*New York Times*). Addressing a vocal crowd at a rally here, Mr. Trump warned that it would be "a horrible day" if Mrs. Clinton were elected and got to appoint a tiebreaking Supreme Court justice. "If she gets to pick her judges, nothing you can do, folks," Mr. Trump said, as the crowd began to boo. He quickly added: "Although the Second Amendment people — maybe there is, I don't know. But that would be a horrible day." The Trump campaign released a statement insisting opaquely that Mr. Trump had been referring to the "power of unification." "Second Amendment people have amazing spirit and are tremendously unified, which gives them great political power," said Mr. Trump's spokesman, Jason Miller. "And this year, they will be voting in record numbers, and it won't be for Hillary Clinton, it will be for Donald Trump." Mr. Trump's remark came a day after his campaign expressed satisfaction with his delivery of a prepared economic speech in Detroit and called it evidence of a new level of discipline. Reacting to Mr. Trump's statement on Twitter, aides to Mrs. Clinton expressed immediate horror, suggesting that even by Mr. Trump's standards, the comments were jarring. "This is simple," Mrs. Clinton's campaign manager, Robby Mook, said in an email. "What Trump is saying is dangerous. A person seeking to be the president of the United States should not suggest violence in any way." Bernice King, the daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., criticized Trump on Twitter (*Politico*). She wrote: "As the daughter of a leader who was assassinated, I find #Trump's comments distasteful, disturbing, dangerous. His words don't #LiveUp. #MLK"

**RYAN CALLS IT A 'JOKE GONE BAD'; PENCE DEFENDS:** House Speaker Paul Ryan declined to join the criticism of Donald Trump over the GOP nominee's casual aside Tuesday that gun owners might somehow take matters into their own hands to stop Hillary Clinton from appointing federal judges as president (*Politico*). Speaking at a news conference Tuesday night in Wisconsin after his landslide win in a GOP primary, Ryan said he hadn't actually heard Trump's remarks but he had heard about them. "I've been a little busy," Ryan said. "It sounds like a joke gone bad. You should never joke about that. I hope he clears it up quickly." Trump later said the comment wasn't meant as a joke. Blaming the media for manufacturing another controversy, he told CBS that his point was that gun owners should exert their collective voting power to stop Clinton from winning. Gov. Mike Pence defended the Trump remark. "It seems like every single day the national press latches on to some other issue about my running mate, just each and every day of the week," Pence said at a rally in Pittsburgh, according to *Politico*. "But you know what they're not talking about? Anything having to do with Hillary Clinton."

**CLINTON LEADS IN FLA, OH, PA:** Hillary Clinton has bounced to small leads over Donald Trump in Florida and Ohio and a double-digit edge in Pennsylvania, according to new Quinnipiac University polls released Tuesday (*Politico*). The polls — Quinnipiac's first measures of "likely voters" this election cycle as opposed to all "registered voters" as it had in past surveys — show Clinton running neck-and-neck with Donald Trump in Florida, with the Democratic nominee ahead 46 percent to 45 percent. Clinton's lead is slightly larger in Ohio, with the former secretary of state ahead 49 percent to 45 percent. In Pennsylvania, Clinton leads Trump by 10 points, 52 percent to 42 percent. Clinton's lead shrinks slightly when Gary Johnson and Jill Stein — nominees of the Libertarian Party and Green Party, respectively —

are included, though neither third-party candidate earns more than 8 percent in any of the states. Clinton and Trump are tied at 43 percent in Florida on a four-way ballot, while Clinton leads by 2 points in Ohio and 9 points in Pennsylvania.

**RUCKELSHAUS, REILLY CALL TRUMP 'CLUELESS' ON ENVIRONMENT:** Donald Trump would threaten the environmental legacy of presidents Ronald Reagan, Richard Nixon and George H.W. Bush, according to two former Environmental Protection Agency chiefs from their administrations (*Politico*). "Republicans have a long history of support for the environment dating back to Theodore Roosevelt. Donald Trump threatens to destroy that legacy of respect for the environment and protection of public health," William D. Ruckelshaus and William K. Reilly said in a statement endorsing Hillary Clinton's campaign Tuesday. Ruckelshaus served as EPA administrator under Reagan and Nixon, while Reilly served under Bush. The pair touted the administrations they worked under for their environmental efforts but called Trump clueless on the matter. "Donald Trump has shown a profound ignorance of science and of the public health issues embodied in our environmental laws," they said. "He hasn't a clue about Republicans' historic contributions to science-driven environmental policy." They also blasted Trump for suggesting that climate change, which they acknowledged as "the singular health and environmental threat to the world today," is a "hoax." It "flies in the face of overwhelming international science and the public conviction and commitment of almost 200 national governments that adopted the Paris Agreement on climate change in December 2015," they said, noting that their "leadership was essential to that agreement. For us, there is simply no choice in this election," they concluded. "We Republicans should be shocked, outraged even, at the prospect that all this progress, this legacy will be repudiated and rolled back by Donald Trump. This is a hugely consequential election; the stakes are that high. That is why as Republicans, we support Hillary Clinton for President."

**PENCE DEFENDS TRUMP WITH GOP ESTABLISHMENT:** Republican vice presidential nominee Mike Pence used a campaign stop here Tuesday to indirectly address the growing chorus of Republicans who say they can't vote for Donald Trump (Groppe, *IndyStar*). "Every time I see a member of the establishment say they're not for Donald Trump, I say, 'Check the box, because he's for the American people,'" Pence, Indiana's governor, said to enthusiastic applause at a town hall meeting. The event came a day after Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said Trump doesn't reflect historical Republican values or an inclusive approach to governing. Pence seemed to acknowledge the challenge but said the campaign is "swimming upstream" because of "an overwhelmingly biased national media." "It's kind of two-on-one right now," Pence said. "The media is going to continue to do most of Hillary's work for her. But they're still outmatched because we're going to outwork them. We're going to go straight to the American people."

**ISTEP PANEL HAS VISION, BUT LITTLE ELSE:** At their fourth meeting Tuesday, an ISTEP+ panel adopted its vision statement but appeared no closer to consensus on how to move away from the controversial test (Kelly, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). The 23-member group is tasked with recommending alternatives by December to the state and federal accountability test currently given to students in grades 3-8 as well as once in high school. The test is set to end in 2017, but the panel is struggling to find a way forward, which could lead to an extension of the unpopular ISTEP+ test. Co-chair Nicole Fama said a lot of comments are being made that the group hasn't made much progress, but she pointed to key information from experts as helpful. "I feel these conversations are important, and we need to have them," she said. The group approved the mission statement Tuesday that says: "Indiana will develop an assessment system that is student-centered and provides meaningful and timely

information to all stakeholders on both a student's on-grade proficiency level and growth toward Indiana's College and Career Ready standards." But most of the discussion was how to handle the high school test. Recently, students have been taking end-of-course assessments in Algebra 1 and English 10. But the state is shifting back to a single graduation-qualifying exam – essentially a minimum level of skill required to graduate. That is different than being college and career ready – a primary goal of the K-12 system.

**HPI DAILY ANALYSIS:** First, Hillary Clinton has not proposed abolishing the 2nd Amendment. Second, a president has no constitutional authority to abolish an amendment. Donald Trump suggests that 2nd Amendment rights supporters should consider taking things into their own hands if Hillary Clinton is elected. If they did, he said, "that would be a horrible day." The immediate reaction was Trump was suggesting Clinton should be shot. For the sake of argument, how would 2nd Amendment supporters exercising their collective rights, as Trump later suggested on Hannity, be a "horrible day?" - *Brian A. Howey*



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**CROUCH, HALE DEBATE:** The Republican and Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor are both pledging, if elected, to use their role as Indiana's secretary of agriculture to support and protect Hoosier farmers, their livelihoods and rural communities (Carden, *NWI Times*). A State Fair debate on agricultural issues Tuesday, between GOP State Auditor Suzanne Crouch and state Rep. Christina Hale, D-Indianapolis, showed the candidates have similar visions for maintaining and growing the state's \$11.2 billion agricultural sector. Crouch and Hale stressed the need for state investment in local roads and bridges to ensure agricultural products can easily make it to market, while also promoting expanded broadband internet access to better connect rural producers and entrepreneurs to potential customers. However, Crouch sent mixed signals by simultaneously dismissing the need for government involvement in agriculture with promises to ask the Republican-controlled General Assembly to fund infrastructure, ethanol plants, agricultural education, soil conservation programs, "Indiana Grown" marketing and tourism promotions. She also diverged from the national Republican "America First" platform championed by Donald Trump and Gov. Mike Pence to enthusiastically endorse farm exports. "We should be doing whatever we have to do to ensure that we have free trade and open markets for our commodities," Crouch said. "We're not afraid to take money from the federal government," Hale said. "Those are our tax dollars that we've already paid. We'd like to bring them back to Indiana so we can put them to work where it really counts."

**CROUCH NEVER MENTIONED HOLCOMB:** "John Gregg and I bring a tremendous enthusiasm for agriculture's role in our economy and you can count on that," Hale said during the debate (*NWI Times*). Curiously, Crouch never once in the hour-long debate mentioned her running mate, current Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, instead claiming her experience as a Vanderburgh County officeholder, state representative and state auditor will help her help farmers.

**HOLCOMB IN 'PERPETUAL MOTION':** Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb doesn't get the luxury of the 12-month marathon afforded to most gubernatorial candidates. Instead, he's only got a "100-day sprint" (Beilman & Clapp, *News & Tribune*). "So you're just running faster every day," Holcomb said Tuesday before a visit to the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center. The lieutenant governor's office oversees the state tourism department, and Holcomb said he's "first and foremost" doing his job. But on the off-hours, the candidate is trying to catch up to his Democratic opponent John Gregg, who's been campaigning for governor for a year and a half now. "We've having a lot of long days, early mornings and late nights, but I've always been one that's been in perpetual motion," Holcomb said. No. 1 is continuing to build the economy he credits to his Republican gubernatorial predecessors. "I think if we don't get that right — if we get that wrong — it makes everything else harder to do," Holcomb said. A bad economy could mean laying off teachers and college faculty or not being able to address the heroin epidemic, Holcomb said.

**HOLCOMB SAYS HE'S NOT PENCE, DANIELS:** The veteran of former Gov. Mitch Daniels' administration is often asked — Are you a Mitch Daniels or a Mike Pence? Holcomb contends he's neither (*News & Tribune*). "When I reflect on past Indiana governors, they've all been their own person, and I certainly my whole life have been my own person," he said.

**GREGG SAYS HE'S RUNNING AGAINST 'PENCE LITE':** Returning where he began campaigning for his first gubernatorial contest against Gov. Mike Pence in 2011, Democrat John Gregg met with the local Democratic leaders, hopefuls and supporters to rally donors at a fundraiser in town (Beilman & Clapp, *News & Tribune*). "I love coming back home," Gregg said. "Back home to me is anywhere in Southern Indiana." Gregg's last run in 2012 against Pence ended in a loss, getting 3 percent less of the vote, according to the Indiana Election Division's website. Howey Politics Indiana reports an internal Democrat poll by Expedition Strategies shows Gregg with a 46 percent over 39 percent lead against Republican gubernatorial candidate Eric Holcomb. Though Pence is no longer in the picture, Gregg said his opponent might as well be the same person focusing on the same issues, leaving no change to his campaign. "Not a thing," Gregg said. "I'm running against Pence 2.0 or 'Pence Lite.'" It was his handpicked person for lieutenant governor and his handpicked person to replace him. He said last week he was proud to run on Mike Pence's record. I don't know why, but he said it, and I'm glad he did. It's a different name and the same thing."

**SENATE RACE SPENDING UP:** Indiana's airwaves are getting a lot more crowded (Groppe, *IndyStar*). A super PAC created to help Republicans keep control of the Senate is investing \$1 million in ads to keep former Sen. Evan Bayh from taking back his old seat. The statewide ads are scheduled to begin Friday, according to a spokesman for the Senate Leadership Fund. The news follows last month's announcement by Freedom Partners Action Fund, the super PAC associated with the political network overseen by

brothers Charles and David Koch, that it's spending \$1 million on television and digital ads against Bayh. The campaign arms of Senate Republicans and Democrats are also running ads in the battle between Bayh and GOP Rep. Todd Young. Indiana became a top target in the battle for control of the Senate after Democratic nominee Baron Hill withdrew from the race last month and Bayh got in.

**HUBBARD TO CHAIR YOUNG CAMPAIGN:** Republican U.S. Senate nominee Todd Young announced today that Al Hubbard will serve as Chairman of the Young for Senate campaign and lead an expanded general election campaign finance committee (*Howey Politics Indiana*). Hubbard is a former Assistant to President George W. Bush for Economic Policy, Director of the National Economic Council, and Indiana Republican Party Chairman. "There is no better Hoosier to lead this effort in the general election and help ensure we have the resources necessary to hold this seat in November," Young said. "I'm grateful to the all-star finance team we have assembled and will continue to assemble in the coming months. With this team in place, I am confident that we will continue our record-setting fundraising pace."

**INDEMS CRITICIZE HOLCOMB FOR RFRA SUPPORT:** John Zody, Chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party, released the following statement after Senate Democrats announced legislation aimed at protecting all Hoosiers from hate crimes, including the LGBT community (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "Securing protections from hate crimes for all Hoosiers has been long overdue in Indiana, and it's encouraging that Senate Democrats continue our party's fight on this important issue. Time and again Republicans have jeopardized our state's economy and reputation by passing laws like RFRA. Unfortunately for Eric Holcomb, he is 'proud' of Mike Pence's RFRA and is 'of one mind' with the same out-of-touch policies that got us into this mess in the first place. Hoosiers need a clean break from this divisive ideological agenda. John Gregg is the right person for the job, and as governor he'll work to end legal discrimination and sign a hate crimes bill into law protecting LGBT Hoosiers."

**YOUNG VISITS CATERPILLAR PLANT IN LAFAYETTE:** U.S. Rep. Todd Young (R-IN) made a stop in Lafayette Tuesday for the second time in less than a week (Oppenheim, *WLFI-TV*). The congressman was at Subaru of Indiana Automotive Thursday as part of his campaign for the U.S. Senate seat that will be made vacant by outgoing U.S. Sen. Dan Coats. On Tuesday afternoon, while Young was touring the Caterpillar plant, he said one of his major campaign points is to provide the necessary skill sets needed to fill a current labor shortage. He said he has heard from several people while campaigning concerned about rising healthcare and utility costs. With three months left until the general election, Young plans to visit every corner of the state and hear Hoosiers' concerns. "I understand the needs of business. I understand the struggles of regular Hoosiers living here in Indiana and I promise to carry those Hoosier values with me to Washington, D.C. on their behalf," Young said. Earlier Tuesday, he also made a stop at Fair Oaks Farms in Newton County. Young faces former Indiana Gov. and U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh in November.

**BAYH WON'T RECLAIM SENIORITY IN SENATE:** Former Democratic Sen. Evan Bayh won't be allowed to reclaim seniority and leapfrog a champion of progressive causes on the Senate Banking Committee should Bayh win the Indiana Senate race (Lesniewski, *Roll Call*). Financial services insiders in an American Banker report broached the possibility that Bayh, who is viewed more favorably by the industry, could cut in front of Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, and be in line to take the committee's chairmanship if Democrats retake control of the Senate. A senior Democratic aide effectively ended that

speculation Tuesday afternoon. "There's no doubt Senator Brown will have the top slot on the banking committee next year," the aide told Roll Call. The banking lobbyists had speculated that Sen. Charles E. Schumer, the New York Democrat already effectively in line to be majority leader if Democrats take control, may have made an offer to Bayh to get him to commit late to running for Senate.

**RYAN RENOMINATED WITH 70%:** House Speaker Paul Ryan rejected the idea that his easy win Tuesday over a longshot Republican primary challenger praised by Donald Trump spells danger for Trump's presidential prospects in the swing state of Wisconsin (*Associated Press*). All the huge primary win means, Ryan insisted, is that he's really well-liked in the congressional district where he was born and raised and that he has represented since 1998. Businessman Paul Nehlen had been courting Trump supporters and won praise from the Republican presidential nominee last week. But despite their strained relationship, Trump endorsed Ryan days later. "I don't think it means he's doomed in November," Ryan said of Trump. "I think it means right here in Wisconsin, people know me very, very well."



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**PENCE SAYS HE, TRUMP GROWING CLOSER:** Eyewitness News political reporter Kevin Rader sat down for a one-on-one interview with Gov. Mike Pence as he flew to Pennsylvania for a series of vice presidential campaign appearances Tuesday (Rader, *WTHR-TV*). We asked the governor about his role in clearing up the concerns surrounding Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump after a series of recent controversies. "He's made some gaffes along the way that a first-time campaigner might not be so unusual. You are however the veteran and have had to come back and kind of mend some fences. Are you comfortable that way?" Rader asked. "Donald Trump and I have developed a very warm and personal relationship. I think he's going to be a great president. He's not your typical politician. He speaks straight from his heart, straight from his mind. But I really do believe the American people are drawn to that," Pence said. "He represents real change in Washington D.C., and the energy that he's bringing - a vision for a stronger and better America at home and abroad - in his plain, spoken way about him I think is one of the reasons why we're seeing the enthusiasm we're seeing all across the country. I'm just really honored to be campaigning at his side and helping to carry that message."

**COATS WON'T BE A TRUMP DEFECTOR:** Don't expect Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., to become a Donald Trump defector any time soon (Francisco, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). As the list of current and past Republican officials opposed to Trump's presidential bid continues to grow – Maine Sen. Susan Collins and 50 former national security advisers are among the latest – Coats appears steadfast in his support

for Trump. "I think you have to measure everything in terms of what is the alternative," he said Tuesday in an interview while visiting Fort Wayne. "People are faced with: Do you really want eight more years of what we've just had, and do you really want a president who we can't trust, who has blatantly lied to us," Coats said in reference to, respectively, the Obama administration and Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Some Republicans contend Trump is too ill-prepared, temperamental and even reckless to be president. Although acknowledging that some of Trump's recent contentious remarks had "raised real concerns" in the party, Coats said a number of valid policy ideas have been obscured by his spontaneous speaking style. For instance, Trump's pledge to tear up trade agreements with other nations is a bargaining ploy, Coats insisted. He cited Trump's stated intention to impose a 45 percent tariff on Chinese imports. "Basically what he is saying is we give the Chinese a chance to sit down and adjust (trade rules) because we can't keep going at this current deficit level on trade without losing tons of American jobs. A lot of what I think he says is to set the stage for negotiations in a number of ways," Coats said over coffee at an east-side Fort Wayne Starbucks.

**FORMER GOP SENATOR WANTS TRUMP REPLACED:** A former U.S. senator from New Hampshire and vehement Donald Trump critic is pleading with national Republican leaders to invoke their authority to remove him from the ticket, arguing that his comments Tuesday hinting at using gun violence to stop Hillary Clinton is "the last straw" (*Politico*). Gordon Humphrey, who backed Ohio Gov. John Kasich during the primary, wrote a letter Tuesday to New Hampshire's three representatives to the Republican National Committee — state party chairwoman Jennifer Horn, committeeman Steve Duprey and committeewoman Juliana Bergeron. He urged them to invoke a clause in the party's rules empowering RNC leadership and Chairman Reince Priebus to replace its nominee. "If this is not the straw that breaks the camel's back, if this outrage is not sufficient to inspire courage in the Republican leadership, not just Reince Priebus but Mitch McConnell and Paul Ryan, then surely the Republican Party has lost its moral conscience," he said in a phone interview.

**TRUMP TELLS FOX NEWS 'GIVE ME A BREAK' AFTER UPROAR:** Trump subsequently told Fox News Channel's "Hannity" program that "nobody in that room" thought he meant anything other than to rally support against Clinton, Reuters reported (Levingston, *CNBC*). "This is a strong powerful movement, the Second Amendment," Trump said, according to Reuters. "Hillary wants to take your guns away. She wants to leave you unprotected in your home. This is a tremendous political movement."

**CLINTON CAMP, DEMOCRATS REACT:** But the Clinton campaign said Trump was suggesting violence (Bowman, *Roll Call*). "This is simple - what Trump is saying is dangerous," Clinton campaign Manager Robby Mook said. "A person seeking to be the President of the United States should not suggest violence in any way." Trump's latest statements will likely have more congressional Democrats calling on their GOP colleagues to rescind their support for the presidential nominee. Democratic Pennsylvania Senate candidate Katie McGinty called out her opponent, incumbent GOP Sen. Pat Toomey, in a tweet, saying, "Enough is enough." Sadie Weiner, the spokeswoman for the Senate Democrats' campaign arm, said in a statement, "The only thing more appalling than Donald Trump are the Republican Senators and Senate candidates who continue to stand with him." Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren tweeted, ".@realDonaldTrump makes death threats because he's a pathetic coward who can't handle the fact that he's losing to a girl."

**KAINE CONDEMNS REMARK:** Hillary Clinton's vice presidential running mate, Sen. Tim Kaine, condemned Donald Trump for making comments today that Kaine said encouraged violence against Clinton (*Washington Post*). "Nobody who is seeking a leadership position -- especially the presidency, the leadership of the country -- should do anything to countenance violence, and that's what he was saying," the Virginia senator told reporters after a campaign event here.

**PENCE BLASTS MEDIA RESPONSE:** Gov. Mike Pence (R-Ind.) blasted the media Tuesday night, accusing news outlets of blowing out of proportion remarks Donald Trump made about "Second Amendment people" stopping Hillary Clinton from nominating judges (Neidig, *The Hill*). "It seems like every single day the national press latches on to some other issue about my running mate, just each and every day of the week," Pence said at a rally in Pittsburgh, according to Politico. "But you know what they're not talking about? Anything having to do with Hillary Clinton." He complained that the media is not talking about the fact that Seddique Mateen, the father of a gunman who killed 49 people in a gay nightclub in Orlando earlier this year, attend a rally for Hillary Clinton this week. "And he said he was there because he supports Hillary Clinton because she's, quote, 'good on national security,'" Pence added. "Now the media's not talking about that, I expect because Hillary Clinton's been a disaster on national security."

**NEW YORK DAILY NEWS CALLS FOR TRUMP TO DROP OUT:** The front page of Wednesday's *New York Daily News* called for Donald Trump to end his presidential campaign -- writing, "This isn't a joke any more" (*CNN*). In an editorial posted online Tuesday night, the newspaper called for Trump to end his campaign following comments the candidate made on Tuesday that some saw as a threat of violence toward his rival Hillary Clinton. "Donald Trump must end his campaign for the White House in a reckoning with his own madness, while praying that nothing comes of his musing about an assassination of Hillary Clinton," the paper wrote.

**TRUMP VOWS NOT TO CHANGE TEMPERAMENT:** On the heels of his campaign's worst week yet, Donald Trump suggested that it is his temperament that "has gotten me here" and said he has no plans to change it (*Politico*). "I think that my temperament has gotten me here," Trump said in a Tuesday morning interview on Fox Business Network. "I've always had a good temperament and it's gotten me here. We beat a lot of people in the primaries and now we have one person left, and we're actually doing pretty well there, but we'll see how it all comes out."

**TRUMP AWAITS 'DEBATE CONDITIONS':** Donald Trump wants to debate Hillary Clinton "very badly," but the Republican presidential nominee on Tuesday said he has "to see the conditions" before fully committing to it (*Politico*). Trump's wavering comes amid increasing concern that the often erratic political outsider could forgo his chances to spar with Clinton on the national stage, breaking a historic precedent. Clinton's campaign issued a pre-emptive rebuke, accusing Trump of engaging in "shenanigans" and possibly "toying" with the media to create drama.

**CLINTON OUTSPENDS TRUMP \$54M TO ZERO:** Nearly \$100 million has been spent on general-election TV advertisements in the presidential race since the primary season ended, but Donald Trump's

campaign still hasn't spent a single cent on one of them (*NBC News*). This lack of advertising is all more striking given Trump's deficit in the polls -- as well as the recent influx of campaign contributions he's reportedly raked in. Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign has now spent \$52 million on ads, and pro-Clinton outside groups have chipped in an additional \$39 million, according to ad-spending data from Advertising Analytics. (That's the new name of the company NBC News partners with on this data.)

**CLINTON MOVING ASSETS TO GEORGIA, ARIZONA:** Representatives of Hillary Clinton's campaign phoned state Democratic leaders in Arizona and Georgia this week to alert them of plans to begin transferring funds to hire more field organizers in those states, according to several Democratic officials familiar with the calls (*Washington Post*). Polls in both states — which Republican nominee Mitt Romney carried in 2012 — show a tightening race between Clinton and Donald Trump. The move by the Clinton campaign suggests a bid to expand the number of battleground states in play in November. A Democrat familiar with the campaign's plans said the outlays in Arizona and Georgia would be "in the six figures" for now, with plans to use the money to hire staff. No television ads are in the works, the Democrats said.

**ROTHENBERG SAYS PRESIDENTIAL RACE 'OVER':** Three months from now, with the 2016 presidential election in the rear-view mirror, we will look back and agree that the presidential election was over on Aug. 9th (Rothenberg, *Washington Post*). A dispassionate examination of the data, combined with a cold-blooded look at the candidates, the campaigns and presidential elections, produces only one possible conclusion: Hillary Clinton will defeat Donald Trump in November, and the margin isn't likely to be as close as Barack Obama's victory over Mitt Romney. First, the polling numbers are stunning. Pre-convention polls showed the race competitive but with Clinton ahead by at least a few points in most cases. Post-convention polls show Clinton leading the race much more comfortably. The NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll puts Clinton's margin at 9 points, while Fox News shows it at 10 and the Washington Post/ABC News survey finds the margin at 8 points. These numbers could close a few points or jump around depending on the individual survey, but the race is already well-defined. In four-way ballots, Clinton maintains her solid lead over Trump, while Libertarian Gary Johnson draws in the high single-digits or low double-digits. Green Party nominee Jill Stein generally draws in the low to middle single-digits. Relatively few voters are undecided. State polls confirm the national surveys, with some normally Republican-leaning states up for grabs or leaning toward Clinton. Second, major polls show the Democratic electoral coalition holding and the Republican coalition fraying. Clinton is winning women overwhelmingly, consistently holding margins that are larger (sometimes much larger) than Obama rolled up in 2008 or 2012. At the same times, Trump's advantage among men generally ranges from somewhere between McCain's performance (no advantage) and Romney's (+7), depending on what survey you believe. Trump is winning white voters by 5 points (NBC/WSJ), 12 points (Post/ABC) or 14 points (CNN). McCain carried that group by 12 points in losing the overall race by over 7 points. Romney lost to Obama by less than 4 points, but he carried whites by 20 points. Again, Trump has a long way to go to get back into the race. Republican defections remain a huge problem for the GOP nominee, more than likely offsetting any Democratic voters or previous non-voters Trump can attract. Clinton is already getting 11 percent of Republicans, a larger percentage than any Democrat has received over the last four elections.

**TRUMP LOSING FEMALE SUPPORT:** Of all the tribulations facing Donald J. Trump, perhaps none is stirring as much anxiety inside his campaign as the precipitous decline of support from Republican women, an electoral cornerstone for the party's past nominees that is starting to crumble (*New York*

*Times*). In a striking series of defections, high-profile Republican women are abandoning decades of party loyalty and vowing to oppose Mr. Trump, calling him emotionally unfit for the presidency and a menace to national security. But even more powerfully, his support from regular Republican women is falling after Mr. Trump's provocative remarks about everything from the silence of the mother of a slain Muslim soldier to how women should respond to sexual harassment in the workplace. Since the two parties held their nominating conventions, Mr. Trump's lead over Mrs. Clinton with Republican women voters has declined by 13 percentage points, according to polls conducted by The New York Times and CBS News. In late July, 72 percent of Republican women said they would vote for Mr. Trump, a healthy majority, but far below the level won by the past three Republican presidential nominees. In 2012, Mitt Romney won 93 percent of Republican women. In 2008, John McCain won 89 percent, and four years earlier, George W. Bush won 93 percent. In politically moderate swing states like Pennsylvania, which aides to Mr. Trump say are crucial to his victory, Mr. Trump's standing with women over all is perilously low among registered voters: Just 27 percent of women back him, compared with 58 percent for Mrs. Clinton, according to a poll by Franklin & Marshall College.

**GOP FUND RAISER DEFECTS TO CLINTON:** Hillary Clinton on Tuesday added another name to the rapidly growing list of major Republican donors she has taken away from GOP nominee Donald Trump -- former MGM CEO Harry Sloan (*Politico*). Sloan is a mainstay of Republican fundraising, having served on national finance committees for John McCain and Mitt Romney. As the 2016 election got underway, he signed on with John Kasich. But in a statement, Sloan said he could not support Trump, who he contended, "does not embody the values that have made me a lifelong Republican. He is unprepared and temperamentally unfit to be our President. Most of my Republican friends feel the same way. As a businessman, a father, and a conservative it is clear to me that Hillary Clinton is the right choice in this election."

**NO REASONABLE CONNECTION HILLARY EMAILS, EXECUTED IRANIAN:** Despite what you might read on Donald Trump's twitter feed, the Iranian execution of a nuclear scientist who defected to the United States and then changed his mind was not caused by Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server (Rogin, *Washington Post*). The scientist outed himself; it wasn't Clinton's fault. The Iranian government announced Sunday it had executed Shahram Amiri, a nuclear scientist who spent about 14 months in the United States in 2009 and 2010. Senator Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) noted on Sunday's Face the Nation that Amiri's case had been discussed by top Clinton State Department officials on emails that passed through her private server. The Drudge Report ran the story with a banner title, "Clinton email led to execution in Iran?" which Trump promptly retweeted without comment to his 10.7 million followers. "The Trump campaign has never met a conspiracy theory it didn't like. He and his supporters continue to use increasingly desperate rhetoric to attack Hillary Clinton and make absurd accusations because they have no ideas for the American people," said Clinton campaign spokesman Jesse Lehrich...

**EMAILS RENEW QUESTIONS ABOUT CLINTON FOUNDATION:** A new batch of State Department emails released Tuesday showed the close and sometimes overlapping interests between the Clinton Foundation and the State Department when Hillary Clinton served as secretary of state (Lichtblau, *New York Times*). The documents raised new questions about whether the charitable foundation worked to reward its donors with access and influence at the State Department, a charge that Mrs. Clinton has faced in the past and has always denied. In one email exchange, for instance, an executive at the Clinton Foundation in 2009 sought to put a billionaire donor in touch with the United States ambassador to Lebanon because of the donor's interests there. In another email, the foundation appeared to push aides

to Mrs. Clinton to help find a job for a foundation associate. Her aides indicated that the department was working on the request.

### *Congress*

**DONNELLY LAUDS GUIDANCE TO PROTECT SENIORS ON SOCIAL MEDIA:** U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN), a member of the Senate Aging Committee, welcomed new guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that will protect seniors from abusive behavior by nursing home staff, including staff taking inappropriate photos or videos of residents and sharing them on social media (*Howey Politics Indiana*). In a press release posted to his official web page, Donnelly said, "I am pleased that CMS is making a substantive effort to protect seniors from potential abuse and social media exploitation. As a member of the Aging Committee, I am committed to protecting the privacy of our seniors and to ensuring they have the peace of mind to age with dignity." In December, Donnelly highlighted reports that several nursing home workers across the country, including in Indiana, had taken degrading photos of seniors and posted them on social media networks.

**McCONNELL FACES SCOTUS DILEMMA:** With yet another poll showing Hillary Clinton ahead of Donald Trump by double digits — this time from *NBC/SurveyMonkey* — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has an important choice to make (NBC News). Does he continue to block President Obama's pick to fill the Supreme Court vacancy, Merrick Garland, and risk the possibility that a President Hillary Clinton could nominate someone much more liberal (and younger) instead? Or does he relent on the Garland blockade, realizing that it might be the best outcome for Senate Republicans — simply to turn the conversation away from Trump? McConnell's office tells us that he remains firm in his opposition to the Garland pick. "The Leader has been clear: The next president will make the nomination for this vacancy," says Deputy Chief of Staff Don Stewart. But Democrats are making a separate argument: If Republicans are looking for any way to separate themselves from Trump, moving on Garland would do the trick.



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### *General Assembly*

**TAYLOR PROPOSES HATE CRIME BILL:** When three vandals spray-painted racial slurs on a Muslim house of worship in February, Indiana law saw the perpetrators as nothing more than that — vandals

(King, *IndyStar*). But such an act would be considered a hate crime — and subject to more severe penalties — under a proposal announced Tuesday by a Democratic lawmaker. State Sen. Greg Taylor, who has made a perennial push for hate crime legislation in Indiana, wants to protect people targeted because of their race, religion, gender, gender identity, disability, ancestry, national origin and sexual orientation. He would do it with a measure that would automatically enhance criminal penalties one level — up to five years of additional jail time — for crimes motivated by bias. His proposal comes a week after Taylor's Republican colleague, Sen. Jim Merritt, announced he and other lawmakers would seek enhanced criminal penalties for those who attack another special group — police officers and their families. The police proposal arose in the wake of the recent ambush-style killings of police in Dallas and Baton Rouge, La. Locally, a police cruiser parked in front of an officer's house was pelted with gunfire recently. Taylor, D-Indianapolis, said he would be happy to see the two ideas — hate crimes and police protections — merged into a single bill: "Wouldn't that be a great bipartisan bill?" Taylor mused. "How could somebody vote against that bill?" Merritt, R-Indianapolis, said he isn't interested in a marriage of the bills. As someone who has never supported hate crimes legislation in 26 years in the legislature, Merritt said of Taylor's proposal: "I'm willing to listen and see what he has to offer."

**ZODY COMMENTS ON PROPOSED HATE CRIME BILL:** Indiana Democratic Chairman John Zody released the following statement after Senate Democrats announced legislation aimed at protecting all Hoosiers from hate crimes, including the LGBT community (*Howey Politics Indiana*): "Securing protections from hate crimes for all Hoosiers has been long overdue in Indiana, and it's encouraging that Senate Democrats continue our party's fight on this important issue. Time and again Republicans have jeopardized our state's economy and reputation by passing laws like RFRA. Unfortunately for Eric Holcomb, he is 'proud' of Mike Pence's RFRA and is 'of one mind' with the same out-of-touch policies that got us into this mess in the first place. Hoosiers need a clean break from this divisive ideological agenda. John Gregg is the right person for the job, and as governor he'll work to end legal discrimination and sign a hate crimes bill into law protecting LGBT Hoosiers."

**BEHNING PROMOTES STUDY TO BOOST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:** A news release posted online by State Rep. Bob Behning (R-Indianapolis) promotes a new study by the National Council of State Legislatures (*Howey Politics Indiana*). The news item states that a closer look at how top-performing countries prepare students to compete in today's global economy provides valuable insight for U.S. schools. The findings released Tuesday by NCSL of an 18-month long study of world-class education systems are both instructive and deserve the serious consideration of education policymakers. Behning served on the bipartisan International Education Study Group tasked with identifying ways U.S. schools could better prepare students to compete in the 21st century economy. "While many international policies are not feasible in the states, we found important commonalities between top-performing countries in terms of both education policy and practices," said Behning, chair of the House Committee on Education. "Combined with best practices found within the U.S., these valuable lessons can be borrowed and adapted to fit our schools' unique needs as we aim to give our students the best chance at success."

*State*

**STATEHOUSE: CORPORATE TAX COLLECTIONS WELL BELOW FORECAST** - Corporate tax collections fell 45 percent below forecasts last month, contributing to Indiana general fund revenues for July that were slightly below estimates but 2.3 percent higher than funds collected in July 2015 (*Howey Politics Indiana*). A media advisory from the governor's office entitled "Monthly Revenue Report" indicated general fund revenues for July totaled \$1,065.6 million, which is \$7.4 million (0.7%) below estimate based on the December 17, 2015 forecast, but \$23.8 million (2.3%) above revenue in July 2015. Corporate tax collections totaled \$13.1 million for July, which is \$10.9 million (45.3%) below the monthly estimate, but \$2.3 million (20.9%) above revenue in July 2015. Sales tax collections totaled \$640.4 million for July, which is \$18.0 million (2.7%) below the monthly estimate, but \$26.1 million (4.2%) above revenue in July 2015. Individual income tax collections totaled \$350.7 million for July, which is \$19.6 million (5.9%) above the monthly estimate and \$1.2 million (0.3%) above revenue in July 2015. Riverboat wagering collections totaled \$2.0 million for July, which is \$1.6 million (394.8%) above the monthly estimate and \$1.6 million (408.7%) above revenue in July 2015. Racino wagering collections totaled \$8.5 million for July, which is \$0.1 million (1.3%) below the monthly estimate and \$1.6 million (15.9%) below revenue in July 2015.

**STATEHOUSE: AG. DEPT. LAUNCHES MARKET REPORTING PROGRAM** - The Indiana State Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has launched Indiana's first Market Reporting Program that will provide real-time market prices of livestock and commodities from live auction markets across the state (*Indiana AgriNews*). This information, published in a weekly report and available online, is intended to keep producers and agricultural businesses better informed about the value of their livestock. "For the first time, Indiana's producers and agribusinesses will have the tools they need to evaluate live auction market conditions, identify trends and make better purchasing decisions to retain the value of their livestock," said Ted McKinney, ISDA director. "This has the potential to increase profitability, possibly leading to expanded livestock operations in Indiana, which will have a trickle-down effect on the local economy." With this information now accessible to Hoosier farmers, the program will help identify any price gaps between markets, creating an added layer of competition.

**STATEHOUSE: DNR AWARDS \$1.3M IN WATERWAY GRANTS** - Indiana has awarded nearly \$1.3 million in grants for improvements to lakes and streams, including efforts to stem the flow of damaging nutrients into Lake Erie and Lake Michigan (*Associated Press*). The funding from the Department of Natural Resources comes from a fee boat owners pay annually when registering their vessels with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The DNR grants will fund 33 projects in 25 counties and encompass the watersheds of 36 lakes and streams. Among those projects are efforts to reduce phosphorous levels on

Indiana acreage to help reduce the amount of that nutrient entering the western Lake Erie basin and Lake Michigan. In 2014, Toledo, Ohio, residents faced water shortages due to toxic algae blooms in Lake Erie caused in part by phosphorous originating in Indiana and Ohio.

**HEALTH: INDIANA GETTING ZIKA FUNDS** - Although there has yet to be a case of local transmission of the Zika virus here, the Indiana State Department of Health has received more than \$3.6 million from the federal government to protect Hoosiers from the disease (*Associated Press*). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded the state health department the money over the next five years to spend on mosquito control and surveillance as well as public awareness of the virus, which is transmitted by mosquitoes primarily in tropical areas.

**INDOT: HEARINGS ON I-69 LAND ACQUISITION** - State transportation officials will meet with homeowners who might have to sell to make room for the last leg of the I-69 extension from Martinsville to Indianapolis (*Evansville Courier & Press*). The Indiana Department of Transportation will host two open houses next week. The first is Monday at Perry Meridian High School, 401 W. Meridian School Road, Indianapolis. The second is Tuesday at Martinsville High School, 1360 E. Gray St., Martinsville. The meetings will be from 5 to 8 p.m. INDOT announced earlier this year that the last of six sections of I-69 from Evansville will follow the path of Ind. 37 to the southern edge of Marion County.

**EDUCATION: VU TO SPEND \$2M ON COAL MINE SAFETY** - Vincennes University is moving ahead with construction of a \$2.1 million coal mining safety training center despite concerns about the coal-mining industry's future. The trustees awarded a construction contract last week for the 40,000 square-foot training facility at its Fort Branch campus, located in the heart of Indiana's coal country. School officials say the training center will also be able to train limestone and metal miners and firefighters. But school trustee Susan Olesick tells the Vincennes Sun-Commercial she expects many of Indiana's coal mines won't be in operation in a decade. And fellow trustee Reggie Henderson says he's worried the industry will "continue to dwindle down."

*Nation*

**ILLINOIS: NO SENTENCE REDUCTION FOR BLAGO** - A federal judge on Tuesday upheld Rod Blagojevich's 14-year prison sentence on corruption counts, setting aside pleas for leniency by the former Illinois governor's wife and daughters during his resentencing hearing (*CBS News*). U.S. District Judge James Zagel said it's an "unfortunate reality" that Blagojevich's innocent family members are made to suffer the consequences. As the judge announced his decision, Blagojevich could be seen on screen bowing his head. In the courtroom, his two daughters sobbed, the younger one placing her head on her mother's shoulder. Blagojevich, known as Inmate No. 40892-424 since he went to prison in 2012, appeared on a courtroom video in prison-issued clothing, his once dark hair now white.



*Local*

**CITIES: MAJOR METH TAKEDOWN IN EVANSVILLE AREA** - After five months of investigating, local, state and federal law enforcement officials made their move on Tuesday, taking down an elaborate and extensive meth trafficking organization responsible for funneling roughly 100 lbs. of methamphetamine into the Evansville area over a five month period (*TriState News*). As a result of the investigation, 17 people have been federally indicted on drug-related charges, in addition to 52 people being arrested on local drug-related offenses. The indictments and subsequent arrests were the result of an investigation spearheaded by the DEA, Evansville-Vanderburgh County Drug Task Force, EPD, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies. From January 2016 through July 2016, leaders of different drug trafficking organizations would purchase massive quantities of meth before having the drug distributed by low-level dealers in the Evansville area. Over the course of the five month investigation, more than 23 lbs. of methamphetamine, approximately 10 lbs. of marijuana, several thousand ecstasy pills and thousands of dollars in cash were seized.

**CITIES: COSTAS DEFENDS COUNCILWOMAN** - Mayor Jon Costas defended former Porter County Deputy Prosecutor Trista Hudson on Monday when her role as a councilwoman was challenged (*NWI Times*). During the public comment period of the Valparaiso council meeting, former city councilman Robert McCasland said he thought "there may be issues calling for her resignation" after Hudson was recently fired from the Porter County Prosecutor's Office. Her dismissal came after she failed to reveal one of two purported victims in a molestation case made up at least part of the accusations against the suspect who was acquitted after being held without bond for three years. "I don't think there are issues that require that," Costas told McCasland. "Certainly no legal issues. I am proud to have her serve on this council. That's my opinion and there is going to be no legal action by the city. I think she serves her citizens well with distinction."

**CITIES: ELKHART SEEKS TOLSON CENTER DONATIONS** - Officials at the city-owned Tolson Center are putting out a new call for donations as part of their fundraising drive for a planned \$2.6 million expansion (*Elkhart Truth*). The effort is dubbed the "Brick by Brick Campaign" and Tolson officials are seeking companies and area workers willing to pitch in. If every worker in a company donates \$1, an engravable brick will be placed in the firm's name in the planned walkways leading to Tolson, which offers programming for youth, senior citizens and families. The first five companies that collect \$250 or more will earn a larger brick, according to a letter to donors touting the plans. The Tolson facility at 1320 Benham Ave. in south-central Elkhart has also sought individual donations. Officials last May announced a campaign to raise \$250,000 by Sept. 1.

**CITIES: SUPPORT FOR ANDERSON BB COACH WITH DUI** - A parent, a couple of students and other supporters told the Anderson Community Schools board Tuesday they don't believe Anderson High School's head basketball coach Phillip Washington should be fired even if he's convicted of drunken driving (*Anderson Herald-Bulletin*). Most said people make mistakes and are entitled to a second chance. Washington had an operating while intoxicated charge six years before he was rehired to coach the Indians in April. April Burger said Washington was the third coach the boys basketball team has had in as many years and that the players deserve some continuity. "Coach Washington has become family to these young men," she said. Washington, 33, was placed on administrative leave with pay from his teaching and coaching positions following his arrest on July 30 near the corner of Nichol and Raible avenues. He allegedly had a blood alcohol content of 0.11 percent, which is 0.03 over the legal limit for those operating motor vehicles.

**CITIES: 'CSX SELECT SITE' DESIGNATION FOR LEBANON PARK** - The Lebanon Business Park has cleared a key hurdle as it looks to spark further development efforts (Ober, *Inside Indiana Business*). The CSX Select Site designation suggests the park is pre-positioned to meet manufacturers' rail and logistics needs. The designation covers 250 undeveloped acres in the park that could be directly served by rail, which park leaders say will reduce the time needed to build facilities and bring products to market. CSX partnered with Lebanon beginning in 2010 on a \$4 million rail spur at the park. The Lebanon Business Park bills itself as the only rail-served business park in central Indiana. Indianapolis-based Duke Realty Corp. Vice President of Leasing and Development Mark Hosfeld says the designation will allow the site to "reduce the time and risk involved in delivering additional rail-served facilities in the park."

**CITIES: MUNCIE FACES NEW DEADLINE ON \$4M TO FIGHT BLIGHT** - Two years after it received \$4 million to demolish blighted houses, the city of Muncie still hasn't razed a single building, even though it has won an extension from the state (Roysdon, *Muncie Star Press*). As officials once again acknowledged their blight elimination progress has been slow and other Indiana cities have razed dozens of houses through the Hardest Hit program, Muncie faces deadlines in just a few weeks to use its funding - or lose it. State officials told The Star Press this week they want to work with Muncie to make its blight elimination effort successful, but deadlines to spend half of the city's \$4 million are fast approaching, on Sept. 15 and Oct. 1. In the worst-case scenario, according to the state, all or part of the \$4 million that had been earmarked for Muncie could be given to another community that is effectively fighting blight. The deadline for spending the first 50 percent of its initial \$2.8 million award was Feb. 26, according to IHCD. The city asked for and received an extension on that deadline, which is now Oct. 1. The deadline for spending 50 percent of the second, \$1.1-million award is Sept. 15 - earlier than the revised deadline for the first round because the city hasn't yet been granted an extension on the second round of funding.

**CITIES: INDY GEN CON SETS NEW RECORDS** - Gen Con 2016, which for the first time featured more than 500 exhibitors and an expansion into Lucas Oil Stadium, continued a seven-year streak of record turnstile attendance with 201,852 attendees, up 2.5% from 2015 attendance (Remeika, *Fox59*). Unique attendance remained nearly flat, ending at 60,819. Unique 4-Day Badge holders increased 4% year over year. Gen Con also set records with the number of events at the convention, surpassing 16,500 ticketed events. The Pre-show Trade Day program, held Aug. 3, once again sold out with more than 550 participants. Gen Con's official charity partner of 2016, The PourHouse, will receive more than \$35,000 from donations created from on-site programming, including a large contribution from Mayfair Games. The convention will return next year to Indianapolis, Aug. 17-20, which mark the 50th historic Gen Con 50.

**CITIES: WASTEWATER RATES MAY GO UP IN HAMMOND** - Rates may soon be going up for wastewater customers in Hammond, Munster and possibly elsewhere as an agreement nears on a consent decree to prevent raw sewage from entering the Little Calumet and Grand Calumet rivers (Bierschenk, *NWI Times*). The Hammond Sanitary District board Tuesday approved a resolution committing to entering into the consent decree with the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to reduce combined sewer overflows. The consent decree relates to a long term control plan to reduce overflows and improve water quality, which the district submitted last year and that could cost up to \$240 million over 17 years. Some work has already been completed to prevent overflows so future costs are anticipated to be less than \$200 million. The work includes a \$50 million basin in Hammond that can retain up to 38 million of overflow until it can be treated. Hammond City Engineer Dean Button, who also chairs the sanitary board, said he expected the board to give final approval to the consent decree at its August 23 meeting. Officials are still working on the wording of the document.

**CITIES: COLUMBUS CONSIDERS 1.5% RAISE FOR EMPLOYEES** - Members of the Columbus City Council are considering a request to give all municipal employees a 1.5 percent raise next year as the council hears 2017 budget proposals from city department heads this week (Covington, *Columbus Republic*). Preliminary hearings for the city budget began Monday, with the departments that report directly to Columbus Mayor Jim Lienhoop - including the police, fire, planning and aviation departments - giving the first presentations to the council. The proposed 2017 budget represents a 1.7 percent - or about \$890,000 - increase, said Jamie Brinegar, the city's director of finance, operations and risk. As part of that proposal, the general fund budget - which provides funding for most city activities, including the police and fire departments, city sanitation, transit, etc. - would increase by about 0.7 percent for next year.

**COUNTIES: FLOYD PROSECUTOR WON'T HAVE TO REPAY COUNTY** - A resolution demanding Floyd County Prosecutor Keith Henderson pay back \$27,539 in funds used for his legal fees died for a lack of a second Tuesday night at the Floyd County Council meeting (Morris, *News & Tribune*). Councilman Matt Oakley introduced the resolution. He said Henderson received two payments, for \$10,000 and \$17,539, for his own personal legal fees and those funds should be repaid. The Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission filed a complaint in March 2015 alleging Henderson violated rules of conduct when he signed an agreement with a literary agent to produce a book detailing the David Camm trials. Camm was convicted in Floyd County in 2002 on charges that he murdered his wife and two children. Camm appealed the conviction only to be convicted again in 2006, a verdict that was later overturned. He was acquitted in 2013 after a third and final trial. On Friday a hearing officer recommended a "public reprimand" of Henderson for an ethics violation for entering into a book deal.

**COUNTIES: TIPPECANOE HAS 98 DAYS TO FIX VOTING GLITCHES** - Tippecanoe County is in a race to get a new electronic poll book up and running in time for the presidential elections in less than 100 days (Wilkins, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). Tippecanoe County Clerk Christa Coffey tied voting glitches since 2014 to the electronic poll book and its provider. The county ended its relationship with that vendor and will select a new vendor at a meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday. There are three electronic poll book vendors vying for the county's business, Coffey said. The electronic poll books provide a database for all registered voters. When a person casts a ballot at any vote center, the computers at the

polling site communicate with the voter database — the electronic poll book — at the county building. The e-poll book provides the poll workers with the correct ballot, and after a person votes, the e-poll book blocks anyone from voting a second time, Coffey said. Coffey told county council members Tuesday that changes will require new hardware, which will cost about \$100,000. She also told them she has less 98 days to get the new vendor approved, the hardware and software in place, and be ready for the Nov. 8 general election.

**COUNTIES: CHALLENGE WITHDRAWN IN CARROLL RACE** - A candidate challenge filed in the Carroll County commissioners race is withdrawn, but it may be refiled before the deadline in August (Long, *WLFI-TV*). Republican Steve Pearson was running unopposed in District 2, until Independent Asa "Jack" Cohee decided to run after the May primary. Pearson challenged and he says Cohee's petition to get on the ballot contains multiple invalid signatures. On Tuesday, the Carroll County Election Board was supposed to rule on the complaint. However, Pearson withdrew the challenge and the board is allowing Cohee to run. Cohee said he just wants to let the voters decide in November. Cohee said he followed the rules throughout the candidate process. Pearson was unavailable Tuesday for an interview with News 18, but says he withdrew the challenge to discuss it further with his legal team. Pearson says he still may file a new challenge before the Aug. 26 deadline.

**COUNTIES: ESSROC FIGHTS CLARK HAZARDOUS WASTE CASE** - The cement plant in southern Indiana that wants to burn hazardous waste for fuel has challenged a Clark County determination that it needs new zoning or a variance (Bruggers, *Louisville Courier-Journal*). Essroc argues in a filing with the Clark County Board of Zoning Appeals that county officials were wrong to reverse an earlier determination that no zoning changes were needed. Local zoning laws don't allow such a reversal. The Courier-Journal reported on June 24 that Speed plant's plans to burn hazardous waste for fuel had been thrown into disarray, with the reversal of a December 2015 zoning determination that had been favorable to the company. County officials have claimed they were misled by the company - that they subsequently learned the company has applied for hazardous waste storage permits from Indiana regulators. Because of that, the company must seek a zoning change or a variance, county officials now say.

**COUNTIES: REAL ESTATE SALE FEES INCREASED IN TIPPECANOE** - Tippecanoe County has been losing money in the sheriff office's monthly real estate sales, so the county council bumped up its fees Tuesday (Wilkins, *Lafayette Journal & Courier*). Tippecanoe County Sheriff Barry Richard said, "This has been proposed to help the sheriff's office and our county to try to recover some of our costs for the sheriff's sales." Because of foreclosures or tax liens, the sheriff's office sells about 45 properties at each of its monthly sales, Richard said, noting that they actually have sales during 11 of the 12 months each year. With each property sold, the county collected an administrative fee of \$140. Out of that fee, the county pays \$100 to SRI, the company that manages the sales, Richard said. That leaves the county with \$40 to cover the cost of the sheriff's office clerical services and process servers.

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**PURDUE HIRES BOBINSKI AS A.D.:** Purdue hired Georgia Tech athletic director Mike Bobinski on Tuesday, less than a month before the struggling Boilermakers' football program kicks off its fourth season under Darrell Hazell (*Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*). Bobinski replaces Morgan Burke, who has held the position for 23 years and is formally retiring next summer. Purdue did not disclose terms, but President Mitch Daniels said Bobinski will receive a multiyear deal with a salary in line with other Power Five conference athletic directors. Bobinski had been at Georgia Tech since 2013 and becomes only the fourth Purdue athletic director since World War II. Daniels said Purdue sought a person whose values and vision are similar to Burke's. "His credentials, record, values and intensely competitive desire to win convinced us that Mike Bobinski is that person," he said.

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## Why the people are so damn angry

New economic realities putting the 'American Dream' out of reach of the middle class

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. — Americans and Hoosiers are angry. They are seeking political retribution. They are finding Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump as the answer. But the critical question that has remained largely unanswered is why?

Why are We the People so pissed off?

Appearing at two events in Elkhart last week, President Barack Obama laid out the template for the surging anger that is fueling one of the most unpredictable political climates in modern times. And Prof. Robert J. Gordon of Northwestern University, a macroeconomist and economic historian, supplies an array of data that helps understand why the political decisions of 2016 are almost certainly being framed in the context of an emotion which



Angry Donald Trump supporters confront U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz in Marion on the eve of the Indiana primary on May 2

doesn't always yield the wisest decision making

At the Lerner Theater in Elkhart, PBS moderator Gwen Ifill listened as Obama made what Howey Politics Indiana called an "economic victory lap," where the president reminded the Republican-dominated county that the 20%

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## Party of Lincoln stained

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS — On May 17, 1860, the Republican convention campaign team of native son Abraham Lincoln met with the Indiana and Pennsylvania delegations in Chicago. What emerged hours later was that the Hoosier delegation would vote as a solid bloc for the president who would go on to become the Great Emancipator, a worldwide statesman of biblical proportions.

"We worked like niggers," said Richard J. Oglesby. An employee of Chicago Tribune publisher Joseph Medill would report: "We are going to have Indiana for Old Abe for sure." How did you get it? Medill



"Oh, look at my African-American over here. Look at him. Are you the greatest?"

- Donald Trump, pointing out a black man attending a campaign rally in California last week



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asked, "By the Lord, we promised  
them everything they asked," he was  
told.

It is a proud chapter that  
began with the Indiana Republican  
Party in its nascent form. The party  
was only six years old and it played a  
decisive, early role in Lincoln's improb-  
able 1860 presidential nomination  
and subsequent victory that autumn.  
After that election, in a shrewd deal,  
the former nominee of the nativist  
but anti-slavery Know Nothing Party,  
Lt. Gov. Oliver P. Morton, ascended to  
the governor's office, appointing the  
elected governor Henry Lane to a U.S.  
Senate seat. Gov. Morton would forge  
a strong relationship with President  
Lincoln. He was an emphatic backer  
of the Emancipation Proclamation.  
And he shrewdly kept Indiana in the  
Union by establishing a state  
arsenal, negotiating private  
loans to fund the war effort,  
and suspending what had  
become a Copperhead Gen-  
eral Assembly after the 1862  
elections.

For his decisive  
leadership and moral bear-  
ings that made the Indiana  
Republican a sensation  
for "The Party of Lincoln,"  
Morton's statue along with  
two Union fighters guards  
the eastern approach to the  
Indiana Statehouse to this  
very day.

There were other  
examples of Hoosier Republi-  
canism who have stood the test of time.  
House Speaker Schuyler Colfax, a  
founder of the Republican Party after  
winning a congressional seat as a  
member of the anti-slavery Indiana  
People's Party which turned to oppose  
the Kansas-Nebraska Act, played a  
crucial role in the passage of the 13th  
Constitutional Amendment of 1865  
that forever banned slavery. So in-  
vested in that process, Speaker Colfax  
took the rare step of voting for the  
amendment in what would become  
one of the defining moments of the  
Lincoln presidency.

House Minority Leader Charlie  
Hallack had been a strong opponent

of the liberal New Frontier and Great  
Society agendas of Presidents Kenne-  
dy and Johnson, but when it came to  
the watershed Civil Rights Act of 1964,  
Hallack was one of its most emphatic  
advocates.

With this history, watching the  
Indiana Republican Party of today is to  
see a proud, vibrant organization stoop  
in a strange moral decay.

Many in its "establishment"  
strata watched in horror the accom-  
pany of Donald Trump, beginning last  
autumn. When it looked as if a Trump  
nomination might be possible early  
last winter, this establishment sat on  
its hands. There were a few endorse-  
ments of Marco Rubio and Jeb Bush,  
but GOP leaders, ranging from Gov.  
Mike Pence to Sen. Dan Coats and  
Chairman Jeff Sessions, did nothing



U.S. House Speaker Schuyler Colfax (left) and Indiana  
Gov. Oliver P. Morton set the early civil rights tones for  
the Indiana Republican Party during the Civil War.

to advocate or coalesce behind a true  
conservative who shared in the party's  
historical values until Pence did for  
Ted Cruz in the final days of the pri-  
mary. There was a moment when the  
runaway Trump train might have been  
stopped, but no one moved.

Such a strategy worked in  
Wisconsin in March, when Gov. Scott  
Walker, other Badger State Republi-  
can officials and its conservative talk  
radio network set up a firewall in an  
attempt to derail Trump. They suc-  
ceeded as Ted Cruz won the state. But  
other states down the line, including  
Indiana, did not mobilize.

The reward was Trump's 53%  
Indiana primary win that allowed him

to assume the title of "Republican presidential nominee." As it had with Lincoln, Indiana played a key, fateful role.

Influential Republicans stewed. Pence would endorse Trump two days after the primary, saying he would campaign for him. Sen. Coats came around in late May, saying that Trump was a preferred alternative to Hillary Clinton. Congressional delegation members Jackie Walorski, Todd Rokita, Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb and U.S. Senate nominee Todd Young hid behind the phrase that they would "vote for the Republican nominee."

**And their reward?** Instead of switching to a general election trajectory and a move to bind the wounds, unite on a conservative message, and broaden appeal, Trump launched into a bitter, insulting, grudge mode over the past five weeks. It culminated in San Diego on May 27 when he took aim at a "Mexican" federal judge, Gonzalo Curiel of East Chicago and a graduate of the Indiana University Law School. A few days later, he would point to a black prison warden of his California allies and blurt, "Oh, look at my African-American over here. Look at him. Are you the greatest?"

What has transpired since has turned into what will likely be seen as an astounding and regrettable chapter in the Indiana party's history. While House Speaker Paul Ryan would call the Trump affair "textbook racism," U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham would compare Trump to Sen. Joseph McCarthy, and Sens. Jeff Flake and Mark Kirk would announce they couldn't vote for the nominee, the Hoosier Republican response was an affront to the party's most esteemed history.

Pence, Coats and Young would term the remarks "inappropriate." This comes after Pence called Trump's stance on a Muslim ban as "unconstitutional" and "offensive." U.S. Susan Brooks expressed concern about "personal attacks against the presiding judge." Republican Chairman Jeff Carmelli called the Curiel episode a "distraction."

**It took Attorney General Greg Zoeller**, who will not be on the ballot this fall, to provide some moral clarity, telling Doug Ross of the *NWI Times*, "Our institutions are all under attack. Without the rule of law, you've got chaos, a point that needs to be remembered. If there's a legitimate question of bias, there is a professional way to raise that without showing disrespect for a judge and the system generally. This is nowhere close. I'm very sensitive to this, and I'm upset that members of the profession have not all come out and said this is what we don't allow. We would all like more civility, that's what we're shooting for, and this is going in the wrong direction."

Those "members of the profession," — Pence,

Coats, Rokita, Brooks, and Rep. Luke Messer — failed to denounce Trump in their roles as attorneys.

There are dilemmas here. Pence, Holcomb and Young will need Trump voters this fall to votes that will likely be close, given the national dynamic that is just now beginning to form. The fear of alienating them is palpable. But failing to confront Trump is to alienate a wider swath of independent and moderate Republican voters who are heartsick over where their party is headed.

Keep in mind that only about 35% of American Republicans voted for Trump in the nominating process. So were talking about 20% of the entire general electorate.

What happens when a party loses its moral bearings?

Look no further than 1922 when Republican Gov. Warren McCray vetoed an "Indiana State Fair Ku Klux Klan Day" bill, earning the enmity of Grand Dragon D.C. Stephenson, who then orchestrated mail fraud charges



U.S. House Minority Leader Charlie Halleck (left) was a conservative who advocated for the Civil Rights Act of 1964, while Attorney General Greg Zoeller has become the moral conscience of the embattled Indiana Republican Party of 2016.

against McCray with a friendly prosecution. This paved the way for Gov. Ed Jackson, a KKK member who had received bribes from the organization, escaping conviction only by a hung jury. It was one of the darkest stains in the Indiana Republican history.

While there is no hint of any such legal missteps, the notion that a racist nominee would be denounced in the tepid term as "inappropriate" is an affront to the Indiana Republican Party's history.

**Many Hoosier Republicans** I've talked to are in various states of torment, denial and acquiescence. There is an obvious call, backing the Libertarian ticket of former Republican governors Gary Johnson of New Mexico and William Weld of Massachusetts.

By sticking with Trump, they are firmly under the sheets with a wild, unpredictable, nativist, racist and megalo-maniacal standard bearer.

Good luck with that. ♦

## Angry Hoosiers, from page 1

jobless rate he found on his first presidential visit in February 2009 had swollen into less than 5%. Why, still asked, is there such a disconnect?

"Well, look, here's what has changed in the economy over the last 20 to 30 years," Obama began. "Right after World War II, America was ascendant. It was dominant around the world because Europe was blown up, Japan was digging itself out of the rubble, China was still a backwater, Eastern Europe was behind the Iron Curtain. There wasn't much competition. We were the only folks who were seriously making cars and trucks and appliances, and you name it. We had strong unionization, which meant that workers had leverage so that they could get a good share of a growing pie. And people say, each year and each generation, their standards of living going up pretty rapidly."

Indeed, growing up as a Baby Boomer, the implicit promise of the "American Dream" was the notion that each successive generation would do better than the last. By the time Obama took office in January 2009, not only was the jobless rate up, but home values had tanked and mortgage foreclosures were rampant. The \$400 billion budget surplus under President Clinton had ballooned to an almost unfathomable \$1 trillion.

"What started happening is you started seeing foreign competition," Obama continued. "Unions started getting busted, so workers had less leverage, which meant their wages didn't go up quite as fast." Indeed, per capita income in Indiana had declined by more than 10% in the prior decade.

"You started seeing the end of defined benefit pension plans," Obama explained. "In terms of health care programs, if you had health care on your job, suddenly you were paying a lot of deductibles and premiums. College costs started going up because the public university system, which used to be generously funded by state governments so that tuition was low, suddenly state governments were spending more money on prisons than they were on universities, which meant tuition went up."

On that front, Hoosier taxpayers are now funding less than 10% of the annual budgets of Indiana and Purdue universities.

"You add all those things together and people then start feeling more stressed," Obama said. "Now, the answer to that is, how do we get wages up? How do we make sure that you can save for retirement? How can you make sure that your kid can afford to get a higher education to compete for the jobs of the future? And the question then is, what is actually going to get that done?"



President Obama at the Lerner Theater in Elkhart last week for a PBS Town Hall where he talked about why Americans are disenchanted. At left is Prof. Robert J. Gordon's book.



### The 'special century' in the rearview mirror

This is where Prof. Gordon picks up the narrative. As the Baby Boomers entered into adulthood, he cites what was essentially the end of a historical anomaly, the termination of what he calls the "special century" from 1870 to 1970.

"The century of revolution in the United States after the Civil War was economic, not political, freeing households from an unremitting daily grind of painful manual labor, household dangers, darkness, isolation and early death," Gordon writes in his book, "The Rise and Fall of American Growth."

"Only 100 years later daily life had changed beyond recognition. Manual outdoor jobs were replaced by work in air-conditioned environments, housework was increasingly performed by electronic appliances, darkness was replaced by light, and isolation was replaced not just

by travel, but also by color television bringing the world into the living room. Most important, a new-born infant could expect to live not to age 45, but to 73. The economic revolution of 1870 to 1970 was unique in human history, unparalleled because so many of its achievements could come only once."

Essentially, Americans went from relying on the power of a horse, a primitive train or steamboat to the speed of sound in a Boeing 707 in 1958. Clarence Binkley would develop the cold chain in 1916, bringing refrigeration and frozen foods to the dinner table. There was no household electricity in 1860, but it reached near 100% by 1940, a year in which homes had connections to five networks (water, sewer, electricity, gas, and telephone). In 1870, some 50% of the labor force was on the farm. In 1970, 25% lived in cities, rising to 73.7% in 1970. The labor force went from 21% female participation in 1870 to 76% a century later.

In Gordon's view, this type of advancement can't be replicated.

## Four headwinds

Gordon quotes Jane Calkins and Naomi Kahn who wrote in 2014, "The American family is changing and the changes guarantee that inequality will be a major issue in the next generation. For the first time, America's children will almost certainly not be as well-educated, healthy or wealthy as their parents."

Gordon observes, "The problem created by the computer age is not mass unemployment, but the gradual disappearance of good, steady, middle-level jobs that have been not just to robots and algorithms but to globalization and outsourcing to other countries, together with the concentration of job growth in routine manual jobs that offer relatively few wages. It combines deepening productivity growth over the past decade with a steady rise of inequality over the past three decades."

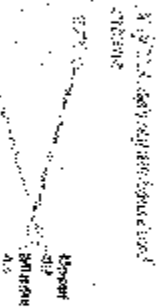
He continues, "Far from soaring toward the optimistic vision of mass employment, the U.S. unemployment rate has declined rapidly, from 10% in October 2009 to 5.4% in June 2015, and seems likely to decline below 5% in 2016. And far from exploding as people are replaced by machines and software, labor productivity has been in long doldrums, rising only 0.5% per year in the five years ending in the second quarter of 2015. In contrast to the 2.3% per year achieved in the dot.com era of 1994-2000, now that the American economy has arrived back

## The middle class is losing ground

What's worse: Americans are no longer in the majority...



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at a state of relatively full employment, it is hard to maintain the case that robots and artificial intelligence are creating a new class of the permanently unemployed."

The "headwinds" he discusses include:

### 1. Income inequality: Income stagnation for the bottom 90% of the distribution has a different set of causes, including the effect of automation destroying middle-income jobs, an erosion of the strength of labor unions, the decline in purchasing power of the minimum wage, the effect of impact in the shrinkage of manufacturing sector, and the rise of both high-skilled and low-skilled in migration.

Peak real income for the bottom 90% was \$37,053 in 2010, lower than the \$35,411 achieved in 1972, and by 2013, the average real income had declined from 2000 by 1.5% to \$31,653. Meanwhile, the average real income for the top 10% doubled from \$161,000 in 1972 to \$124,000 in 2007, followed by a modest retreat to \$273,000 in 2013. Union membership went from 27% of the labor force in 1973 to 10% in 1986 and to 13% in 2013.

Gordon calls this the "allowing out of the middle." He explains, "It seems plausible that the decline of relative income below the 1970 percentile in the late 1970s has been caused, at least in part, by the declining bargaining power and density of unions, by the increased importance of imports and immigration, by the increase of automation, and by the decrease of the steel minimum wage." He cites Caterpillar Corporation as an example. "The Illinois-based firm broke strikes to enforce a two-tier wage system where new hires a 6% paid half of that of existing workers, and its CEO paid an 87% increase in compensation. It had a motto of, 'We can never make enough money, we can never make enough profit.' Democrat Bernie Sanders broke this down, talking about the "disposable" workers at Caterpillar in Indianapolis.

Even Rumsfeld documented earlier this year that the middle class is no longer the majority, with 21% upper income, 40% middle, 35% lower income households.

### 2. Education: The GI Bill allowed the post-

World War II generation to enter an increasingly skilled workforce. But in the past decades, the United States has slumped, with its college completion rate now even in the 100th percentile or below, and the American youth who enter college, regardless of whether they complete it, now face a diminished burden of outstanding debt of more than \$1 trillion. More serious is the high degree of inequality in reading and vocabulary skills of the nation's children at age 5. Middle class children have a spoken vocabulary as much as triple that of children brought up

in poverty conditions by a single parent.

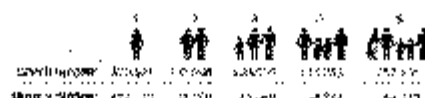
College completion for households in the top quarter of income distribution rose between 1970 and 2013 from 40 to 77%. In the bottom quarter, it rose from 6 to 9%. Between 2001 and 2012, funding by states and localities for higher education declined by full third. The University of Colorado had 37% state funding in 1985, but only 9% in 2013.

In 1981, Purdue in-state tuition was \$2,849 in today's money. Today, Purdue in-state tuition is \$4,992. "Somewhere about five years or so ago, we sort of had the crossing of that line on the graph where the state allocations are paying a lesser percent of our cost and tuition and other revenues are paying more," Ted Malone, Purdue's executive director of financial aid, told WLFI-TV.

In Elkhart, Obama addressed this, saying, "The reason that college is so much more expensive for this generation than it was for my generation, and even better for the previous generation, really had to do with government spending. It used to be that most state universities were heavily subsidized by the state so they kept tuition

#### Who is "middle income" and "upper income"?

For a 2012 report, the Pew Research Center defines "middle income" as households with annual income between \$25,000 and \$75,000.



Source: Pew Research Center, "The State of the American Mind," March 2012. The survey found that 55% of Americans believe that the government should pay for college tuition, while 44% believe that individuals should pay for college tuition.

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really, really low. What happened around the '80s and '90s was state legislators started saying, we've got to build more prisons. In fairness to them, they also started feeling more pressure because of Medicaid spending, because health care costs were going up. And so they started cutting higher education budgets and they made up for it with higher tuition. And that's why, at least at public colleges and universities, the costs have gone up a lot."

Obama added, "We need to better prepare our children and our workers for the high-tech, high-wage jobs of tomorrow. Now, we actually know what works here, we just don't do it. We know early childhood education works. And we should invest in smart ways of doing it across the country, especially because child care costs take up a huge share of a family budget. We know that we have to make college more affordable and job training more available. And one way to do that is to provide two years of community college for free for every responsible student. There are mayors and there are governors who are already doing good work on these issues across party lines. They've shown the

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way. Now, we need Congress to do the same."

**3. Demographics:** The Baby Boomers are retiring, spread out between 2008 and 2034. The effect of baby boom retirement and declining labor force participation of younger ages reduces the number of hours worked per person and declines that the standard of living defined as output per person must grow more slowly than labor productivity.

**4. Government debt:** The ratio of government debt to GDP is predicted to increase steadily in the future. The growing ratio of retirees to working taxpayers will soon require remedies that change the current set of rates for Social Security taxes and/or change the calculation of benefits. Then-Gov. Mitch Daniels defined this in 2011 as the "new red menace" that no one on the presidential campaign trail is addressing this cycle. Social Security will reach exhaustion level by 2034, Medicare by 2030. "At some point," Gordon writes, "measures must be taken to rein in persistent fiscal deficits by structural reforms that combine raising tax revenue and reducing expenditures."

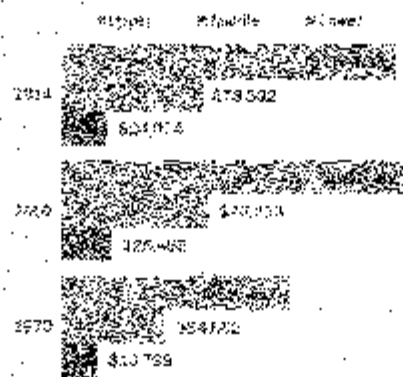
Back in Elkhardt, Obama explained, "One of the reasons wages grew so quickly in the '50s and the '60s and the '70s is because we had a government that put people to work building highways, and building bridges, and building a ports, and exploring new frontiers in space and science, and investing in research and development. And it led to countless new discoveries and innovations, and it educated a new generation of workers with public colleges where tuition was low, and a GI Bill."

Gordon observes, "The combined effects of growing inequality, a faltering education system, demographic headwinds, and the strong likelihood of a fiscal correction imply that the real median disposable income will grow much more slowly in the future than in the past. When all the headwinds are taken into account, the future growth of real median disposable income per person will be barely positive and far below the rate enjoyed by generations of Americans dating back to the 19th Century."

He adds, "The combined effects of the four headwinds, can roughly be qualified, but more difficult to assess are numerous signs of societal breakdown in American society. Single parent households, vocabulary disadvantage, prison populations, are signs of social decay everywhere in the America of the early 21st century."

## Growth in income for middle-income households is less than the growth for upper-income households since 1970

Declining income for young adults reflects slow growth in their primary income



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, "Real Disposable Income of the Noninstitutionalized Population, by Income Group, 1970-2014," <https://www.bea.gov/data/income-and-product/disposable-income>

Note: The chart shows the percentage increase in real disposable income for the noninstitutionalized population, by income group, from 1970 to 2014. The data is based on the Bureau of Economic Analysis' "Real Disposable Income of the Noninstitutionalized Population, by Income Group, 1970-2014" table.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

Here in Indiana, we've been dealing with the twin scourges of heroin and methamphetamine.

New York Times columnist and Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman, reviewing Gordon's book, observed, "It's a shocking prediction for a society whose self-image, arguably its very identity, is bound up with the expectation of constant progress. And you have to wonder about the social and political consequences of another generation of stagnation or decline in working-class incomes. Of course, Gordon could be wrong; maybe we're on the cusp of truly transformative change, say from artificial intelligence or radical progress in biology (which would bring their own risks). But he makes a powerful case. Perhaps the future isn't what it used to be."

## Epilogue

In April and early May, Hoosiers heard Trump and Democrat Bernie Sanders incite the

economic and political status quo. Both won their respective primaries with 53% of the vote. Yet, as HPI analyzed last week, much of their party leadership hasn't come on board. In Trump's case, his volatility and continued push on rhetorical boundaries and boorish behavior has created that disconnect.

But both Sanders and Trump have seized on the fears of voters. The middle-class jobs are hollowing out. The population is becoming browner and sexual relations are evolving. A number of Indiana cities and towns now have large Latino populations.

The Baby Boomer who could graduate from Kokomo Harwin or Peru HS and get a six-figure-a-year assembly line job at Chrysler and Delco has met up with a new reality, the need for higher skills. Many of these Hoosiers have gravitated to Trump because he expresses their frustration. He "tells it like it is" even with a reckless disregard for the facts. He has come up with easy, sound bite-to-bumper sticker solutions: "Build that wall!" was the chant heard across the Hoosier prairies this spring.

What Hoosiers haven't heard from anyone are credible solutions to the "headwinds" that Prof. Gordon has defined. And they cannot forget the lessons of the 1960s and '70s, that each generation would do better than the last.

That's why folks are angry. ♦

# Predicting the unpredictable

By CAMERON CARTER

INDIANAPOLIS — So, the stage is set for the November presidential election. In a nation of 320 million people, the best the two major political parties have to offer is a pair of morally vapid megacorporations who will spend the next several months scratching and clawing at each other in a very, very nasty national election. That's the only rock-solid prediction one can make at this stage of Trump vs. Hillary. All the rest is informed speculation.



Generally, presidential elections can be predicted by looking at the demographics and historical voting patterns of individual states, their left in the Electoral College, the incumbent president's approval rating, and the state of the national economy. Not in 2016, however. Politically speaking, America has stepped through the looking glass.

This time last year, pundits were dismissing Donald Trump as a non-serious candidate who was running to boost his own ego and brand. They were right, but he won the GOP nomination anyway. Hillary Clinton was the odds-on favorite to win her party's nomination — the term "coronation" was heard more than once — but none in the pundit class predicted the durability of Bernie Sanders, whose arithmetically challenged supporters (nothing in life is "free") helped him chalk up victories right through this week's primaries.

With the economy on a slow growth trajectory and President Obama's approval ratings in the "he said, she said" range, it will be difficult to predict going forward how these factors affect the presidential race. Call them a wash. Pundits now will turn to the electoral map where, if historical patterns inform, Hillary Clinton has a decided edge by simply being the Democratic nominee — sorry, presumptive nominee. (Both Clinton and Trump are presumptive nominees at this point, as we have yet to consummate the spectacles of the party conventions in Philadelphia and Cleveland this summer to ratify the voters' choices. Or, the super delegates' choices, in the case of Clinton.)

On Tuesday night, Donald Trump signaled his intent to become more familiar with the teleprompter and to aggressively attack the Clinton graft machine that is simultaneously empowered by the non-profit sections of the federal tax code and, reportedly, under the scrutiny of the FBI and Obama Justice department. We know that the Donald can be very aggressive and his promised upcoming speech on this subject will be fascinating. It remains to be seen how aggressive the FBI and Justice department

will be on the subject, ditto the news media, but Trump's campaign seems determined to offer them opportunities to prove their mettle.

And the Clinton machine is no lightweight when it comes to aggressive attacks; just ask any of the women who have credibly come forth over the years to question the behavior of Bill Bill.

The sleazy character of both Clinton and Trump and the strength of conviction of both their supporters and detractors will make the 2016 election different in character from past presidential contests. Like strongly hopped beer, both candidates are an acquired taste and, after nearly three decades in the celebrity limelight for each, it is unlikely that one will acquire a taste for either if one has not done so already. For the most part, their brands have been set in the public mind. In an overused but accurate word, they are polarizing.

Therefore, the opportunities for persuasion would seem to be limited, but here the Sanders factor and the obvious bigotry of Trump will have some effect. Where will the distraught Sanders voter go? The Donald made an explicit appeal to them this week and, in some sense, both Trump and Sanders have been nibbling at opposite ends of the same electoral hot dog; they appeal to the economically insecure and dispossessed.

How many nominal Republicans appalled by the Donald's racist appeals and un-presidential temperament will stay home or — gulp — vote for Hillary?

And, how many thinking Americans appalled by the results of the primary process in both parties will reject those choices and examine the Gary Johnson-William Weld ticket on offer by the Libertarians? Both are former Republican governors of states that have trended blue in past presidential contests. The answer could depend on whether they are allowed a third podium in the debates this fall. They should be.

With the conventions yet to take place, with the debate over debates yet to take place, with a final report from federal law enforcement on the Clinton email server yet to be delivered, and informed by the unpredictable nature of the process that has unfolded to date, it is perilous to predict the unpredictable at this point.

Hold your nose and let the vile circus continue. ☛

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# The danger of holding your nose when voting

By MARK SOUDER

FORT WAYNE — In some ways Trump's campaign is mirroring James Blaine's famous "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" campaign of 1884. Blaine didn't actually say the phrase, Dr Samuel D. Burchard did while addressing the Religious Bureau of the Republican National Committee. The actual quote was: "We are Republicans, and don't



propose to leave our party and identify ourselves with the party whose antecedents have been rum, Romanism, and rebellion. We are loyal to our flag."

In other words, "hold your nose, vote for Blaine, and let's make America great again."

It is fascinating that a "Religious Bureau" of the RNC even existed in 1884. "Rum" of course was part of the battle over prohibition, particularly about the immigrants from Germany and the Irish who drank too much. It was a "code word" with multiple signals.

"Romanism" was the hot-button word for the waves of Catholic immigrants. The immigrants were less educated, poorer, took their jobs at much lower wages, and wouldn't speak English.

Grover Cleveland, the Democratic nominee of 1884, was the favorite of the gold-standard establishment Democrats. The populist Democrats, even Tammany Hall in New York City, felt that he was only acceptable because he was "not Blaine." When the results were tallied there were more "Mugwumps" — Republicans who defected from Blaine — than Democrats who defected, so Grover Cleveland won the first of his terms.

The year 1884 is not a perfect mirror of 2016 by any means. That is not my point. It does illustrate why it is silly that commentators write about each election as if it was unique. The orators of the political parties always forecast "glories and doom" for America if the other side wins.

**Post-1964** after Barry Goldwater lost, a favorite expression of disgruntled Goldwaterites was this: "They told us if we voted for Goldwater, America would go to war. They were right. I voted for Goldwater and America went to war."

When Andrew Jackson tore apart the financial system that Alexander Hamilton had so carefully crafted and brought "populism" to the White House (not to mention kill-

ing blacks, Native Americans and people who challenged his wife's purity), he did decades of damage but, at least after a Civil War, America survived. Hopefully we'll never have to repeat the "after a Civil War" qualifier.

America survived not only eight years of Clinton, but also eight years of President Obama. Had there not been eight years of Bush in between, I think we'd be in a lot worse shape, but the point is that we have lots of checks and balances in this nation. Fewer than we used to have, and the government centralization marches on, but it is still hard for a president to single-handedly wreck this country.

**While I think Hillary Clinton** will likely be an awful resident who won't get my support, I will not hold my nose and vote for Trump. He possibly could be better than she from a conservative perspective on some points, but also worse on others. While she is not exactly an example of a life to be emulated, his is nearly perfectly imperfect.

But Trump's racially charged comments about Judge Gonzalo Curiel, who is hearing the case about Trump's fake college, illustrate how he threatens not just differences but the very underpinnings of our system of government. In other words, while this country will likely survive any president, Trump represents a threat far beyond what we faced even under Jackson or Obama.

When he said that a Hispanic judge could not give him a fair trial, what did he mean? He obviously didn't like the preliminary rulings, but no one with a lousy legal case likes rulings that go against them. But Trump's statement is a profound challenge to our entire legal system. Trump didn't say that he disagreed with the judge's current or



An edited Trump sign on the White River in Indianapolis. (UPI Photo by Brian A. Howey)

past rulings, he said the rulings were race-based bias against Trump himself.

What he effectively said was this: If you are a Hispanic in America, and you don't like the rulings in a case in which the judge is white, you can complain about being treated with discrimination. After all, the judge's rulings illustrate his racial bias. This presumably is also true of white judges ruling on African-American cases and male judges ruling on cases involving females. After all, rulings that go against you prove race bias, according to Trump.

**The Republicans, who earlier so** quickly and appallingly united around this man, now don't even have much leverage. They can just fume. The battle is for the Bernie vote. Can Hillary borrow more of them than Trump?

Will Trump be able to outdo her in blaming Washington, including the Republicans who control the House and Senate? Will he attack the business interests more effectively than she can, appealing to the socialist views of the Bernie voters?

Will it work for Trump to remind Sanders voters

that he, Trump, agreed with Sanders in opposing Obamacare because it wasn't centralized into a single-payer system, reminding them that Hillary favored a health care system that favored a compromise which included the drug and insurance private sector options?

**Will it work for Trump** to remind Sanders voters that he, Trump, agreed more with Sanders about the "Bush wars" than Hillary did, who supported going after the terrorists? Will it work for Trump to remind Sanders voters that he, Trump, has made recent statements far more friendly to the Palestinian cause than Hillary ever has? At the end of the day, I believe Hillary Clinton will win because the Sanders voters just won't be able to

stomach Trump's racial and sexist views even if he is more like Sanders on policy. But with one-third of the Sanders voters saying they won't for Clinton and generally considering Trump an outsider who views Washington more like they do, it may at least keep Trump theoretically close for now.

As for my fellow Republicans still with Trump, if you hold your nose too long you might die of asphyxiation. He is endangering far more than just the presidential campaign. ☛

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## 8th CD primary recount has stalled

By THOMAS CURRY

INDIANAPOLIS — With hotly contested gubernatorial and U.S. Senate races slated for this fall's election cycle, the Indiana Democratic Party is going to have to pick and choose which of the many Democrats up for election get support and attention from the party.

Ron Drake and David Orentlicher may have already found out that their race to run in the 8th CD against U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon is one of many throughout the state that are going to be left in the cold. Orentlicher has asked for a recount of the May 3

primary results because of the close vote totals.

Late last week, Recount Director Phillip Scisno told HPI that the Recount Commission has set a tentative start date of June 13 to begin the two-county and near-10,000-vote recount in SD36. Despite taking more than a month to even begin the recount, Scisno expects that Senate race to have a declared winner sometime near the end of June. This means with the 4th of July holiday likely delaying the start of the 8th CD recount, it will have been two months before the 21-county and over-50,000-vote recount has been set to get underway.

Scisno explained that it is hard to tell why recounts can sometimes take so long. Staff from the State Board of Accounts have to gather the manpower necessary to count all the votes, and candidates need to select representatives to at-

tend all recount sessions.

Even with the need for accuracy, experienced recount expert Chris Sautter says the current time frame set out by the recount director is a shame. It should not take a May 3 primary over two months to be completed, according to Sautter. There is no movement on this matter because Democrats may not have the time or resources to devote to a primary recount, or an interparty dispute as Sautter calls it, when there are other races the party needs to focus on. It is a calculated risk by the Democrats to milk the recount process for news attention now, and then refocus their efforts on the race when a winner is declared. As Sautter told HPI last week, recounts attract media attention thus giving candidates better name recognition than they would otherwise have.

HPI has contacted Indiana Democrats twice on the matter and both times spokesman Drew Anderson said that they hope the Recount Commission will be finished with their work come mid-August. Indiana Democrats have remained confident in the commission according to Election Division Chair Angela Nussmeyer.

That delay would mean over three months of not being able to raise funds according to Drake, who told the Evansville Courier & Press last week, "It makes it impossible to prepare at all; I think it would be presumptuous of me to ask for support when I don't know who the winner is. It's very detrimental."

Orentlicher tells HPI that he is going to remain patient with the recount and is willing to wait however long it takes to get the most accurate results. Orentlicher believes that by the time voters are paying attention, he will be able to raise funds and receive donations as necessary. ☛



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# GOP floor fights on platform, attorney general, superintendent

By BRIAN A. HOWEY

INDIANAPOLIS — Hoosier Republicans gather on Friday and Saturday for their biennial convention, facing a potential platform fight over social issues and what appears to be a tossup floor battle for attorney general. The party will also nominate an opponent to face Democratic Supt. Glenda Ritz.

The marquee event will be the AG race between former Attorney General Steve Carter, Elkhart County Prosecutor Curtis Hill, State Sen. Randy Head and deputy Attorney General Abby Kuzma. This race has been subterranean with none of the candidates running much of a public campaign. The candidates have

been doing everything from door-to-door with delegates to direct mail pieces.

The nominating process has changed from 2014 when there was a three-way floor fight for auditor. This weekend, the last place candidate will be eliminated after each round, meaning there will be a likely winner as early as a second ballot.

Handicapping the AG race is difficult. Carter is the former two-term AG who has been running his campaign for a third term "like a machine," one influential GOP source told HPI. Hill will have more name ID than the rest of the field. If Republicans go with a familiar entity, Carter might prevail.

But a number of Republicans are not revealing which way they lean; multiple sources are telling Howeay Politics Indiana. There is some speculation that Head and Hill have more first ballot commitments. Most believe that Kuzma will drop off after the first ballot. Sen. Head has strong support from the Indiana Senate where he championed anti-methamphetamine legislation during this past session. Hill has been endorsed by a number of county prosecutors. Hill is a three-term prosecutor and as an African-American, would broaden the scope of the party at a time when Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has tarnished the GOP brand after a series of vulgar comments on Latinos and other ethnic groups.

So the second ballot will be critical and it is possible that a consensus nominee will emerge then.

HPI Horse Race Status: Tossup.

## McCormick favored for superintendent

Yorktown Supt. Jennifer McCormick is a heavy favorite to defeat conservative, home-school activist Dawn Wooten of Fort Wayne. McCormick has trotted out an array of endorsements from party leaders and legislators. She has attended dozens of Lincoln dinners across the state and has been advertising on the Internet. A number of county chairs have told HPI that Wooten has not had much contact.

Wooten, an adjunct faculty member at Ivy Tech Community College Northwest, TPPW and the University of Saint Francis, is likely to draw some support from the Tea Party wing of the party, which is suspicious of federal funding. In a January campaign web posting, Wooten wrote, "In the current educational climate, the government is demanding control over ALL curricula and attacking funding to each state's compliance — the federal dollar is the focus of administrators and state officials. In the current educational climate, teachers and school corporations are being sued for instituting reasonable discipline; teachers and administrators fear the courtroom and this gives children and parents control of the classroom. In the current educational climate, corruption and misappropriation of funds run rampant. In Indiana alone, hundreds of thousands of dollars are lost each year due to theft by corrupt officials and/or administrators, or unreasonable pricing schemes between vendors and officials. The State Board of Accounts has listed several school corporations as having issues with corruption." Those ideas will resonate with the Tea Party wing. Gov. Mike Pence's conversion to seeking federal Pre-K funding could give Wooten some momentum.

McCormick has centered her focus on Ritz, saying, "Indiana was once a leader in the nation; today we are not. Today we have a department of education that is disorganized and disconnected from schools. They are also unaware of the local impact this has on schools." She has vowed to increase communications between DOE and school districts. "We have kids on the line, my own child is one of them," she said of her senior son. "Politics have got to be taken out. It is time to move forward. It's time to collaborate, communicate and play nice." HPI Horse Race Status: Likely McCormick.

## Platform fight

Social conservatives will push for a same-sex marriage plank in the platform. The so-called "Daniels wing" of the GOP will push for a civil rights expansion plank. That would dovetail with efforts by House Speaker Brian Bosma and Senate President David Long who have advocated summer study of the issue and promise to bring legislation to the General Assembly in 2017.



Yorktown Supt. Jennifer McCormick is favored to win the nomination to oppose Supt. Glenda Ritz.



How Gov. Mike Pence, who has been politically burned on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, his unwillingness to push for an LGBT civil rights expansion, and is taking heat on HE41337, a controversial abortion restriction law, will seek to influence this platform could be a key story line for this convention.

In 2014 at Fort Wayne, the platform fight was contentious over the same-sex marriage issue. Social conservative forces were able to reinvent a plank defining marriage as between one man/one woman into the 2014 party platform after it was excluded in 2012. Again, under the heading "strong family structures," this plank instead reads: "We believe that strong families, based on marriage between a man and a woman, are the foundation of society. We also recognize that some families are much more diverse and we support the blended families, grandparents, guardians and loving adults who successfully raise and nurture children to reach their full potential every day." It was the only plank not adopted by consensus; the Rules Committee was deadlocked 4-4 on the change, which resulted in a convention floor vote. However, that wasn't even close; only a small minority supported a return to the 2012 language.

A continuation of the 2014 position could be a problem for the party. In just about every poll taken since April 2015, support for expanding LGBT civil rights has been in the mid-to-upper 50th percentile. But Indiana

Republicans have often moved in a different direction than what will likely bring success in November, as the party did in 2012 when it jettisoned U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar in the primary, only to have Treasurer Richard Mourdock lose to Democrat Joe Donnelly in the fall when he blundered into an abortion/rape comment in the final debate.

In 2014, RNC Chairman Reince Priebus addressed Hoosier Republicans and he talked about the 2013 "autopsy" of the 2012 election called the Growth and Opportunity Project that called for a more inclusive party. The echoes of Priebus's speech are interesting in today's context. He explained, "For the GOP to appeal to younger voters, we do not have to agree on every issue, but we do need to make sure young people do not see the party as totally intolerant of alternative points of view. Already, there is a generational difference within the conservative movement about issues involving the treatment and the rights of gays, and for many younger voters, these issues are a gateway into whether the party is a place they want to be. If our party is not welcoming and inclusive, young people and increasingly other voters will continue to leave us out."

#### Pence's RGA surrogate goes negative

Gov. Pence's embattled reelection campaign now has a surrogate to drive Democrat nominee John Gregg's negatives up, the Republican Governors Association. In an ad that began running in the Indianapolis and South

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Bend media markets today, the RGA sought to portray Gregg as a tax and spender who drove a surplus into a "massive deficit" and a lobbyist who worked for the scandalized and collapsed Enron. Howey Politics Indiana was first to report that the Pence campaign and RGA swapped out ads in the two markets. The RGA said that the ad is running statewide.

"Mike Pence has failed as governor. His record is one that has brought scorn and embarrassment to Hoosiers, hurt our economy and set us all back," said Tim Hruschman, Gregg for Governor campaign manager. "Now, he's not even man enough to put his own name on this attack." Pence deputy campaign manager Marc Lotzer said of the ad, "Lobbyist John Gregg and his allies are again wrong about the facts and attempting to mislead Hoosiers in a desperate attempt to cover up his record of mismanagement and bankrupting the State of Indiana."

The ad comes as Pence led Gregg in the WTHR/Howey Politics Indiana Poll in April 49-45%, and 40-36% in a May Belknap Research Poll with Libertarian nominee Rex Bell with 2%. Both polls showed sagging numbers for Pence, with Belknap's finding Pence's reduced number at 36%, with 49% wanting a "new person" as governor.

The Pence and Gregg campaigns launched TV ad campaigns within days of the May 3 primary, but the RGA ad is the first negative one of the cycle, and is indicative that the Pence campaign faces a daunting reelection bid. It is also the first "good copy/bad copy" element of the campaign. Pence wrote a 1992 Indiana Policy Review essay titled "Confessions of a Negative Campaigner" and vowed not to do so again. He has planned to contrast himself with Gregg, but the governor is using the RGA to deliver the negative message.

The script of the RGA ad reads: "John Gregg for Governor? Here's the facts. As Speaker of the Indiana House, Gregg helped turn a \$2 billion surplus into a massive deficit. Speaker Gregg also supported higher taxes on Indiana families and businesses. And while still being paid thousands by taxpayers, Gregg did side work for scandal-ridden Enron, who got a special tax break. A wasteful spending, tax loving, former lobbyist for Governor? No, thank you."

The Gregg campaign refuted several themes of the RGA ad. On turning a \$2 billion surplus into a massive deficit, the Gregg campaign quoted Bosma in the 2002 *Governing Magazine* article, saying, "I think John and I both realize that while political position certainly plays a part in the legislative process, responsible adults have to bring the process to a responsible close for the benefit of those who are governed."

It was Gregg's last session in the General Assembly, ending in a late June special session that forged what would be the first wave of tax reform in the state. Gov-

erning reported: "The final product didn't please anyone entirely, perhaps least of all Gregg and Bosma, who both voted 'no.' But the pair was able to work together to pass what voters were needed to pass a bill that modernized a badly outdated tax code. The two hugged emotionally when the vote was over." The Gregg campaign also notes that all three biennial budgets during Gregg's six-year speakership occurred with a Republican-controlled Senate along with the support of Senate Finance Chairman Larry Forst and President Pro Tempore Robert Garson.

## Pence on Washington Post Trump veep list

Gov. Pence is one of 33 Republicans on the Washington Post's potential Donald Trump vice presidential list published today.

## GOP cites Gregg tax cuts

The Indiana Republican Party has begun hitting Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Gregg hard on his fiscal record (Kelly, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette). They offer say he turned a record surplus into a huge deficit. Technically accurate, though a \$670 million tax cut package and a recession were also part of that. But this week the GOP tried a new tact -- Gregg cut taxes to win an election. And they are using Gregg's own words against him. "John Gregg is patently misleading Hoosiers with his attempts to blame the deficit on the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and the recession," said Jeff Cardwell, chairman of the Indiana Republican Party. "The truth is he spent the surplus to buy an election, and did it over the objections and warnings of Democratic Governor O'Bannon about the looming recession." Gregg was speaker of the Indiana House for six years from 1997 to 2002, and oversaw the passage of three state budgets. All of them also were approved by the Republican-led Senate. Cardwell quotes Gregg's book -- "From Sandhorn to the Statehouse" -- on the need to win the majority in 2000 because the party in charge gets to draw legislative maps.

## Hill blasts Trump from East Chicago

Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Byron Hill joined State Sen. Lonnie Randolph, D-East Chicago, Wednesday at East Chicago City Hall to denounce Donald Trump's comments about U.S. District Court Judge Gonzalo Curiel (WWT Times). "I wanted to turn up here to his hometown and reinforce that what Trump is saying and doing is outrageous. It's racist," said Hill, 62, who traveled from Indianapolis for the day. "I'm glad to see some Republicans coming out and saying the same thing -- Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell and others." "This is such an important issue in light of the fact that Mr. Trump has been name-calling and saying a person is disqualified because of he's a Mexican," Hill said. "If people buy into that argument then they might as well kick their Statue of Liberty into New York Harbor." ➤



# The lazy, hazy, crazy summer politics

By LARRY SAZATO

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — As we find ourselves at the end of the primary season, we can all look back in wonder: What hath the voters wrought? Last summer when he announced a candidacy, almost no political professional picked Donald Trump to be the GOP nominee, yet here he is. And no one we know thought that the big, complicated GOP field of contenders would sort itself out many weeks before the small group of Democrats, but Trump has been in general election mode for some time while Hillary Clinton has had a devil of a time shaking off a persistent foe.

As of this writing Wednesday morning, Bernie Sanders remains in the race, but on Monday night, Clinton became the presumptive Democratic nominee and the first woman ever chosen by a major party, according to the Associated Press, and she sailed this deal comfortably with big wins in California and New Jersey. In particular, the Golden State was critical for Clinton because her intraparty opponent had targeted it and planned in case a victory there as justification for a long struggle.

However, while Clinton won a majority of the pledged (elected) delegates, her majority among all the delegates rests on support from super delegates, who overwhelmingly back her and are made up largely of establishment-style officeholders and party leaders. This reality, which was also the case for Barack Obama in his much narrower 2008 victory over Clinton, has left the door open for Bernie Sanders potentially to hold out until the floor vote at the convention.

While it is technically possible for the party's super delegates to switch to Sanders (or even another candidate) between now and the convention, it seems utterly unlikely unless something dramatically bad happens to Clinton, such as an indictment for her use of private email while secretary of state. Sanders otherwise has no serious claim to the nomination; Clinton won millions more votes and hundreds more delegates in the primary and caucus season. In addition, the super delegates are part of the rules for this year. Like it or not, as we all learned as children, you can't change the rules in the middle of the game.

From the largest field of candidates in modern times (a total of 22, 17 on the Republican side plus five on the Democratic), the two most unpopular major-party nominees anyone can recall have emerged. Each has an intense cadre of supporters, but most people we've an-

countered are unhappy with the choice, and that's putting it mildly.

Still, the odds are as massive as Mt. Everest that either Clinton or Trump, the latter currently possessing the higher unfavorable ratings, will win the White House, even as the candidate offerings grow, though perhaps not by enough to truly impact the election.

Over Memorial Day weekend, the Libertarians nominated an experienced ticket, with two former Republican governors at the helm, Gary Johnson of New Mexico and William Weld of Massachusetts. A few polls put Johnson, also the 2012 Libertarian nominee, at around 10% nationally, and there is the possibility — not great,

but measurable — that he and Weld might gain entry into one or more of the fall debates, assuming in this crazy year that a major-party candidate in a fit of pique doesn't drop out of the scheduled debates. A third-party or independent ticket needs to be polling at least 15% nationally in an average of five surveys selected by the Commission on Presidential Debates.

As we noted in a previous Crystal Ball, the Libertarians have never

topped even 2% of the presidential vote, but maybe their moment has arrived. In effect, they could be the none-of-the-above line on ballots around the country, and their platform is a mixture of GOP philosophy (small government, low taxes) and Democratic social issue preferences (pro-choice, pro-gay rights, etc.) There's something for everyone to like, and dislike, in the Libertarian agenda.

Normally, Libertarians appear to take more votes from the Republican nominee, but that may or may not prove to be true this year. Let's see how this complicated contest sorts itself out. The Green Party, which is likely to again nominate physician Jill Stein as its presidential standard bearer, could also attract a small number of disaffected Sanders supporters. But other than Ralph Nader's 2000 bid, which won 2.7% nationally and arguably cost Democrat Al Gore the election, the Greens have barely registered as a national presidential force.

#NeverTrump conservatives, led in part by The Weekly Standard Editor Bill Kristol, have cast about for a candidate to run in November as an alternative for anti-Trump Republicans. It happened at the end of May that they had found a contender in National Review writer David French, but this mostly unknown conservative declined to run this past weekend. Kristol says he and his brethren will have the financial support to make a good showing, but they are back to the drawing board when it comes to actually finding someone to run, much less an impressive standard-bearer.

Meanwhile, Trump has already proven he has no intention of "acting presidential" — whatever that means in his case — now that he has secured the Repub-



\*can nomination, nor is he going to stop running in his unique, controversial way. Attacking the Latina governor of New Mexico and calling out a "Mexican" judge (who is as American as any citizen) for his rulings on the Trump University civil suit are just part of his strange, free-flowing campaign. While the GOP rank and file has mostly fallen into line and the party leadership has reluctantly signed on as well, there remains a deep unease about Trump's style in the traditional precincts of the Republican Party. Maybe Trump will win, these party-oriented conservatives say, and they have little choice but to follow him now, freely forfeiting their chapters in any future edition of "Profiles in Courage." But they also fear Trump could fall spectacularly and take the party down with him. This year's GOP is living with both its feet on banana peels.

**Attention will soon be turning** in earnest to the VP selections and the conventions. It's possible that Trump will have a less-than-ideal list of possible options, thanks to his ever-growing list of outrageous comments. Discomfited Republican officeholders are stumbling around, trying both to support Trump and deny some of his remarks. A prime example came over the weekend, when Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN) struggled through an awkward interview with George Stephanopoulos on ABC's *This Week*. This could not have helped his chances to become Trump's vice-presidential choice. Trump's despicable, racially based diatribe against the federal judge handling the Trump University case has earned him condemnation even from Republicans such as Newt Gingrich, who have previously been friendly. Gingrich also has hoped to be Trump's No. Two.

For Democrats, despite becoming the presumptive nominee, Clinton finds herself in a shaky position she could not have imagined last year. Weakened by the self-inflicted wounds of her email controversy and her inability to generate enthusiasm in major parts of the Democratic coalition, Clinton has been forced to spend precious time, money, and energy fighting Sanders right to the end. This tireless foe has tapped into the idealism of youth as well as pent-up anger about an economy that hasn't produced for middle-class Americans since the 1990s (when, ironically, Bill Clinton was in charge).

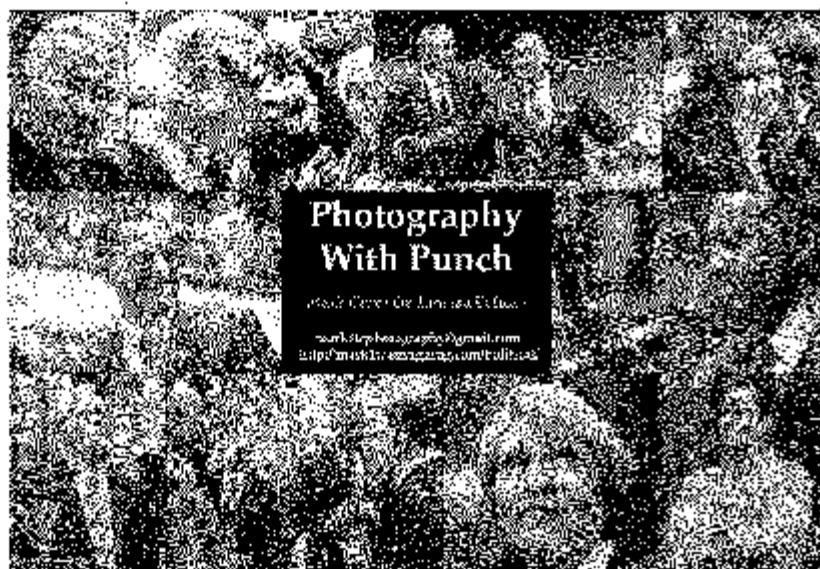
**Sanders has lugged** Clinton further to the left than she wants to be. On the other hand, Clinton is due for a traditional polling bonus now the primaries are over

and she has clearly won; Trump got his boost a few weeks ago. Another significant factor for Clinton is that President Obama, who remains quite popular among Democrats and now enjoys an approval rating around 50% in the polling averages, seems poised to endorse Clinton and campaign vigorously on her behalf.

**Obama also will meet** with Sanders on Thursday, which could be a prelude to the senator turning down the rhetoric or possibly leaving the race despite his repeated promises to continue on. However, even if he does drop out, the Vermonta and a good portion of his voters could be a thorn in Clinton's side all the way through the Democratic convention, and possibly beyond.

Negotiations with Sanders aside, all Clinton can do is continue to give speeches like the one last week in which she roasted Trump so effectively that Democrats were cheered for the first time in quite a while. Based on past performance, Trump will continue to provide plenty of material for her fire.

Both parties, and especially the Republicans because of deep divisions and Trump's antics, have a gloomy sense of foreboding that has dampened the usual excitement and euphoria accompanying the emergence of nominees. This matches the general public mood. Everyone knows the scorched earth campaign that lies ahead will be remarkably unsettling and unpleasant. Like a root canal that must be done, the selection of a new president is unavoidable — although at least the patient merits anesthesia for a root canal. We simply have to hope our fears for the autumn are exaggerated because no medicine exists that can deaden the pain of a potentially miserable, no-holds-barred campaign for the White House. ♦



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# From the GOP to the Garden of Trump

By JACK COLWELL

**SOUTH BEND** — Many readers say they just don't understand what's happening politically these days, especially how the GOP became the GOT. Yep, from Grand Old Party to Garden of Trump. So, it's my responsibility to answer their questions and explain clearly the politics of 2016.

**Q.** Will the Republican National Convention in Cleveland really be staged like a party honoring Donald Trump?

**A.** Yes. Trump, with all the delegate support he needs for the presidential nomination, will orchestrate the convention as an event in his honor. Hee.

**Q.** Is it true that a lot of prominent Republicans -- governors, members of the House and Senate and former presidents -- won't attend?

**A.** Yes. Seems that many

have conflicts that won't permit them to attend, such things as need to rearrange sock drawers. That's important. Think of the political damage to a senator appearing in public with socks that don't match.

**Q.** Well, they must be like Marco Rubio, who called Trump a con artist, a liar and a threat to the republic and made jokes about "small nances." He'd never endorse Trump, right?

**A.** Wrong. Rubio now has endorsed Trump. There's even speculation about Rubio as vice-presidential running mate.

**Q.** So, some stop-Trump Republicans now are endorsing him, and some other Republicans not wanting close association with him are staying away from the convention?

**A.** That's right.

**Q.** Even if Trump has everything running smoothly in the convention, will there be protests outside, with demonstrations perhaps leading to violence and arrests?

**A.** Alas, Cleveland police could have a difficult time with conflicts between protesters and Trump supporters in streets outside the convention site.

**Q.** Would mass protests and violence seen nationally on television hurt Trump's chances to win the presidency?

**A.** No. They would help Trump win additional voter support.

**Q.** Could Trump really be elected president?

**A.** Yes.

**Q.** If he is, can I move to Canada?

**A.** No. Trump would build two walls, one at our southern border to keep Mexicans out, another at the Canadian border to keep U.S. citizens in.

**Q.** Would a Trump wall be more like the Great Wall of China or the Berlin Wall?

**A.** It would trump both.

**Q.** Trump promises a lot of grandiose things that seem impossible. How could he get such huge changes approved by the Senate, the House and the Supreme Court?

**A.** Easy. Suspend the Constitution. It's old anyway.

**Q.** Well, how about the other side? Does Hillary Clinton have a message to unite the nation in a democratic way?

**A.** No such message has been found in her email, either official or sent with the private server.

**Q.** Columnist Charles Krauthammer recently suggested that a terrorist attack before the election could enable Trump to voice another "shamelessly demagogic" response that could enable him to beat Clinton. Is Krauthammer right?

**A.** Yes.

**Q.** If terrorists could decide our election, how would they vote?

**A.** Most terrorists just want terror, not electoral votes. But ISIS would love Trump as our president.

**Q.** Well, doesn't Trump say he would ban Muslims and wage all-out war against ISIS?

**A.** Yes. And ISIS wants to drag Americans into Middle East conflicts and radicalize Muslims against this country.

**Q.** What else could help Trump?

**A.** Bernie Sanders helps Trump now as he rages on, adding to the negative perception of Clinton. A Democratic convention more nasty on the inside than the Republican convention could turn off independent voters and convince wavering Republicans to go with Trump. A Democratic platform with far-left slants also could help Trump capture the important middle ground.

**Q.** What could hurt Trump?

**A.** Nothing, it seems. Trump said he could shoot somebody in the middle of New York's 5th Avenue and he "wouldn't lose voters." If the person he shot was a TV reporter asking about Trump University, that would just about guarantee he would win. ♦

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# The Hoosier judge in Trump tempest

By RICH JAMES

MERRILLVILLE — We're talking about a Hoosier here. Yeah, the federal judge at the center of the racist attacks by presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump is a native of East Chicago in Northwest Indiana.

One would think there would be a transcendent hue and cry from Gov. Mike Pence and Indiana's congressional delegation chastising Trump for his comments. Trump contends he can't get a fair ruling from Judge Gonzalo Curiel, who is of Mexican heritage, because Trump wants to build a wall along the U.S./Mexico border.

But, no, there was virtual silence until much of the rest of the country had spoken. And there was some fairly heavy criticism from Republicans around the country, including U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk of Illinois. Kirk, who is on the ballot this fall, went so far as to say he no longer supports Trump and won't vote for him.

Finally, Pence weighed in, but only after reporters caught him as he was en route to the airport. Prior to commenting on what Trump had to say about Curiel, Pence couched his upcoming remarks by saying, "Every American is entitled to a fair trial and an impartial judge." But Pence didn't call on Trump to apologize to Curiel for his racist comments. Pence simply said Trump was wrong to make the comments.

As reporters persisted, Pence became even more elusive. The governor refused to say whether he is reconsidering plans to support Trump on the campaign trail and to vote for him in November. Pence then seemed irritated as reporters persisted with questions about Trump. "I don't know, if I wanted to comment on everything that's being said in the presidential campaigns, I would have run for president," Pence said flippantly just before heading to an airplane for a trip to West Virginia to campaign for a governor candidate.

**LE. Gov. Eric Holcomb** seemed even more irritated as reporters asked him about his support for Trump. "I'm supporting our nominee," Holcomb repeated several times as reporters pursued.

Curiel was born and raised in East Chicago's Indiana Harbor section and attended Bishop Noll Institute, a Roman Catholic high school. He received degrees, including a law degree, from Indiana University. Perhaps it shouldn't be surprising that Pence wasn't stronger in his criticism of Trump, who wants to build a wall.

Pence recently asked a federal appeals court to allow him to bar war refugees lawfully admitted to the United States from entering Indiana based on their national origin. Specifically, he wants to bar refugees from Syria. +

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## Looking deep into township data

By MORTON MARCUS

INDIANAPOLIS — According to the U. S. Census Bureau, 34 (37 percent) of Indiana's 92 counties gained population between 2010 and 2015. Thus, 58 (63 percent) of our counties lost, or had no change in, population.

Since this was competently discussed in the press by Matt Kinghorn of the IU Indiana Business Research Center, I look to the township data for a column that goes deeper into the data.

Wrong turn. The first thing I do is count up all the townships that added population (388) and those that lost population (609), plus those unchanged from 2010 (12).

It's then I should have quit. The sum is 1,009 and, as every Hoosier fourth grader knows in this state of exemplary education, there are 1,008 townships in Indiana. I double check my count. Again it's 1,009. Something is amiss. "Let it be, don't mention it," Myrtle my muse, tells me, appearing without warning. "No one will notice another township; we have so many."

I can't do that, despite Myrtle's truth. I press on only to spot something strange. In 43 of our 92 counties, every township declined in population. On the other side, 23 counties had not a single township declining; win-win all. That's 66 counties growing or declining exclusively. With the help of my calculator, I figure out that means we had only 26 counties with some townships growing while others declined.

**Uniformity of growth or decline** is not what I think would be the case. So I go back, way back, to the method by which the township estimates are made by the Census Bureau.

"Stop!" Myrtle commands. "No one cares how they get the numbers. Just report what the numbers say. Don't pretend you can read a magisterial statement from the professionals in Washington who write that stuff."



"That's insulting," I tell her, but to myself I recognize her reality. Congress and large organizations who use these data just want the numbers without the mumbo jumbo of how they are produced.

"It's important," I tell her as I break out of my funk. "The Congress and other government units allocate billions of dollars according to these estimates. Businesses and not-for-profit agencies plan their marketing and service activities on these numbers. But no one wants to pay the taxes needed to make them better."

"What's wrong with the numbers?" Myrtle asks.

"For example," I say. "2013 township population estimates are based on housing counts for 2013. Then Census multiplies that number of housing units first by

that township's 2010 occupancy rate and then by the number of persons per household in 2010. After that they adjust (force) the township totals to equal the predetermined county totals."

"So the township data are a controlled juggling of old and new numbers," she says. "Sounds OK to me."

"We live in a changing world," I protest. "I won't list these weak data in my readers."

"As if they're still reading," Myrtle says and disappears. ♦

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## A bad jobs report in every way

By MICHAEL HICKS

MURKLE — The May 2016 jobs report was bad news in every meaningful way. Even ignoring the ongoing CWA strike, job creation was too low to absorb new workers. Nearly a half of a million folks quit looking for work and job losses plagued nearly every sector. A spike in involuntary part-time work erased months of full-time job gains and inflation-adjusted hourly wages declined. In total, this report was too bad to be

merely a white noise error or data gathering anomaly. The reason why it was bad is another issue.

Labor markets are lagging economic indicators, and so the only solace in these numbers is that they may be a hangover from the global slowdown that already appears to be stabilizing. Still, this challenges the Federal Reserve to reconsider the expected interest rate hikes later this month. It also begs the question

of just how much policymakers can rely on macroeconomic models to explain the world.

Macroeconomic forecasts perform fairly well in every domain except one: the timing and magnitude of a downturn. Given that there have been only a dozen U.S. recessions since the computer was invented, that's not too surprising.

Imagine how accurate weather forecasts would be after only a dozen storms. Still, forecasting recessions would offer a huge opportunity for policymakers, businesses and households to mitigate or eliminate the downside of a business cycle. However, forecasting a recession (or its precursors like a financial bubble or global

shock to oil prices) is not the same thing as preventing one. For that, we have to evaluate what economic theory offers policymakers.

The current slow growth recovery is largely consistent with predictions from two competing models of the economy. One set of models focuses on failures in financial markets, which lead to the bad investments that trigger a recession, e.g. the overbuilding of homes. In that model, failure to allow the recession to run its course would result in the current economy we now suffer. This is often called the Austrian model.

The second set of models allows for many of the same causes to a recession. But, this view credits the slow recovery to workers and businesses recalibrating their purchasing and investment decisions to lower expectations. In this model, increased government spending, lower taxes and loose monetary policy would all increase the speed of recovery. This is often called the new Keynesian model.

Both of these approaches can be convincingly argued and it is easy to see how someone who isn't a trained economist might be attracted to one or the other based on their existing world view. For those of us who are trained economists, the performance of these models depends on how well they perform empirically, across more than predicting a slow growth recovery.

For what it's worth, my money is on the new Keynesian models. Still, after close to a decade of fiscal stimulus and easy money, whatever policy choices we have are limited by the huge federal deficit and the Fed's balance sheet, not economic theory. ♦

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**Jon Webb, Evansville Courier & Press:** Good job, Mike Pence. He was the first governor in Indiana history to secure state funds for a public preschool program. On My Way Pre-K officially launched in January 2015 and provided schooling for 2,300 4-year-olds — including 196 in Vanderburgh County. Nobody else did that. Not Mitch Daniels. Not Evan Bayh. Not even Ratliff Boon.

Of course, in October 2014, Pence abruptly decided not to pursue a chunk of \$80 million in federal funds that could have almost tripled the size of the program. Because of that, thousands of children were denied a year of preschool — about 3,000 in Marion County alone, and 70 or so in Vanderburgh County. So he took away preschool for more kids than he provided it to. But! Schooling for 2,300 is better than schooling for none. In a letter to U.S. Health and Human Services released on Thursday, Pence said he's now open to taking federal cash, "by not expanding the pilot program prematurely, I kept a promise I made to key legislative leaders in order to gain their support for my prekindergarten program," he wrote in the letter. Of course it's odd that such a promise had to be made, and that state legislators would adopt such a careful approach to funding. They never cared about wasting money before. But! Pence and the legislators were right to be wary. We're not talking about normal money here. We're talking about federal money. Scary Barack Obama money. The kind of money that steals your guns and winks at your wife. "Anytime you bring federal dollars, you have to count the cost and determine what kind of flexibility you're losing," Pence told Indy Politics on Friday. What kind of flexibility would the state lose? A two-day series of emails with Pence spokeswoman Kate Brooks rendered few specific answers aside from "you have to walk before you run." But you know that darn federal government. Always trying to tell us how to do our business. Why, I even hear they want schools to teach science. ♡

**George Will, Washington Post:** The Catigulan malice with which Donald Trump administered Paul Ryan's degradation is an object lesson in the price of alleged capitulation to power. This episode should be studied as a clinical case of a particular Washington myopia — the ability of career politicians to convince themselves that they and their agendas are of supreme importance. The pornographic politics of Trump's presidential campaign, which was preceded by decades of ignorant bile (about Barack Obama's birth certificate and much else), have not exhausted Trump's eagerness to plumb new depths of destructiveness. Herewith the remarkably brief timeline of the breaking of Ryan to Trump's saddle. On May 3, Trump won the Indiana primary, ending competition for the Republican nomination. On May 5, Ryan said he still was not prepared to endorse Trump. That day Trump responded that he was not ready to endorse Ryan's agenda. This was not news, considering that Trump has campaigned against

every significant element of this agenda — entitlement reform, the rule of law, revival of Congress as a counter to the executive overreach that Obama has practiced and that Trump promises to enlarge upon. On May 12, a Trump meeting with Ryan resulted in a shingeworthy joint statement that had to be read to be properly disbelieved. The two spoke about the "great conversation" they had about "our shared principles." They celebrated their "many important areas of common ground" while offhandedly mentioning "our few differences." Those who know, as though they know, Ryan doubted that he could name a single shared principle, and he did not do so. Instead, Trump

dragged a personal problem, his coming trial on fraud charges associated with Trump University, into the presidential campaign. ♡

**Dave Bangert, Lafayette Journal & Courier:** File this under: Should Have Seen That Coming. As Donald Trump's latest outrageous comment — this one questioning the impartiality of Indiana-born Judge Gonzalo Curiel because of his Mexican heritage — left Republican leaders twisting on a hot stove of their own endorsements of the New York billionaire, U.S. Sen. Dan Coats found himself on the spot on Tuesday. Asked which of Mr. Trump's policy statements he preferred over Mrs. Clinton's, Senator Dan Coats, Republican of Indiana, paused for 11 seconds before saying, "I don't know that I want to deal with that." Well, we're just getting started. "If I wanted to comment on everything being said in a presidential campaign, I would have run for president," Indiana Gov. Mike Pence said reporters Tuesday, after calling Trump's comments about Curiel "inappropriate." (This was after Pence waited a day after being called out for his silence on the matter.) Why GOP establishment candidates, including Pence, who spent the winter and spring with such empathy for Trump felt compelled to formally endorse Trump is a mystery. ♡

**Rich Lowry, Politico:** The astonishing spectacle of a speaker of the House not endorsing a presidential nominee of his own party has been supplanted by the astonishing spectacle of a speaker of the House declaring that the nominee he endorsed said something racist. Paul Ryan endorsed Donald Trump just in time for the Gonzalo Curiel huror: Ryan unloaded on Trump's attack on the judge's heritage — "the textbook definition of a racist comment" — while continuing to back the mogul, in either the most awkward denunciation or the most awkward support ever, or perhaps both. Naturally enough, Ryan's slap at Trump came during, and overshadowed, an event rolling out the speaker's thoughtful and creative anti-poverty agenda. In other words, Trump's heedlessness stopped all over Ryan's earnestness. It may be an apt metaphor for now the rest of 2016 will play out. The Curiel Rap is a window into what is the worst case for the GOP: Trump as a little bit of Todd Akin every day. ♡

## FBI raids Vigo County Schools

TERRE HAUTE — FBI agents raided the offices of the Vigo County School Corp. in Terre Haute yesterday morning (Associated Press). At least a dozen FBI agents entered the offices and cordoned off the parking lots outside the offices. FBI spokeswoman Cathy Burton says the agency is "conducting investigative activity in the Terre Haute area" but says she can't disclose any additional information. School attorney Chuck Rushright says the corporation received search warrants for three locations: its administration building, facilities support and an information technology center. He says the school corporation plans to cooperate fully with federal prosecutors. The school corporation released a statement Wednesday afternoon saying it "is fully cooperating with law enforcement and understands that there has been no formal identification by law enforcement of any VCSC employee as a target in this matter." The FBI confirms no arrests have been made. The Vigo County School Board scheduled a meeting in a closed-door executive session at 4 p.m. and the agenda included these items: (1). With respect to any individual over whom the board has jurisdiction, to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct and to discuss, before determination, the individual's status as an employee or an independent contractor who is a physician. (2). For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

## Sanders supporters ponder Clinton

ELKHART — Just because Hillary Clinton is now the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee doesn't mean Sen. Krittia will automatically switch his allegiance to her.

Krittia, who has backed Clinton's primary rival, Bernie Sanders, as the primary season has progressed, first wants to see if Clinton embraces some of Sanders' causes, including his push to fight income inequality (Vanderhoek, Elkhart Truth). "I'm willing to compromise some," the Elkhart man said Wednesday, a day after several decisive primaries pushed Clinton well

beyond the delegate count needed to secure the Democratic nomination. Still, Krittia voted for the Green Party in prior presidential elections, he said, and he's "keeping an eye on it." Shan Mallin,

chairwoman of the Elkhart County Democratic Party, hopes Democrats start coalescing around Clinton. She's a Clinton backer and will serve as one of nine superdelegates from Indiana at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia next month. Her message to Sanders backers "would be he's not a great competitor, he's got a lot of people interested in the election process that weren't interested," Mallin said. But just as Clinton threw her support to Barack Obama in the 2008 Democratic primary after it became clear he was headed to the nomination, she hopes Sanders throws his support to Clinton.

## Obama seeks to unite Democrats

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama opened a determined fence-mending mission Wednesday, hoping to use his popularity among Democrats to unite the party behind Hillary Clinton and draw in Bernie Sanders supporters reluctant to give up after a grueling primary fight (Associated Press). In his first public remarks on the primary since Clinton clinched the nomination, Obama acknowledged the lingering bruised feelings and sought to shower praise on both candidates. He skirted a formal endorsement or a call on Sanders to drop out—even as he spoke of the Vermont senator's campaign in the past tense. "It was a healthier thing for

the Democratic Party to have a contested primary. And I thought Bernie Sanders brought enormous energy and his new ideas and he pushed the party and challenged them. I thought it made Hillary a better candidate," Obama said during a taping of NBC's "Tonight Show." "My hope is that over the next couple of weeks we're able to pull things together."

## Kasich signs medical pot bill in Ohio

COLUMBUS — Gov. John Kasich signed a plan to legalize medical marijuana into law Wednesday, making Ohio the 25th state to approve its use. Those suffering from epilepsy, chronic pain and the side effects of cancer treatments could soon be able to treat their pain with marijuana. Despite years of delays and opposition, state lawmakers passed a plan in May to legalize medical marijuana for those with a doctor's referral. Groups working to place a rival medical marijuana proposal on the fall ballot put pressure on legislators, but ultimately dropped their efforts after the lawmakers approved a plan. Kasich was quiet about whether he supported legalizing medical marijuana, saying only that he would follow doctors' recommendations and wanted to help children in pain.

## Trump tells GOP to 'man up'

WASHINGTON — Donald J. Trump has some advice for panicked Republicans in Washington who are melting down over his most incendiary statements: Man up (New York Times). "Politicians are so politically correct anymore, they can't breathe," Mr. Trump said in an interview Tuesday afternoon as fellow Republicans forcefully protested his ethnically charged criticism of a federal judge overseeing a lawsuit against the defendant Trump University. "The people are tired of this political correctness when things are said that are totally fine," he said.

